

Midland Ancestors



Bromsgrove Branch Briefing

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"Least We Forget"

Sandra Taylor



A talk featuring War Memorials, Especially in Worcestershire. What do we know of them, why were they built, who do they commemorate. The questions are endless. Sandra's talk will help us understand why.

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A few years ago this branch was asked by Beoley Parish Church to help with one of their events by researching and presenting the lives and families on the men recorded on their WW1 memorial. Their aim was to connect families to their lost relatives from the parish. The problem was that on investigation only a few of the men were men of the parish. -----

It appears that the memorials were use by people living in the parish at that time to remember their lost family members, wherever they lived. I have just been involved in the production of a book on the WW1 memorials of Wythall and we have comes across the same there. So if a person is recorded on any memorial it does not mean that lived there.

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### ***On The Museum of Curiosities (R4)***

*I heard Paul Nurse (Sir Paul Maxime Nurse FRS FREng born 1949 is an English **geneticist**, former President of the Royal Society and Chief Executive and Director of the Francis Crick Institute. He was awarded the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine) saying that he was applying for a visa to take up an appointment in a USA university was turned down because he only had a "short" UK birth certificate that did not give his parents names. So he applied for a full certificate. When it arrived he was surprised to see that in the mother box was his "sister". Nurse's mother went from London to Norwich, Norfolk and lived with relatives while awaiting Paul's birth in order to hide illegitimacy. For the rest of their lives his maternal grandmother pretended to be his mother and his mother pretended to be his sister. Paul was brought up by his grandparents in North West London. Paul received his BSc degree in biology in 1970 from the University of Birmingham.*

***Also this week*** I have seen two occurrences of people who had DNA tested and their mothers had tested too, then their maternal aunts tested, but the mother and aunt's DNA match came up as half sisters. So do they have the same mother or father ? How do you you break the inews to your elderly mother and aunt ?

***Next meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March will be "DNA Questions and Answers" by you briefing editor***

# ***Mike Fisher***