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Pangbourne Dairy cart - date unknown

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Hi

There's no location challenge this week, but the question on all our lips has to be, 'What was special about the cows they kept?' It's a question I keep churning over. (Sorry but I just had to - I'll get my coat.)

This week we're trying something a little different. We have so much information to give you each time that this newsletter gets rather long. We appreciate that for some of you it may fall in the category, 'Too Long Didn't Read'

So we've adopted a more minimalist approach, especially where the detail can be found on linked websites. For example, we've provided a synopsis for each event and a 'Read more and book' button if we've piqued your interest. It makes the newsletter much easier to skim read. Let's see what you think



March Historian available online

The latest Historian is available digitally in full colour to [read and download](#).

Going digital helps us lower costs and reduce our carbon footprint, and we can use those savings to fund operations such as our events and education programmes. You can opt for digital when you renew and receive it much earlier than you're receiving it today - especially if you're outside the UK.

If you want to go digital you can receive the digital version next quarter by updating your membership profile.

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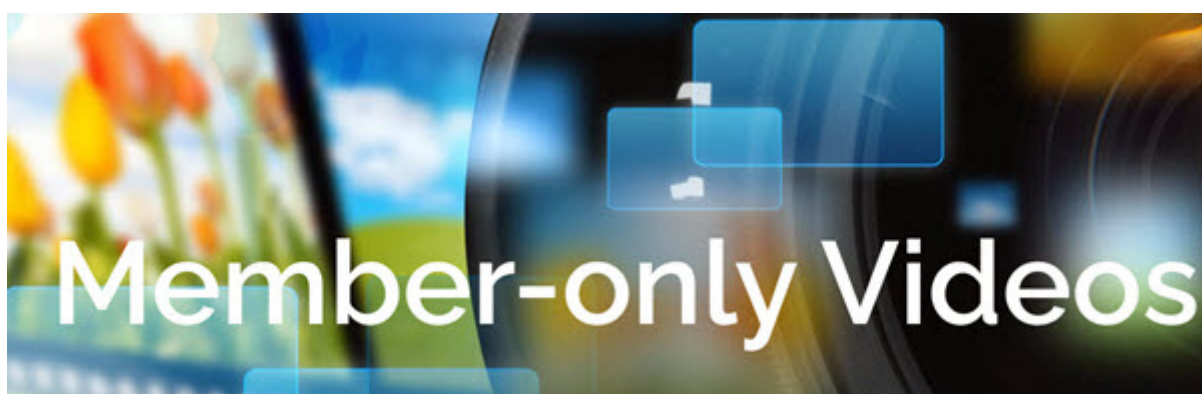


Exchange Journals

We have six this time:

- Glamorgan FHS
- Hillingdon FHS
- Liverpool & SW Lancashire FHS
- Richmond – Tweed FHS Inc – Ballina NSW – Australia
- Shropshire FHS
- South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society

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For the fourth successive edition of In Touch, we have a video for you, courtesy of Windsor Branch who routinely record their Zoom talks. And if that's not enough, we have a second in TWO parts, from Reading Branch.

The Poor and the Parish
With speaker: Gill Blanchard

Discover what local parish records can tell us about provision for the poor and those who maintained them.

Getting to Know Your Army Ancestors Through Photographs and Memorabilia

With speaker: Captain Graham Bandy

This fascinating talk will provide you with some of the skills needed to study your old military photographs and memorabilia in order to unlock the information they contain.

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Royal Household Employees another useful website

Thank you to member Martin Price who let us know of another excellent website about Royal household employees.

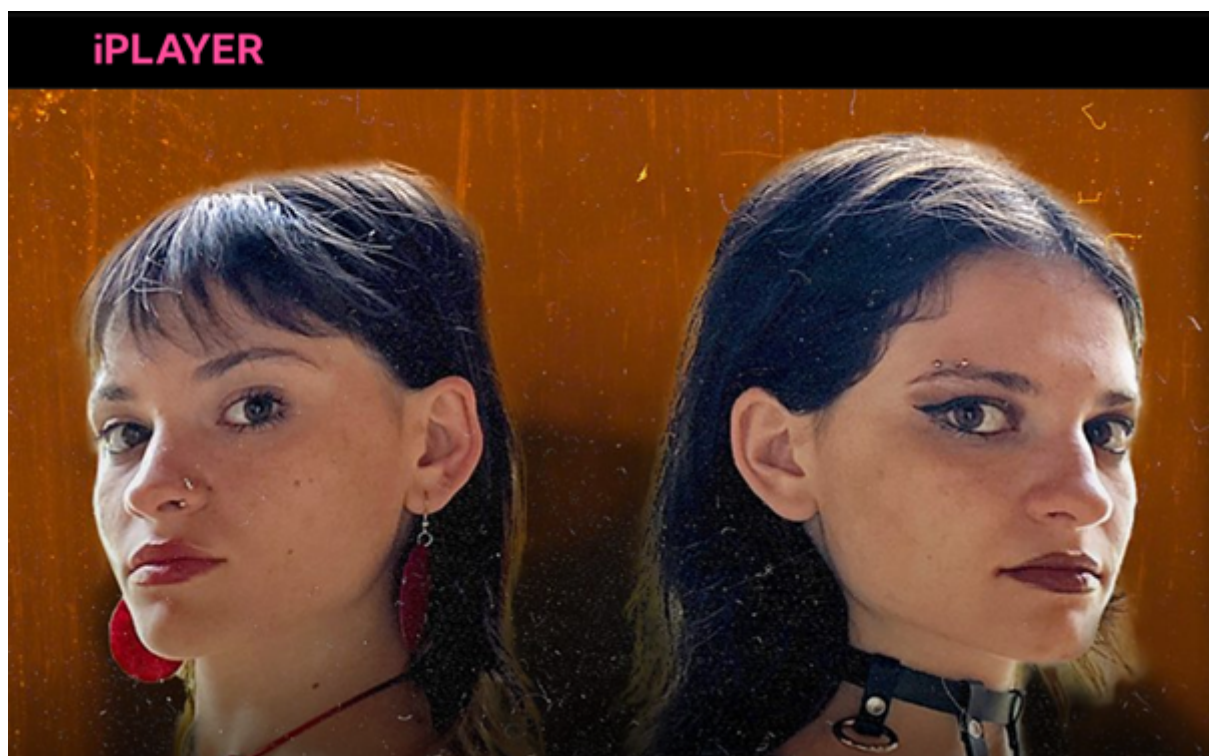
The Database of Court Officers: 1660-1837 has been put together by academic Robert Bucholz and designed for academics, although it is free to access by anyone. It draws together a number of sources into an impressively detailed site.

