

BMSGH BROMSGROVE BRANCH BRIEFING

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“The Diary of William Lea”

by

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William Lea was vicar of St. Peter's Church, Droitwich from 1848 until 1882. Vanessa will be presenting readings from *William Lea's* diary which records a mixture of period events both National and International, with an emphasis on local (Droitwich) snippets!

Vanessa Morgan is a freelance researcher in family and local history, a writer and thespian.

She has submitted various articles for publication in magazines.

Vanessa gave us an excellent talk on 'Worcestershire Murders' in February 2010!

The Evesham Index

Have you heard of the Evesham index ? Apparently It was on the our old website almost from it's inception. The original creator was looking for a new manager as she was downsizing her house. Mike Yegwart managed to extract a list of surnames and Bill Burgoyne put them up on our site. When Mike Sharpe re-built the site the data was simply transferred to our website, where it can be found under Worcestershire Resources.

Late last year the current owner was also downsizing her house and nobody stepped forward. Mike Yegwart even contacted Evesham Heritage centre, without luck. After many emails to BMSGH Bernie Mclean said rather than it go to the record office, it is far from computerised, we BMSGH, should take it. Transport was arranged and it was collected. So the resource has not been lost.

The Evesham Index is now in the possession, as of November 2010, of BMSGH (The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry).

The Evesham Index was created by Sarah Minney as a means of storing information collected whilst researching her family history. She then started to add entries for Evesham people and so from one box and a packet of index cards it has grown over 17 years to what it is today – 16 boxes containing an estimated 20,000 card references. Some individual names are represented on many cards while others may only be mentioned on one. Add to that the 400 or so names from a family tree, and all the extracts for each name at one card per extract.
