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Midland Ancestors Kenilworth Branch

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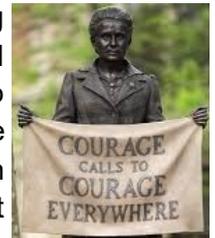
WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE 2021

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.

Firstly, I must apologise if this newsletter is a little thinner than usual - at the time of writing I am sitting in a caravan in a field with no WiFi, and only a poor, intermittent 4G signal on my phone, but I will endeavour to make it informative. (I hope the links work, because I haven't been able to check them all.)

Last Meeting

Our speaker in May was Alan D Godfrey FR SPL, who spoke to us about **The Blind Postmaster General & the Suffragist**, the fascinating story of a nineteenth century couple, who defied convention; Henry Fawcett MP, who became blind at the age of 25, but who went on to become a reforming Liberal MP, introduced many innovations to the Post Office and who knows what he would have been able to achieve had he lived longer, and his wife, Millicent Garrett Fawcett, who led the National Union for Women's Suffrage Societies [NUWSS] which, contrary to the Emmeline Pankhurst's Suffragettes, worked tirelessly through peaceful channels to obtain votes for women in 1918 and is today the only woman honoured by a statue in Parliament Square.



This Month's 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.

Instead we welcome Paul Millington of Malvern Family History Society, who has come to our rescue. 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.

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclC-CpqD8vGdVJoBtknCIMDLI9u8CtPuMY>

Next Meeting

Our July meeting is scheduled as 'Summer Refreshments / Members' Evening'. Hopefully Lesley Plant will be able to update members on the progress towards a return to face-to-face meetings when we meet on Wednesday evening. We will be required to follow not only the guidelines for the venue (tKC), but also those of Midland Ancestors.



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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, 10 June
Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society
'The History of the Kitchen Range' by Dr David Eveleigh
Contact WIAS via www.warwickshireias.org/contact to ask for the Zoom link (Non-members are very welcome at all WIAS meetings in person or via ZOOM)
- Saturday, 12 June - 1:30pm to 4:00pm
The British Association for Local History [BALH]
Virtual Local History Day and AGM
Find out more: <https://www.balh.org.uk/event-balh-local-history-day-2021-agm-and-talk-2021-06-12>
- 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/>
- Thursday, 24 June - 10:00am + recording to be aired later
Kent Family History Society (£: membership required)
'LIVE: The Ones That Got Away: Tracing migrant ancestors'
by Janet Few
Find out how to become a member and register for the talk at: <https://www.kfhs.org.uk>
- Society of Genealogists (£)
Various talks are available from SoG, both live and pre-recorded, and covering both social and local history subjects, e.g. *'Creating a One-Street Study to Build a Picture of Your Ancestor's Lives'* or *'Barbados: How it all began? The Drax family - James & Henry and their legacy'*, as well as guidance, e.g. *'From Lunatic Asylum to the Old Bailey: What did your ancestors really get up to?'* or a range of family history skills courses.
Find out more at: <https://societyofgenealogists.arlo.co/w>

Shows

- 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

I hope you find something to inspire you from this list. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday and will leave you with a photo from one of the sights we have visited in Wiltshire - the Fovant Badges, which were originally cut into the chalk banks of Cranbourne Chase by soldiers during World War I and restored in 2016.

Nearby is the partially restored Royal Warwickshire Regiment's own badge, which I plan to get a photo of before heading home!
Other regiments to create the badges in 1916 include the 5th, 6th & 8th (City of London) Battalions, The Devonshire Regiment and the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces (1917).

Read more at
www.fovantbadges.com

