



LAST MEETING

In October we welcomed back Vanessa Morgan, who talked to us about her book, **A Brummie in the Family** (ISBN: 9780750995603, Published: 30-06-2021).

Vanessa based her talk on her book, telling the story of how Birmingham expanded during the nineteenth century, as our ancestors moved here to find work in the new industries. Some lived in the cramped conditions of back-to-back housing, whilst others prospered and joined the ranks of the more well-to-do. Not just the wealthy, but the poor, too, all played their part in the development of this now-sprawling city. Her talk was followed by a good question and answer session with Vanessa giving tips on how to find dates and events in your ancestors' lives, and giving clear instructions on how to start researching your family history in Birmingham.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING—CANCELLED

If you were registered for the November meeting, you will have received a notification that the meeting has been cancelled, "due to bereavement". Sadly, Lesley's father died on the evening of 7 November, and she is in Kent dealing with family matters and looking after her Mum.

Unfortunately, the way that the Midland Ancestors Zoom facility is set up means we are very limited on who can host meetings and she was not able to transfer hosting rights to another committee member. We were therefore left with no option but to reluctantly cancel. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Lesley contacted Cathryn Enis and, whilst she was not available to give her talk in December, she has agreed to move the talk to next October. **We send Lesley and her family our condolences.**

NEXT MEETING

Next month, we will again hold our Christmas Social via Zoom, for the regular Kenilworth members. It will be an opportunity to chat and discuss our recent genealogical research, with a small group which has been collaborating on DNA research telling its stories. Remember to bring along a tippie and a mince pie!



TALKS

- **Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society** www.khas.co.uk
7:30pm for a prompt start at 7:45 in [The Senior Citizens' Club](#) off Abbey End Car Park. All are welcome. Entry is free for members and costs £2 for non-members.
Mon 8 Nov 'Church versus Monarchy: Power Struggles in Medieval Europe' by Dr. Joe Chick (Warwick University)
It appears KHAS has re-established meetings, having stopped throughout the pandemic.
- **Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society** www.warwickshireias.org
Thu 11 Nov 'The North Wales Slate Industry' by Dr David Gwyn. Online via ZOOM.
- **Warwickshire Local History Society** www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk
Tue 16 Nov 'John Hall, Master of Physicke' by Dr Paul Edmondson. Online via ZOOM.
This meeting takes place via Zoom. Please book a place via [Eventbrite](#). A link to the lecture will be sent to all those who have pre-registered via Eventbrite shortly before the lecture takes place.
- **Leamington History Group** <https://leamingtonhistory.co.uk>
Meetings are digital (Zoom or YouTube videos) and start at 7:30pm on the traditional Mondays. If you need help accessing Zoom, please email: bfranklin600@aol.com.
Mon 29 Nov 'Queen Victoria and the People's Park' by Sheila Woolf. Online via ZOOM.

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STEVEN WALLSGROVE

Local historian, long-standing member of Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society and of the Friends of Warwickshire County Record Office, died on 19 October in Warwick Hospital. Whilst he never spoke at KFHS, people interested in Warwickshire local history may have met him. He was an authority on historical maps and published books on Kenilworth 1086-1756 and timber-framed buildings of Kenilworth and Hunningham. His expertise and helpfulness will be greatly missed.

NEWS RECEIVED FROM REBECCA PROBERT

We have received news from Prof Rebecca Probert, who gave a great talk in April, entitled '*Marriage Law and Practice in Warwickshire from 1837*'.

She told us about her current study at the time, about where our ancestors married and what we might be able to infer from that, and that she would share the details when the research paper was published. She has sent a link to an article in the Journal of Genealogy, '*Interpreting choices: What can we infer from where our ancestors married?*' has finally been published and can be found at:

<https://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/ojs/index.php/JGFH/article/view/102>

PLANNING AHEAD 1921 CENSUS

Find my Past has announced that the 1921 Census of England and Wales will be exclusively available online on its website from 6 January 2022. www.findmypast.co.uk/1921-census.

The 1921 Census is a detailed snapshot of 38 million lives.

How much will the census cost?

£2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every original record image.

This will cover the cost of digitising and transcribing the 18,235,242 images created from the records supplied exclusively to us by The National Archives. It means these precious records are accessible, commitment-free, for everyone.

For all 12-month Pro subscribers, there will be a 10% discount on any 1921 Census purchases.



The National Archives: Special podcast episode Counting down to the 1921 Census

In June 1921, 8.5 million households completed the census. Now, after being closed to the public for 100 years, the window into the lives of nearly 38 million people will open.

Hear from experts on what the census could reveal about the people, places and times of the 1920s, and how you can access all of it with Findmypast.

[Click here to listen](#)

BBC SOUNDS: THE WEDDING DETECTIVES

A discovery made during lockdown that you too may enjoy listening to is Radio 4's *The Wedding Detectives*, in which wedding album collector Charlotte Sibtain and journalist Cole Moreton uncover the stories behind lost wedding photographs and try to reunite them with the family.

First broadcast in Autumn 2020, all three episodes are still available to listen to on BBC Sounds at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m000nl7b>

FESTIVALS, SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

- 12-13 November 2021 (£)
FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show
go to: www.fhf-reallyuseful.com
- 3-5 March 2022 (FREE)
RootsTech Connect 2022
go to: www.rootstech.org