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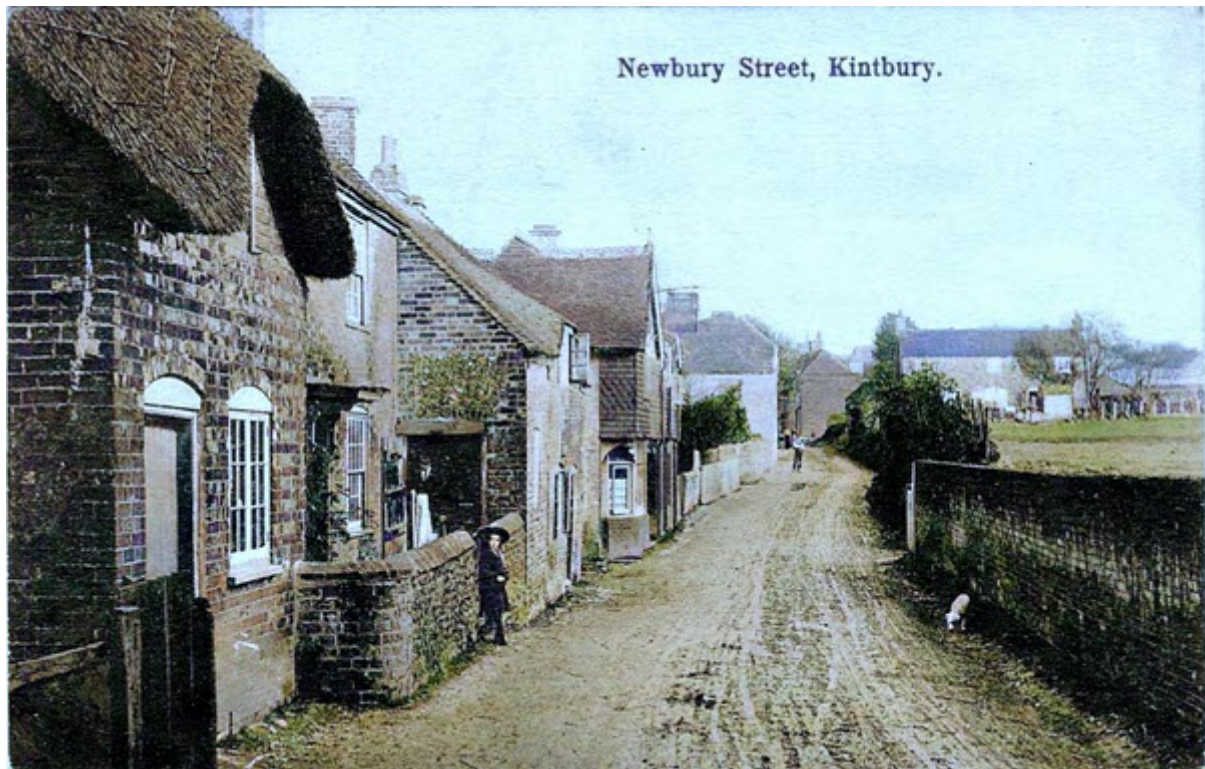


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Hello

This edition features the customary list of upcoming events for you to choose from and our 'news' section is bookended by an appeal for help FROM you with regard to providing a cover photo for edition 5 of the Berkshire Marriages CD, followed by help FOR you if you're having problems logging into the website.

Our apologies if the the news section is otherwise a bit light this week but holidays and gearing up for yesterday's very successful online Berkshire Heritage Fair, left us a bit short on resources this week. You wouldn't believe the amount of effort required to create each edition. We'll be back to usual next time.

