

Keeping in touch

Berkshire FHS <noreply@berksfhs.org>

Sun, Nov 22 2020 08:54:04

To: Paul <paul.b@rrett.me.uk>

[Not displaying correctly? View in your browser](#)

in touch

Berkshire Family History Society



Hamstead Marshall St Mary Millennium window

This dramatic work was created and installed by Mark Angus to celebrate the millennium

courtesy of Penny Stokes

This has been a difficult year with unexpected demands on us to find new ways to meet the needs of our members and we've had to work hard to adapt to the new normal. Our members continue to amaze us with **their** adaptability to the new ways of working we've all been forced to adopt.

These newsletters were originally intended to be an additional means of reaching our members, with a monthly distribution. And then Covid-19 arrived



and all face-to-face meetings stopped. Suddenly the Newsletter became a primary communication method and a weekly event. We've now produced over forty editions and the response from members has been excellent with a reading rate that is nearly 50% higher than the average for the charitable sector. **Thank you!**

So, here we are again with another batch of data downloads for you - the sixth and penultimate batch of burials - containing 47 items - all listed below. The total is now 281 items. We'll round off 2020 with the seventh batch and be back in the New Year with marriages! We also have our usual roundup of news and our pick of upcoming events.

News

An advertisement for MyHeritage. On the left, the MyHeritage logo is at the top. Below it, the text 'New Record Collections from Wales' is in bold. Underneath, it lists 'Births and Baptisms', 'Marriages and Banns', and 'Deaths and Burials', followed by '14.8 million records'. On the right, there is a graphic featuring a red map of Wales, a magnifying glass over a document, and a circular emblem with a red dragon on a green and white background.

My Heritage releases three important Welsh Collections

Good news for those with Welsh ancestry. *My Heritage* has announced the publication of three important Welsh historical record collections: Wales, Parish Births and Baptisms; Wales, Parish Marriages and Banns; and Wales, Parish Deaths and Burials. The collections consist of 14.8 million indexed historical records and cover over 450 years of Welsh history. Entries start from 1538. High

quality scans of the original documents will apparently be added soon.

[View the announcement](#)

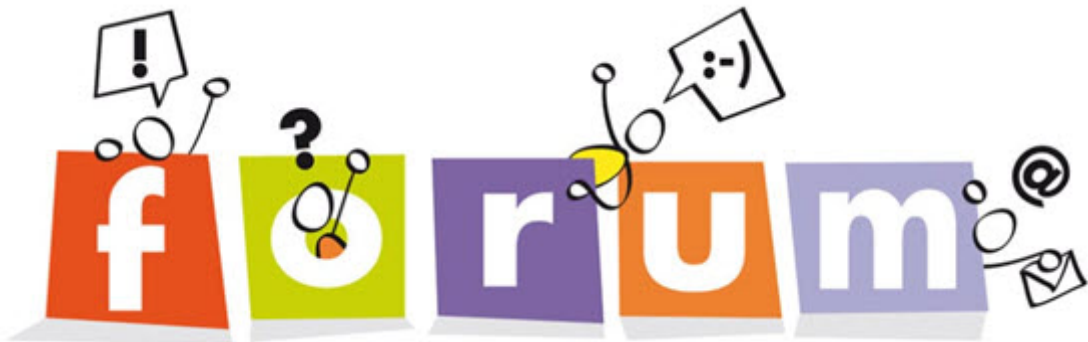


John Lewis Partnership Archives

Family members who once worked for John Lewis or the various companies it owned? The famous retailer has its own heritage centre at Cookham in Berkshire where company archives are housed alongside the archives of Stead McAlpin, a fabric printing factory in Carlisle that was once owned by the Partnership.

The archives' website, John Lewis Memory Store, contains a rich source of information about the company, key people within the organisation and the manufacturers such as Cookham's Odney Pottery, which it owned over the years.

[Find out more](#)



Interested in DNA?

If the attendance figures at our regular DNA events are anything to go by, DNA testing is increasingly important to family historians. It can be a daunting prospect for those who are new to it.

With that in mind we have created a separate forum topic for DNA where members can discuss DNA related issues. If you're lucky, international DNA expert, Debbie Kennett, may pop in to respond your question.

Got to the DNA forum

Yet Even MORE Berkshire Data Downloads!



We've added another 47 data sets to the shop - in PDF format to provide choice, flexibility and instant access to Berkshire data.

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.

Entries are presented in alphabetical and date order.

Title

[Appleford St Peter & St Paul Burials 1564-1988 \(Download\) D1008](#)

[Barkham St James Burials 1539-1985 \(Download\) D1020](#)

[Beenham St Mary Burials 1561-1983 \(Download\) D1027](#)

[Binfield All Saints Burials 1538-1957 \(Download\) D1029](#)

[Boxford St Andrew Burials 1558-2009 \(Download\) D1033](#)

[Buscot St Mary Burials 1607-2000 \(Download\) D1047](#)

[Clewer St Andrew Burials 1607-1834 \(Download\) D1277 \(Part 1 of 3\)](#)

[Clewer St Andrew Burials 1835-1889 \(Download\) D1278 \(Part 2 of 3\)](#)

[Clewer St Andrew Burials 1890-1960 \(Download\) D1279 \(Part 3 of 3\)](#)

