

Genealogy Newsletter – August/September 2018

‘Summers Here’ with the School holidays, when some U3A members are looking after the grandchildren...

Some family history members like to research their school days and a new website called School Mates aims to provide a fresh way for people to reconnect with old class mates at <http://schoolmates.co.uk> dating back 100 years. More than 32,200 UK educational establishments are listed so far on the site, where you can register for free.

Founder Chris Goodwin said: ‘The beauty of the site is that it can be used by anyone and has appeal across all generations’

You could, also log into The National Archives for the School registers and log books etc., at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/Schools however, you will have to click into the **Findmypast** website for National School Admission Registers & Log-books 1870-1914 with details of pupils from over 1,500 schools, you can find information such as; the name and type of school, name of pupils, address of pupils, and the names of parents and guardians <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/school-registers>

In my last newsletter we looked at Manorial records and I was pleased to see that the latest Federation of Family History Societies newsletter 18th July, also mentions ‘How to find your 17th Century Ancestors’ so, if you haven’t already, why not sign up to their free email bi-monthly newsletter and their free guides at www.ffhs.org.uk

Also to help with that research, I have attached two research guidance notes which you may find helpful ‘Tracing your ancestors before Parish Records 1538’ and ‘Understanding Manorial Records’

Finally, for all those family history groups in the London area, on Thursday 4th October the **Merton U3A Family History Group** have a talk by Paul Blake BA DipGen FSG on “Crime, Criminals and Punishment in England and Wales in the Eighteenth & Nineteenth Centuries” at Drake House, Wimbledon Guild, 44 St George’s Road, Wimbledon SW19 4ED at 2.30pm, all are welcome, for details go to <http://www.mertonu3a.org.uk> and click on events.