

Bristol and Avon Family History Society

'OPEN THE DOOR ON YOUR FAMILY HISTORY HERITAGE'

Family History Fair in Bristol

Attention all family history enthusiasts and those thinking about starting on their research. Put the **9th September 2017** in your diary. On the occasion of the national Heritage Doors Open Weekend, 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 [including the Sodbury Vale Group] 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 Archives and the Somerset Heritage Centre will be on hand to give 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.

There will be a free seminar on 'Starting your F.H. Research'. This will last for a couple of hours plus a break halfway through. There will also be four talks during the day on the subjects of:

'Giving Your Research The WhoDoYouThinkYouAre? Experience' by Sarah Williams, Editor of the magazine of the same name

'The Know Your Place West of England Historic Mapping Project' by Peter Insole, the lead officer of the original project started in Bristol but which now covers historic Glos, Somerset and Wilts as well as Bristol and Bath

'Researching Adoption' by Penny Walters, professional genealogist

and 'The Importance and Value of Ephemera in your Research' by Jane Howells of the British Association for Local History.

Fuller details and times will be on our website nearer the date.

There will be a raffle for prizes which include subscriptions to commercial websites and publications, data CDs, books and storage materials.

Doors open at 10.00 a.m. and admission is FREE. This gives access to the fair and entrance to the seminar and talks. The Fair closes at 4.00 p.m. There is ample free parking and good public transport to the location. 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 seminar and talks please visit the B&A FHS website: www.bafhs.org.uk