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Berkshire Family History Society



This 1912 postcard illustrates the beginning of the Kennet & Avon Canal's role as a recreational rather than commercial resource.

courtesy of Penny Stokes

Lockdown 2.0 - The Nightmare Continues

So, here we are again, confined to barracks. Fortunately we have more new content for you, to assist your family history research and, let's face it, if you're not going anywhere, now's a good time to have another look at that brick wall or chase down that elusive record.



To that end, we have another batch of data downloads for you - the fifth batch - containing 51 items - all listed below. This brings the total to a numerically tidy 234 items; and we have some other research paths for you to follow, plus news of upcoming events.

It's another packed edition which your browser may cut short - if so, click the link at the end to view the

entire message.

News



Hard on the heels of the last announcement about the Society of Genealogists, we have another new Journal Exchange arrangement - with the Berkshire Record Office. Their newsletter, the "Berkshire Echo" is now available to members of Berkshire Family History Society, [here](#)

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Archive Closures

As England once again goes into lockdown to try and contain the spread of Covid-19, archive repositories have announced that they will be closed for the duration.

The Berkshire Record Office hopes to reopen on 3rd December, if circumstances and legislation permits. The National Archives haven't published a reopening

date but they have announced that the monthly limit on downloading free online archives has increased from 50 to 100. So do take advantage of this great opportunity for your family research.

Find out more at:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

More and More Berkshire Data Downloads!



You may not be able to visit the archives but we're making our data sets more readily available.

We've added another 51 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.

Entries are presented in alphabetical and date order.

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New TV mini-series

one **My Family, The Holocaust and Me**



On TV
BBC one Monday
21:00
BBC ONE EXCEPT SCOTLAND &
SCOTLAND HD

Episode 1
Series 1 Episode 1 of 2
Robert Rinder meets two British Jewish families who have been affected by the Holocaust and want to know what happened to their relatives.
09 November 2020
⌚ 58 minutes

My Family, the Holocaust and me

A new two part-series begins on BBC One on Monday 9th November at 9pm called *My Family, the Holocaust and me*. Robert Rinder helps the second and third generations of three families affected by the Holocaust to retrace their relatives' footsteps and discover the full truth about what happened to them. Robert also explores further his own family's Holocaust stories. You can also catch each episode on iplayer afterwards.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000pbwf>

If you're not going out and you're just staying in
Our list of events is the place to begin

Who do you think you are? - escape from Latvia

Newbury Branch Online Meeting & Talk by Dr Hugh Pihlens
11 Nov 19:30 - 21:30

Dr Hugh Pihlens' paternal grandfather and his family lived in rural Latvia until



the winter of 1905-6 when his grandfather had to escape for his life. What happened to him and to Latvia afterwards? Hugh explores the family roots and visits the area where the family lived.

Dr Hugh Pihlens (pronounced Peelens) is a local historian who set up the Hungerford Historical Association in 1979. He has written several books on the history of Hungerford, and in 2009

developed the virtual Hungerford Museum website, a treasure trove of information about the area.

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

[Book Now](#)

DNA testing and family history – Online Talk

How DNA testing can advance your genealogical research

Speaker: Debbie Kennett

14 Nov 14:30 - 15:45



DNA testing is now all the rage but what can you really learn from a DNA test? This talk by international DNA expert, Debbie Kennett, provides an introduction to the use of DNA testing as a tool for family history research, for those interested in DNA and how testing works, but, who haven't necessarily tested yet.

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

[Book now](#)

Researching German Ancestry



Abingdon Branch Online Meeting & Talk by James Thornber **16 Nov 19:15 for 19:30 start**

James is an Abingdon Branch Committee member and has been researching his partner's German family tree for about four years. In this short, practical presentation he will be sharing his hints and tips to help you discover your own German

heritage.

He will be covering topics such as; a brief history of Germany, some useful German websites and how to tackle some of the trickier aspects of uncovering more recent German family members and will use examples of brick walls that he has come to and overcome.

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

[Book now](#)

Christmas meeting with Quiz **Woodley Branch Online Meeting** **18 Nov 19:15 for 19:30 start**

An early Christmas meeting with our traditional historical quiz to be tackled by teams of approximately six people via Zoom using 'breakout' rooms. This is a fun evening, no specialised knowledge required.



In previous years we have enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine, unfortunately we are not able to provide these virtually but if you want to provide your own eats and drinks please do so.

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

[Book now](#)



The Fair Mile Hospital

Online talk by Mark Stevens - Berkshire County Archivist

19 Nov 14.00 – 15:00

One hundred and seventy five years ago, public mental health care was invented. Acts of Parliament from 1845 resulted in 'lunatic asylums'

being built in every county in England and Wales. Berkshire's own asylum opened in 1870. It would become known as Fair Mile Hospital. Situated near the River Thames, and close to Cholsey, this institution dispensed care to generations of local people. Discover its history and experience 19th century mental healthcare, in this fascinating talk by Berkshire County Archivist, Mark Stevens.

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

[**Book now**](#)

Canal People

Bracknell and Reading Branches Joint Online Talk by Martin Buckland

20 Nov 19:15 for 19:45 start

In this talk, Martin describes the very many people who can be described as 'canal people' and includes canal builders from ancient China and Egypt, civil engineers of the Industrial Revolution and the navvies who built the canals. There are those who worked on the boats in peacetime and wartime, the people who founded the restoration movement and the very many groups involved in restoring canals in the 21st century. Canal theatre companies and some family histories are also mentioned.



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

Book now

Events routinely sell out so book early to secure your place ...

... and then you can do some research from the comfort of your home



As Lockdown 2.0 comes into effect this may be a good time to remind you that the society has negotiated a lockdown deal with *Find My Past* and *The Genealogist* to allow our members to access their services for free.

Terms and conditions apply and you will find details of those, plus the access codes, on the website using the link below.

You will need to login to access the page

[View Ts & Cs and Access Codes](#)

Find my Past - temporary free access to all military records

But *FMP* have gone a step further. If you're interested in military records, and don't want to access *FMP* through the society's account - all military records on the site are free to access until the 12th November. Discover the military heroes

in your family.

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