

HERALDRY HAS ENTERED ITS THIRD MILLENNIUM



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# LECTURES

## *Arms and The Man - Heraldry Old and New*

Heraldry is all about identification; identification is all about communication; and communication is all about people. This unravels what coats of arms, crests, flags and banners can tell us about people and families and their achievements, besides being very decorative in itself and widely used in the decorative arts field (also as part of a Study Day).

## *Arms and Antiquities*

Uses several *National Trust* Houses and the families who lived there to depict the transmission and development of their coats of arms over the centuries as well as the many decorative and practical uses to which they put heraldry. It also includes reference to the magnificently refurbished St. George's Hall at Windsor Castle with its 962 coats of arms, being those of Knights of the Garter.

## *Family History - Clothing the Skeleton*

How to trace a family tree, particularly of English, Scottish, Irish or Welsh origin, including the many sources of information available. Also deals with sources that can help bring the past to life so as to better understand the lives that people used to live. Family History is the website which now attracts the greatest number of `hits` on the Internet; (also as part of a Study Day).

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## *Pretty Witty Nell – Mistress, Mother and Matriarch*

A new lecture given by her seven times great-grandson, recounting Nell Gwyn's fascinating rise from rags to riches. She was indeed both pretty and witty and it is no wonder that her infectious repartee made her the favourite mistress of King Charles II. Her elder son was created Duke of St. Albans, from whom descend some 2,000 living descendants.

## *Right Royal Bastards – The Fruits of Passion*

This new talk is based upon my book of the same name and is now being televised by Granada Television. It will be screened in the autumn under the name of *In Search of Lost Royals* and will be presented by Jennie Bond, the former BBC Royal Correspondent.

Although the book deals with the lives of many natural children of English Kings over the last 500 years, I now take a closer look at a eight of them who would certainly have been among some of the great 'ifs' of history, were they to have succeeded their Royal fathers – so close to the throne and yet so far.

The kings most responsible for royal bastards were **Henry I**, who resorted to 'outsourcing' to produce 22 bastards that he could marry off to cement his foreign policy. Then there was **Charles II**, the Merry Monarch, with 16 (by 8 different mothers), and then **William IV**, with 10 out of Mrs Jordan, the actress, as a result of his 'bathing in the River Jordan' as the press put it.

The most flamboyant were the Stuart bastards, who received titles, and riches in proportion to the greed of their mothers. Of note were the **Duke of Monmouth** for his tragic kingly ambitions and **the Duke of Berwick** who was a great military leader.

Kings Edward VII and VIII both had mistresses who had children, but whether their fathers were their mother's husbands or their Royal lovers is a moot point.

Of these many bastards, there are now only the four ducal families of Buccleuch, Grafton, St. Albans and Richmond that are still represented in the male line. Nevertheless, there are many thousands of other descendants of royal bastards, including most of the House of Windsor.

Read the book; watch the TV and listen to my lecture to find out more.

# STUDY DAY

## *The Language of Heraldry and Genealogy*

The ABC of heraldry. Understanding the `nuts and bolts`, its rules, procedures, development and transmission. It expands upon the lectures *Arms and The Man – Heraldry Old and New* and *Family History – Clothing the Skeleton*, thus illustrating how heraldry fits into the wider picture.

This Study Day gives everyone the opportunity to look at and to use some of the many reference books involved, as well as trying to design their own coat of arms. Moreover, it will help you to trace your own family tree.



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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Although an accountant by profession, Peter Dewar is also a professional researcher - as Heraldry Consultant to Christie's Art Auctioneers (since 1979) - as Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary to the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh - as a genealogist and a former Chairman of the Association of Genealogists & Record Agents - as an head-hunter and career consultant - and as Naval Intelligence Officer, having served in the RNR as a Lieutenant Commander.

He is the editor of *Burke's Landed Gentry of Scotland* as well as a co-author of *Right Royal Bastards*. He has written three other books and has contributed to many genealogical books and publications including *Burke's Peerage*. He has also lectured widely in UK and USA (including to Smithsonian in Washington DC re *Treasure Houses of Britain Exhibition*) and will be lecturing in Australia. He is a Trustee of Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies and other charities, Vice President of the Royal Stuart Society, a member of the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, The Royal Company of Archers, a Knight of Malta and a Justice of the Peace for Inner London.

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