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Another week of lockdown has passed and we hope you're keeping well and occupied.

We hoped our previous newsletter would give you some ideas for things to do and we are delighted with the response. The Digital.Bodleian item was the most visited link and the DNA Special Interest group on the 4th April kept selling out as fast as we released more tickets. Twenty-five attendees, many of whom had never experienced an online meeting before, enjoyed the session and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

We also have some new website content for you - more reprised Historian articles - also very popular the last time we featured them - plus **NEW** journals from other Family History Societies. And last but not least, we have some fantastic news about a deal we've negotiated with Findmynast and The

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FMP/The Genealogist Free Access

Whilst the Centre remains closed, the society has successfully negotiated temporary access arrangements to some of its subscription websites, which allows access to them by all members, wherever you are in the world. This is a great opportunity to access new records and extend your family research whilst staying safe and secure in your own home. And it's another great benefit of being a member of Berkshire Family History Society.

Full details, which include the special conditions that apply and the credentials you will need, can be found on our website.

To access the page, **log in** and then select menu option **Info > Temporary Access to Subscription Sites**



Our next online course is selling fast!

The Beginners' Family History Course is next in our online series.

It comprises six sessions: Tuesdays 14th, 21st and 28th April and 5th, 12th and 19th May. All sessions run from 7pm – 8.15pm.

It's aimed at those new to researching family history and includes where to start, how to progress and good research practice. Learn how to work with core records of civil registration, censuses, parish registers and modern wills. Discover the different genealogy websites, the content they offer and their strengths and limitations.

[Book Now](#)

More of our speakers are converting their talks to online sessions and although others may be added before them, coming up next in the schedule we have:

[16th May: Caribbean Records Workshop](#)

[21st May: Reading during the reign of Elizabeth I](#)

If the DNA Special Interest Group example is anything to go by, we suggest you book early to avoid disappointment!

We have online events booked for June already - more about those in a later edition, although if you want to get in quick you can ...

[... View the Events List](#)

Something NEW to read?

Dispersed families are not a modern phenomenon - while Berkshire may be our main focus, we all have ancestors who hail from different counties and countries.

With this in mind we have entered into an agreement with other Family History Societies to exchange-publish our journals for members only so we can gain some insights into the places from whence they came - or went. The first two have given us their most recent journals - click the images to view their pages (you need to login.)



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We will add more as we reach exchange agreements with other societies. To access the complete archive visit **Info > Journals** on our website



Something else to read?



An unusual way to date photographs

Every quarter we publish online articles from Historian that were published the same quarter last year. Last time we did this the content proved very popular, so here's a list of the articles that we published online a few days ago.

[How to Write Up Your Family History](#)

Barry Jerome shares the approach he has used to turn his family history research into a story

[Dating a Photograph – an Unusual Approach!](#)

Mick Henry becomes a detective to date this image

[A Most Extraordinary Coincidence](#)

David Moseley tells us what can happen when you search the internet

[Missing Pieces of the Jigsaw – Second Cousins Once Removed Unite!](#)

Liz Butcher tells how a chance email brought a new relative and answers

[A Drake Dynasty or the Richard and Roger Saga](#)

Paul Bryant unveils his confusing lineage

[What Happened to Albert?](#)

Lynne Smith tries to unravel a family mystery

Year	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	Mean
January	1.47	1.44	1.07	1.45	1.46	1.43	1.13	1.17	1.13	1.45	1.45
February	1.88	1.46	1.05	1.05	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.05	1.11	1.13	1.13
March	2.16	2.13	1.45	1.36	1.44	1.44	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
April	1.76	1.06	1.09	1.07	1.16	1.16	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17
May	1.49	1.17	1.08	1.44	1.49	1.49	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
June	1.49	1.49	1.01	1.50	1.22	1.49	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
July	1.49	1.50	1.36	1.50	1.44	1.49	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
August	1.49	1.49	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
September	1.49	1.49	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
October	1.49	1.49	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
November	1.49	1.49	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
December	1.49	1.49	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
Total	22.06	22.04	17.92	18.48	18.48	18.48	18.48	18.48	18.48	18.48	18.48

Transcription with a difference

No birth's marriages or deaths. No baptisms, burials or probate records.

The UK has rainfall records dating back 200 years or so, but the vast majority of these are in handwritten form and can't easily be used to analyse past periods of flooding and drought.

The Rainfall Rescue Project (Reading University) is seeking volunteers to transfer all the data into online spreadsheets

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You're not required to rummage through old bound volumes; the Met Office has already scanned the necessary documents - all 65,000 sheets.

You simply have to visit a website, read the scribbled rainfall amounts and enter the numbers into a series of boxes.

"If you do just a couple of minutes every now and then - that's great," said Prof Ed Hawkins. "If you want to spend an hour doing 30 or 40 columns - then that'll be amazing. But any amount of time, it will all add up and be a tremendous help."

[Read more on BBC News](#)

[Get started on the Rainfall Rescue site](#)



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