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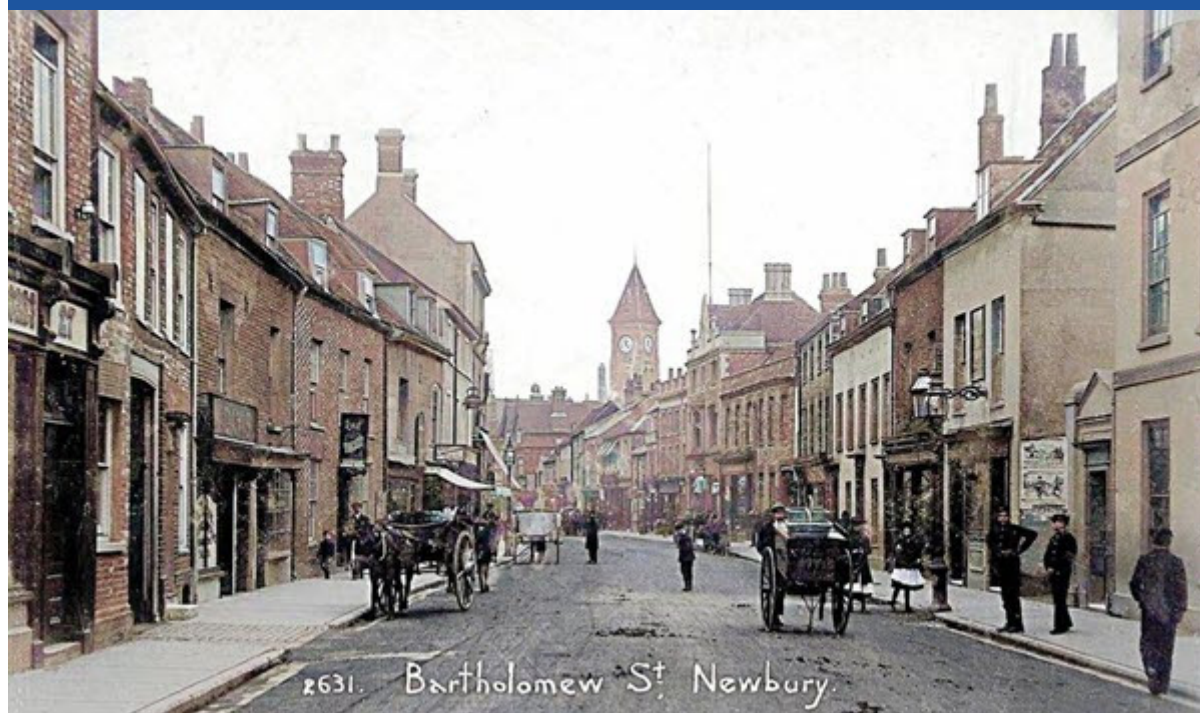
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Berkshire Family History Society
for family historians, wherever you are



Bartholomew Street, Newbury, a superb early image and a rare survivor showing the Tiger Public House which stood at number 24 (now sadly demolished)

Colourised image by Jim Bradshaw

After the rural scene last time, we're back into a Berkshire town this week with this great image of Newbury. What does it look like today? [Click here](#) to find out

What I find fascinating about the the two images is that the modern view is instantly

recognisable and yet the majority of the buildings in the original have been replaced so that the street itself is very different. The distinctive tower of the the Old Town Hall is a prominent landmark though and the modern view from this location is unmistakable.



Exchange Journals

Here's the list of new editions and new arrivals

Barnsley FHS

Cheshire FHS

Eastbourne FHS

East Yorkshire FHS

Family History WA (Western Australia) **(new!)**

Isle of Wight FHS

Tasmanian FHS **(new!)**

View them on the website (login required)

[Visit the archive](#)



New Marriage & Banns Data Downloads - Part 7

This week we bring you news of more new data downloads which can be purchased from our online shop.

The downloads are in PDF format and 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.

Marriage and Banns entries are presented in alphabetical and date order. If you're interested in a number of parishes, the Berkshire Marriages Fifth Edition CD may be better value.

The seventh batch, of 16 banns downloads is now available (click the links below) and more will be released shortly. Keep an eye on the website and the newsletters.

