



Following a discussion at our July meeting Kenilworth Branch meetings hope to return to in-person meetings at The Kenilworth Centre in Spring 2022, with winter meetings being held by Zoom.

LAST MEETING

We were sorry to have to cancel the November meeting.

Sadly, Lesley Plant's father died in the week before and she was, understandably, caught up with family arrangements, travelling to and from Kent. Unfortunately, the Zoom account that we use is the central MA one and Lesley is the only registered user. Whilst we tried to think of alternatives, the financial implications of setting up another user, etc were too complicated at such short notice and the decision was taken to cancel.

Cathryn Enis was invited to postpone to the December meeting, but this was not suitable for her, so we have re-booked her for October 2022 and we will decide nearer the time whether it will be a Zoom or in-person meeting.

Of course, most importantly, we sent our condolences to Lesley and her family at such a sad time.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)

Welcome to the second KFHS 'virtual Christmas Social'. Don't forget your mince pies!

It is proposed that the December meeting will run as follows:

- Welcome
- Exchange of MA and KFHS news
- DNA tests and what to do with them Lesley Plant will walk us through the Ancestry DNA screens and what can be done with results and how to collaborate. She will look at some tools available and techniques, including 'Common Ancestors', 'Shared Matches', 'Thru Lines' and 'Ancestry Groups'. We might also look at 'Ethnicity' results. Lesley, Pam and Chris have been collaborating with their DNA results, so they can tell us about the practical applications of the above.
- An open discussion/Q&A session

NEXT MEETING

Next month, we will be welcoming back Mary Bodfish on Zoom to talk to us about '**Beer, Bets and Bullbaiting**'. Mary last spoke to our group in February 2021 about 'The Baby in the Locket'.

TALKS

Over the winter and with the expected rise in the COVID-19 Omicron variant, in-person talks may be subject to postponement or cancellation.

- **Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society** www.khas.co.uk
The Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society website is not displaying any forthcoming meetings at the time of compiling this information.
- **Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society** www.warwickshireias.org
Thu 9 Dec 'Bogs, Baths and Basins: the History of Domestic Sanitation' by David Eveleigh. Online via ZOOM (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86301710568>).
- **Warwickshire Local History Society** www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk
Sat 15 Jan 'The Black Book of Warwick' by Emma Bromley.
Please note this takes place at 2:00pm on Saturday at Budbrooke Church Centre.
- **Leamington History Group** <https://leamingtonhistory.co.uk>
Mon 13 Dec 'Traditional Members' Social Evening' in-person. To book please phone or email Barry at 07778 193103 or bfranklin600@aol.com

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LOSSES FOR LOCAL HISTORY GROUPS

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A report from The Friends of WCRO of Steven Wallgrove's funeral (whose death we reported in November) reads, "As well as Steven's family, there was a large number of mourners – colleagues, neighbours and representatives from other societies he had helped - evidence of how popular and respected Steven was. The celebrant concentrated on the achievements in Steven's life and how much pleasure and satisfaction he had brought to many people who were interested in Warwick (in which he lived all his life) and the amazing discoveries he made about the town, and his meticulous recording of it all – a true treasure trove.

"With his usual generosity, Steven has donated all of his research archives to the County Record Office and has made a financial bequest to the Friends. A very valuable gift – and one we will use in the best way possible to reflect his interests."

Image: WLHS



Sadly, Warwickshire Local History Society also lost its stalwart member and longstanding Treasurer, Neville Usher on 2 November. WLHS writes, "I'm sure we will remember his great interest in all his colleagues and friends, and in people generally. Despite his great disabilities, his gregarious nature showed itself in his enjoyment of convivial gatherings. He will be missed..."

"Neville was such an inimitable character, we could hardly replace him, but we will need a new treasurer to manage our finances."

Some KFHS members may also be members of WLHS, or interested in becoming one. If you are interested in membership, or the Treasurership, please contact info@warwickshirehistory.org.uk.

REBECCA PROBERT—TONIGHT!

Rebecca will be talking about her new book, *Tying the Knot: The Formation of Marriage 1836-2020*, and how particular narratives about the Marriage Act 1836 continue to exert an influence on how the current options for getting married are seen. For an introduction to what the 1836 Act did – and, more importantly, what it didn't do – see her [blog](#).

You can book your free ticket by following this [link](#).

PLANNING AHEAD 1921 CENSUS

Continuing to follow the most keenly awaited records release next year, some further news about what to expect has been published:

Free Access Hubs announced

The National Archives (TNA) has announced that the 1921 census for England and Wales will be free to view at two public libraries after its release next year.

The census, which holds the records of the 38 million people living in England and Wales at the time, will be published on family history website [Findmypast](#) on 6 January 2022.

The records will be free to access on Findmypast at Manchester Central Library and the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth, as well as at the TNA building in London.

The 1921 census will be available to view online on Findmypast at a cost of £2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every individual image, with a 10% discount for Findmypast's Pro subscribers.

TNA: 20sPeople

TNA also announced [20sPeople](#), a programme of events and activities to coincide with the release of the census.

This includes [The 1920s: Beyond the Roar](#), a new exhibition opening on 21 January.

The exhibition web page says: "Visitors will first experience a daytime urban street, featuring a polling station, post office and draper's shop, before moving into a recreation of the famed 43 Club in Soho. Both areas will feature key original documents from our collections alongside audio, film, graphics and interactive elements to help bring the 1920s to life."

BBC SOUNDS: THE WEDDING DETECTIVES

Having mentioned The Wedding Detectives podcast in the last newsletter, some new episodes have been broadcast, so if you haven't already listened, there are now (currently) 6 episodes to listen to at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m000n17b>.

FESTIVALS, SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

- 19 February 2022 (£)
The Family History Show, Online 2022
go to: <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online>
- 3-5 March 2022 (FREE)
RootsTech Connect 2022
go to: www.rootstech.org