"Quiz Night with Festive Refreshments"

Programme Organiser and Society Member Annette Chubb has organized an evening of fun and education to proceed the annual mince pie and cake gathering. Please make sure you attend in order to make this a happy and festive occasion.

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Do you have living relatives who served in the forces in WWII ?

I don't but my father-in-law is living in a care home in Bromsgrove.
He was a Lancaster Bomber pilot and we have his log books and training records. The log books are very interesting ,record every hour of his flying career. He only ever talks about his training and has never, and will not, talk about his Lancaster Bomber flights. It does not say when he entered the service, where and when he was posted or when he was discharged.

So we filled out a "request for personal data and service records" from

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records

As he was requesting his own records there is no charge.

We filled in the form, he signed it, it was posted and the results came back within a fortnight !!!!!!

Four A3 pages of information plus covering letter apologizing for the quality of the photocopies. Compared with a lot of other documents we look at they were crystal clear.

He joined in Birmingham in January 42 and was finally discharged in November 54 with a wealth of information on the intervening years.

So if you know someone in this position get them sign the forms now.

When Ancestry or FamilySearch says they added "100 million new 'records'" what are they really describing?

As an example, you have one (USA) census sheet. It has six households, of twenty-four rows of names, with eight columns of personal background for a total of one hundred and ninety-two cells of raw data.

So does that census sheet represent 1, 6, 24, or 192 "records" according to Ancestry and FamilySearch?

FamilySearch defined a census record as a household, while Ancestry defined it as a single row. This has recently changed recently so Family Search have increased their amount by counting rows.

But for some records FamilySearch count names rather than records if you read their claim precisely. One marriage record can be counted as four records added , bride, groom and two fathers. Ancestry used to do this but after complaints now call one record, one record no matter how may individuals appear in it.

Due to circumstances beyond my control this is it for now

Hope to see you on Tuesday.

Season Greeting to all of you.

Mike Fisher

January Meeting :-
The Seventeenth Century Foleys "
"Iron, Wealth & Vision 1580-1716"
by Roy Peacock