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BRANCH BRIEFING
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“Local Farmhouses and their Histories”

by

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our well-known local speaker



Richard will present a personal selection of farmhouses in East Worcestershire and West Warwickshire, looking at their development and how farmhouses inform us of the changes in the countryside which our ancestors lived through.

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

How much does it cost ?

The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees)(Amendment) Order 2012 tells you how much things cost.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/760/article/4/made#text%3Dfees%20births>

National Library of Wales, which also holds wills, parish registers, and many other documents of importance to family historians, was struck by a fire which destroyed part of a roof. Some of the collections suffered damage, but it isn't yet clear what records were affected.

Marriage announcements in the Stamford Mercury Friday 6th September 1839

On Friday last at Birmingham, Mr Thos Gillson, iron dealer of Newark to Miss M Turner of Coventry. This is the fourth time this sprightly but toothless Lothario has been joined in the bands of Hymen.

Hells Bells

Blackburn Standard, 21st July 1900

In the parish of Runwell, Essex, an apparatus has been lately invented by the rector for ringing the church bells by electricity. The origin of the invention is rather curious. The rector, finding a difficulty in obtaining bell-ringers, ring the bells for three months himself. In order to save the labour involved in performing the task, he invented the "Automatic Ringer" and erected the apparatus in the church tower. By connecting the machine to the electric current already in use for lighting the church and rectory, he succeeded in ringing the bells with perfect order and precision. The invention is in all respects a success, and the apparatus can be worked by oil-power instead of electricity. This makes the invention of general interest with regard to bell-ringing. The "Automatic Ringer." For which a patent has been obtained, can be supplied to churches and buildings whenever required. The profits will be devoted by the rector to the fund for restoring the ancient church of Runwell, where the invention had its birth.

Childhood memories

Scientists have discovered the reason why we remember so little from our early years - it seems that our brains aren't geared up to establish long-term memories until we're 4 years old.

***Our July meeting on Tuesday 9th will be "Woven in Kidderminster"
By Melvyn Thompson. Note - no meeting in August.***

Regards

Mike Fisher