

Discussion paper

Who are the Lost Generation?

We are! Our generation has spent so much time researching ancestors that we have forgotten to leave our own history in print.

For some years we have been researching our family tree. Who were our ancestors? Where did they come from? What did they do? Where did they live? All this is well recorded, at least from 1841 the first meaningful census. Parish records go back to about 1569 or from aristocracy even further.

We are part of the "Lost Generation". Why? Today, we email, text telephone, Skype, Face Time etc., etc., but we don't keep any records of what we have done. At one time people wrote letters and cards; some were kept for the future; some were stored away for years and handed down the generations. Today our lives are electronic and no one knows who we are or what we have done. Everything is lost in the ether.

So are we "lost"? Is there no record of our lives when we pass on.....?

What about me? Who am I? What did I do? Where did I live?

With a few aide memoires we should embark on changing that during 2018, in an attempt to tell that story so we won't be "lost".

Attributed to the **Ramsey & District U3A** in the heart of the Fens...

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