- [Binfield All Saints Banns \(Download\) D1880](#)
- [Bray St Michael Banns \(Download\) D1881](#)
- [Farnborough All Saints Banns \(Download\) D1885](#)
- [Peasemore St Barnabas Banns \(Download\) D1891](#)
- [Purley St Mary Banns \(Download\) D1892](#)
- [Reading All Saints Banns \(Download\) D1893](#)
- [Reading St Giles Banns \(Download\) D1895 Part 1 of 3](#)
- [Reading St Giles Banns \(Download\) D1896 Part 2 of 3](#)
- [Reading St Mark Banns \(Download\) D1898](#)
- [Reading St Mary \(The Minster\) Banns \(Download\) D1899 Part 1 of 3](#)
- [Reading St Mary \(The Minster\) Banns \(Download\) D1900 Part 2 of 3](#)
- [Sulham St Nicholas Banns \(Download\) D1904](#)
- [Theale Holy Trinity Banns \(Download\) D1905](#)
- [Wargrave St Mary's Banns \(Download\) D1907](#)
- [Wittenham, Little St Peter Banns \(Download\) D1908](#)
- [Wytham All Saints Banns \(Download\) D1909](#)



ANOTHER new facility in YourTrees

We've come up with yet another idea to help you check the quality of your tree. Citations are vital - without a citation to provide evidence of a birth, marriage or death event, an entry is just an opinion. Citations turn opinion into fact. How well have you cited your sources? Not sure? Don't know how to find your uncited records?

Well, now we have a report for that and we'll send it to you after we've uploaded your tree. Then you can make an informed decision about what to do. You don't have to ask for the report. We'll send it automatically. And, as with the rest of YourTrees, it's free, as part of your membership.

[YourTrees homepage](#)



Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Libraries Digital Dig Map

A note from a green-fingered volunteer

Did your ancestor own or work on a plant nursery? Thanks to a National Lottery Heritage Fund and the efforts of volunteers, the RHS has mapped its collection of over 28,000 catalogues.

You can check out the locations of all the nurseries covered in the catalogue collection here:

[View the map](#)



The National Archives (TNA) Beta Catalogue

TNA has introduced a new way by which you can explore some of the more unusual stories in its collection.

The new BETA website allows you to explore over 250 curated highlights of their collection by topic or time period. New content will continue to be added over time as TNA aims to showcase their most iconic records as well as unearthing fascinating lesser-known stories.

[Explore the collection](#)

Events

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



The History of Douai Abbey

Thu 24 Aug 14:00 - 15:15

Talk by Father Geoffrey Scott

Online

Douai Abbey was founded in Paris in 1615, following the suppression of the English Benedictine abbeys by Henry VIII, 1436-1540, and after the death of the last Westminster Abbey monk in 1603. The Community survived in Paris until the French Revolution, when the resident Community was imprisoned, but freed in 1794. It then re-established itself in Douai, in northern France, in 1818, and was there for nearly a century until in 1903 it returned to England, to Woolhampton, taking over St Mary's College, Woolhampton, where it survives until today.

Image: Douai Abbey by Sandy B – CC 2.0

Tickets cost £5 (members £4).

Pre-booking is required.

[Book now](#)



Drop-in Advice Session

Tue 29 Aug 14:00 - 16:30

Wokingham 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.

No booking required

[Find out more](#)



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 04 Sep 14:00 - 16:00

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

Slot 2: 14.30 – 14.55

Slot 3: 15.05 – 15.30 (booked)

Slot 4: 15.35 – 16.00

Pre-booking is required because full joining instructions will be emailed to attendees in advance. You will also be asked to confirm the advice you are seeking, so that we can make the session as useful as possible for you.

For members and non-members of Berkshire Family History Society.
Free.

[Book now](#)



September Natter Group

Tue 05 Sep 18:45 for 19:00

Led by: Gillian Stevens and Chad Hanna

Online

Join in this online discussion from your own home, wherever 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, but pre-booking is required so that the meeting link can be emailed to you.

[Book now](#)



The Origins of Camp Hopson

Wed 13 Sep 14:00 - 16:00

Newbury Branch Meeting with talk by Jonathan Hopson

West Berkshire Museum

Camp Hopson is the department store based in the heart of Newbury, located at [6-12 Northbrook Street](#).

Join Jonathan Hopson as he takes us through a brief history of the Camp & Hopson families and shows how the two families relate to Joseph Hopson & Sons, Alfred Camp's Drapery Bazaar and Camp Hopson & Company Limited from 1851 to the present day.

This talk is free to members of Berkshire Family History Society but we request a donation of £5 from non-members.

Booking not required

[Find out more](#)



Writing Up Your Family History Workshop

Sat 09 Sep 11:00 - 13:00

Tutor: Dr Barry Jerome

The Centre for Heritage & Family History, Reading

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 the popular workshop, Dr Barry Jerome will help you get started. He will also show you how you can structure it, so that you can write up your family history while still continuing your research.

Tickets cost £10 (members £9).

Pre-booking is required because places are limited.

[Book now](#)



Family History – why it matters

Wed 13 Sep 19:30 - 21:30

Talk by Chris Broom

Online

‘Family History, why it matters’, promotes the numerous benefits of family history research, while also encouraging attendees to reflect on the unique sequence of events leading to their own birth, the many challenges faced by their ancestors and the importance of documenting their own lives.’

This is the talk postponed from our society Annual General Meeting in June.

Tickets cost £5 (free to members).

Pre-booking required.

[Book now](#)

That was just a small selection from our extensive events programme

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