

**BMSGH Bromsgrove
Branch Briefing
Editor Mike Fisher**

Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.45 p.m.

“Annual General Meeting”

followed by

“Family History Questions & Brick Walls”

An opportunity for members to get their Family History questions answered and in the process perhaps break down those brick walls.
(The internet willing there may be online help)

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Family Tree Maker is no longer available from Ancestry and support will finish. Software MacKiev acquired the rights to all versions of Family Tree Maker, but they have no plans to revive Family Tree Maker Classic, they are only continuing with New Family Tree Maker, now known as Software MacKiev Family Tree Maker. You cannot buy Family Tree Maker from Ancestry.com any more. Right now, you can only buy Software MacKiev Family Tree Maker 2014 from the web store on their site. If you already have Family Tree Maker 2014 you will get a ***Free Upgrade***. The free update for Ancestry.com Family Tree Maker 2014 users will be provided through the auto-update feature within Family Tree Maker. If you choose to by the new version you can buy a so-called Family Pack. The Family Pack upgrades your license from a single copy to three copies, and that can be any mix of Family Tree Maker 2014 for Windows and Family Tree Maker 3 for Mac OS X editions.

Coincidences – Jennie Harris and me both live in properties that were part of the Westwood Park estate that belonged to the Pakington family. We both came from south Birmingham and looking at her family tree we found he grandparents lived at 12 Bromwall Rd Billesley in the 1939 register. I used to pass their house every day on the way to and from school in the 1950s.

Next – On a recent Saturday morning whilst mucking out our stables we noticed an Afro-Caribbean lad there. He was distressed and said someone was after him with a gun and would we phone the police. While waiting for the Police told me that he had come to see his Irish father's family in Droitwich after the death of his mother in Birmingham. I said I came from Billesley and he said he lived in Chinn Brook Rd, I lived in Hallstead Rd which joins Chinn Brook Rd and lead to Bromwall Rd.

I use Google Alerts as a means of getting new information on my rarer ancestral surnames. This week I received this email :-

Google Alerts

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As-it-happens update - February 19, 2016

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Artiss
Le Nécrologue
Obituary of Harriett **Artiss** Harriett, loving Mother, Nana and Granana passed away Wednesday February 17, 2016 at the Wascana Grace Hospice.

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Going to the link we find :-



The obituary page features a portrait of Harriett Artiss in a silver frame on the left, set against a background of white lilies. The main text reads: "In Memory of Harriett Artiss Wednesday, February 17, 2016". To the right are buttons for "Add Photo", "Light Candle", and "Add Condolence". Below the main text is a "Send Flowers" button and a "Grief SUPPORT" image showing hands clasped together.

Obituary of Harriett Artiss

Harriett, loving Mother, Nana and Granana passed away Wednesday February 17, 2016 at the Wascana Grace Hospice. She will be sadly missed by her daughters Shaunda (Roy) Howerton; Karen (Chris) Pasterfield and Dianne (Kelly) Brock; grandchildren Nicki (Ryan), Robyn (Ryan), Danielle (Michael), Ryan, Alex and great-grandchildren Tanner, Evan, Grady, Halle and Ryker. Harriett was the heart of a very successful family business enjoying spending time talking curling to her customers or re-living the 8-ender she scored at the Tartan Curling Club. After her family, she had a love for most sports especially the Riders, Expos, Blue Jays, and all things curling and golf. There will be a Celebration of Harriett's Life at the Wascana Golf and Country Club, 6500 Wascana Drive, Regina, SK, S4P 3C2, on Monday February 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. The family would like to thank friends and caregivers for their kindness during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Regina Wascana Hospice, 50 Angus Road, Regina, SK, S4R 8P6 or Cosmopolitan Learning Centre, Box 1517, Regina, SK, S4P 3C2.

Family information on the wife of my 4th cousin 1x removed

Next Month we have "Old Pubs & Lost Hostelrys"
by Richard Churchly

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