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Berkshire Family History Society

Online Meeting
Advance registration
required

Click here to book your
place

Open to all members,
wherever you are, to
participate in how
YOUR society is run

Fri 4th Sep 19:15 for 19:30 UK time via Zoom



Notice of AGM + Business as usual

We kick off this week's **in touch** with news of our AGM. Delayed from May because of Covid-19, we will now be holding it on 4th Sep via Zoom. Strange though this will be for our regular AGM attendees it's also a fabulous opportunity for us to open up attendance to absolutely everyone.

You will need to book a place. We need to know who's attending in advance so we can make all the necessary arrangements for the Zoom meeting. More on that

below.

But the AGM is just one of many events that we are holding in our virtual Zoom world. We've clocked up 24 meetings so far and we have over 50 more scheduled. Family Historians are tenacious by default. We may not even have heard of Zoom in early March 2020, but here we are taking on board new skills so that we can stay connected!

Also this week, the **Member Interests section is back!** After a sabbatical when we upgraded the website, you can now collaborate with other members researching the same names.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Fri Sep 4th 19:15 for 19:30 via Zoom

As you are aware, we had to postpone the society AGM planned for May due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ongoing restrictions mean that we were unable to hold a gathering, so we have made

alternative arrangements.

We are pleased to inform you that the society AGM will now take place on Friday September 4th at 7.30pm, via Zoom. Places must be booked in advance on the society website. If there are two members within your household, please book two places.

This is a great opportunity for those of you who haven't previously been able to attend an AGM for whatever reason, to join this important part of the governance of the society. We welcome all members, wherever you may live.



The meeting will be recorded for the benefit of members who are unable to attend the live event. Note: only live-event attendees have voting rights.

Book your place

To continue to receive this newsletter you need to be a current member.
Most have renewed by now. If you haven't, this will be your final
members' newsletter.
Act now to preserve your membership!

[Renew your membership](#)



Member Interests section is back!

We are pleased to tell you that the Member Interests section has returned to the website, enabling members to discover other members who are researching the same ancestral lines.

We've transcribed all the submissions you've made and you can check whether we got it right, online. Using the new section of the website you can:

- **Search** for other members
- **Request** contact
- **Discuss** on the Forum
- **View & check** your own entries
- **Submit** your changes online

We've given the whole topic a thorough makeover and presented it in a new way. You'll find it on menu item **Info > Member Interests**. Enjoy!

[Go to Member Interests](#)



Irish Film Archive Launches Online

An archive of historic films of Ireland is now available online for free. The Irish Film Institute, in partnership with the London Irish Centre, and supported by the Arts Council, have launched an archive of professional and amateur films dating back to the early 1900s, documenting life in the country.

[Visit the collection](#)



London Metropolitan Archives to reopen

LMA re-opens on 7 September on a pre-booked basis for access to original documents. Visitor numbers will be severely limited and potential visitors are requested to defer their visit unless it is urgent.

[Visit the website](#)



Natter Group – online

4 August 19.00 - end time varies
Facilitated by Gillian Stevens and Chad Hanna

Informal discussion group, topics are chosen by the group on a monthly basis.

Pre-booking required. Free

Book now



Reading in the Second World War

6th August 14.00 – 15.00 Online Talk by Stuart Hylton

Based upon his book *Reading at War*, Stuart will explore how the war affected Reading and its citizens. From the victims of war, both military and

civilian, the privations and shortages; examples of heroism and self-sacrifice; to in contrast, the black market and war-related crime. Hear about the relationship between the townspeople and the 25,000 or so evacuees visited on them in September 1939. And see how wartime advertising expounded 'make do and mend', to combat the lack of things to buy.

£4 members £5 non-members. Pre-booking required.

Book now

Second World War Talk Series

All five talks for the price of four!



£16 members £20 non-members

Book all 5 for the price of 4



Where there's a Will there's a Relative - Online Workshop

15th August 11.00 - 14.00 (includes break for lunch)

with Gillian Stevens and Chad Hanna

This workshop will look at wills, pre and post 1858, plus other probate documents, such as inventories, administrations and death duties. Find out their benefits for family historians and where to locate them.

£9 members £10 non-members. Pre-booking required.

Book now

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 required.

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