



Kenilworth Family History Society



Kenilworth & District Branch

NEWSLETTER

Last Meeting:

We welcomed **Vanessa Morgan**, who spoke to us about **Kenilworth Rogues and Villains**.

Vanessa told us a host of stories about Nineteenth Century cases she has researched from reports in newspapers at the time. She opened by confessing that Kenilworth itself did not turn up very much skulduggery, but the surrounding area gave us plenty of rogues and villains.

As well as the story of the Murder at Dial House Farm, Ashow, in 1819, when Ann Heytrey brutally murdered her employer, Mrs Sarah Dormer, we heard about the similar end of Ann Heytrey's brother, both executed within days of their trial. As well as murderers, there were burglaries, robberies and horse rustling.

What was interesting was the variance in punishments depending on the culprit's background and the swiftness of 'justice' on occasion.

Tonight:

We are very pleased to welcome back Jacqui Kirk, who last visited us in May 2017 to talk about her ancestor, Thomas Lodge who was Mayor of London in Elizabethan times. Feedback from our February meeting led the Committee to invite Jacqui to facilitate this evening's event.

We will also enjoy our usual summer refreshments this evening.

Next Meeting:

11 Sep: **The Story of James Cholmeley Russell—CHANGE OF SPEAKER**

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker for September is unable to come and the Committee has invited **Nick Booker** (who spoke to us about Mail Rail last October) back to talk to us about J C Russell, a barrister, financier, property developer and railway entrepreneur - a key figure in the history of what became the Welsh Highland Railway.

Local Groups & Societies

- **Leamington History Group** www.leamingtonhistory.co.uk
Meetings 7:30pm at Dormer Conference Centre, CV32 5AA
22 Jul: Keith Hancock and Jim Layton: Fire in the Belly, a story of music and musicians in post-war Leamington
- **Coventry Family History Society** www.covfhs.org
Meetings 7:30pm at The Old Coventrians' Sports Ground, CV4 9DE
12 Aug: David Sweeney: Every Body Tells a Story
- **Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society** www.khas.co.uk
Meetings 7:45pm at Kenilworth Senior Citizens' Club, CV8 1LB
9 Sep: Dr Roger West: Romans in the West Midlands

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News

Hearth Tax records return online

A large collection of 17th century tax records has come back online and is set to grow over the next few years.

Almost two years after the Hearth Tax Online website was taken down after a cyber attack, the 17th century tax records have returned online with a new website called **Hearth Tax Digital** (<http://gams.uni-graz.at>).

Launched at an event in London on Tuesday 2 July, the new website enables researchers to explore records held for Durham, York, parts of Yorkshire and Westmorland as well as the City of London and Middlesex, with other areas, including Bristol, Essex, Kent and Surrey, in the pipeline.

www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com

Events

13-28 July

Festival of Archaeology

festival.archaeologyuk.org

15 Jul: Roman Tiddington Rediscovered—7:00pm-9:00pm at Market Hall Museum, Warwick CV34 4SA—£7.50 (www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)

28 Jul: Guided walk of Kenilworth St. Mary's Abbey ruins—3:00pm outside Abbey Museum & Heritage Centre. FREE—No advance booking required. Please register for the guided walk at the museum.

Saturday 7 September

Visit to Coffin Works Museum and Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

Warwickshire Local History Society

Be transported back to the Coffin Works in the 1960s and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of factory life during this decade. Then visit the nearby Jewellery Quarter Museum which offers a unique glimpse of working life in Birmingham's famous Jewellery Quarter. Price: £23 including pub lunch (£26 non members). Find out more: www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk/events.php

New Records Available Online—July

Ancestry

www.ancestry.co.uk

Ancestry released a collection of 119 digitised war diaries and photographs from the D-Day landings to mark the 75th anniversary of the operation on 6 June.

FamilySearch

www.familysearch.org

Free family history website FamilySearch has added a major new collection of 594,707 Herefordshire bishop's transcripts (1583-1898). Other new collections include 109,010 Scottish Presbyterian and Protestant church records (1736-1990) and 1,125,332 records of passenger arrivals at New York City, primarily dating from 1944-48, although some cover the early years of the 20th century.

Windrush Passenger List

www.gold.ac.uk/windrush/passenger-list

Records of the 1,027 immigrants who sailed from the Caribbean to London on the Windrush in June 1948 are available for free for the first time in a database on Goldsmiths University's website.



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