

Genealogy Group Kickoff Meeting

Cheddar Valley U3A

Friday 2nd May 2025



Agenda



WHAT IS
GENEALOGY?



ROUND TABLE
INTRODUCTIONS



SOURCES &
RESOURCES



TIPS & TRICKS



NEXT STEPS /
NEXT MEETINGS

What is Genealogy?

Find out who we are

Finding out who made us who we are

Finding out when and where they came from

Researching family stories and making new ones

Solving mysteries

It's about getting from this...

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To this!

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Round Table Introductions

Who are
you?

Tell us a bit
about your
family
story

Your
genealogy
research
to date

What you
are looking
to get from
the group

Family History Sources

Birth
registration

Baptism

Marriage

Death
registration

Burial

Obituaries

Census &
Electoral roll

Court records

War records

Immigration &
naturalisation

Newspapers

Other
people's work!

For free resources

The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints

- familysearch.org
- Family Search Centres e.g. WsM, Bristol, Yeovil, Bath

Libraries

- Internet & paid website access for free

Council archive visits

- Paper records
- Microfilm

freebmd

GRO searches

- Births & Deaths

Family history groups

- Local History Societies & Facebook
- Single name

For fee resources

Ancestry.co.uk

Findmypast.co.uk

Newspaper archives

Council archive print-outs & paid-for research

GRO print-outs

DNA testing

Tips & Tricks

Talk to Aunty
Mabel

One source is
not enough

Always
question
what you see

Walk away
when it gets
too much

Two heads
are better
than one

Live the
history in
person



Next steps

Future formal
meetings

Informal meetings &
one-to-one

LDS Family Centre
visit

Future topics