November 2026

Midland Ancestors

Latest news and bulletin updates

Issue 6

Situations Vacant:
Fairs Co-ordinator

Love meeting people, organsing events and helping keep local history alive?

We're looking for an enthusisatic volunteer to take the lead when we attend family history fairs and events throughout the year.

For further details contact: Steve freeman s.freeman@midanc.uk 07880781643

There's a new Head Librarian in town: Mark Thursfield m.thursfield@midancuk

WANTED!

Unwanted birth, marriage and death certificates.

Please send to Pauline and Jan at the Family History Centre.

plus

Articles for the Midland Ancestor Journal send to the editor - Linda Newey - l.newey@midanc.uk

The Editor is currently working on March and June 2027 journals.

Forthcoming Group Events:

- **Monday 2nd November** - North Staffs, Stoke on Trent - Members Research day.
- **Tuesday 3rd November** Codsall Library, Wolverhampton- Introduction to Family History Course. 2pm-4pm.
- **Wednesday 4th November** Wombourne Library – Introduction to Family History Course 2pm-4pm.
- **Saturday 7th November** - Birmingham Face to Face meeting 'Introduction to tracing your Irish ancestors - Guest Speaker - Paul Wilkins.
- **Saturday 7th November -** Stourbridge Research Day 10am-2pm.
- **Wednesday 11th November –** Kenilworth. Face to Face meeting -' A Private War - 1939-1945 diaries of Frederick George Draper. Guest Speaker - Carol Draper.
- **Tuesday 24th November -** 'Heraldry' group meeting, face to face - 7pm-9pm @Family History Centre, B.M.I.
- **Wednesday 25th November,** Wolverhampton Group - Perton Civic Centre, Christmas Social gathering.

Forthcoming On- line Zoom talks:

These will take place over the winter months. **Every member** welcome. Registration details will appear on the events calendar. Once registered you will receive a link via email. Shortly before the talk begins, click on the link and you will be given access.

- **Saturday 5th December 2026 - 2pm 'Hidden Secrets of 1939 National Register'.**
  Guest speaker - Linda Hammond.

A living document continously updated with birth, deaths, name changes and other crucial family details. In this presentation you'll discover how to crack the code on the hidden annotations and unlock information that other researchers miss.

- **Wednesday 13th January 2027 - 'Understanding Your Old Photos'**
  - **Steve Gill F.R.P.S.** https://www.photo-consult.co.uk- **more details to follow.**
- **Wednesday 10th February 2027 - 'Scandal! Cases before the bawdy Courts 1516-1848'**
  - **Anne Mealia - more details to follow.**

Heard through the grapevine of local heritage fairs or events for next year? Think Midland Ancestors should be there?

E mail- Kim Walker

General Secretary

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Smethwick Heritage Centre, Victoria Park Lodge

'The Museum in the Park',

High Street, Smethwick.

B66 3NJ.

Saturday 14th November 2026-

10am -4pm

Walsall Archives Local Fair:

Saturday 7th November 2026- 11am -3pm

Lichfield Street Hub, Lichfield Street, Walsall WS1 1TR

Local Heritage showcasing Black Country history, Talks, Books, Exhibitions, Family History support.

Come and say hello!

There's s new free quarterly newsletter available from:

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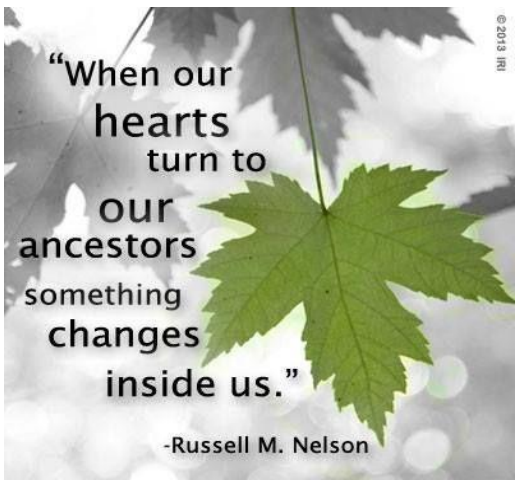
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