

WAGS - The Master Genealogist SIG Meeting – 11.00 am, 3 May 2008

1. **Present:** Anne Gilmour welcomed 13 members.

2. **Apologies:** Julie Maddock, Carol Carson

3. Meeting

3.1 Change in Convenorship

- Anne Gilmour replaces Cynthia Brock as joint convenor with Neil Bradley.

3.2 TMG SIG Flyer

- Agreed our SIG should have a flyer for the Library rack. Action: Edwina to send Neil an example of a flyer.

3.3 TMG Primer, by Terry Reigel

- Anne advised that there is a copy in the Library, and two for sale. Both sold.

- Very well set out and easy to read – recommended.

3.4 Robin Lamacraft's Charting Service

- Anne advised she had recently used the service and was very satisfied. Delivery is in a week.

Action: Anne to send out a flyer with address to all members.

Robin's tip to users is to use a dark background for photos to make them stand out.

3.5 TMG, v7.01

- Neil discussed some of the early problems with exhibits, which have been overcome.

3.6 Backing Up TMG

Neil discussed:

- Backing up to the "C" drive using the loop method (last 3 versions) or the date method.

- Regularly copy a zipped version to a CD.

- Back up exhibits separately

- Use restore function.

- Using "Acronis" to back up his whole hard drive overnight.

3.7 TMG UK version

- Edwina and Cynthia reported no problems with swapping from the USA version to the UK version.

- Most members at the meeting are using the UK version

- You can change the place format to give States if necessary via Tools/Master Style List/Edit Place Style etc.

3.8 TMG Utility

- Free program from Wholly Genes site. Latest version is required to be used with Second Site v2.

- Very useful for converting all larger photos to a common size (Neil has adopted 150x250)

3.9 Second Site Build 1. Version 2.1

- Web site and CD construction tool for TMG data.
- Now available from Wholly Genes site www.WhollyGenes.com/secondsite.htm. Changes are listed in the "change log" on www.johncardinal.com/ss/changelog.htm
- You can set images that need to be ignored. The primary image is embedded although a number are linked.

3.10 Useful Tips (Neil)

- Use bookmark feature to identify person you need to work on.
- Customise colours via Preferences/Current Project options/Colour (Reference pp 90/91 in the Primer)
- Use Flags for filtering
- Don't record married names

3.11 External Sources

- Several members reported success from subscription to "Genes Reunited"
- The WA reverse marriage index is reported to be now up to 1948.

Meeting closed 1.00pm

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