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Berkshire Family History Society



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Back in an [earlier edition](#) we told you about [Reading University's Virtual Reading Room](#) (and for the benefit of overseas readers the first Reading is pronounced Redding).

The VRR has an archive of photos of English Rural Life and we are delighted to



tell you that they have agreed we may use a selection of them as banner images for **in touch**. We've kicked off with *The Stocks at Leverton* featuring two arch criminals. I wonder how many of today's parents would have welcomed these stocks during the protracted lockdown school break?

This week we also feature the final batch of Monumental Inscription and Burial data downloads, bringing the total to 330 items. The team is taking a break over Christmas and will be back in the New Year with marriages.

News

Berkshire Family Historian

*The quarterly journal of the
Berkshire Family History Society*



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December's *Historian* – now out

UK-based members should by now have received their copy of December's *Historian*. For those overseas – your copy is on its way. We hope that you enjoy it and are using your forgotten Berkshire words at every possible occasion!

Unfortunately, an error at the printers meant that the inside shop pages were missing and these are being sent separately (courtesy of the printers). We hope that this didn't cause you any inconvenience or spoil your immediate enjoyment of the journal. For those wishing to have immediate access to the new members' discount code* or for those for whom delivery has been delayed – the online copy of the *Historian*, complete with the missing pages, is now available online to members only.

The PDF version also has the benefit of being in full colour.

* You can also find the discount code on the [website](#) under the Shop menu item (login is required.)

View the December Historian



And we're not the only ones to issue their December Journal. Our Australian exchange partners, Richmond-Tweed Family History Society from Ballina NSW Australia have just released theirs and you can view it now on our website (login required.)

View the Cedar Log

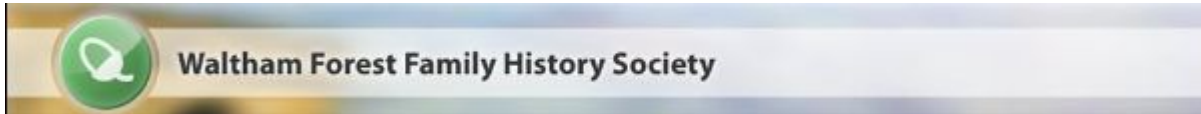
Berkshire Poll Books

A reminder that as a bonus for members, the society has published its transcripts of Berkshire Poll Books and Electoral Registers in the members' only area of the website. The transcripts are subject to a Licence Agreement, which can be found with the Poll Books. The years covered are: 1727, 1768, 1796, 1812, 1818 and 1832.

Before the Great Reform Act of 1832 the franchise (those that were entitled to vote) was very limited (essentially just freeholders) and varied between the two county constituencies and the borough constituencies (Windsor, Reading, Wallingford and Abingdon). After the 1832 Reform Act about three times as many people could vote but there will many who couldn't. Later 'Reform' acts

and Representation of the People Acts extended the franchise. For example, the 1918 act famously extended the franchise to women.

Check out the Poll Books



Another Journal Exchange

We've added Waltham Forest FHS to the list of societies with which we swap journals. You can view the whole list [here](#) (you will need to log in)

The Waltham Forest Family History Society was founded in 1978 to bring together and to encourage people with an interest in family history and genealogy. They are a small but friendly society that caters for all those with South West Essex ancestry who might live at a distance, and for those who live locally but whose ancestors came from elsewhere.

View the list of Journal Exchanges

Final Berkshire Data Downloads for 2020!

49 more data sets representing the final available batch of Burials have been added to the shop - in PDF format to provide choice, flexibility and instant access to Berkshire data. *(There are a few more to follow but transcription is not yet complete)*



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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More online events - with a decidedly Christmas
feeling

Short talks and quiz

Reading Branch Online Meeting

10 Dec 19:00 for 19:45

Join us for an informal evening of entertainment, personal stories and a quiz to test those brain cells. Branch members will be sharing their stories of personal



triumphs and tribulations and introducing us to some of their ancestors.

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

Book Now

Christmas Crackers

Bracknell Branch Online Social Evening

11 Dec 19:15 for 19:45 start

Join us for a Social Evening with family history quizzes from the comfort of your home.

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



Book now

Christmas Family History Quiz

Abingdon Branch Online Meeting

14 Dec 19:15 for a 19:30 start

Who wants to be a millionaire? Sorry... We can't offer any amazing prizes, only the coveted title of 'Abingdon (Vale) Branch Christmas Quiz Champion 2020' (and



possibly a certificate).

We welcome the return of our exceptional quiz compiler and question master Simon Burbidge.

Time to sit down with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie in the comfort of your own home and see how much you know about all things family history.

We look forward to seeing you.

Free to all. Pre-booking required.

Book now

Windsor Christmas Genealogical Quiz Windsor Branch Online Meeting 29 Dec 19:15 for 19:30

Ken Houghton – our very own Bamber Gascoigne – will be reading the questions.



Bonus points for bringing your own leftover sprouts, but it is all for fun!

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

Book now

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events programme - for more....

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