



**Peterborough and District Family
History Society Newsletter
April 2024**



From the Chair...

I have exciting news for you. The last time we did this was at Alexandra Palace, London pre-covid, although we had done it many times before. Yes, it's being present at a Family History Fair **in person**. Most of our contacts these days are by ZOOM but this time the Family History Societies who are part of the East Anglian Group will be holding a Really Useful Show at the Burgess Hall in St. Ives (PE27 6WU). Our Peterborough Society, along with several others, will have a stall: there will be commercial firms present; there will be seminars and three talks given by notable family history figures. The Show will be open to the public from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 20th April, 2024. Admission is free but there will be a small charge for a programme. Refreshments will be available.

How can we help, you ask. Well, by supporting us and coming to chat with us on our stall and enjoying a good browse.

Another way is by donating any family history books you have spare so that we can sell them on our stall. Please let me or Sadie know so that we can arrange to receive them from you.

One more thing. Our AGM will be on 1st May. Please consider if you can become part of our hard-working Committee and so spread the load. Let Sadie know in good time so that we may add your name to the 'electoral roll'. Thank you.

Michael

Polite Reminder

Subscriptions are now due.

**Head to the Parish Chest, where making your
payment is quick and easy**

www.familyhistoryfederation.com

From the Editor...

Michael has shared a piece of exciting news with you, and I would like to share two more.

After consultation with members we have decided to hold an 'in person' meeting at the Peterborough Museum on Saturday 5th October. Details are yet to be finalised but we are anticipating that the day will run from 10am to 4pm, with a break for lunch. There will be displays, talks and most importantly time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. So please save the date!

In the summer we are hoping to arrange a visit to Northborough Church, the burial place of Elizabeth Cromwell, Oliver Cromwell's wife. Again plans are in the initial stages but this should provide another wonderful opportunity to get together, discover more about our local history and enjoy some refreshments. Watch this space.

Finally, thank you to everyone who sent me articles, they are really appreciated and will be enjoyed by our members. However, please don't rest on your laurels. I would still love to receive more of your articles so that I have a little reserve of articles to fall back on.

Sadie



We're going LIVE on Saturday 20th April 2024

2024
SAVE the DATE
MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON



LIVE
in 2024

FREE entry
FREE onsite parking

Friendly FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES, Knowledgeable SPEAKERS and MORE!
BURGESS HALL, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WE

Help Required

The society are having a stall at this event and are looking for volunteers to help man the stall. You do not have to commit for a long period time. For more details contact Sadie or Michael.

Zoom Talks

Please find below the programme of meetings for the first five months in 2024.

All meetings are currently being held by Zoom. Joining instructions will be sent in the week prior to the meeting.

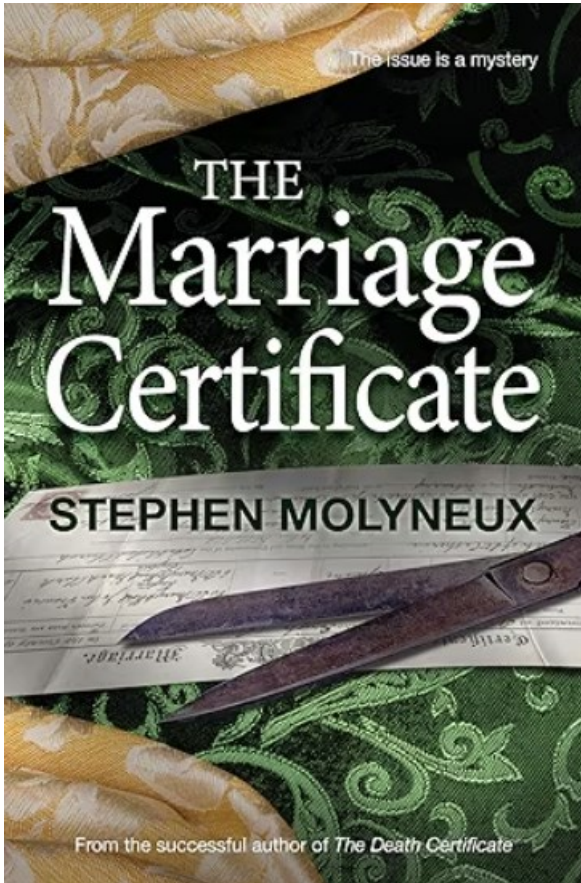
Wednesday 3rd April	Reminiscences of Peterborough	Members' Evening
Wednesday 1st May	AGM followed by Hereward and the Wakes	Alan Johnson
Wednesday 5th June	A History of Place Names	Andrew Mowbray
Wednesday 3rd July	John Norton Collins	Dr. Martyn Thomas

A change of date.

