



# Kenilworth Family History Society



Kenilworth & District Branch  
NEWSLETTER

## Last Meeting:

We welcomed Jacqui Kirk to facilitate our family history workshop. This was an exploratory workshop, with Jacqui getting the measure of what experience members already have and what they would like to learn. She also gave a number of tips about how she records her research for clients and some computer tips for researchers.

Jacqui will return for our December meeting and any ideas or questions you may have for her can be submitted to [kfhs@gmail.com](mailto:kfhs@gmail.com) and will be passed on.

We also enjoyed our usual summer social with strawberries and wine.

## Tonight:

Our scheduled speaker for September was unable to come and the Committee has invited **Nick Booker** (who spoke to us about Mail Rail last October) back to tell us **The Story of James Cholmeley Russell**, a barrister, financier, property developer and railway entrepreneur - a key figure in the history of what became the Welsh Highland Railway.

## Next Meeting:

9 Oct: **The Civil War in Warwickshire: The loss accounts project**

Members Lynn Hockton and Lesley Plant will speak to us about the project they have been involved with, transcribing and researching the Civil War loss accounts.

**NOTE: The committee has changed the room we will regularly use at tKC, which will allow us to change our start time back to 7:30pm from October onwards.**

## Local Groups & Societies

### • Leamington History Group

[www.leamingtonhistory.co.uk](http://www.leamingtonhistory.co.uk)

Meetings 7:30pm at Dormer Conference Centre, CV32 5AA

23 Sep: John Berkeley: From Pens to Particle Physics. The remarkable story of Brandauer, skilled pen-makers and contributors to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN

### • Rugby Family History Society

[www.rugbyfhs.co.uk](http://www.rugbyfhs.co.uk)

Meetings 7:30pm at Percival Guildhouse, CV21 3BY

23 Sep: Colin Chapman: Procedures of Probate

### • Warwickshire County Council Heritage & Culture

Market Hall Museum – Thursday, 19 September 1pm – 1.30pm

#### **Show and Tell: Trinkets and Treasures: 13th – 17th century**

Back by popular demand. Join volunteer and historian Christine to hear about some of the 'treasure' and exciting finds on display at Market Hall museum.

FREE, donations welcome to support the museum.

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## News

**Jenny Morris**

We were sorry to hear from Sue Tall that Jenny died on 27 August. She relayed a message from her children that she had died quietly in her sleep at Priors House Care Home in Leamington Spa. Her funeral was today (11 September) at St Nicholas Church.

Among other roles, Jenny ran Kenilworth Family History Society for many years and is remembered fondly by many. RIP

## 2020 Programme

We are pleased to be distributing the 2020 Programme this evening. Committee member, Lesley, has worked hard to fill all of the dates. We hope you will enjoy what we have to offer.

## Events

13-22 September

### Heritage Open Days

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

Some highlights in and around Kenilworth this year include: Tours of Guy's Cliffe, *Kenilworth's Literary Links* exhibition at Kenilworth Library, Kenilworth St Mary's Priory & Abbey Ruins - Guided Tour, Behind the Scenes - WCC Archives, the Old Shire Hall in Warwick, *Leamington Spa's Literary Links* at Leamington Library, amongst many, many more. To find out more visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

21-22 September

### Crafting Live at Stoneleigh

[www.craftinglive.co.uk](http://www.craftinglive.co.uk)

Committee members Nick and Helen have agreed to help man the Federation of Family History Societies stand at Crafting Live, which will take place in Hall 2, NAEC Stoneleigh Park, on Saturday, 21 (10am-5pm) and Sunday, 22 September (10am-4pm). If anyone else wishes to come along and help, or just say "hello", they will be very welcome!

## Offers

*Who Do You Think You Are?* Magazine digital subscription for Apple users

Get instant access to the current issue of *Who Do You Think You Are?* Magazine and the next two when you subscribe via our iOS app for just 99p (was: £10.99 for three issues).

Offer ends: 31 December

### Living DNA with Findmypast

Leading family history website *Findmypast* is giving away a free Findmypast DNA kit (from Living DNA) when customers purchase a Plus or Pro subscription. Findmypast has millions of family history records worldwide, while Living DNA is the only DNA kit which offers ethnicity breakdowns by UK region.



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