

**BMSGH Bromsgrove**  
**Branch Briefing**  
**Editor: Mike Fisher**  
**Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.45 p.m.**

**“Memorabilia of World War I and II”**

You are invited to bring along all your World War 1 and 2 memorabilia to this meeting.

The items will be displayed and there will be an opportunity to give the background to any history or stories associated with your particular memorabilia.

If you are not sure about the identity of an item bring it along!  
– let’s find out what the audience know about it!

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(There will be a short AGM prior to this session)

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**Find-A-Record** is a searchable worldwide index of records collections. A family history researcher can enter available information about where and when their ancestors lived and discover the various record collections available.

For more information about Find-A-Record, go to <http://findarecord.com>

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**Heard on R4** as I type an interview with a 50 year old woman who was having her second child (by IVF) after a gap of 32 years. Now how many family historians would credit a second child after a gap of 20 years let alone 32 !!

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**Local WW1 Books on CD**

**MidlandsHistoricalData.org**

Has “The Worcester Regiment in The Great War” The definitive history of the Worcester Regiment in the Great War. It was commissioned by Worcester County Council as part of the County War Memorial. Illustrated with over 100 maps of engagements, and over 50 pages of photographs, this is a superbly detailed account of all the actions in

which the various Battalions of the Regiment engaged.

“History of the 2/6th Battalion The Royal Warwicks (1914 - 1919)” History of this Battalion of the Warwickshire Regiment in the Great War. Slightly formal in its style, but nevertheless a valuable account of events. Includes a Roll of Honour, and list of honours and awards.

“The 11th Royal Warwicks in France (1915 - 1916)” History of this battalion from 1915-1916 based on the personal diary of its commanding officer. A fascinating and thorough first-hand account of events.

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**45th Industrial Archaeology Conference**  
**South Wales and West of England Region**  
**<http://www.wialhs.org.uk/>**  
**Saturday 12th April 2014**

WIALHS would like to extend an invitation to members of societies in the region to join us at the conference in 2014 and offer below an outline of the programme, which will comprise four speakers during the day followed by a choice of site visits in late afternoon.

**Speakers:**

Melvyn Thomson from the newly created Museum of Carpet in Kidderminster

David Postle from the Kidderminster Railway Museum.

Christopher Taft from the British Postal Museum & Archive to talk briefly about the link with Kidderminster and Rowland Hill, founder of the Post Office and then, as 2014 marks 100 years since the start of WW1, he will talk about the part played by The Post Office Rifles and the Victoria Cross won by one of their number, Sergeant Alfred Knight.

Dr Ian West from the Association for Industrial Archaeology (AIA) to talk about the “Introduction of Technology to the Country House.”

**Site visits:**

1 Kidderminster Museum of Carpet

2 Kidderminster Railway Museum

3 Drakelow Tunnels, the site of a WW2 shadow factory used for the manufacture of aero engines and subsequently a seat of Regional Government, the site was on the secret list until 1993. This visit offers a rare opportunity to see this unique site. There will be an additional charge of £10 per person. This visit will be restricted to just 40 places on a first come first served basis.

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For our April meeting on 8th we have a talk “A Tragic Family?” by member Annette Chub

Regard Mike Fisher