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Berkshire Family History Society



Bearwood House, just outside Sindlesham

Belonged to the family who founded The Times from 1816 to 1919. It has been a hospital and naval school, has featured in several TV dramas, and is currently known as Reddam House School



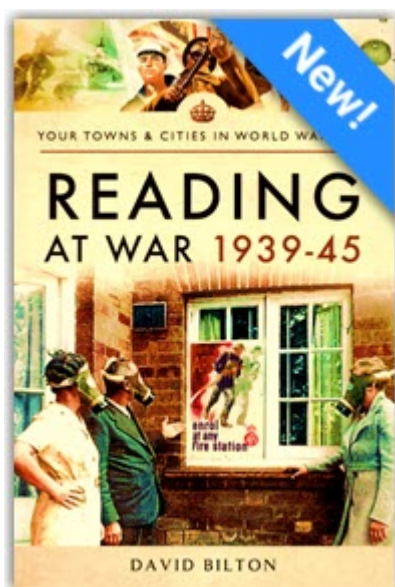
As I write this intro the news headlines are all about the latest extension to the Covid-19 restrictions. Clearly, we're in for the long haul which is probably not a surprise to most of us. Unwelcome though this is, it looks like we're all going to have more time on our hands to feed our obsession with family history.

To feed that obsession we have added 59 data

download sets for burials and MIs to the shop. We also bring you details of more online events. Some of the events are arranged by our branches but they're open to everyone, wherever you live and whichever branch you normally attend.

We're also asking for your help. With face-to-face meetings curtailed for the foreseeable future, our small number of offline members are cut off from their normal contact with the society. We're hoping that some of you will agree to buddy-up with a nearby member as part of a *Berkshire Buddies* programme - see below for more details.

Memories of World War 2



Reading at War 1939-45 by David Nilton

As we wrap up our third-quarter events programme about World War 2, why not head over to the shop to buy a copy of this book that covers the daily life of a town ready for the worst, but one that continued with its daily activities and just got on with its efforts to aid the war effort. It is profusely illustrated with photographs, illustrations and human interest stories, and provides a valuable insight into wartime life in the

town.

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More Berkshire Data Downloads!



Just two weeks on from the initial launch we've added another batch of 59 data sets to the shop - in PDF format to provide choice, flexibility and instant access in how you access data for Berkshire.

Your purchase is automatically fulfilled as soon as you have paid. Ts & Cs apply and these downloads are for your personal use only.

Prices vary but start from just £2.00. The usual member discounts apply.

Burial entries are presented in alphabetical and date order, monumental inscriptions are fully indexed and include a plan to help you locate graves.

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Can you help another member?



Socially-Distanced Berkshire Buddies

Over 90% of our members receive our email newsletters. We stepped up the frequency to fill the void caused by our inability to meet face-to-face during Covid-19 but the latest restrictions mean that live meetings are still a way off.

But about 1 in 11 - those members who aren't email enabled - are missing out. With no face-to-face meetings, their contact with the Society is reduced to the quarterly magazine. So we are appealing to you to help us help them. We'd like to offer them a chance to have a *Berkshire Buddy*.

A surprising number of our UK members live close to each other, even those outside Berkshire. So we're looking for volunteers to buddy-up with a nearby offline member (socially distanced of course.) What you do is very much up to you but perhaps you could print and deliver a copy of the newsletter to them. Maybe they could have a telephone chat about family history - whatever works for you.

If we have enough volunteers from among the online community, we'll run an article in the December Historian to see if there's interest from the offline users.

We know there are possible offline/online buddy pairs in the following postcode areas:

BN16	BN3	BS36	BS48	CF62	EX31	GL1	GL6	GU16	GU4	HP14
HP22	KT16	MK16	MK3	NN13	NP15	OX1	OX10	OX11	PO12	RG14
RG18	RG19	RG2	RG20	RG27	RG30	RG31	RG4	RG40	RG41	RG5
RG6	RG7	RG8	RG9	SL3	SL4	SL6	SN3	SO45	WD4	

If you're prepared to be a Berkshire Buddy to someone in one of those areas, please let us know which postcode area you can cover, by emailing webmasterberksfhs.org.uk

Virtual Events to entertain and educate
Available to **all** members regardless of where you
live



Pictures, people and places a talk by Ken Houghton, Windsor Branch Meeting 29 September 19:30 - 21:30

This is a record of Ken Houghton's family history, through photos, postcards, paintings and film, with the stories behind them.

The talk will show a variety of media Ken has used as a record of his family history and hopefully encourage you to do the same in the future with your own family history.

Free to members - £3 non-members. Pre-booking required.

Book Now

Victorian Sources for Historians - Online Course Ten-week Online Course Begins 2 October Tutor: Dr Margaret Simons

The nineteenth century is a treasure trove of documents relating to the lives of our Victorian forebears. A selection of these sources will be used to provide context and a sense of period, whilst developing our knowledge of what is available from museums, archives, libraries and record offices.



During the course we will consider the type of sources available, and then, using

a themed approach, we will uncover what life was like in the 19th century, a period that witnessed profound change and development.

£115 to members, £125 non-members. Pre-booking required.

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Beginners' Family History Course

Session 1: 5 October 19.00 to 20:30

Tutors: Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens

The course is 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.

Places are limited, and so pre-booking is required, as full joining instructions will be sent to all attendees in advance. Bookings close one day before the event.

This course comprises of six sessions: Mondays – 5th, 12th & 26th October and 2nd, 9th & 23rd November.

£28 - members, £35 - non-members

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October Natter Group

6th October
18:45 for 19:00 start

Join in this online discussion from the comfort and safety of your own home, regardless of where you live. Open only to members of Berkshire Family History Society.



Informal discussion group, facilitated by Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens. Topics are chosen by the group on a monthly basis. End time varies.

Free to attend, but pre-booking required. Booking ends one day beforehand.

Book now



DNA Special Interest Group

10 Oct 14.30 – 16.30 Online Discussion Group led by Debbie Kennett

This is a member priority event. If available, tickets for non-members will go on sale from 1 October.

Enjoy this online DNA special interest group from the comfort and safety of your own home, and wherever you live in the world, whilst still being able to contribute fully to the discussion.

This special interest discussion group is aimed at those wanting to get the most out of their DNA results. It is facilitated by international DNA expert, Debbie Kennett. Sessions are held quarterly, but there is no obligation to attend on a regular basis and first time attendees are always welcomed.

Tickets cost £5 (members £4). Pre-booking is required, as full joining instructions will be sent by email to all attendees in advance. Bookings close one day before the event.

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Journal Exchange Programme

Two of the Societies with which we exchange journals have published some new editions.

- Richmond-Tweed FHS - Australia
- Herefordshire FHS



And we have a new partner - Dorset FHS - with which we've started exchanging journals

Check them out as part of your Member Only content.

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