



# Kenilworth Family History Society



Midland Ancestors Kenilworth Branch

NEWSLETTER

## Last Meeting:

In January **Paul Baker**, a local historian for Rowington & Lapworth, told us the story of the efforts of the inhabitants of Henley-in-Arden to have their own railway.

A new branch line opened from Lapworth via Rowington to Henley-in-Arden on 6 June 1894 taking the railway to Henley for the first time. From the first attempts to set up a Railway Company to connect Henley-in-Arden to the national railway network to opening day took more than 30 years and ran for only 25 years.

Paul gave a lively, illustrated account, told against the background of the early Victorian railway mania, the role played by one of the greatest railway builders of the era and a financial panic caused by the biggest bank failure of the nineteenth century.

## Tonight:

We are pleased to welcome Emeritus Professor **Dr Mike Haynes**, to tell us about **Getting Rid of the Stink**: The public health revolution and how the introduction of clean water helped rid us of some unpleasant diseases, thereby improving the lives of our ancestors.

## Next Meeting:

11 Mar: **Family History Workshop/Members' Evening: Sharing Our Stories** A workshop session for members and all, with the theme of Sharing our Stories – following up on the ideas and discussions of the December 2019 workshop; bring either completed, in-progress pieces OR timelines plus documents. If you want them to be anonymised you can submit them in advance to [kenilworthfhs@gmail.com](mailto:kenilworthfhs@gmail.com).

If you do not have some thing to bring along, don't worry, **Jacqui Kirk**, who has been facilitating our 'Sharing Our Stories' workshops will have a prepared piece to criticise/work on.

## Local Groups & Societies

- **Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society** [www.warwickshireias.org](http://www.warwickshireias.org)  
Meetings 7:30pm at The Halse Pavilion, Warwick School, CV34 6PP

13 Feb: 'Twenty's Plenty: Members Evening' - A series of short presentations by members, with each talk lasting up to twenty minutes

- **Warwickshire Local History Society** [warwickshirehistory.org.uk](http://warwickshirehistory.org.uk)

18 Feb: Dr Cathryn Enis, University of Birmingham: 'The Wigston family network during the reign of Elizabeth I'. This talk considers the network headed by Sir William Wigston of Wolston, with other family members based across Warwickshire, particularly around Solihull.

## SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORY GROUP JOURNALS... free to a good home!

Having circulated the offer of free Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire Family History Journals in January, we received an offer of some for Sussex. If you're interested, please speak to Chris Sykes.



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## Midland Ancestors

### DNA Painter

On 1 February, members Helen and Lesley attended a talk at Midland Ancestors at the BMI in Birmingham about the website **DNA Painter** by its creator, Jonny Perl.

Having used the website a little, it was an eye-opening presentation. DNA is a confusing field to get your head around, trying to understand the different purposes of sites and what they offer. DNA Painter's unique selling point is that it offers chromosome mapping, which visually helps you to identify which branches of your family make up your 23 chromosomes from your Autosomal DNA test.

You cannot use DNA Painter directly from *Ancestry* or your testing company. You need to download your raw data from *Ancestry* and upload it to another site called GEDmatch ([www.gedmatch.com](http://www.gedmatch.com)), where you will find matches; it is then the 1-to-1 comparison that you import into DNA Painter. Of course, to map matches' DNA against yours, they will need to upload their raw data to GEDmatch - it was my father's half-3rd-cousin-once-removed (½3C1R) that asked us to upload his DNA. You will have to communicate with the people you want to map!

But don't dismiss the site if you decide you don't want to map your matches; it has some useful tools that are free, including an estimator that can tell you the possible relationships for a match, based on the number of centimorgans that match. I would explain how this works... as would Jonny, but he confesses to 'only' being a computer programmer and not a scientist!

## Web Tips

**Australian Online Records** (from SAGe the Society of Australian Genealogists' newsletter)

Each jurisdiction in Australia publishes different information in their indexes so some will be more useful than others in narrowing down your ancestors. Victoria for example often includes the mother's maiden name. Some jurisdictions such as New South Wales and Victoria make new records available each day according to their restriction period - for example if your ancestor was born on 28 January 1920, their index record will become available on 29 January 2020. NOTE: Northern Territory does not have an online index.

All of the indexes shown below are free to search unless otherwise specified although some sites may require you to register.

**New South Wales** ([www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyhistory](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyhistory)) Early church records from 1788 to 1855 and civil registrations from: 1856 to the end of the restriction period: 100yrs (births), 50yrs (marriages), 30yrs (deaths)

**Queensland** ([www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au](http://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au)) Records from 1829 to 1920 (births), 1945 (marriages) and 1990 (deaths).

**Victoria** ([my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history/](http://my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history/)) Church records from 1836 to 1853 and government registrations from 1853 to the end of the restriction period: 100yrs (births), 60yrs (marriages), 30yrs (deaths)

**South Australia** ([www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-database-search](http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-database-search)) Not an official government site but GenealogySA. Records from: 1842 to 1928 (births), 1937 (marriages) and 1972 (deaths).

**Western Australia** ([www.bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/\\_apps/pioneersindex/](http://www.bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneersindex/)) Records from 1841 to 1932 (births), 1936 (marriages) and 1971 (deaths).

**Tasmania** - the registry does not have an online index; however **Libraries Tasmania's Names Index** ([www.libraries.tas.gov.au/how-to/Pages/Names-Index-content.aspx](http://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/how-to/Pages/Names-Index-content.aspx)) contains a wide variety of records including many births, deaths and marriages (including images).

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