



LAST MEETING

In December we held an informal get-together Christmas Social once again, and shared a glass of wine and mince pie remotely.

Lesley Plant talked us through the Ancestry DNA screens by sharing her screen and scrolling through the various sections of her own tree. She explained 'Common Ancestors', 'Shared Matches', 'Thru Lines' and gave lots of tips about applying them practically. The pros and cons of extracting your results and posting them onto the various other sites; MyHeritageDNA, FamilyTreeDNA, GEDmatch and LivingDNA (these being the genealogical sites already used by members, as opposed to health DNA sites like 23andMe)

This was a useful opportunity for anyone looking at exploring their DNA, but the most important thing is always to say, DNA results do not replace the old-fashioned research. It is simply a useful tool that can help, but is equally likely to throw up as many questions as it answers!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

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We are pleased to welcome back Mary Bodfish, who last spoke to us in February 2021 about 'The Baby in the Locket'.

This time her talk is entitled, '**Beer, Bets and Bull-baiting**' and she writes. *"Our forebears revelled in bull-baitings, cockfighting, boxing matches and abominable drunkenness; especially in the Black Country. The boozy, bloody amusements of the working classes rose and fell – and something remains of them today."*

NEXT MEETING

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'**Fred Hancox - An Exceptional Edwardian Amateur Coventry Photographer**' with speaker David Fry, a researcher and author from Coventry, who has been giving talks for over 25 years. David describes this talk:

"Twenty years ago a few glass plates turned up at a car boot sale in Warwickshire. This led to the discovery of many more that had been found in the attic of a house in Earlsdon. With a lot of detective work the photographer turned out to be a Coventry carpenter born in 1876 who appeared to take up the hobby in about 1900. Unusually he not only captured family life and holidays but also his workplace, events in the city, sporting events and military life from his time in the Royal Warwickshire Territorials. It is unusual to find such an extensive collection of working class amateur photographs from a period when the hobby was so expensive – normally it would be the domain of the middle classes with their own particular cultural interests."

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.

- **Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society** www.warwickshireias.org
Thu, 13 Jan *"Brass, Steel and Fire: 100 years of Model Engineering"* by Anthony Coulls, Senior Curator Rail Transport & Technology - National Railway Museum.
Online via ZOOM
- **Warwickshire Local History Society** www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk
Meeting at 2:00pm at Budbrooke Church Centre
Sat, 15 Jan *"The Black Book of Warwick"* by Emma Bromley.
- **Leamington History Group** <https://leamingtonhistory.co.uk>
Meeting at 7:30pm at Kingsley School Hall. All Meetings will be subject to Government advice and restrictions.
Mon, 24 Jan Annual General Meeting followed by '*A Photographic Tribute to Derek Billings*'.

Facebook



125
Likes



136
Followers

1921 CENSUS

So, have you found your parents/grandparents, etc in the 1921 Census yet?

The practical questions have been appearing all over social media and various family history publications since the big launch date of Thursday, 6 January 2022.

The ones that I have already come up against are (1) Where is the address? And (2) How can I get back to a record that I have already paid for?

Where is the address?

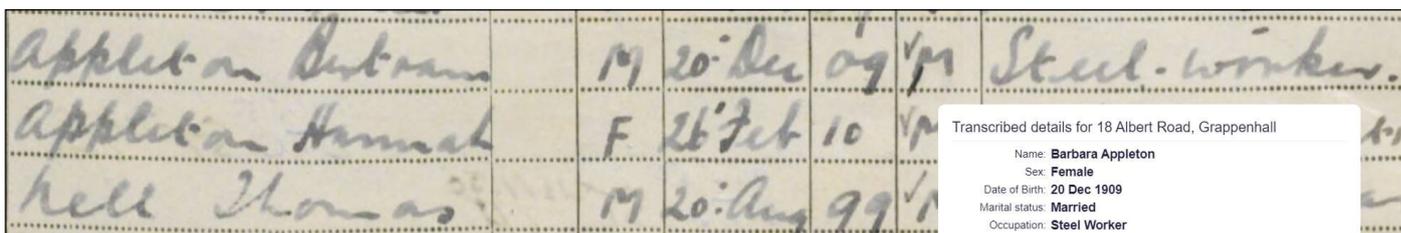
The address is on the reverse of the main page. This is the next related image and is available within the price paid to view the household entry form (£3.50/image or £2.50/transcription. For all 12-month Pro subscribers there is a 10% discount on any 1921 Census purchases). It can be most easily accessed by clicking the right arrow, but did you also know that there are a number of extra materials that are available within the price paid to view, one of which will be a contemporary area map as well as the area description? These can all be viewed by clicking 'Extra materials'.

How can I get back to a record I have already paid for?

I have experienced problems with this, but at the moment it is working; from the front page of FindMyPast, click on the Menu button: ☰ and select 'My Records', here you will see a list of the records. On the right-hand side you will see a tick over the 'View image' or 'View record' icons, dependant on which you have purchased. If you click on the ticked icon, you should see the record.

As usual, there has also been a lot of criticism of the transcriptions, so consider whether you want to spend that little bit more to look at the original image. The recommendation is always to work from the original document, but of course the search engine is based on the transcriptions.

A discussion in The Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine Group on Facebook commented that they were unable to find their ancestor Bertram Appleton (on this occasion in the 1939 Register), but when they tracked him down he was transcribed as "Barbara" and Female, despite the original image clearly showing an "M" in the sex column. As another person commented in response, this resulted in, "*Barbara Appleton, the world's first female steelworker!*"



Transcribed details for 18 Albert Road, Grappenhall

Appleton Bertram	M	20 Dec	09/99	Steel-worker.
Appleton Hannah	F	26 Feb	10/99	
Hill Thomas	M	20 Aug	99/99	

Name: Barbara Appleton
Sex: Female
Date of Birth: 20 Dec 1909
Marital status: Married
Occupation: Steel Worker

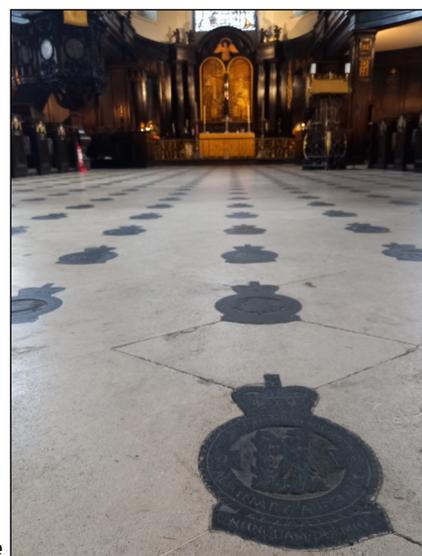
ST CLEMENT DANES CHURCH IN THE STRAND

Mum and I finally managed a visit to London in the first week of January (22 months since being in the audience of the final pre-pandemic theatre productions!).

We managed to walk ourselves silly over the best part of 3 days, which was preferable to being in the underground too much, but our wanderings included visiting St Clement Danes Church in the Strand, which is the Central Church of the RAF. With roadworks going on all around, and the bells pealing 'Oranges & Lemons', inside the church was an atmosphere of peace and quiet and well worth a visit if you're ever passing.

Rather like spotting the Royal Warwickshire Regimental badge on the hillside near Fovant last summer (as featured in the July 2021 newsletter), we managed to find the No.605 (County of Warwick) Squadron badge amongst the over 1000 Welsh slate Unit Badges that are inlaid into the floor of the Church.

Helen Eldridge



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