

Genealogy report for July

Numbers at the Genealogy group meetings have settled down to 13 or 14, which is comfortable for the Dales Room in Enterprise house though there is room for up to 20 or more.

As a 'help your neighbour meeting' it was more of a free-for-all than the tutorial meetings. Pam showed us how she identified DNA matches using Ancestry's shared matches tool. In turn those identified DNA matches assisted her in pinning down more remote ancestors detected by conventional genealogy. The two approaches, genetic genealogy and conventional genealogy, are complementary approaches.

It became apparent during the meeting that many members were not aware of all the software tools provided by the genealogical sites to make best use of their vast databases. It is worth exploring the menus to see all the alternatives.

The next meeting of the Genealogy Group will be on Thursday 3rd August at 2 p.m. at Enterprise House. The topic will be 'How do I know I'm right? An introduction to the Genealogical Proof System'.

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