[Cookham Holy Trinity Burials 1607-1799 \(Download\) D1280 \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)
[Cookham Holy Trinity Burials 1800-1935 \(Download\) D1281 \(Part 2 of 2\)](#)
[Cranbourne St Peter Burials 1850-1997 \(Download\) D1067](#)
[Cumnor St Michael Burials 1559-1970 \(Download\) D1070](#)
[Drayton St Peter Burials 1607-1967 \(Download\) D1074](#)
[Eaton Hastings St Michael & All Angels Burials 1575-1998 \(Download\) D1084](#)
[Englefield St Mark Burials 1559-1935 \(Download\) D1086](#)
[Farnborough All Saints Burials 1607-2007 \(Download\) D1090](#)
[Grove St John the Baptist Burials 1832-1993 \(Download\) D1100](#)
[Lambourn St Michael & All Angels Burials 1560-1779 \(Download\) D1290 \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)
[Lambourn St Michael & All Angels Burials 1780-1976 \(Download\) D1291 \(Part 2 of 2\)](#)
[Lockinge, East All Saints Burials 1546-1866 \(Download\) D1080](#)
[Newbury Newtown Rd Cemetery Burials 1868-1907 \(Download\) D1296 \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)
[Newbury Newtown Rd Cemetery Burials 1908-2006 \(Download\) D1297 \(Part 2 of 2\)](#)
[Newbury Northcroft Lane Baptist Burials 1818-1837 \(Download\) D1149](#)
[Newbury St John the Evangelist Burials 1860-1900 \(Download\) D1151](#)
[Oare St Bartholomew Burials 1854-1975 \(Download\) D1157](#)
[Purley St Mary Burials 1607-1985 \(Download\) D1165](#)
[Reading St Giles Burials 1564-1679 \(Download\) D1328 \(Part 1 of 4\)](#)
[Reading St Giles Burials 1680-1759 \(Download\) D1329 \(Part 2 of 4\)](#)
[Reading St Giles Burials 1760-1819 \(Download\) D1330 \(Part 3 of 4\)](#)
[Reading St Giles Burials 1820-1990 \(Download\) D1331 \(Part 4 of 4\)](#)
[Remenham St Nicholas Burials 1605-1909 \(Download\) D1182](#)
[Shottesbrooke St John the Baptist Burials 1567-1872 \(Download\) D1192](#)
[Shrivenham St Andrew Burials 1575-1972 \(Download\) D1193](#)
[Sonning St Andrew Burials 1592-1749 \(Download\) D1339 \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)
[Sonning St Andrew Burials 1750-1906 \(Download\) D1340 \(Part 2 of 2\)](#)
[Sparsholt Holy Cross Burials 1558-1873 \(Download\) D1198](#)
[Spencers Wood Congregational Burials 1907-1976 \(Download\) D1201](#)
[Sunningdale Holy Trinity Burials 1840-1938 \(Download\) D1214](#)
[Tilehurst St George Burials 1886-1969 \(Download\) D1225](#)
[Tubney St Lawrence Burials 1847-1874 \(Download\) D1227](#)
[Twyford Congregational Church Burials 1902-1949 \(Download\) D1228](#)
[Wallingford Independent Burials 1814-1836 \(Download\) D1234](#)
[Wallingford St Leonard Burials 1605-1975 \(Download\) D1235](#)
[Wokingham Baptist Burials 1841-1906 \(Download\) D1255](#)
[Woolstone All Saints Burials 1849-1987 \(Download\) D1263](#)
[Wootton St Peter Burials 1608-1947 \(Download\) D1264](#)

[View all downloads](#)

Coming soon to a computer screen near you...
more online events



Royal Women

Windsor Branch Online Meeting & Talk by Catherine Sampson

24 Nov 19:30 - 21:30

Surviving the political machinations of the Tudor court could be hazardous for many men, for women it was particularly perilous. This talk examines the lives of three women and the strategies they utilised to overcome the challenges they faced.

Two were wives of Henry VIII, the third a suspected illegitimate daughter.

All three women had connections to Berkshire which, along the way, will take us to Windsor, Bisham, Abingdon, Reading, Cholsey and Caversham.

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

Book Now

December Natter Group – Online

Facilitated by Chad Hanna & Gillian Stevens

01 Dec 18:45 for 19:00 start



Join this online discussion from your own home,

wherever 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. Pre-booking required.

Book now



The Old Poor Law Online Workshop

Tutor: Joan Dils

23 Jan 11:00 - 13:00

Many family historians have ancestors whose lives were touched at some point by poverty. The Old Poor Law (1597-1834) was a system of poor relief devised by Tudor politicians. It was still in use until the eve of Queen Victoria's reign. Administered by unpaid parish officials and financed by parish ratepayers, it was tough but not without some compassion. Dealing with tens of thousands of young, aged, poor and sick people, as well as incorrigible rogues, it generated innumerable records of individual lives and misfortunes. As a result, it left an invaluable legacy for social and family historians to explore.

This online workshop will explain how the system worked and evolved over the centuries. It will discuss the records such as settlement examinations and bastardy bonds which it created and their usefulness for researchers.

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

Book now

Railways Records for Family Historians Online Workshop

Tutor: Richard Marks

06 Feb 11:00 - 13:00



Did your ancestors work on the railways? Britain's railway history is complex and can be difficult to decipher. In this online workshop, firstly, we will unravel the history of the railway companies, from British Railways in the 1980s back to the first railway companies in the Victorian period.

We will then work through some sample railway documents to decipher what the railway language used within them means, and how they can be used by family historians to build their family histories. The workshop will conclude by looking at where railway archives can be found and how they can be accessed.

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

Book now

These are just a few examples from our extensive events programme - for more....

... [click here for the full programme](#)

Our events routinely sell out so book early to secure your place

Everyone warmly welcomed - if you haven't tried an event yet why not make this week the time when you book your first?



Berkshire Family History Society

for family history research - in Berkshire and beyond

The Centre for Heritage and Family History
2nd Floor, Reading Central Library, Abbey Square
Reading, Berkshire, RG1 3BQ, United Kingdom
Registered Charity Number 283010

[Update your mailing list preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

