



Kenilworth Family History Society



Kenilworth Branch

NEWSLETTER

Last Meeting:

We were pleased to welcome back **Barbara Griffiths**, who spoke about **DNA & Family History Research**. The Committee had invited Barbara back after her previous talk about One-Name Studies ended with a brief discussion about DNA and its usefulness to one-name research, and this visit did not disappoint.

Barbara explained the three different types of DNA (Y-Chromosome, Mitochondrial and Autosomal), how they differ and what they can tell us about different generations. She also explained the products that some of the commercial companies offer, both tests and analytical software.

Due to the size of the subject, this was a brief overview, but we learned a number of things, including that the analysis of results from commercial companies is based on data gathered so far - as the data increases, the analysis changes and develops.

Barbara suggested that anyone who is looking for advice about DNA could join the Midland Ancestors' DNA Special Interest Group on Facebook. This is a private group, so you need to apply to join, but questions are confidential to the group. The group address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MidlandAncestorsDNA>. We also have a couple of spare copies of Barbara's handouts for anyone who is interested and didn't get a copy.



Tonight:

We are pleased to welcome back **Jacqui Kirk** to facilitate a workshop on **'Storytelling'**, with a view to gently 'breaking us in' to telling our own families' stories.

We hope this evening's session will inspire you to gather together your research and begin to share your stories. Of course, this is also our Christmas social evening, so please help yourself to our bring and share buffet.

Next Meeting:

8 Jan: **The Lost Railway**

Paul Baker, a local historian for Rowington & Lapworth will talk about the efforts of the townspeople of Henley-in-Arden to bring the railway to their town.

Local Groups & Societies

- **Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society** www.warwickshireias.org
Meetings 7:30pm at The Pyne Room, Warwick School, CV34 6PP
- 12 Dec: Ian Pogson: 'The Life and Engineering Achievements of Dr Frederick Lanchester'

Facebook



75

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81

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Dickensian Christmas and Family History Open Day

Come along to the BMI Dickensian Christmas Open Day on 14th December, 10am-4pm . There will be a wide range of artists and artisans ready and willing to sell you their wares, just in time for Santa! There will be two performances of "A Christmas Carol", poetry readings, carol singing, and much more. Fun for the whole family! Free entry with no need to book, just turn up and get festive! There will even be coffee & mince pies on offer.

The Midland Ancestors Family History Centre will be open for visitors.

Donation of Journals—HELP YOURSELF!!!

Last month a kindly citizen donated a collection of back-copies of various Family History Society journals. These are from Gloucestershire FHS, Oxfordshire FHS and Wiltshire FHS.

Whilst these date from many years ago, such publications can often contain articles of interest that are no less relevant today and can also provide information about organisations that may be able to help with your research\.

These journals will be available on the table, or ask Chris for more information.

News

DNA Sales

The approach to Christmas brings sales from the various DNA companies—as Barbara said last month, this is the time to buy, whether for yourself or as gifts for your family members.

A quick and by no means exhaustive look shows:

- Ancestry.co.uk has 25% off until 24 December
- FindMyPast.co.uk has £10 off in its Christmas sale until 16 December
- The 23andMe.com Ancestry & Traits package is £63 (£79 after promotion, but I can't find the date the promotion ends!)
- MyHeritage.com is £49 (usually £79) and sale ends on 15 December.
- FamilyTreeDNA.com has up to 40% off its tests until 26 December

New Records Available

Find My Past Friday Update: 06/12/2019

www.findmypast.co.uk

- **United Kingdom Deaths 2007-2017**
Over 2.7 million new additions from across England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man.
- **UK Electoral Registers & Companies House Directors 2002-2019**
Over 981,000 new additions are now available to search.
- **Cornwall Burials**
Over 76,000 new additions covering 57 assorted parishes across the county.



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