

**BMSGH Bromsgrove
Branch Briefing
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“Visions of Worcestershire”
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Views of Worcestershire places from A to Z.

(all the right letters but not necessarily in the right order) taken from Mike's collection of images from old postcards and personal photographs.

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BROMSGROVE Museum is on track to reopen in the near future with ambitious plans in the pipeline to transform the building.

The Birmingham Road-based museum was closed nearly seven years ago by Bromsgrove District Council due, the authority said, to spiralling running costs and reduced visitor numbers.

The museum houses Dennis Norton's lifetime collection of thousands of artefacts, known as the Norton Collection.

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Have you asked your aged relatives what they were doing on VE Day ? Or if you are of certain age too busy sorting out their finances and care. If you still have relatives

who were alive NOW is the time to ask them. If you have a “smart” phone you can record their memories/thought on the “War”. Personally my father (excused boots) was at Park Hall Camp Oswestry, but he died 20 years ago and I didn't ask him. My mother was a seamstress in the centre of Birmingham, but I didn't ask her. My father-in-law was in the RAF flying Lancasters, but now is now in Housman Court (opposite the Methodist Centre car park) and just talks about his journey to the USA on the Queen Mary to be trained as a pilot in Texas. As of now I have not yet spoken to my mother-in-law who was munition worker in Birmingham working on bomb timers.(will do this VE weekend).

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Jeanne Louise Calment was born 21 February 1875 in Arles, France. She lived a remarkably full life and remained vibrant to the end, passing away on 4 August 1997 at the incredible age of 122 years, 164 days! Her entire lifespan is well documented with census and other records, and she is the only human in history verified to have lived 120 or more years.

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FamilySearch has added to its collections more than 18.3 million indexed records and images for England, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Notable collection updates include 10,026,835 indexed records and 776,840 images from the England, Westminster Rate Books, 1634–1900 collection; 4,327,810 indexed records from the United Kingdom, World War I Service Records, 1914–1920 collection;

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KEEP AN OPEN MIND: always allow for the possibility that anything and everything you know about a particular relative could be wrong.

MAKE USE OF EVERY AVAILABLE RESOURCE: don't ignore data simply because you don't have a subscription to a particular website - it's like trying to clap with one hand.

Regards

Mike Fisher

For our June meeting on the 9th we have “Reading old Wills & Deeds from National Archives and Local Record Offices” by Jenny Townshend.