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BRANCH BRIEFING
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Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 7.45 p.m.
“Woven in Kidderminster”
Melvyn Thompson

Kidderminster was once the "woven carpet capital of the world". After WW2 over 15,000 people were employed in the industry in the Kidderminster area.

Melvyn's talk explains why and how the town developed an existing cloth industry into carpet weaving.

The early years of the cottage industry, the social history, trouble and strikes and the inevitable move to power looms are all part of the town's heritage.

After the break using Ancestry only to build my tree Pt IV
(time and the internet connection allowing)

Missing baptism? Try June 1837

When civil registration was introduced in England & Wales in July 1837 there were a lot of misunderstandings - which is hardly surprising considering that half the population were illiterate. There was also a certain amount of misinformation circulated by members of the clergy, who not only objected to the new 'civil marriages' but also argued that baptism registers were a more reliable source of information than the new birth registers.

Register of baptisms for St Nicolas, Witham, Essex had an exceptionally high number of baptisms in the last week of June 1837. Whilst there had been just 25 baptisms in the 6 months from January to June 1836, in the last 6 days of June 1837 there were 27!

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Ancestry Old Search

Ancestry has announced that it is removing the “old search” as the program code is “too old”. However, it is going to incorporate its features in a the “Show Advanced” form where there is an “match terms exactly” box and the ability to “restrict to exact” for forenames, surnames & location. Plus “exact” boxes to tick on other fields.

Then there is the facility to show only results from selected record collections and “restrict to” boxes for historical records, family trees, stories & publications, and maps & photos.

They are going to do it no matter what !!!!!

EU to stop us researching our ancestors?

An article in the Irish Times talks about EU proposals to extend data protection regulations to include public records, such as the birth, marriage, and death information held by the GRO has caused some concern amongst genealogists.

Bromsgrove Messenger

You should be aware by now that we have the Bromsgrove Messenger newspaper on our website for FREE, 1860 - 1937.

Now we'd like to know what you think about the Messenger resource and how you're using the newspapers. Have you discovered a family story or scandal? Are you using them to study some aspect of Bromsgrove's history? Are you using them with a school or study group?

Please tell us your stories so we can understand how to make the site even better. We now have a few years Birth, Marriage and Death announcements on a searchable index have you tried those?

Just Log-in <http://www.bromsgrovebmsggh.co.uk/> and go to our Worcestershire Family History Forum Board and go to the General Family History Section. On the Bromsgrove Messenger topic, click on 'Reply Topic' and add your comments.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Regards Mike Fisher