

Report on “Show and Tell” Meeting, Saturday 21/5/2016

By David Kinghorn

The meeting gave an opportunity for members to tell about their recent discoveries, each giving a short presentation. The meeting was held in the Library as the main hall was being refurbished.

1. Lorraine Cranston showed us her father’s collection of WW2 medals.



2. Tony Michler told us about Ginnie Michler’s Crane relatives that they had uncovered during a recent trip to Australia, illustrating it with a Legacy-printed descendants’ chart.

3. June Botha showed us a picture of her aged three presenting flowers to some celebrities at the opening of a store at Wolverhampton and told of the difficulties she had in finding all the details as the store no longer existed.

4. Marion Hofmeyr remembered her grandmother and showed a certificate authorising her grandmother to teach weaving. Also she showed some of her grandmother’s later crochet work as well as small bust of her grandmother.



5. Connie Haskell shared pictures of one of her family reunions that she had organised.

6. Warren Cassidy discussed some of his Cassidy relatives, one of whom was South African-born doctor who was the physician to King George V. Also he showed how he was related to the Spencer family.

7. Donald Halley talked about the important Chiefs of the Graham Clan.

8. Royden Peden picked up from Donald Halley’s talk to say that one of his relatives, “Bonnie Dundee” Claverhouse, had been hounded unsuccessfully for years by one of the Grahams.

9. Doreen Piner told us about the restoration of her mother and grandmother’s graves in Durban

10. Dave Kinghorn showed a photograph that Margaret Gundry found of the Château Gerbault that had featured in his March talk on *Finding Casper Kielland*. He then went on to show a family tree drawn up by his late brother in conjunction with his late aunt, just before his brother’s death. What was interesting was that Dave had been unable to find the two earliest generations in this tree in ScotlandsPeople. Once again it was Margaret Gundry who had come to his assistance and found evidence in Ancestry verifying his aunt’s recollections.

11. Robert Bush gave a talk on the history of HMS Endeavour illustrated by photos he had taken whilst working in Australia and a model that he was building of the ship.

