

WAGS - The Master Genealogist SIG Meeting – 11.00am, 7 August, 2010

1. **Present:** Robert welcomed 13 members
2. **Apologies:** Anne Gilmore, Narelle Catling

3 . WAGS Open Day

This will be held on 10am to 4pm, 8 August and the TMG Group will have a stand manned by Neil and Robert. Other assistance from the Group would be very welcome.

4. Demonstration of Wholly Genes Website

Neil reviewed the functions and content of this website.

"Support" leads you to:

- News & Information: Announcements from Wholly Genes, FAQ's, Companion Products (Pathwiz, TMG Utility, Second Site, Gensmarts, Books, DVD's, etc), Other Resources (Mailing Lists, Discussion Forums, User Groups, Related Websites, etc).
- Support Forums: Eight different forums.

Note: the support forums are excellent for obtaining answers to your questions, however expect to receive about 30 emails a day.

5. Terry Reigel Website

This has excellent guidance on using TMG. It is divided into sections: basic, intermediate and advanced. It also has a section on Second Site.

6. TMG Version 8

This is due out in the next weeks

7. TMG Guidance/Help

Neil Bradley demonstrated TMG, Second Site, and TMG Utilities throughout.

(1) Backing Up

When backing up to the computer hard drive, TMG gives you the option of either backing up to the default folder in the default file name, or a newly specified file name and folder. (Reference: "Getting the Most out of TMG", Lee Hoffman, p. 22, 26,46,262).

It is highly recommended that you also create external backup(s) on a flash drive, external hard drive, or DVD.

To check your backup version the procedure is to:

- Change the filename of the backup version
- Shut down the current TMG project
- Restore the backup version into TMG with a different project name

(2) Entering Sources

Meeting discussed the various options ranging from those of the "lumpers" to those of the "splitters" and those that use the memo field.

Splitters use a different source for each document, while lumpers group documents of a similar type, eg UK 1841 Census, UK Birth Registrations,

Extensive discussion of the merits of each are outlined in Rootsweb's TMG mailing list.

(3) Changing from USA Version of TMG to UK Version

Edwina reported no problems when she did it.

Recommended that the question be asked on the TMG support forum.

(4) TMG Maintenance

Neil recommended that members regularly run the TMG maintenance facility.

Run File/Maintenance/Validate File Integrity once then repeat it again.

Use especially when you experience some difficulty with the program.

(5) Nicknames, Alias's, and Use of Second Names

Neil advised that his practice with:

- nicknames is to show as eg "Robert (Bob*)"
- Where the second christian name is used, show as eg " Charles Lincoln* "
- Where an alias is used show as eg "Sanders, alias Lee" , or use the Name Variant tag so that both names appear in the picklist.

(6) Wholesale Deletion of Married Names

Use TMG Utility program: Tags/Delete Tags by Type/Tag to Delete/Name Marr

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting scheduled for 11.00am, Saturday, 6 November 2010