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Berkshire Family History Society

**The Copper Horse**

Statue of "Mad" King George III on Snowhill, Windsor Great Park



First World War.

Midsummer is here and with it comes your latest edition of **in touch**

In this edition, we have the usual reminder of upcoming online events you can sign up for, details of another new photo enhancer from My Heritage to bring life back to blurry photos, and a whole section dedicated to Berkshire in the

The Colin Spickett Experiment

25 Jun 19:45 - 21:00 Reading Branch Online Meeting with Speaker: Mark Bowman



Colin was a boy from school who our speaker, Mark Bowman, last saw in 1969. This talk explains how, despite knowing only his name and roughly when he was born, within just a few hours Mark was able to trace Colin's ancestry back to 1800.

The talk provides an introduction to basic research techniques, focusing mainly on FreeBMD and UK censuses. It is a suitable reminder for the seasoned family historian as well as those less experienced and interested beginners.

FREE to members, £3 non-members

Pre-booking is required for ALL places

Book your place now!

Udla, Udla, Udla! – the Szatkowskis of Lask, Piotrkow, Poland

30 Jun 19:30 - 21:30 Windsor Branch Online Meeting with Speaker: Leigh Dworkin

One man's quest to break through 3 seemingly impenetrable brick walls to research the Szatkowski family from Lask, near Lodz in central Poland.

The research involved using the jri-poland website, the Polish State archives website, FamilySearch microfilms, visiting Polish archives and cemeteries as well as taking advantage of extensive learning from the IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) conference in Warsaw.



"Udla" is the name of the presenter's great-great grandmother.

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Victorian Sources for Historians Online Course

Ten-week online course Begins 2 Oct, 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 is required

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My Heritage Photo Enhancer

Back in Edition 5 (29th March) we told you about My Heritage's photo coloriser - a way to enhance your old photos. They're back again with a new tool and this time it's one that will work on old and new photos.

The MyHeritage Photo Enhancer is an exciting new feature that brings faces in any photo into sharp focus. The results are unique and amazing, and are sure to impress your family and friends. Look at this before-and-after example.



This feature uses deep learning technology licensed by MyHeritage to enhance photos by upscaling them (increasing their resolution). Enhancement produces exceptional results for historical photos, where the faces are often small and blurry. You'll see the faces of your ancestors more clearly than ever before.

Your original image is not altered - a new version is created.

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Berkshire in the First World War

As we commemorated the centenary of the First World War, a wide range of previously little seen resources were made available. Here are a small selection of resources which may help you build and document the story of your ancestor's lives.

The fallen of the University of Reading Images

The University of Reading holds in its archive a volume put together to commemorate those servicemen and women who fell during WW1 who were connected to the then Reading University College.

Containing photographs of many of those listed on the war memorial built on the London Road Campus, those images have now been digitised and are available on Flickr.

[View the collection](#)

Berkshire at War Blog

Produced by the Berkshire Record Office, this comprehensive blog was produced to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. Using a variety of sources including diaries, letters, parish magazines and school log books, it follows the experiences of the people of Berkshire, at home and abroad, day by day through World War I, 100 years on. The blog is fully searchable.

Updates cover a wide variety of subjects such as:

- The future employees reference for Lt Percy Spencer, 15th London Regiment, who was discharged on 19 December 1918.
- Potato shortages and poor quality beer in Reading in 1917 – "14th April 1917: All the greengrocers shops had notices up "No potatoes. "So we shall have to do without this Sunday. After tea I went along to Bath Rd Reading Room till nearly 8. Beer and stout is now 6d a pint and poor stuff at that price but I got some to-night for supper." Diary of William Hallam
- The death of Bracknell former postman and father of six, Corporal Sidney Harvey, in hospital at Rochester, having been returned to Britain wounded.

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Berkshire and the World War, second edition, CD



Containing all 39 parts of Berkshire in the War published by the Reading Standard in 1923, this CD is extensively indexed and lavishly illustrated. It contains nearly 12,000 names, over 700 civilian organisations as well as many of the Army Regiments. Also including contemporary advertisements, it is a snapshot in time of life in Berkshire during the so called war to end all wars.

The CD costs £20 (society members £18)

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Berkshire War Memorials, second edition, CD

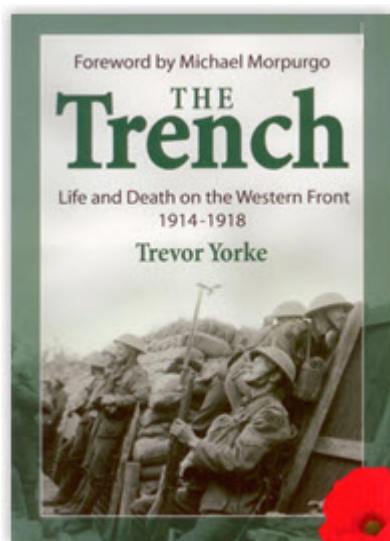


Containing transcriptions of almost 900 war memorials across the pre-1974 county of Berkshire, over half of which are photographed, this CD is fully searchable by name and place. Contains the names of over 30,000 people.

The CD costs £20 (society members £18). Full details and coverage are available in the Shop

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The Trench: Life and Death on the Western Front 1914-1918, Book



This book gives an easy to read guide to the war, looking at the events and the people who took part, through what was the setting for much of the carnage; the trench. Well-illustrated. The author describes the design, construction and features of trenches.

£7.95

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