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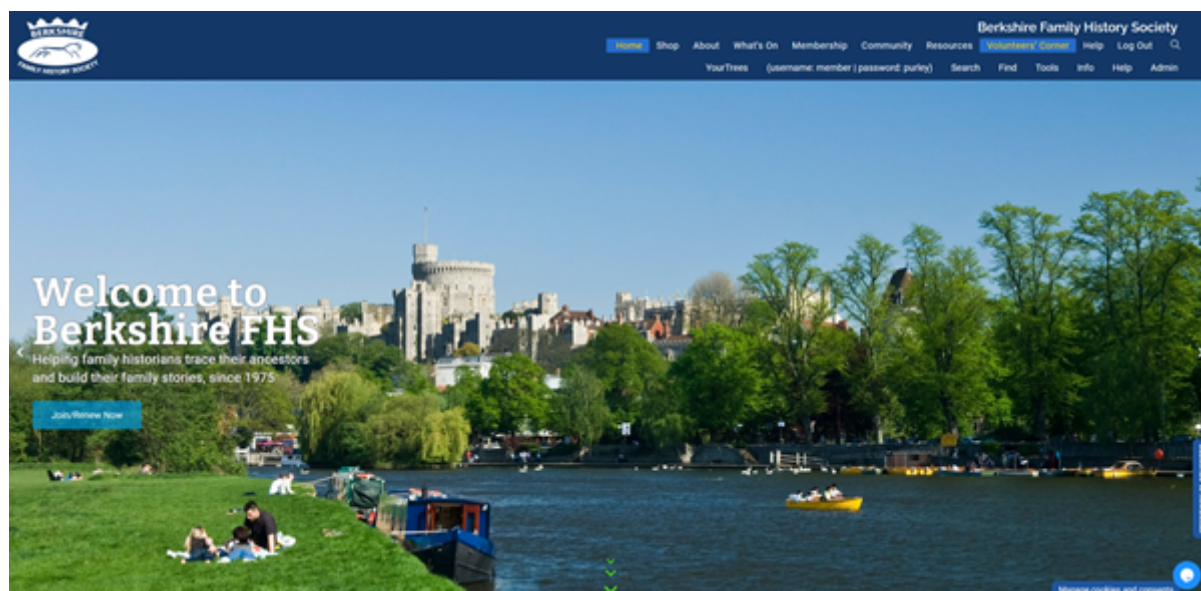
Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi

This week's location challenge is Station Road, Kintbury and, once again, we have an instantly recognisable location with the [original buildings still present](#)

This series of colourised heritage images has proved really popular with our readers - it's frequently the most visited link in the newsletter. We've been using them for about two years now. Unfortunately it's a finite resource and will run out towards the end of the year.

That's where you come in. Perhaps we can continue this series with a **Readers' Pics** theme? Have a dig around in your own photo archives to see if you have any heritage photos. If you know the locations we can have a go at locating them on the modern map and Google Street View. If you find something you'd like us to use, email it to webmaster@berksfhs.org.uk, along with some details of when and where, and we'll be delighted to feature it. Go on, it's pouring with rain still - you need *something* to do!



New look for the website

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a fresh look for our homepage. We're aware of your fondness for images from around Berkshire, so we've decided to highlight them even more, now extending to a full-screen view. To enhance your browsing experience, we've added more direct links from the homepage to various sections of our site, simplifying navigation. Keep an eye out for another significant update planned in the coming weeks.

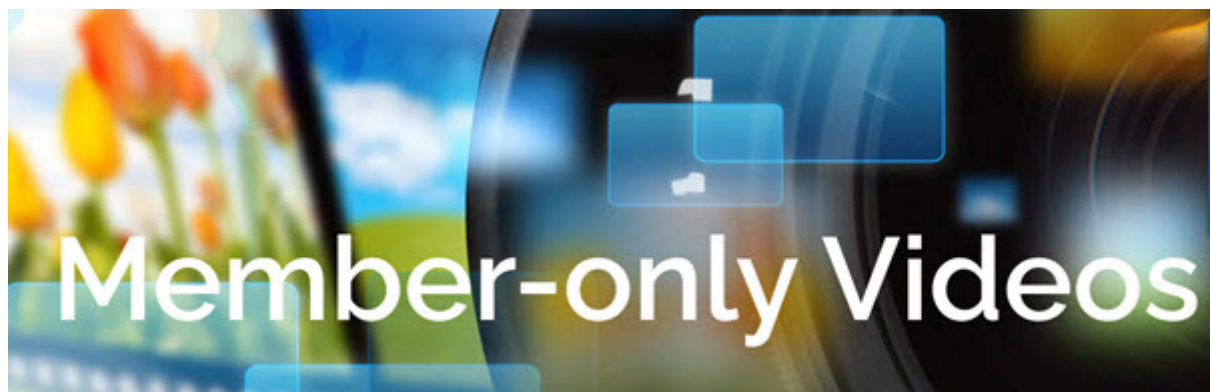


Exchange Journals

We've two new exchanges for you this week, and that breaks the 60 barrier to bring the total up to 61!

