

## **The Family History Group our Common Purpose**

Most of the people who attend have a lot in common and share the same expectations with varying degrees of experience, with a very wide range of family history interests and knowledge. There is no one Guru. Although having a varying range of experience in family research we are able to define a selection of the group's priority going forward into the future. Our mutual goals are to support each other's interest in family history generally. Help one another through sharing experiences, knowledge and findings of different methods of research, together with online family history data sources. To generally provide encouragement to those starting out. Very much of a self-help group, whilst having a certain amount of enjoyment in the process. We will be lead through active participation, hands on learning, consensus and experiences, good and bad.

There will always be an agreed group co-ordinator together with some support from U3A. The co-ordinator will help with the handling the co-ordination for members joining and leaving the group, scheduling meetings, reminders and shared materials to members. We tend to be informal and democratic share our personal information with decisions being made on a group coordinated basis. Meetings will usually be held monthly on a Thursday. Forward dates by mutual agreement and run for a couple of hours at members' house and or a suitable venue depending on venue. Outside venues sometimes incur a cost to cover accommodation, beverage and biscuits.