

Midland Ancestors



Bromsgrove Branch Briefing

Editor Mike Fisher

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"The Baby in the Locket"

by *Mary Bodfish*



A fragile gold locket inherited from Mary's great-grandmother contains a tiny faded photograph of a baby, and solving the mystery of its identity was one of the links in a 250 year chain of family history through Wolverhampton, Derby and Yorkshire that Mary has - not without difficulty - put together.

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The Worcestershire Archive Cuts

Councillor Bob Brookes, a member of the Droitwich History & Archaeological Society has asked to forward his update on the current position re council services. p.t.o.

Subject: Re: Worcestershire Archives
Urgent message for all WLHF members

I am disappointed that you have been asked to distribute incorrect and out of date information.

The County Council has to make savings in order to cope with the increasing demands for social care.

We need to spend an additional £23 million pounds next year on social care in Worcestershire as demand for these services grows. This means that all County Council departments have been asked to look at their budgets, and see if there are possible savings and better and more efficient ways they can work. However decisions can be, and are being reviewed following consultation. This is a normal part of the process, and no departments or services are "under attack"

As your local councillor I have been involved with this review process.

The Council has listened to the feedback during the Budget consultation process. As a result we are deleting proposed savings attributed to highways and our countryside service. We are reducing the savings proposals for libraries and the archives service as well as proposing a new Communities Fund to help enable the changes the need to happen.

This information was issued to the press last Thursday (24th January) by Simon Geraghty, the leader of the Council and has already appeared in some local papers.

You have no need to worry, sign petitions, or write protest letters, and I would be grateful if you would kindly distribute this information so that members are properly informed.

Best regards
Bob

Cllr Bob Brookes
Town, District, and County Councillor for Droitwich East.

*Our next meeting on the 12th March the "the AGM"
followed by 'Lord Austin of Longbridge' by Max Hunt*

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