



Kenilworth Family History Society

Midland  Kenilworth Branch

NEWSLETTER

Last Meeting:

In December **Jacqui Kirk** returned to lead a workshop about story telling, with a view to gently 'breaking us in' to telling our own families' stories.

Using the timeline of an ancestor of Jacqui, three groups discussed aspects of the 'story' of that person, key events that we would focus on and where further research would be useful.

At the end of the evening, we invited members to look at their own families and choose an ancestor who's story they would like to tell more fully and start to think about by putting a timeline of their life together for our workshop in March, when members will have an opportunity to present the outline of their family member and get feedback and advice before progressing to the next stage.

December's meeting was a relaxed and friendly evening, with our Christmas bring and share buffet being 'picked at' throughout the evening.

Tonight:

We are pleased to welcome **Paul Baker**, a local historian for Rowington & Lapworth, who will talk about the efforts of the townspeople of Henley-in-Arden to bring the railway to their town in his talk, '**The Lost Railway**'.

Next Meeting:

12 Feb: **Getting Rid of the Stink:** The public health revolution.
Emeritus Professor **Dr Mike Haynes**, discusses, with some humour, how the introduction of clean water helped rid us of some unpleasant diseases, thereby improving the lives of our ancestors.

Local Groups & Societies

- **Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society** www.warwickshireias.org
Meetings 7:30pm at The Pyne Room, Warwick School, CV34 6PP
9 Jan: David Skillen: 'Giants in the Sky – the Zeppelin in World War One'
- **Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society** www.khas.co.uk
Meetings 7:30pm for 7:45pm at The Senior Citizens' Club, CV8 1QJ
13 Jan: Graham Sutherland: 'The Darker Side of Warwick'
- **Warwickshire Local History Society** warwickshirehistory.org.uk
18 Jan: Ellie Reid: 'Warwick Pageant & the 20th Century Pageant Movement'
Our first day-time lecture will take place at St Michael's Church Centre, Church Lane, Budbrooke, Warwick, CV35 8QL, from 2-3pm, preceded by tea & coffee at 1:30pm
- **Leamington History Society** leamingtonhistory.co.uk
Meetings 7:30pm for 7:45pm at The Senior Citizens' Club, CV8 1QJ
27 Jan: AGM followed by Peter Coulls: 'Henry Fedeski, award-winning Leamington Architect'

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1 Feb: DNA Painter with Jonny Perl

Following on from our November meeting, when Barbara Griffiths spoke to us about DNA and its application to family history, Birmingham is holding a talk about **DNA Painter**, one of the many tools available to analyse your DNA and compare with your cousins' DNA.

Jonny will introduce the concept of chromosome mapping and demonstrate various features with his DNA Painter website that can help you make the most of your autosomal DNA results for your family history research. Examples of how to use the site's probability-based tools for relationship prediction will be presented alongside an overview of the notion of the genetic family tree. The talk will be suitable for those new to DNA as well as those with more experience, and will include practical case studies and advice on how to get started.

Jonny Perl's website is at <https://dnainter.com>

NOTE: This meeting is not on a Wednesday evening but a Saturday afternoon

Lynn's Lemon & Ginger Buns Recipe

After some very enthusiastic feedback on her home-made contribution to the Christmas bring & share buffet, member Lynn Hockton has made her recipe available to all. This has already been circulated to our email distribution members, but is available on request, please email: kenilworthfhs@gmail.com.

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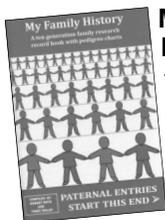
A reminder that Chris has a collection of back-copies of various Family History Society journals from Gloucestershire FHS, Oxfordshire FHS and Wiltshire FHS. Please ask Chris for more information.

Books & Charts

Family History Federation—January Sale now on! www.familyhistorybooksonline.co.uk

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My Family History: A Ten Generation Family Research Record Book with Pedigree Charts (A4, 80 pages, ISBN: 978-1-908738-30-1, £9.99)

The second edition of this publication has been updated to include details from the 1939 Register.

This book is an efficient and attractive method of recording and displaying the result of family history research and a handy 'aide memoire' to carry around when researching. The product is in two main parts; a ten generation record book and a loose-leaf, two-sided ten generation pedigree chart, plus a system for recording re-marriages and new partnerships. It allows the recording of 256 marriages, 512 ancestors plus offspring, stretching back to the early 1700s and beyond.

It is just one of the many ways you can share your research with the family!



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