



As lockdown restrictions ease, the committee will continue to monitor advice on when we will be able to meet again, but in the meantime we are enjoying meeting via Zoom.

## Last Meeting

In April we enjoyed a talk by Professor Rebecca Probert about **'Marriage law and practice in the Midlands, 1837-1900'**. The facility of online meetings had opened the meeting up to all MA members and non-members and the talk saw 82 people join us from as far afield as Dublin, Jersey and Australia.

Rebecca explained The Marriage Act 1836, when the possibility of marrying in a registered place of worship or register office, brought Jewish and Quaker weddings within a new legal framework, and introduced a system of civil registration for all marriages.

Of equal value to the content of Rebecca's talk was the Q&A session afterwards, during which she patiently took many questions on various marriage-related matters, always with a ready answer, often fulsome and fact-filled. She is an excellent speaker and hope to find a reason to get her back one day!



## This Month's Meeting

**The Blind Postmaster General & the Suffragist** by Alan D Godfrey FRPSL. *"The story of the lives of Henry Fawcett MP and his wife Millicent Garrett Fawcett. Henry was blinded at age 25, but went on to become a reforming Liberal MP and PMG. He introduced many innovations at the Post Office. Millicent was leader of the 50,000 strong NUWSS and was mainly responsible for obtaining votes for women in 1918."*

## Next Meeting

Our scheduled speaker, John Berkeley, who was going to give a talk entitled, **'Looking for answers... a family quest'** has opted to defer his talk until he can deliver it in-person. This will likely be in 2022.

Our Booking Secretary, Lesley Plant, has come to our rescue once again and arranged for Paul Millington of Malvern Family History Society to speak to us instead. The talk is called **'My Criminal Past'**, but happily it's not about Paul, but his ancestor, Edward Millington. Paul runs the Millington One Name Study and online Millington Archive.

## Find My Past: 1921 Census Update

Findmypast says it is committed to providing users with the best possible experience and will be launching the 1921 Census in full in early 2022. The British brand, along with its partners at The National Archives and ONS, is still hopeful for a January launch, although progress has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier in 2020 lockdown restrictions led to a three-month complete shutdown of the project, and while operations were back up and running as soon as permitted, the subsequent need to work at a much-reduced staffing capacity has affected project timelines.

The ongoing need for social distancing, within the confines of the project's requirements, means that while Findmypast is 'doing everything possible to limit the impact of COVID-19', this valuable work is still being conducted in a highly changeable environment

Findmypast says it is still on track for a full online release in early 2022 although an exact launch date is yet to be announced.

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## Online Events

A selection of some local and some not-so-local online events... Coronavirus has opened up a whole new world of online talks, conferences, courses and events to us!

- Thursday, 13 May  
Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society  
**'Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage'** by Dr Ray Wilson  
Contact WIAS via [www.warwickshireias.org/contact](http://www.warwickshireias.org/contact) to ask for the Zoom link (Non-members are very welcome at all WIAS meetings in person or ZOOM)
- Saturday, 15 May - 7:15pm (£)  
Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair - Goes digital  
**Online Interview with Lucy Worsley**  
Tickets £5. Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-interview-with-lucy-worsley-tickets-150068008453>
- Saturday, 15 May - 7:15pm (£)  
Bishopsgate Institute  
**'Writing Your Family History'** by Nick Barlay  
Find out more: [www.bishopsgate.org.uk/whats-on/activity/writing-your-family-history-1](http://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/whats-on/activity/writing-your-family-history-1)  
This course will take place online, for a reduced rate of Full £40 / Conc. £30
- Tuesday, 25 May - 12:00 noon  
Inspire Culture, Nottingham  
**'Family History Surgery - online'**  
Find out more: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-history-surgery-online-tickets-151973602135](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-history-surgery-online-tickets-151973602135)
- Saturday, 29 May - 2:30pm  
Hertfordshire Family History Society  
**'The Broken Branch - Reasons for name changes and useful tips for discovering them'**  
by Ian Waller  
Visitors are always welcome to come to the Meetings, fee £2 admission  
Find out more: [www.hertsfhs.org.uk/hfphs4.html](http://www.hertsfhs.org.uk/hfphs4.html)
- Thursday, 8 June - 7:15 for 7:30pm (£)  
Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society  
**'Using DNA for Family History'**  
Each month, tickets are available for non-members via Eventbrite. You will find information about the meeting and the link at the top of our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/nnwfhfs/](http://www.facebook.com/nnwfhfs/)
- Wednesday, 16 June - 2:00pm  
Midland Ancestors  
**'Who's The Daddy? Or some ideas for identifying the father of an illegitimate child'**  
by Penny Smith  
Find out how to register: <https://midland-ancestors.uk/event/online-event-whos-the-daddy/>

## Shows

- Throughout May  
**Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair - Goes digital**
- Saturday, 15 May 2021 - 10:00am until 4:30pm (£)  
**The House History Show**  
Find out more at: [www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/house-history/](http://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/house-history/)  
Book now for £45 (includes 15 May programme and all lectures running through May and June).
- Saturday, 19 June 2021 (£)  
**The Family History Show Online** go to: [thefamilyhistoryshow.com](http://thefamilyhistoryshow.com)
- Friday & Saturday, 25-26 June 2021 (£)  
**The Genealogy Show 2021 Virtual Event** got to [thegenealogyshow.uk](http://thegenealogyshow.uk)