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<p>8 Jan</p>	<p>Helen Baggott TRAVELS WITH MY (GREAT GREAT) AUNT Helen is a freelance editor & writer from Blandford Forum, Dorset;she writes for WDYTYA, FamilyTree magazines and more. She has been a speaker at the Family History Federation’s Really Useful Show, The Genealogy Show, and the online All About That Place event <i>see their website for more info</i> This talk explores the holidays of our ancestors – climbing pyramids, sliding down glaciers, cruising the Med... Illustrated with postcards sent home from holidays, just how far did our ancestors travel for their holidays? <i>ZOOM LINK TBA – please email kenilworthfhs@gmail.com for info</i></p>	<p>ZOOM</p>
<p>12 Feb</p>	<p>Mary Bodfish THE COTTAGE BY THE WELL Mary says “The world of the past has fascinated me from my earliest memories; and exploring it continues to absorb me in retirement. My working life was spent firstly in bookselling and then in university administration, but days off frequently found me rummaging happily in record offices and libraries. I began working over 50 years ago on the question of “How come I was landed with the name Bodfish?”. Mary was a founder member of Smethwick Local History Society, and is currently chairman. She has taught local history research and palaeography for the University of Birmingham’s School of Continuing Studies. The talk... Between 1817 and 1865 the cottage by the well at Tadmarton was home to Mary’s 3g-grandmother, her daughter and her granddaughter. The first two made the same mistake in life – not so the third! This is the story of how Mary discovered their trials, tribulations and eventually triumphant survival in a world that was often hard and unforgiving. <i>ZOOM LINK TBA – please email kenilworthfhs@gmail.com for info</i></p>	<p>ZOOM</p>
<p>12 Mar</p>	<p>Paul Wilkins RESEARCHING IRISH ANCESTORS * <i>rescheduled from November 2024</i> * Paul is the founder of The Family Tree Tracers, Director of Family History Detectives and delivers family history courses at WCRO as well as giving talks and teaching genealogy, and writing for WDYTYA? Magazine.</p>	<p>LIVE</p>
<p>9 Apr</p>	<p>Jean Renwick RESEARCHING AND WRITING THE MOURNING BROOCH TRILOGY Jean Renwick’s talk reveals years of research behind her family saga, <i>The Mourning Brooch</i>, based upon the lives of real Yorkshire people who lived in the second half of the 19th and first half of the 20th century. After inheriting a mourning brooch, Jean was intrigued to know who was Elizabeth Addy, commemorated in the brooch, and what happened to the two little girls she left behind. The two novels of the trilogy so far published reveal how the sisters’ lives took them in very different directions. Using newspaper archives, Renwick discovered scandals, adding drama to the tale, and research in England and the USA revealed much about the personalities of the characters. And the story moves to London, Lancashire, Philadelphia – even Constantinople – all based on fact. Finally, she will report on progress in writing the final part of the saga covering two world wars. <i>The Mourning Brooch Book One, An Ending. A Beginning covers 1839-1876 and Book Two, Moving On reaches 1913. If you want to read the books ahead of the talk, they are available as a paperback or for Kindle on Amazon. More details and images can be found on www.jeanrenwickauthor.co.uk .</i> Group members are invited to bring to the meeting any examples of jewellery they have inherited, mourning jewellery particularly. The books will be available for sale on the night (paperback version discounted to £10).</p>	<p>LIVE</p>

14 May	<p>MAKG Annual Business Meeting (15 mins) plus Stephen Dyer</p> <p>CHILD MIGRATION – NOT ONE OF OUR BETTER DECISIONS! This talk looks at the long history of British child emigration schemes up to 1967 when some 150,000 children were sent overseas to settle and grow up in British colonies and dominions Stephen is a National U3A Genealogy Subject Adviser and a member of the Society of Genealogists</p>	LIVE
11 Jun	<p>Laurence Ince</p> <p>CHARLES DICKENS, WARWICKSHIRE and the GREAT JENNENS CASE Laurence is from Solihull, a member of Solihull Local History Circle, and has been working for many years on family history, particularly of his wife's family, the Holbeches of Alvechurch.</p>	LIVE
9 Jul	<p><i>with Summer Refreshments</i> Marie Fogg</p> <p>THE FEUD BETWEEN THE SMALBROKE AND COLMORE FAMILIES Looks at the feud that led to numerous court cases and attempted murder in the 17th century Marie is the author of several books, about the Smalbroke family of Birmingham and Thornton School</p>	LIVE
Aug	No meeting	
10 Sep	<p>Vanessa Morgan</p> <p>LAVINIA, PRINCESS OR FAKE? The story of Lavinia Ryves ho tried to prove in the 1860's, through documents iin her possession, that she was the granddaughter of the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III, and therefore entitled to a title and an inheritance. Vanessa worked as a professional genealogist and and local historian, and has written 6 books and many articles, as well as giving talks for many groups. She is a story-teller.</p>	LIVE
8 Oct	<p>Anne Langley</p> <p>USING TITHE DOCUMENTS AND MAPS FOR FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY (new resource) Anne is secretary of the Stretton on Dunsmore History Society, and author of <i>Victorian Village Life, Brandon Silk Mill, Warwick County Asylum and Joseph Ashby's Victorian Warwickshire.</i></p>	LIVE
12 Nov	<p>Graham Sutherland</p> <p>NORTH TO ALASKA... THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH 1897-1899 Local author and professional speaker, Graham is a retired Police Inspector, and has also been a town crier, and is a Blue Badge tourist guide. See website: www.talksandwalks.co.uk for more details.</p>	LIVE
10 Dec	Xmas event, Refreshments provided by the Committee	LIVE
	<p>LIVE meetings are held at the Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park, Kenilworth, CV8 1QJ 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start Email: kenilworthfhs@gmail.com</p>	