

# Midland Ancestors



*Bromsgrove Branch Briefing*

*Editor Mike Fisher*

*Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.45 p.m.*

## ***"Medieval England and the Black Death"***

*by Ron Gallivan*



This presentation is a mixture of fact and humour regarding the 'Black Death'. Ron will start by examining the social structure of Edward 3rd's England in 1346, the year of his famous victory at the 'Battle of Crecy'.

We learn about the social order from the King down and the effects the 'Medieval Warm Period' had on poor agricultural crops and famine and how this paved the way for 'The Black Death'.

It also explains where the Plague came from and how it was carried along at some 5 miles per day and also provides a basic understanding of its various symptoms.

We also see the reaction of the majority of the Peasant population as they try to avoid it or cure it, including the 'Cripples Wedding' and compare this with the 'advice' given by the Church and Physicians to cure the pandemic. Finally we understand the post plague impact on England.

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## Midland Ancestors

### Local and Family History Fair

A new Birmingham focused community event

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

10:00 till 4:00

At the

**MAC**



**Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham B12 9QH**

35+ tables featuring community groups, history groups, genealogy groups, small commercials, postcards, photographs, memorabilia, books,

local artwork, souvenirs.

On site Parking



wi-fi available

**Children Free**

cafeteria open for refreshments

**Admission £2 on the door (includes programme)**

For more information contact [historyfair@mid-anc.uk](mailto:historyfair@mid-anc.uk)

website - [www.birminghamhistoryfair.uk](http://www.birminghamhistoryfair.uk)

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*Just a reminder not to use all numerical date format in your family trees . If you do use all numerical then all days and months up to twelve will be in danger of been changed to months and days by Americans.*

*Have you used "you tube" to help with your family history ?*

*Most of the family history companies have their own Channel on there with videos of how to use their sites and to give help in any new features they have.*

*So it wasn't compulsory to register births until 1874 ?*

*In the original legislation it says "may " give notice in fortytwo days of birth. The duty lay with the Registrar but the Registrar General made it clear that he expected people to inform the Registrar of a birth and if the Registrar. There were reports trials in the late 1830's and early 1840's of people who refused to register births when asked. Some people said their child was baptized and that was good enough. The people who refused were found guilty because it is ruled "that if a statute enjoins an act to be done without pointing out any punishment , an indictment will lie for disobeying the injunction of the Legislature." The rate of non-registration for the whole was about 5%, higher in the very early years trailin to hardly any by 1874.*

*Next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October "The Real Warhorse" by Robin Hill*

*Mike Fisher*