

WAGS Computer User Group
12 September 2009

Minutes

Meeting started at: 11am.

A total of 31 members attended. \$52.50 collected in donations for WAGS

Apologies: Lesley Silvester, Adrian Barnes, David Wyber, Nigel Tyson, Joan Childs, Ian Dew, Cynthia Brock

WAGS/CIG business

- Congratulations to all involved – WAGS website has just won a highly commended award presented by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- WA week late October – open day at WAGS for WA week, Tuesday 20 October: Volunteers from the computer group wanted. Please email if available.
- Also as part of WA week, WAGS will be presenting a two hour session at the State Library on Wed 28 Oct: speakers will be Karen Tregenza, Filson Beckett and Mike Murray. Have-a-go day is on the same day at the Burswood.
- Good session at the State Library last month with Michael Gandy, also Mike demonstrated www.familysearch.org and genseek (currently residing on Facebook).
- SIG AGM today. No items raised by this meeting for discussion.
- Chris outlined progress with new computers and the Intranet in Unit 6, and also further plans for the website.

1. Items of General Interest from the computer world:

2. Keeping your PC healthy

- Symantec threat level – elevated (level 2)
- Paypal scam email looks very professional. Once again (all together now), DON'T CLICK ON LINKS IN EMAILS.

3. Genealogy programs

- Query about Custodian software. Unfortunately no-one else uses it; sorry Brian
- Mike reported he had recently been asked by a client to transfer FTW files from an earlier version of Family Tree Maker to the current version. Carried out with no problems.
- Robyn reported she had recently bought Dragon 10 voice-to-text program and was learning how to use it – useful application to speed up the writing task.

4. Genealogy sources:

- Genseek briefly demonstrated. This is the revamped FHL Catalogue.
- 1911 census is available free at 7 archives in England. Expected to be available through Findmy past soon. STOP PRESS – from 21 October. Extra subs required.
- We demonstrated a trick to find other persons of the same name in the location – if it's a small location and an uncommon name they will be in the same household. (Thanks Joan for this one).
- We had a quick look at the interactive 1851 Map of England that shows parishes and other boundaries at <http://labs.familysearch.org>

Demonstration

- Mike went through www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk in some depth and showed a number of saved searches and images so that people who are unfortunate enough NOT to come from Scotland can see what we Scots can enjoy at the click of a button (and the spending of large sums of money!).

Next Meeting

Saturday 10 October 11am to 1pm. We'll have a look at online parish registers.