

in touch

Berkshire Family History Society



Image courtesy of Jim Bradshaw

Hello

We couldn't make it exactly 90 years ago to the day, but we came close. This edition's featured image is Winterbourne Fete 4th June 1932 - with a less than enthusiastic groom in the foreground. He'd be in his mid to late nineties by now. I wonder if he's still around and happily married?

We've had some research donated to us recently and, for once, we've not only been able to accept it, but make it available to everyone. You can find out more about that below.



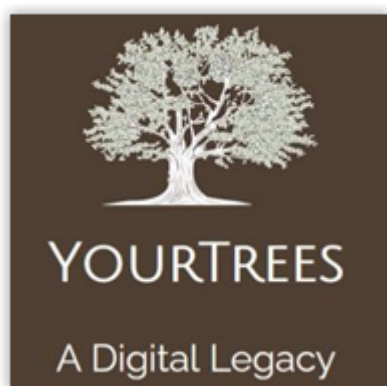
Looking to do some voluntary work?? Why not join our team of Research Assistants?

If this looks familiar, that's because it is - we ran it two weeks ago and we're delighted to have received two responses - thank you so much. But we can always use more RAs. The more we have the more days we can open - it's as simple as that. So if you were wavering before or missed the last edition...

Our small charity is run entirely by part-time volunteers. Research Assistants (RAs) play an important role by meeting, greeting and assisting visitors to our Research Centre in Reading Central Library.

Would you like to become an RA? As well as the buzz from helping a visitor move their research forward, there are positive benefits for your own family history research

Find out more and apply at: <https://berksfhs.org/berksfhs-research-assistant/>



The Pococks' Family History Archive

Last week we were contacted by someone whose father had passed away in January. Dad was one of the original members way back in 1975 (Member number 163) and he had amassed a large body of research. Normally there's little we can do. If there are certificates we can recycle those through the Forum but we

don't have the storage space for paper archives - we rent our premises - nor do we have the resources to catalogue it all, and if it's not catalogued it might as well not exist. Sad but true.

But this time was different, because his family offered us a nugget of pure gold - a GEDCOM file containing his family tree in digital format. Five minutes' work was all it took to upload the file to YourTrees and create a permanent archive of his tree containing 16,863 people grouped into 5,686 families, with 618 sources and 5,722 notes. 50 years' research effort is preserved for all of you to benefit from and for his family to come back to, when they're ready to take on the challenge.

Digital archives are the way forward. Join the Pococks and many others who've submitted their tree to YourTrees, and make sure your research is protected for generations to come. It's a free member benefit.

Check out the YourTrees menu option on the website <https://berksfhs.org>

2016 Family History Welcome Fáilte

Get to grips with your Irish Ancestry

We like to highlight useful websites for your wider research when we have the opportunity and this one is regularly receiving plaudits from those with Irish ancestry.

Created by the National Archives of Ireland, this free online course is an excellent resource if you have Irish roots and want to better understand the resources available and how to interpret them. Written in modules, you can work through them at your own pace and also download them as a PDF.

<https://irishgenealogy.ie/en/2016-family-history/welcome>



2022 Virtual Conference

England and Wales:
at home and on the move

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) Virtual Conference

The delightfully named BIFHSGO has announced a new virtual conference later this year which looks really interesting for those with Canadian migrants in their family.

The conference runs from **28 September–2 October 2022**. Twelve international speakers will be giving presentations over 4 days. A conference pass costs C\$40 (approx £25) and if this is something of interest, you can find out more and sign up at:

<https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2022-BIFHSGO-Conference>



Dymore Brown's Royal Albert Brewery in Reading

Berkshire Industrial Archaeology Group have published some fabulous articles on past industries of Berkshire on their website. We have previously featured their article on Huntley and Palmers and this time bring you the link to Dymore Brown's Brewery in Reading.

This is another well researched and illustrated piece, which includes some informative old maps and details of the sources used. It's a great source of information if you had an ancestor who worked for them.

Check it out here:

<http://biag.org.uk/dymore-brown-brewery-reading/>



Events

Our events programme is a mixture of online and face-to-face (F2F)

Join us - wherever you are



The Green Room Plaque

**Windsor Branch Meeting with
speaker: John Frearson
31 May 19:15 for 19:30**

Venue: Online

The Green Room Plaque was "found" and photographed when it came up for auction in a Sale Room in Rugby, Warwickshire, in 2009. The Plaque commemorates twelve actor members of the Green Room Club who died in

WWI.

Since that date, considerable research has been undertaken, using family history sources, military archives and contemporary newspapers in UK and USA, to find the stories of these actors, their backgrounds, careers and military service.

Prebooking required

FREE to members

Non-members £3

[Book now](#)



June Natter Group

**Discussion Group facilitated by:
Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens
07 June 18:45 for 19:00**

Venue: Online

Join in 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 members

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)

Debt, death and discrimination



Newbury BAM with talk by Ros Clow

08 June 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury

While researching different crimes in the Newbury area in the nineteenth century, Ros Clow became aware of the very different severity of punishment, depending on whether the perpetrator was rich or poor. The talk covers murders, manslaughter, fraud, bankruptcy, baby farming, suicide.

Ros Clow is the history group co-ordinator of the Friends of Newtown Road Cemetery, and has been closely involved in researching the biographies of the people buried therein.

This talk will follow a short Branch Annual Meeting.

Free to members

We request a donation of £3 from non-members

Pre-booking required

Book now



Drop In Advice Session

Bracknell Central Library

09 Jun 14:00 - 17:00

Bring your questions, problems and 'brickwalls' ... and get some new ideas and advice from members of the Berkshire Family History Society.

For ALL family historians wherever your ancestors came from.

Please note that as this is a face to face advice session, prevailing Coronavirus precautions will be in place. Please see: <https://berksfhs.org/face-to-face->

Prebooking not required

[More info ...](#)



Queen Victoria's Daughters

Talk by Colin Parrish

09 June 14:00 - 15:30

Venue: The Centre for Heritage & Family History, Reading

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were the parents of nine children – five daughters and four sons. The collective lives of their daughters span the period from 1840 – 1944. They include the Empress Frederick, the tragic Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt and the Rhine, and the talented Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll. In this talk, Colin Parrish will describe the lives of the royal sisters and their descendants.

Tickets cost £5 (members £4)

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)



Munition Workers in World War One Workshop

Tutor: Richard Marks

11 June 11.00 - 13.00

Venue: The Centre for Heritage & Family History, Reading

The First World War was the first global conflict fought by industrialised nations. Each side was dependent upon a ready supply of munitions. Who were the people who worked in these factories and what did they do to support the men at the front?

In this workshop, we will look at where the munitions factories were and what people who worked in them did. We will consider working conditions and experiences, including the accidents which occurred, and what records may be available and where to find them.

Tickets cost £10 (members £9)

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)

That was just a selection from our extensive events programme ...

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

Events routinely sell out so book early to secure your place



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