**KENILWORTH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY: 2018 PROGRAMME**

**We should be very grateful if you would publicise our 2018 Programme of Meetings on your website or bulletins. This is, of course, a reciprocal process as our bulletins feature your activities, too. I hope you can help us.**

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**Wednesday, 10 January 2018**

As part of the Society’s commemoration of WW1, we welcome back well-known local historian, Sue Tall, who will give a talk on ‘Warwickshire at War’. As part of this presentation there will a display of banners produced by Warwick Museum & Heritage Services.

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**Wednesday, 14 February 2018**

The Society welcomes Barry Franklin who will speak about the Leamington Slum Clearance Company, set up after WW1 to try to meet housing needs following the war. How well did local authorities cope with Lloyd George’s pledge of a land ‘fit for heroes’ as the men came home?

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**Wednesday, 14 March 2018**

Popular local historian and speaker Anne Langley visits us to talk about ‘Warwickshire Almshouses’ with a focus on local institutions. She has spoken to the Society on several occasions in the past and we are assured of an informative and interesting talk.

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**Wednesday, 11 April 2018**

The Kenilworth Family History Society hold its Annual Business Meeting, to be followed by a talk on ‘St Mary Guildhall: a Window into Medieaval Coventry’ by Marcus Lynch, who works at the Guildhall. This should give us an insight into how important Coventry was in those times.

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**Wednesday, 9 May 2018**

The Society is pleased to welcome another speaker from The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, James Ranahan, who will tell the story of the links between Harvard House and the founding of Harvard University in a talk entitled: ‘Stratford and Harvard University – Understanding the Family Connection’.

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**Wednesday, 13 June 2018**

A particular branch of family history is research about a specific family name and the Society welcomes Barbara Griffiths, a member of the Guild of One Name Studies, to explain its activities in a talk called: ‘Surname Studies – an Introduction to the Guild of One Name Studies’.

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**Wednesday, 11 July 2018**

This meeting of the Society will feature short talks on aspects of family history research by members. Of course, as usual, non-members will be welcome.

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**AUGUST: no meeting**

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**Wednesday, 12 September 2018**

Family history researchers often find records relating to occupations, professions and trades a valuable source, so the Society is very pleased to welcome Helen Ford from the Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick, who will give a talk entitled: ‘Trades & Occupations: how to use trades’ union archives for family history.’

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**Wednesday, 10 October 2018**

Nick Booker, who has great experience in arts and heritage marketing and management and a particular interest in the British Postal service, will speak about *‘500 Years of Innovation: the British Postal System’* in which he will also give details of the story of Mail Rail and the recently revamped Postal Museum. This is a rearranged talk from 2017 when Nick Booker was unable to visit us.

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**Wednesday, 14 November 2018**

One hundred years after the end of WW1, we are pleased to welcome for the second time in the year, Sue Tall, who will give a talk relating to her recently published book, ‘Discovering War Memorials’*.*

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**Wednesday, 12 December 2018**

A members’ social meeting – details to be arranged. To be followed by Christmas refreshments.