

BMSGH Bromsgrove
Branch Briefing
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“Dating Old Photographs”

Our Christmas meeting will be an opportunity for you to bring your old photographs that you may find difficult to identify the date when the photograph was taken.

Bring along your pre-World War 2 photographs and we aim - by running twin digital projectors – to try to identify features that may enable a date to be assigned to each photograph.

We are starting at 7.30pm for those who wish to bring their photographs and have them scanned. Otherwise 7.45pm as usual.

Tea, coffee and Christmas fare will be served!

Computer Tip

A lot of people don't know that pressing the Print Screen key on the keyboard copies the current display to the clipboard; even I didn't realise that if you hold down the ALT key while you press Print Screen it only copies the current window.

Death Registration

In Scotland all deaths must be registered within 8 days, but in England & Wales a death cannot be registered until the cause of death has been established (for deaths referred to a coroner). A consequence of this procedure is that there are around 10,000

deaths per annum which are registered at least 6 months after the event, so many deaths fall into a different calendar year.

Will you share your DNA?

The Personal Genome Project UK is part of a global initiative to collect DNA from individuals - with their permission - and sequence it for the benefit of humanity. There are risks involved in taking part in this project - although your name will not be published your DNA will be, and in theory it might be possible for you to be identified.

The potential benefits for humanity are great. I don't have any children, so it's possibly the only way my genes can contribute to the evolution of the human race. Let's face it, if someone actually wanted a sample of my DNA it wouldn't be that hard to get one without my knowledge - I leave a DNA sample almost every time I touch something, whether it's a door knob or a coffee cup.

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These are on <http://papuraunewyddcymru.llgc.org.uk/en/home>
I have found a number of entries concerning my local area of interest, an example :-

Evening Express 1st February 1894

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS. Agricultural Depression Causes a Big Farmer to Suicide. Early this morning Mr. Statham, a farmer in a large way at Wythall, near Birmingham, committed suicide by blowing out his brains. He recently sustained heavy pecuniary losses as the result of agricultural depression. He placed the barrel of his gun to his mouth and discharged the trigger by means of a piece of string'. He was well-known in the Midlands, and his tragic end created quite a sensation.

Enjoy the Yule Tide celebrations
Regards Mike Fisher