

# BMSGH BROMSGROVE BRANCH BRIEFING

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**Tuesday 14th December at 7.45 p.m.**

***“The Ancestor I would most like to meet”***

This will be short presentations of 15 – 20 minutes by some of our own Branch members.

This meeting will take the form of our Christmas Social  
– come along and enjoy!!



## **An idea for Christmas presents**

I have notice a number of books they may be suitable to give to non family historian people with children or grandchildren.

These are a range of books by Neil Coxon called

Dear Grandma, from you to me

Dear Grandad, from you to me

Dear Mum, from you to me

Dear Dad, from you to me

They consist of around 60 inspiring questions carefully designed to help them reflect on and record their own life and experiences . . . the precious answers will give you a story to treasure and pass down the generations.

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## What is a Wiki?

For those of you not familiar with the term, a Wiki is defined by the Oxford Compact Dictionary as “a website or database developed by a group of users, in which any user is able to edit content”.

The name comes from the Hawaiian “wiki,wiki”, meaning “very quick”

A **Midlands repository** that you may have forgotten is The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in Henley St Stratford-upon-Avon and is open Wednesdays to Fridays and Saturday morning. I have found information on both my Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire families.  
[www.shakespeare.org.uk](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk)



## WINTER

When icicles hang by the wall,  
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,  
And Tom bears logs into the hall,  
And milk comes frozen home in pail,  
When blood is nipp'd, and ways be foul,  
Then nightly sings the staring owl,  
Tu-who; Tu-whit, tu-who - a merry note,  
While greasy Joan doth keel the pot.

Merry Christmas to you everyone.

Mike Fisher

