

**BMSGH Bromsgrove
Branch Briefing
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p.m.***

“100 years of Comic Papers”

by Roy Aspen



Comics are a neglected art form as well as a forgotten source of social history.

This lavishly illustrated talk looks at the characters, the artists and the publishers who made a lasting impression on the youth of this country both in peace time and in war.

Come and revive memories of Dan Dare, Roy of the Rovers and Dennis the Menace among many others.

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DNA TEST OFFER!!

Now is a good time to buy a DNA test, lots of pre-Christmas offers. AncestryDNA has an offer of £71 a saving of 10% plus £20 post & packing making it £91.

HOWEVER I have a small number of AncestryDNA kits for the all inclusive price of **£60 cash** , a saving of £31. They will be available at this meeting.

P.T.O.

Over the Christmas break I expect you will be meeting up with your relatives ? This is an ideal time to get DNA testing done. First choice would be your oldest blood relatives, parents or aunts and uncles. If these aren't available go for 1st cousins. Any of these will help with your DNA matches as they will give a guide to which side of your family tree (paternal or maternal) to look. They are never too old to test , I tested my in-laws at 92 and 96 and today I heard of 101 year old's test. Tell them they are giving a unique gift to their descendants.

What my father never told me.

My grandfather died in 1943 and in my father's army records he had leave to go home from Oswestry to Kings Norton. My grandfather died at 59 and I was told he died of a stomach problems.

I had his original birth and marriage certificates but not his death certificate. As I had registered my father's death and I had purchased my great great grandfather's certificate, with the £6 GRO PDF trial I decided to purchase the certificates of my grandfather and great grandfather.

My great grandfather “old Joe” died at 69 of bronchitis and cardiac failure but my grandfather died of **epithelioma of the penis**. A type of cancer. My father would never have discussed anything like that with me.

Are you overwhelmed with family history information ?

Twenty five years ago when you were researching your family history you had to have a day off and visit a record office search as many things as you had time to before they closed noting everything in your notebook in pencil. You then spent the next few days/weeks entering your results to your family tree program on your computer or into your great pile of folders containing your various ancestral lines.

Now I have an on-line tree(synced with my computer) and AncestryDNA alone tells me that I have 21,520 historic record hints that I need to look at. Maybe 25% of those could be connect to the spouse of my relatives so say 15,000 to look at. So I am diligent and look at say 50 hints a day, say 5 days a week, say 20 days a month then that is going to take me 15 months and more records are coming online all the time. Now I also have trees on FindMyPast, MyHeritage,

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Next month Surnames – Their History & Meanings” by Richard Churchley