**A 'live' get together at the Peterborough Museum will now be
Saturday 5th October 2024 10am to 4pm**

More details coming soon

Book Reviews



The blurb for *The Marriage Certificate* reads like an adventure any one of us could be involved in...

'When amateur family historian Peter Sefton buys the marriage certificate he sees on display in an antiques arcade, little does he realise that it will lead him towards a potentially lucrative discovery and a long-forgotten family secret.

Through his research, Peter finds himself uncovering a series of sad and tragic events that connect the marriage certificate to a modern-day mystery. But, there's a complication. In his quest to complete the family tree, Peter learns that he has competition. It's not just a matter of pride; there's money at stake too!

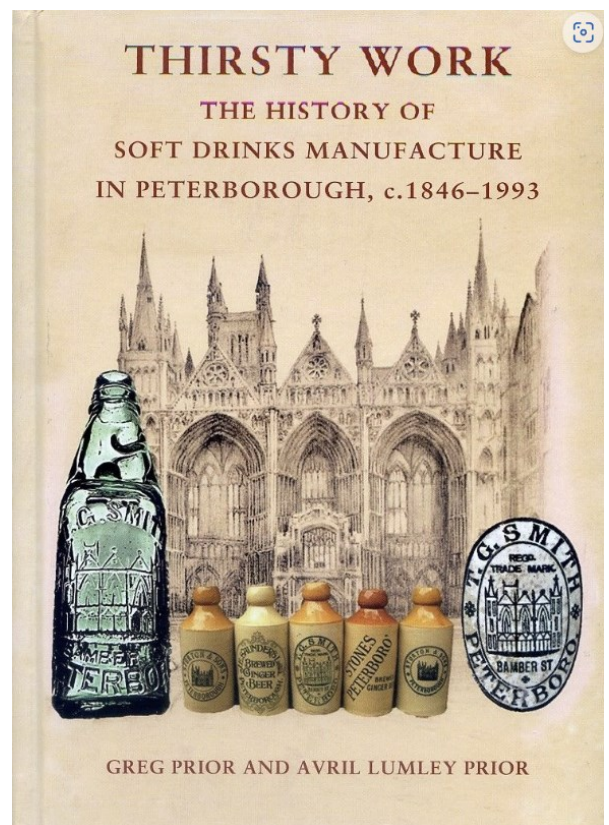
Should the amateur genealogist give up or can he beat the professionals at their own game? '

ASIN : B08B7CCZ5D

Greg and Avril's book *Thirsty Work* is a real labour of love about the soft drinks industry in Peterborough. Not only does it give a history of each soft drinks manufacturer, but the narrative is accompanied by wonderful images of bottles, people and locations.

It is also proof that you can come across information about your family in the most unexpected places. I purchased the book to support a fellow local author thinking that it would be an interesting read. I never imagined that there would be a section devoted to my paternal family, the Robinetts, soft drinks manufacturers. An aspect of my family history that I knew nothing about. That is the joy of our hobby, you never know what you might discover!

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minutes of family history indulgence.

I will say no more. Just head over to:

familyhistoriespodcast.com

Let me know what you think, which is your favourite episode?

Members Evening

3rd April 2024 7pm via zoom

Following on from Janet Few's talk in March, April's meeting is all about your memories of life in Peterborough or your hometown.

Peterborough has grown from a small city to a multicultural city.

What are your memories of life before the development? What was school life like? What was your first employment? How has your home changed? What changes have you most appreciated and what do you wish could still be the same?

You do not have to prepare a presentation, but if you feel you could contribute a few words, would you let Sadie know? It is your evening.

Enjoy reminiscing!



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