

# BMSGH BROMSGROVE BRANCH BRIEFING

**Editor: Mike Fisher January 2012**

**Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 7.45 p.m.**

**“The Rescue of Local Historic Buildings”**

**by Trevor Bott - one of our members**

Trevor will look at a selection of our local historic buildings and describe some that have been rescued from demolition and destruction.

These buildings are now part of our heritage enabling us to have the opportunity to find out how our ancestors lived and worked.

Reference will be made to the history of the buildings, the people that lived there and the trades they followed - by the use of Census, Wills and other documents.

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## **1911 census.**

From the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 the 1911 census images were available in unredacted form. So you can see details of infirmities.

## **A Few Useful Websites**

<http://www.iannounce.co.uk/>

Iannounce for the UK. Over 4,284,000 obituaries, death notices, wedding announcements and all other family announcements, from 494 newspapers, updated daily.

<http://www.mocavo.co.uk/>

Mocavo is the world's first and largest genealogy search engine. Our search index indexes over four billion names

<http://www.macearchive.org>

The Media Archive for Central England (MACE) is the screen archive for the Midlands.

MACE is part of a network of public moving image archives that collectively preserve the UK's moving image heritage. We are also an integral part of the network of public archives and record offices across the Midlands.

<http://www.marriage-locator.co.uk/>

The Marriage Locator Cracking the code of the GRO Marriage Index

This website enables you to interpret the Marriage Index created by the General Register Office for England and Wales. By using it you can determine where your ancestors were married - not just which Registration District, but which church!

<http://sites.google.com/site/freeancestry4u/>

Free Ancestry 4U. Absolutely free Ancestry research data. Not just free indexes or free search results, but websites with actual data. That is what you will find here. A worldwide family research tool.

### **Think you know how to say '2012'.**

First, say out loud the year 1942. You probably said nineteen forty-two, which is correct.

Now say out loud the year 1910. You probably said nineteen ten, which is also correct.

Now say out loud the year 2012. You probably said two thousand and twelve. Why did you say that?

People should be saying twenty twelve for the year 2012.

### **When Christmas was cancelled**

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas break as much as I did - but did you know that there was a time when it was illegal to celebrate Christmas? When Oliver Cromwell took over Parliament banned feasting and carolling, and it was not until the Restoration in 1660 that traditional celebrations were once again permitted

Happy New Year

Mick the Fish