

Message from Davina Price Chairwoman of Upper Towy Valley Branch:

The bibles have arrived, Adele had driven from Exeter that morning, picking her daughter up in Cardiff on the way. We are so pleased to have these bibles, and she thought our centre in Llandovery was the perfect place for them, she was quite excited! She found the bibles on top of a deep freeze in a general furniture auction in Seaton! Handel Jones is going to try and do some research on the bibles, so perhaps the story can continue, for



now I've attached a photograph of myself, Margaret Lloyd our librarian, Adele and her daughter Amelia.

## Sharing Local Genealogy

A recent ground breaking project is busy growing – and helps everyone in the local history/ genealogy area – and what's more it's highly effective and cost neutral. What is not to love!

Liz Rawlings from the Llangwm Local History Group started the ball rolling with the Five Communities Group which consists of Pembroke and Monkton Local History Society, Coastlands Local History Society, Hook Local History Society, Penally Local History Society and Llangwm Local History Society and as they say it went on from there!

Funding has been acquired to employ two people on a job share –

one a professional archivist and the other an educationalist who also has a wide and deep experience of Welsh genealogy too – how useful! Both have a clear interest in promoting the digital approach and widening the access to all things historical.



Angela Jones and David Llewellyn going through some of Llangwm's collection

We have applied for and been accepted to deliver at the RCAHMW Digital Past Conference 2020 in Aberystwyth next year which will again widen the scope of the project and hopefully encourage others to 'join in.' It is through networking and spreading the word that people will learn that this does not have to be a costly project and will benefit all.

The project is running for 2 years and is very ground breaking. We do not know of anywhere else that has this type of project. The remit is to develop a common cataloguing system, digitally archive everything in our collections, and upload the information on to the People's Collection Wales website and a new web-site 'Heritage Llangwm'. Each

society has an allocation of 10 weeks per year, and members will be training by the end of the second year so we can carry on in the future.

The intention is to act as a pilot project for other societies in Pembrokeshire and to share our experience and knowledge and to help others to maybe join in Phase 2. A major exhibition is planned for early next year when we will be able to show off and show you how this approach helps everyone to ensure that archives are kept for ever and not lost on top of cupboards, in cupboards or even slipped down behind cupboards!

For any further information please contact Liz Rawlings [villacasagaia@gmail.com](mailto:villacasagaia@gmail.com)

## Golden Rules of Genealogy

### 1. You cannot do it all online

Yes, we love doing research online and there's nothing better than using the computer to find new sources, view digital images of original documents and even connect with relatives. For genealogists, the internet will never replace the wonderful work of libraries, county courthouses, archives and historical societies. Do as much as you can online, then turn your computer off and hit the road!

### 2. Just because it's online doesn't mean it's true!

The internet is a wonderful thing, but it is filled with oodles of bad information. Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify it against other sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source wherever possible, and cite that in your research notes too.

(The above rules are courtesy of GotGenealogy.com)