

Bristol and Avon Family History Society

Family History Fair in Bristol

Attention all family history enthusiasts and those thinking about starting on their research. Put **Saturday 28th September 2019** in your diary. The Bristol & Avon Family History Society will be holding its Family History Fair at **British Aerospace Welfare Association (BAWA) Leisure Centre, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG.**

The day will be an opportunity for anyone who needs help or advice on family history matters to have **face-to-face sessions with local experts and representatives** of Bristol & Avon Family History Society and other societies including Devon, Gloucestershire, Gwent, Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset & Dorset, Weston-super-Mare & District, and Wiltshire. Over 30 exhibitors have signed up to attend.

Representatives from Bath and Bristol Archives will be on hand to give information and advice. A number of local history societies and museums will also be attending to allow visitors to gather more information on the work and living conditions that their ancestors may have experienced. New and second-hand books, postcards, maps, family history CDs, software and accessories will be available from a range of commercial exhibitors.

Bristol & Avon FHS itself will be launching its new CD of transcriptions and indexes of Bristol Apprentices Books in Bristol Archives covering the period 1532 to 1724.

There will be introductory talks on 'Starting your F.H. Research' and 'Using the Internet'. These will be aimed at those who want to get started on researching their families. These will start at **10.30 a.m.** and attendees will be given **free** informative handouts, magazines and other useful research and recording tools.

There will be a number of other talks during the day, the subjects including the Suffragette movement and its importance in the Bristol / Bath area, Canadian Research, Irish Heritage, tracing 'Windrush' roots, and identifying military uniforms and medals.. There will also be an updated presentation of the **'Know Your Place West of England Historic Mapping Project'**, the project which started in Bristol but which now covers historic Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon and Wiltshire as well as Bristol and Bath. The talk will be tailored to how the mapping system can be used in family history research. Full details of talks and times will be advertised nearer the date.

The prizes in the free raffle include subscriptions to commercial websites and publications, DNA kits and books.

Doors open at 10.00 a.m. and admission is £2.00, children FREE. This gives access to the Fair, entrance to all talks and the free raffle. The Fair closes at 4.00 p.m. There is ample free parking. A range of refreshments will be available or you can bring your own. If you have an interest in, or a question about, your family's history this is an event you cannot afford to miss. For more information, a full list of exhibitors and details of the talks please visit the B&A FHS website: www.bafhs.org.uk