

BMSGH BROMSGROVE
BRANCH BRIEFING
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Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 7.45 p.m.

*We are having a theme of
weddings and it's memorabilia.*



We need everyone to bring something, whether it be unusual certificates from around the world, invitations, or other artifacts.

You can bring photographs on paper or photographs and videos - digitized and on a USB memory stick.

You could even bring clothing.

Family trees showing 'unusually close' relationships are welcome.

You can hand-draw links if the tree program can't.

The youngest person to marry

Earliest marriage record

The most marriages

Will you live longer if you make a will?

Research carried out in New South Wales and published in 2006 found that the average age at death of people who made a will was 81.2 years, whereas people who died intestate were, on average, only 60 years old.

1911 Census schedule

Written out by the enumerator, who noted that it had been
"Recopied because of strong smell of fried fish"!

Google Newspaper Archive

This week Google started to give more prominence to its historic newspaper archive. After an absence of almost ten months, there is even the potential that Google may once again restart digitizing more historic newspapers. If it happens, this would be big news for the genealogy community. Even if it doesn't happen, genealogists now have better access to one of the best free collections of historic newspapers on the internet.

[Http://news.google.co.uk/archivesearch](http://news.google.co.uk/archivesearch).

If you have links over the border you may be interested in the North Warwickshire Family & Local History Day taking place in Wolvey on Saturday 12th May. The Baptist Chapel and parish Church will both be open, too, which is wonderful for those with local connections but who do not usually have chance to visit. The Village Hall is the focal point for the event with displays from a number of family and local history groups; help desks, access to data, books & CDs (including the launch of transcriptions of Wolvey PRs) - and refreshments to keep you going!

The website www.nnwfhs.org.uk will have a poster and a ground plan of what is where in the village for you to view/print.

If you can visit, please note that parking around the village can be difficult - but the Bulls Head pub is more than happy for visitors to park there (and where meals are available throughout the day!).

Regards

Mike Fisher