

FEBRUARY 2026

Midland Ancestors

LATEST NEWS AND BULLETIN UPDATES

ISSUE 2

SITUATIONS VACANT:

NORTH STAFFS PROGRAMME SECRETARY

THE NORTH STAFF PROGRAMME SECRETARY IS TASKED WITH INVITING AND BOOKING SPEAKERS, BOTH IN PERSON, CONFIRMING DATES AND ENSURING ALL LOGISTICAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

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BIRMINGHAM PROGRAMME SOCIETY

THE CURRENT SECRETARY HAS TO TRAVEL FROM NORTH WALES IN ALL WEATHERS -IS THERE A BIRMINGHAM MEMBER WILLING TO TAKE THIS ROLE ON? THE BIRMINGHAM PROGRAMME SECRETARY IS TASKED WITH INVITING AND BOOKING SPEAKERS RELEVANT TO THE BIRMINGHAM MEMBERS, BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE.

CONTACT THE OUTGOING PROGRAMME SECRETARY:

PETER MIDDLETON –

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MIDLAND ANCESTORS UPCOMING EVENTS:

FAMILY HISTORY SHOW: MALVERN SHOWGROUND - SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2026

BUY IN ADVANCE- 2 TICKETS FOR £14

[HTTPS://THEFAMILYHISTORYSHOW.COM/MIDLANDS/TICKETS/](https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/midlands/tickets/)

SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1ST 2026- ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

**A GENEALOGISTS FILING SYSTEM
USUALLY INCORPORATES THE
FLOOR!**

**GREAT NEWS! THE
ONLINE TALKS WERE A
SUCCESS! CHECK OUT
THE NEW ONLINE TALKS
COMING UP:**

**'BREAK DOWN YOUR BRICK
WALLS' BIRMINGHAM GROUP
ONLINE TALK: SATURDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY 2026@2PM
GUEST SPEAKER - MIKE
SHARPE
REGISTER ON- LINE VIA THE
WEBSITE.**

**KENILWORTH GROUP ONLINE
TALK: WEDNESDAY 11TH
FEBRUARY @ 7.30PM-
THOMAS STOKES,
APPRENTICE.
GUEST SPEAKER- STEVE
MANNING CHAIRMAN OF THE
FHS
REGISTER ON- LINE VIA THE
WEBSITE.**



**New to Zoom - don't miss out! Contact
Steve or Terry at itsupport@midanc.uk
and they'll guide you through it.**

**Society of Genealogists are offering
Zoom talks @£10 or free with Gold
Membership**

**Check out free AI talks at RootsTech(
FamilySearch) 5th-7th March- 'AI by
Dave Vance'.**

FREE TRAINING COURSES IN FAMILY HISTORY

PENNY SMITH – EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER AND TUTOR WILL BE DELIVERING THE FIVE WEEK COURSE FOR BEGINNERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE DONE A LITTLE RESEARCH BUT DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT. A CHOICE OF TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

EACH SESSION BETWEEN TWO / THREE HOURS– PLACES LIMITED, TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT THE RELEVANT LIBRARY:

MONDAY AFTERNOONS AT 2.15PM-
STARTING MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2026
AT: PERTON LIBRARY,
SEVERN DRIVE, PERTON WOLVERHAMPTON
WV6 7QU. 01902 506050

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM-
STARTING WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
2026 AT: WOMBOURNE LIBRARY, CHURCH
ROAD, WOMBOURNE WV5 9EZ. 01902
506055

ON 25TH FEBRUARY THE BLACK
COUNTRY SOCIETY LIVE EVENTS WILL
BE MOVING TO A NEW HOME AT THE
DUDLEY CANAL AND TUNNEL TRUST
BLACKCOUNTRYSOCIETYVHG@OUTLOOK.COM

GROUP MEETINGS:

NORTH STAFFS:

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY
@ 7.30PM
RESEARCH/HELP EVENING

WOLVERHAMPTON:

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
@ 7.30PM
MEMBERS EVENING

STOURBRIDGE & BLACK COUNTRY:

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
@ 2.30PM
J.M.W. TURNER & THE BLACK
COUNTRY

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GROUP
NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE
ALWAYS NEEDED

OBITUARIES:

SADLY WE HAVE LOST TWO
MEMBERS- DERYN HAWKES
WHO WAS THE EDITOR OF THE
JOURNAL FOR MANY YEARS
AND CHRIS EVETTS A VALUED
VOLUNTEER AND TRUSTEE .
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
GO OUT TO THEIR FAMILIES