



Kenilworth Family History Society

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Ancestors Kenilworth Branch

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

This is the first newsletter the Committee has put together itself for a year now—it's difficult to imagine what has occurred since we were all together last. I will admit that this newsletter has been put together at short notice, since we have not received any from Jacqui in March, but hope you will find it useful.

Please let us know of any interesting stories, courses or information that we could include here—the newsletter will be online for at least the next few months as we head out of lockdown.

Firstly, and most importantly, we send our grateful thanks to Jacqui Kirk for sharing her weekly newsletters with us for 11 months. I am sure you will agree that they have been very informative and kept us up to date with all the online talks that are available locally and nationally for people with our interests. As for the Committee, we are indebted to Jacqui for giving us a reason to keep in touch with you all on a regular basis throughout the last year.

As you will be aware, since December we have begun holding Zoom meetings, with speakers in November and February and 'Regular Member Socials' in December and January, which have been fun and a chance to get to know more about each others' research than we ever have before.

Last Meeting

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, 10 February and was given by Mary Bodfish, who gave us her talk entitled '**The Baby in the Locket**'. Our speaker meetings are open to all MA members and advertised on the website and there were 57 attendees.

Mary's talk took us all on her journey of discovery which began with a locket she had inherited from her mother, containing a photo of a young baby. Unfortunately by this time there were no family members left to tell Mary the baby's name or to tell their story. Mary also realised that she knew very little of her maternal family tree other than her grandparents' names. Starting with this information she was able to progress back through time until the early 1800's, finding out a little about each generation. She finally discovered when the baby in the locket had been born, what had happened all those years ago and was able to name and place the baby in the history of her family.

This Month's Meeting

On Wednesday, 10 March, we are holding the scheduled Members' Meeting. The general theme is **Censuses: Questions & Discoveries**. Based on the fact that the 2021 Census takes place on 21 March 2021. If you have a discovery that you have made from England & Wales, Scotland or other countries' censuses, any hints and tips, or any questions, please come prepared.

Our Members' meetings via Zoom are very casual and invitations are only sent to the group that regularly attends Kenilworth meetings.

The Future

For the time-being we are continuing with online sessions, retaining our scheduled speakers where they are happy to deliver their talks online. These are proving successful as they are posted on the MA website and attract a lot more visitors than our physical events.

The Committee continues to monitor news from the Government and also our venue, The Kenilworth Centre, with a view to returning to physical meetings, but this is unlikely to occur before July.

MA has informed us that we are not required to hold an Annual Business Meeting this year, so we are preparing a Business and Financial Report that will be circulated in the next few weeks.

If you have any comments or concerns about any aspect of the Committee or Society, please do not hesitate to contact us on kenilworthfhs@gmail.com.

Census 2021

Don't forget the Census is on 21 March. I have received my guide to completing it online. If you wish to create a family heirloom from the occasion, remember to print or copy your completed form and perhaps take a photo outside, or inside your home on the day.

Talks

- Thursday, 11 March—7:00 for 7:30pm
Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society
'Eighteenth Century Coventry Silkmen: Masters of the City's Industrial Universe' by David Fry
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82888878214>
- Tuesday, 16 March
Warwickshire Local History Society
Showcase Event for Members' Research - an opportunity to share notes on recent local history research: **'Probate Account for Theodore Sadleir, a Fillongley Recusant 1693'** by Judith Ellis and **'Scratching the Surface: the cryptic world of medieval church graffiti in SE Warwickshire'** by David Freke
To Book a Ticket: Booking is required - before 5pm on 16/03/2021. There is a maximum capacity of 100, so please book your place via Eventbrite Bookings (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/showcase-event-for-members-research-tickets-144885056103>) on the day of the lecture will be supported until 5pm, if tickets are available.
- Wednesday, 17 March—2:00pm
Midland Ancestors
'The Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission' by Sarah Moody
Find out how to register: <https://midland-ancestors.uk/event/online-event-the-work-of-the-commonwealth-war-graves-commission/>
- 24 March - 31 March - 7 April (£)
Family Tree: Photo-dating Bootcamp (3-part webinar)
They say 'a picture is worth a thousand words' but what if the family photo leaves you with more questions than answers? In this special 'bootcamp' series of expert webinars, you'll learn how to decipher the clues in vintage photographs and take your family history research to the next level.
Find out more: <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/webinars/learn-how-to-date-your-family-photos>

Shows

- **Roots Tech Connect 2021** was held in February and welcomed more than 1 million participants from 242 countries and territories at its completely virtual, online debut.
Although the "event" portion of the experience ran from 25–27 February 2021, anyone can continue to create custom watch lists from the 2,000 free, on-demand videos at RootsTech.org.
- Saturday, 19 June 2021
The Family History Show Online go to: thefamilyhistoryshow.com
- Friday & Saturday, 25-26 June 2021
The Genealogy Show 2021 Virtual Event got to thegenealogyshow.uk

