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The Shilling: An Old Contemptible's Story

THE chance discovery of an old coin led to a First World War hero's incredible story being published on the internet.
Journalist John Phillpott became curious after finding a Boer War Kruger shilling while tidying a drawer at his home in Worcester. He remembered a family story that the coin had been carried as a talisman by his late great-uncle, a soldier who fought with the Northamptonshire Regiment during the opening battles of the war in France and Flanders. But this was only the beginning of his odyssey. For he not only painstakingly retraced the footsteps of a soldier of the British Expeditionary Force in that fateful year of 1914 but also met the descendants of the wounded man his relative had carried to safety during the hell that was the First Battle of Ypres...

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There is a new magazine covering our area.

History West Midlands,a new independent website which will provide free access to a variety of programmes and different media focusing on the history of the people of the West Midlands, their ideas, innovation and industry. The site is currently in development, and will launch in 2013 together with the first issue of the ***History West Midlands*** magazine.
See more about it and register for a free copy of the magazine on
http://historywm.com

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Find My Past the TV show is back for a second series!

Each week in the new 10-part series, we reveal how **three people are related to someone from a significant historical event** by searching the records on findmypast.co.uk. We follow their journey as they discover who their ancestor is and the part they played in history.

At the end of each episode, we unite the participants and **reveal how they are connected**.

Watch the next episodes of the show on **Tuesdays at 9pm** from 8 January 2013 on the Yesterday channel: Freeview channel 19, Sky 537, Virgin Media 203.

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New Years Resolutions

Check your older research – does it need need updating?
Focus on different lines - research your "forgotten" lines
Handle some original documents – handling old documents helps bring your family history to life.
Check your contacts list – finding "cousins" is easy , try and keep in touch with them.
Remember it's better to give than receive – what family information can you share with your "cousins".
Think the impossible – it can break down that "brick wall".

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Preserving *your* family's history
read this PDF guide from Staffordshire Record Office

http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives/services/InformationLeaflets/20caringforfamilypapers12.pdf

Regards Mike Fisher