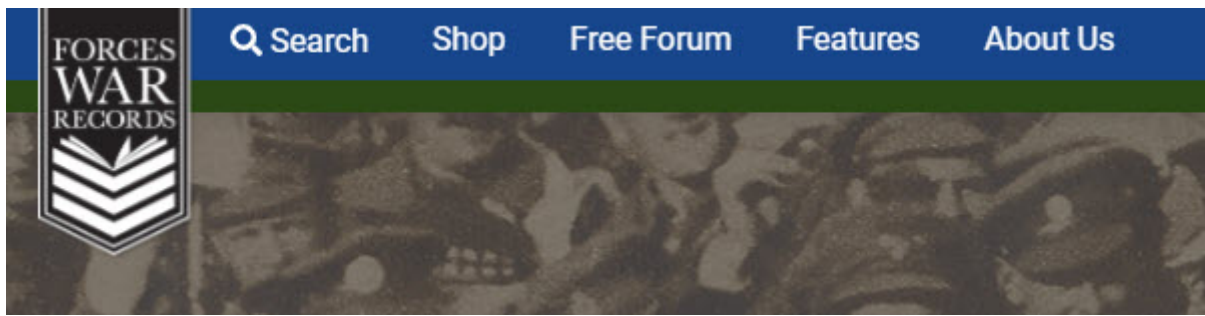


Seeking Berkshire Marriage Photographs

Would you like a photograph of one of your family marriages from Berkshire to be the image used on our next Berkshire Marriages CD? We're beginning to prepare Berkshire Marriages Edition 5 for publication and would like a new image to display. The marriage needs to have taken place in Berkshire and ideally be either Victorian or early to mid 1900s. Ideally the image will be landscape to fit to the CD cover. You need to either own the copyright, or the image needs to be sufficiently old to be outside of copyright.

Edition Four's image (above) was kindly supplied by Jean Harland and featured the marriage of William Watson and Vera Higgs in 1928 at St Nicholas' Church in Sulham. Jean received a complimentary copy of the CD as a thank you and we will do the same again for whoever's image is chosen for Edition Five.

If you have an image you think might be suitable, please email Catherine at projects@berksfhs.org.uk



Coronation & Jubilee Medal Rolls

Military records website Forces War Records have commemorated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by adding the records of soldiers awarded medals to commemorate coronations and jubilees.

The newly added collections include the medal rolls for: George V's 1935 Silver Jubilee in 1935 (85,235 medals), George VI's coronation in 1937 (90,279 medals), the Queen's 1953 coronation (138,214 medals) and her 1977 Silver Jubilee (68,377 medals). The rolls include the soldier's service number, rank and unit.

Check it out here:

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>



Password autofill - a few tips

We've noticed an increase in users unable to login and we've been scratching our heads trying to figure out why this should be.

We've identified one issue - the browser's password autofill function. On the one hand it's great because it eliminates the need to remember complex passwords BUT it needs to be kept up-to-date when your password changes, and there are some other gotchas too.

Updating your password

When you use a new password, the browser will ask if you want to update the stored password. The problem is that in some browsers the update prompt is in the top right corner of the screen and is easy to miss.

Updating your password on multiple DEVICES

Also if you access the site on multiple devices, you need to update the password on all devices. That step can be automated IF you have a user account in your preferred browser and log in to that account on all your devices. It will then synchronise the stored passwords on all the devices.

Updating your password on multiple BROWSERS

Finally, if you use multiple browsers, there's no easy way to sync passwords across them. So if you update a password in Chrome but then access the site in Firefox, it will still have the old password stored in its autofill function.

There are two ways round that problem:

1. Use a password manager such as [LastPass](#) which stores your passwords remotely and securely so they can be accessed across all browsers and all devices.
2. Turn to **page 26 of the Sep 2021 Historian** to find out how to create a complex password that's easy for you to remember but impossible for anyone else to guess, so you don't have to store the password.



Events

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



The history of Reading's print industry

Talk by Paul Joyce

11 August 14.00 - 15.30

The Centre for Heritage & Family History, Reading

Commencing in 1722, Reading became the second largest 'printing town' per head of population, in Great Britain. This is its fascinating and often overlooked story, in a richly illustrated talk.

Paul's talks are always very popular – so early booking is highly recommended.

After the talk, tea/coffee and cake will be available (included in the price). Pre-booking is preferred, but you can pay on the door, if there are spaces available.

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Tickets cost £5 (members £4)

Pre-booking preferred

Book now



Drop In Advice Session

11 Aug 14:00 - 17:00

Bracknell Central Library

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-events-covid-security/>



1-1 Family History Advice Session – August 15 August 14:00 to 16:00

Online

Are you just getting started in family history and wanting guidance as to how to proceed? Or are you stuck at a particular “brick wall” and need some help?

These popular family history advice sessions are online, using Zoom technology – so you can book a session, wherever you live in the world. Sessions are 1-1, free of cost and are available to members and non-members alike.