[Read more and view](#)



DNA - Digital Catch-up

For those interested in DNA, a couple of intensely thought-provoking and at times disturbing programmes are streaming now, if you missed them the first time round.



Betrayal at Birth - Georgia's Stolen Children (BBC iPlayer)

The people of Georgia, as this powerful documentary puts it, are “coming to terms with a black-market adoption scandal spanning decades”.

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The Gift (BBC Sounds)

An enormous DNA database has been created online. But what happens when online ancestry tests reveal more than you had bargained for? That question was at the heart of all six episodes of the BBC Sounds series "The Gift". A seventh bonus episode has now been produced in which presenter Jenny Kleeman asks if a recent unprecedented DNA theft from DNA testing Company 23andMe was racially prejudiced

[Read more and listen](#)



The Lockinge Estate Past & Present Exhibition

Following consecutive land purchases made between 1859 and 1870, the East Lockinge Estate became one of the largest in England. Nowadays it covers most of the villages of East Lockinge, West Lockinge and Ardington.

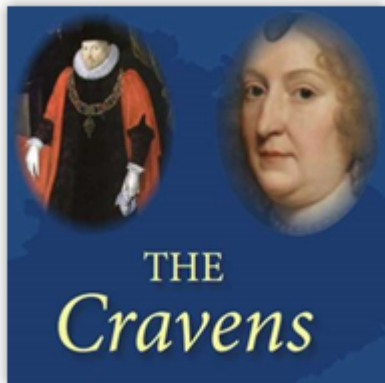
In the nineteenth century, the estate also grew in character under the ownership of Lady Harriet and Robert Loyd Lindsay, 1st Baron Wantage. They

significantly improved housing and services for the estate workers and attempted to create a workers' model village.

If your family were amongst the many who lived there, you'll probably be interested in the forthcoming annual open day and historical exhibition. See the poster for more details.

Events

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



The Craven Family

Wed 13 Mar 14:00 - 16:00

Newbury Branch meeting with talk by Clive Williams

West Berkshire Museum, Newbury

Local historian and author Clive Williams, traces the rise of the Craven family in the Tudor period through subsequent centuries in which they amassed titles and enormous wealth, not to mention extensive landholdings in Berkshire and throughout the country.

[Read more](#)



Drop-in Advice Session

Thu 14 Mar 14:00 - 17:00

Manned by Bracknell Branch

Bracknell Central Library

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

[Read more](#)

Online Family History Advice Clinic



Mon 18 Mar 14:00 - 16:00
(four 25 minute slots available)

Just getting started in family history and want guidance as to how to proceed? Stuck at a “brick wall” and need help?

These popular family history advice sessions are online, using Zoom - you can book a 1:1 free session wherever you live in the world. They are 1:1, FREE and are available to members and non-members alike.

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Scottish Sources at the Society of Genealogists

Wed 20 Mar 19:45 - 21:30
Combined Branches' meeting with talk by Sue Gibbons

Online

Sue will cover general sources for Scotland such as:

- armed forces records
- apprenticeship
- education and occupations
- Scots working and emigrating abroad
- State papers and Historical Manuscripts
- Commission reports
- land and tax records
- Wills including inventories and services of heirs
- and more...

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Douai Abbey Visit

Thu 21 Mar 10:30 - 12:00

Tour Leader: Abbot Geoffrey Scott

Meeting Point will be notified within booking process

Join Abbot Geoffrey Scott, Librarian and Archivist at Douai Abbey, for a look around their library and archive building. Housed here are records from the monastic communities' earlier libraries in Paris (from 1615) and Douai (from 1818) in France, and Woolhampton (from 1903).

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The Battle of Britain

Online Talk with speaker Richard Marks

Thu 21 Mar 14:00-15:15

In 1940, Britain stood alone following the fall of France. With the German army poised across the channel, only the RAF could prevent the Luftwaffe from gaining the air supremacy needed to successfully mount the expected invasion. Historian Richard Marks will look at how the RAF's systems and equipment allowed them to prevent the invasion.

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