

**A Warm Welcome to
New Members**

A warm welcome to all the new members who have joined Midland Ancestors as a result of the Birmingham Heritage Week held at the Family History Centre. The Librarians did a fantastic job, solving mysteries, breaking down brick walls and we look forward to next years event. We even had overseas visitors from Canada.

Heraldry Group:
Annual Gus Peplow Lecture
In person event
Saturday 17th October 2pm-4pm
‘My Grant of Arms’ by Tony Kelly
Tony is a proud Brummie, a Governor of the Birmingham Society and past President of St Paul’s Club. For over 30 years he worked at Firmin and Sons - button makers to Royal Household and the Armed Forces.

<https://britishslavetraders.org/>
New on-line database containing 13,000 British Slave Traders to accompany the new two- part BBC programme-’Finding Britains Slave Traders’ presented by Professor David Olusoga.

Monday 5th October 2026:
Birmingham and Midland Institute.
1-2pm
Talk, in person on
Dr John Hall-Edwards -
Birmingham’s Pioneering
Radiologist
by
Dr Arpan K. Banerjee
Free to BMI members, £6.13 for non-
members via Eventbrite.

Situations Vacant:
Marketing Officer
Midland Ancestors is seeking to appoint a Marketing Officer to coordinate marketing and public relations activities across the Society.

The role will involve working closely with officers and volunteers on marketing related issues, including the Chair, General Secretary, Bookshop Manager, Website Manager, Journal Editor and others. The position is available to both UK and Overseas members.

- Responsibilities will include:
1. Reviewing messaging across all marketing channels.
 2. Keeping leaflets and marketing collateral up to date.
 3. Preparing and issuing press releases about society events and activities.
 4. Liaising with volunteers responsible for the society’s website, journal and social media.
 5. Supporting the society’s Local Groups.

To discuss the role or express interest contact the Chair, Mike Sharpe - chairman@midanc.uk

<https://midland-ancestors.uk/> Check out forthcoming on line Zoom talks available to all.



Black Country History Day -
Saturday 17th October 2026 at Black Country Living Museum
2026 marks the 100th Anniversary of the British General Strike - £30 person includes a full day of interesting talks, lunch and opportunity to visit the museum.

<https://bclm.com/tickets-and-events/whats-on/black-country-history-day/>

London Family History Show:-
Saturday 3rd October 2026 10am-4pm
-Kempton Park
<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/london/>
Tickets Still Available

Interesting debate to watch on ethics and Ancestry’s website and posted family trees - Part 1 of Professor Turi King- genetitis (King Richard 111 & ‘DNA Family Secrets’) in converstaion with Fraser v Fraser (‘Heir Hunters’) on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZWYe4jFvZM>

‘Have your say on the future of Birmingham Group’- Saturday 5th September 2026:
297 members with Birmingham postcodes were invited to the above meeting, 10 apologies received and the meeting was attended by 22 - a mixture of members, librarians, volunteers and Trustees. Feedback from the meeting has been forwarded to the Executive Committee and is currently under review. Peter Middleton has stepped down as Birmingham Programme Secretary.