Book a 25 minute slot with our advisers and you'll receive help from our experienced research assistants. We will provide whatever help and suggestions that we can within the time frame and will book a follow-on session with you if needed. Four 1-1 slots are available in this session:

Slot 1: 14.00 – 14.25 - sold out

Slot 2: 14.30 – 14.55- sold out

Slot 3: 15.05 – 15.30

Slot 4: 15.35 – 16.00

Free to everyone
Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)



Family History Advice Clinic

Advice Session
18 August 11:00 - 14:15

**The Centre for Heritage & Family
History, Reading**

Just beginning your family history research and need some advice? Baffled by so many competing research websites? Banging your head against a brick wall? Or struggling with some other issues? In this one-to-one session, one of our seasoned advisors will help you make some progress.

To make the most of your session our advisors will carry out some preliminary research beforehand, and for that we need you provide us with some information please:

- to tell us what you've done so far
- describe the nature of the problem
- attach copies of any key documents such as BMD certificates, research notes
- if possible, provide a link to a family tree we can view (members – if your tree has been uploaded to YourTrees, that would be perfect) or at least attach a copy of a hand drawn tree of the immediate family of the people you're researching

After you've booked you'll be taken to a page where you can enter that information. You can do it later but it's much better to prepare that material now and complete the form while you're at the keyboard and the topic is fresh in your mind.

Bookings close 7 days before the session to give us time to research your submission. But every extra day helps, as we're manned solely by part-time volunteers so the earlier you book, the better.

Slot 1: 11.00 – 11.30

Slot 2: 11.45 – 12.30 - sold out

Slot 3: 13.45 – 14.30

Free to everyone

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)



Writing up your Family History Workshop

Tutor: Dr Barry Jerome
20 August 11:00 - 13:00

The Centre for Heritage & Family History

Have you been researching your family tree and would like to write it up as a story but don't know how to start?

In this workshop, Barry will help you get started and show you how you can structure it, so that you can write-up your family history while still continuing your research. Barry will show you the system he developed and also suggest alternative approaches and opportunities.

The workshop will help if you have not started yet. Or, if you have already been writing up your family history and would like additional advice, or inspiration.

Tickets cost £10 (members £9)

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)



World War Two RAF Records Workshop

Tutor: Richard Marks

20 August 13:45 for 14:00

Online

In this workshop, we will decipher some of the terminology used by the RAF which commonly crops up in both official and personal documents. We will look at:

- how the RAF recruited and trained its men and women during the war
- what roles people undertook
- how the air force was structured and how this can help the family historian identify what their relative did while enlisted
- the aircraft they may have encountered
- prisoners of war
- what sort of records are available and where they might be found, as well as how to interpret them.

Tickets cost £10 (members £9)

Pre-booking required

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Latin for Family Historians Course

Tutor: Joan Dils

03 September 11:00 - 13:00

10 September as above

Online

This two-part course will provide a very basic introduction to the Latin used in some local history documents, especially parish registers and probate records. It is intended to give family historians a start in acquiring enough Latin to translate documents they frequently encounter, and on which they can build advanced

skills to translate more complex documents.

Two sessions: Sep 3rd and 10th, both sessions 11am – 1pm

Tickets cost £20 (members £18)

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)



Huntley and Palmers Day School

Tutor: Dr Margaret Simons
24 September 10:00 - 16:00

Venue: The Centre for Heritage & Family History, Reading

Huntley and Palmer was one of Reading's '4bs' of biscuits, beer, bulbs and bricks fame. 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of its founding. It was neither the oldest of the four or the one that could claim to have been in business the longest. However, it was by far the town's largest employer by the turn of the 20th century and perhaps the one 'b' that is most fondly remembered.

Generations of the same family worked at the factory on the King's Road. Many workers lived close by in Newtown and Redlands and today there are still those who remember the men and women who worked there.

Our aim is to explore the origins of the company and the reasons for its subsequent success. We will get to know those Victorian entrepreneurs who set the wheels in motion for a business the product of which became a household name all over the globe. We will also consider its activities during WW1 and the housing question. And also the challenges the company faced in the 20th century from foreign competition and a changing industry.

There will be short comfort breaks during the day and a longer break for lunch. You may wish to bring your own sandwiches or otherwise there are local shops

and cafes.

Tickets cost £25 (members £22.50)

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)

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

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Events routinely sell out so book early to secure your place



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