- Alberta Genealogical Society (*new*)
- Barnsley FHS
- Botany Bay FHS
- Calderdale FHS
- Doncaster & District FHS (*new*)
- Dyfed FHS
- Lothians FHS
- Newfoundland and Labrador FHS – Canada
- Society of Australian Genealogists

[View online \(login required\)](#)



Catch up Video

We've added another new videos to our growing library of catch up content - available exclusively to our members

Scottish Sources at the Society of Genealogists with speaker Sue Gibbons

Join Sue as she covers general, local and internet sources for Scotland. Including state papers, historical manuscripts, commission reports, tax records, land records, wills and so many more.

Content only available until 06 May 2024

[Stream online \(login required\)](#)



The Sphere | 12 October 1912

Obits in the BNA

There's a useful blog post from BNA - Your Guide To Obituaries On The Archive. The title really says it all so, without further ado, here's the link:

<https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/2023/02/07/your-guide-to-obituaries-on-the-archive/>



Berkshire Record Society

Berkshire Record Society (BRS) was founded in 1993 to print scholarly editions of important documents on the history of Berkshire held in the Berkshire Record Office and elsewhere. Its aim is to publish one volume each year. To date, twenty-six volumes have been published and more are in preparation. Each volume contains the printed transcript of an original text, fully annotated, with a scholarly introduction and an index.

Berkshire Family History Society is a corporate member of BRS and also sells its

publications in our online shop.

In this the 30th year of publishing key sources of Berkshire history, BRS membership comes with two rather than one volumes. Find out more at:

<https://berkshirerecordsociety.org.uk/>

Events

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



Telling a story using memorabilia

Wed 17 Apr 19:30 - 21:30

**Computer Branch meeting with talk by
Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens**

Online

Chad and Gillian will be looking at ways of telling stories using photos and memorabilia.

Do you have any examples of something that worked for you, perhaps something you shared at a family event? Perhaps you have a story you can share, then please contact the organisers.

Free to members.

We request a donation of £5 from non-members.

Pre-booking is required.

[Read more and book](#)

Reading WW1 Hospitals



Fri 19 Apr 14:45 - 16:30
Bracknell Branch meeting with talk by
Lionel Williams

The New Priestwood Community Centre
Bracknell

The Reading WW1 Hospitals talk looks at the part Reading Hospitals played in the rehabilitation of the wounded during the conflict, based on Battle Hospital (No 1 War hospital). One of six main hospitals and many auxiliary hospitals, run by the Red Cross. The talk tells of the build-up and eventual rundown of the war hospital system between 1914 and 1920.

Free to members.

We request a donation of £5 from non-members.

[Read more](#)



Getting the most out of your
Membership Workshop

Mon 22 Apr 19:00 - 21:00
Tutors: Catherine Sampson and Vanessa
Chappell

Online

Are you a relatively new member of the Society and now want to get the most out of your membership?

Join this informal workshop by zoom which introduces you to the range of benefits that is now have available. The workshop covers:

- Accessing the Society's transcriptions
- The mechanisms to enable you to collaborate and share your research with others
- Ways to obtain help in breaking down brick walls
- The various discounts and savings available for members
- Includes a Q&A session

Open only to members of Berkshire Family History Society.

Assistance will be given to members who are new to joining Zoom meetings.

Free to attend, but pre-booking is required.

[Read more and book](#)



Online Social History Talks – Spring Series

Thu 25 Apr 14:00 - 15:00

Thu 23 May 14:00 - 15:00

with speaker Dr Richard Marks

This year the country commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944. To remember those who served, this quarter's online social history talk series is focused on the background and build-up to D-Day. It has a slightly different format to previous talk series with two rather than three Zoom talks. The all series ticket covers both talks for the discounted price of £8 (members £7).

You may also book each talk individually – see each separate link below. Afterwards there will be time for questions and discussion.

The British Army in World War Two

The personnel of the British Army served across the globe, from Iceland to Australia, from the Falklands to East Russia, growing to the huge modern force that Britain had towards the war's end. This talk explores how the army was structured and what it was like to be in the service.

[Read more and book this talk](#)

The Technology of D-Day

The Dieppe raid in August 1942 was a complete failure. However, it provided important lessons to the allies which, complemented by experiences of landings in North Africa during Operation Torch, made the D-Day Landings in 1944 a success. One of the key lessons learned was that special equipment and new tactics were needed to successfully mount an invasion.

[Read more and book this talk](#)

[Read more and book the 'all talks' ticket](#)



The British Army in World War Two

Online talk with speaker Richard Marks

Thu 25 Apr 14:00-15:15

The personnel of the British Army served across the globe during World War Two and the The army grew from to the huge modern force that Britain had at its disposal by the latter stages of the war.

This talk explores how the army was structured and what it was like to be in the service. The women's forces supported the army – but in what ways and where did they serve?

£5 (Members £4)

Prebooking required

This is part of the Spring series of social history talks. You can book a combined ticket for both talks above

[Read more and book](#)



Reading Branch Open Evening

Thu 25 Apr 19:45 - 21:00

The Church of the LDS, Tilehurst

An informal meeting for members and non-members to chat with each other about their successes, unusual finds, hints and tips and problem ancestors. No particular

theme, just helpful minds on hand to help you break through that stubborn brick wall or help you celebrate finding a long long relative.

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

[Read more and book](#)



Face-to-Face Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 06 May 11:00 - 12:00

The Centre for Heritage & Family History

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.

Booking closes 02 May. Hurry - there's only ONE slot!

[Read more and book](#)

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