

Situations Vacant:

- Vice-Chair for Genealogy:**

This role has become vacant due to Mike Sharpe stepping up to take over the position of Chairman.

Interests should be directed by email to:
trustees@midanc.uk

- Birmingham Programme Secretary**

The Birmingham Programme Secretary is tasked with inviting and booking speakers relevant to the Birmingham members, both in person and online, confirming dates and venues and ensuring all logistical and technical requirements are met.

Contact outgoing Programme Secretary:

Peter Middleton -
peter.bmsggh@googlemail.com

- North Staffs Programme Secretary:**

The North Staff Programme Secretary is tasked with inviting and booking speakers, both in person and online, confirming dates and venues and ensuring all logistical and technical requirements are met.

Contact: Dianne SHENTON
d.shenton@midanc.uk

- TRUSTEES WANTED:**

Help shape the strategic direction, support good governance, bring fresh ideas and work collaboratively with a committed board and volunteer team.

Contact: trustees@midanc.uk

Remember-

Your local group needs your support even if its just putting the chairs out, selling raffles tickets, or making the tea and coffee.

Go on give it a go you'll be made most welcome- you know it will make a difference!

Saturday Opening of the Family History Centre:

If this trial run proves popular then the Trustees will be looking to open the FHC on a more regular basis.

Check the website calendar for who will be on duty contact them direct

Use it- don't loose it!

Forthcoming 'in-person' July Events:

Birmingham- Saturday 4th July @ 2pm: 'Trace Your Irish Ancestors'- Paul Wilkins.

Kenilworth- Wednesday 8th July 7.30pm: 'Natural Daughters and Deserted Children- Dr Kate Croft.

London -Saturday 11th July @ 11am: ' Genetic Hide and Seek: Exploring Missing Ancestor Mysteries with Autosomal DNA'- Dr Sophie Kay.

North Staffs- Monday 6th July @ 7.30pm: Research Evening

Wolverhampton -Wednesday 29th July @7.30pm: Members Evening

Heraldry Group Meeting: Tuesday 28th July @7.30pm - B.M.I.

For further details on locations see the website. <https://midland-ancestors.uk/>

Scanner Appeal

The Society is seeking support from members to acquire a larger-format scanner that will allow us to properly preserve and digitise our collection of oversized and delicate materials acquired by the library but so far not accessible to members.

At present, we only have access to a standard A4 scanner- whilst suitable for everyday documents, it is simply not adequate for the larger books, maps, photographs, and archival images in our care. Attempting to force these items onto a small scanner risk damaging spines, causing irreversible damage to fragile originals. A larger-format scanner would allow us to capture these materials safely, accurately, and in full—preserving both their content and their condition for future generations.

Donations can be made via the on-line shop see below link:

<https://midland-ancestors.shop/Donation-Scanner?search=scanner>

Thank you for your support it will make such a difference.

West Midlands History Exchange:

<https://www.sahs.uk.net/news-west-midlands-history-exchange-june-2026-bulletin-2026-06-22>
Take a look at the above newsletter and sign up.

It's packed full of events all over our area, providing a wide & varied programme to suit everyone.

**Jewellery Quarter Festival
Saturday 11th July 2026**

Midland Ancestors will be in the Jewellery Museum- come along and say hello!

**AGRA Conference September 2027:
'Land and Life Researching our Rural Ancestors'**

They are calling for speakers. Applicants do not have to be a member of AGRA.

www.agra.org.uk/attachments/1776274703.pdf