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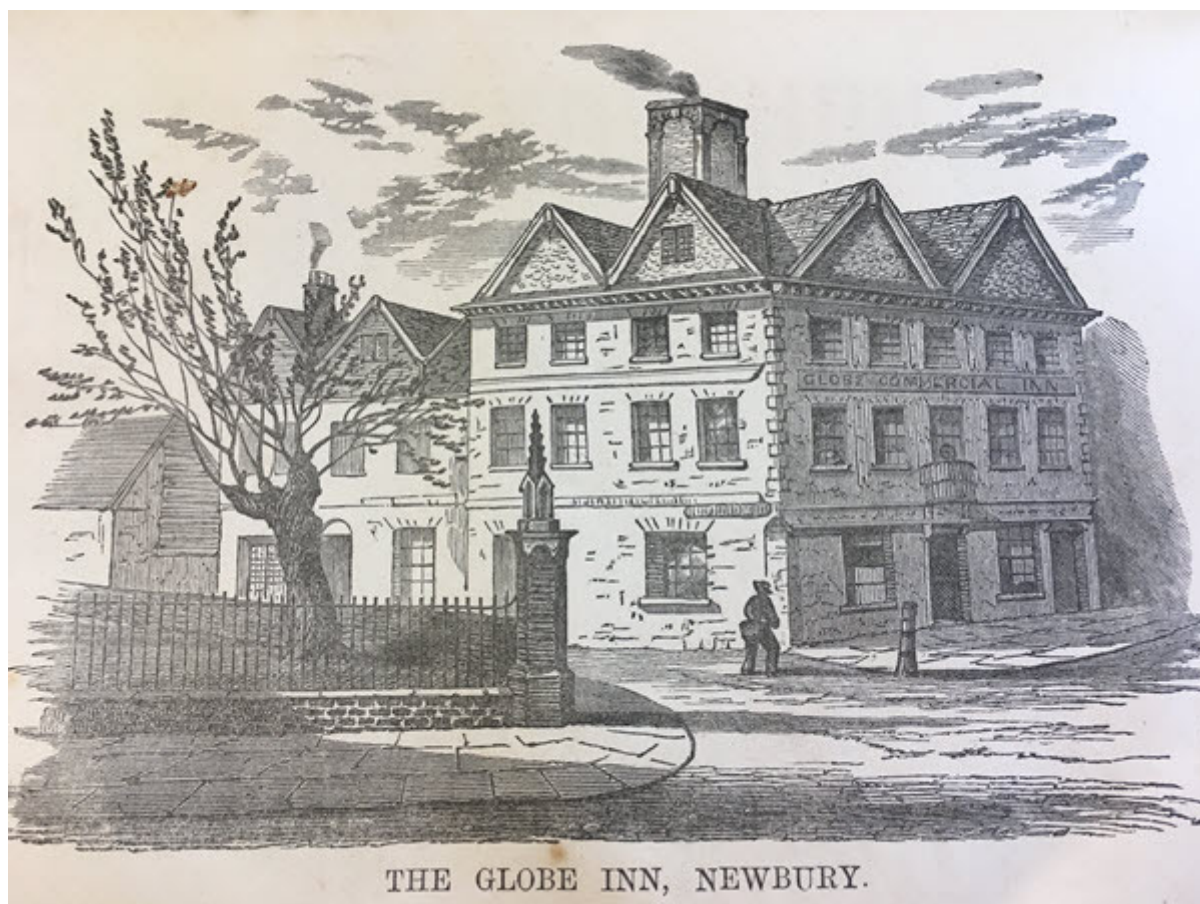


Image submitted by Penny Stokes

We're taking a break from Jim Bradshaw's images this week because we've had a reader's submission from Penny Stokes. In fact we've gone back to the era before photos and have an engraving of the now demolished Globe Inn, which sat on the south-west corner of Newbury bridge, on the corner of West Mills. The stonework bore a date of 1611, and it was reputed to have once had a ducking stool. Upstairs was a forty-foot function room, which made the Globe the favourite watering-hole of

almost all Newbury's political, social and business organisations, as well as an overnight coaching stop.

The arrival of the GWR in 1840 marked the beginning of the end for the Globe, which was finally demolished 1870. The site was rebuilt for Slocock's Bank, later subsumed into Lloyds Bank, which is [still there today](#).

Please keep those pictures coming. 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.

This week we've a lot of information for you on our updated website - more on that below.



Exchange Journals

Three more for you to enjoy:

- East Yorkshire FHS
- Eastbourne and District FHS
- Isle of Wight FHS

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

Website updates

Shop

Around 1,200 genealogy related products to help you with your research – we've provided a few recommendations for you below
For anything else, the quickest way to find what you need is to use the search box below or in the top menu on every page of the site. Happy hunting!

Member discount

Members are entitled to a 10% discount on products published by the Society, which number over 900! - [Login to reveal the current coupon code](#)

Recommended Products

 A Secretary Hand, An ABC Book £5.00 ADD TO BASKET	 Berkshire Baptisms 3rd Edition £5.00 – £20.00 SELECT OPTIONS	 Berkshire Burials 13th Edition £5.00 – £25.00 SELECT OPTIONS	 Berkshire Marriages, 5th Edition £5.00 – £20.00 SELECT OPTIONS	 Berkshire Overseers' Papers (CD) £20.00 ADD TO BASKET	 Berkshire Probate Index, 1480-1857 (CD) BFHS £25.00 ADD TO BASKET
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The Online Shop has moved!

You may recall we recently changed our charitable status to CIO, a change that had essentially no effect on our members - most of the advantages being administrative. One of those was that we were able to merge our commercial operation - the shop - into the main society which simplifies things enormously. So the separate site shop.berksfhs.org is no more and everything is now to be found at berksfhs.org

Go to the homepage and you'll find a Shop section where you can select from our recommended products or search for anything else using our comprehensive and rapid search facility. In fact, you can search for products or content from any page of the website using the search box in the top menu.

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If you look at the menu structure you'll also see we've moved the login option and join/renew membership up to the top bar. If you log in you'll also see links to your profile page. In effect, we've turned the top bar into a personal account section

Berkshire FHS Digital Store

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Data downloads

Data downloads have proved extremely popular with our customers but some technical issues have necessitated a slight change in approach. Although you will still search and select data downloads in our main shop, ordering, payment and fulfilment will be handled on our digital store, hosted by a company called Sellfy, that specialises in digital content delivery. We've made the overall experience as seamless as we can and hope that you find it as easy as always to order data downloads.

Orders are fulfilled in a very similar way and your purchased PDF will still bear your email address to identify who bought the copy but you will no longer need to enter that email address as a password to open the file. *Purchases made prior to 30 Apr 2024, on our old shop site will continue to need a password.*

The removal of the password is beneficial because it allows us to use more modern versions of the PDF file format but please bear in mind that this change does not alter the fact that purchases are for your exclusive personal use. The same terms and conditions apply to data downloads and CDs - you may not share the file or CD with anyone else or provide lookup services for others. The revenue from sales finances our ongoing transcription services; without it we could not continue to produce the high quality transcriptions that feed your research appetite.

Choose your branch(es)

For those of you who joined us before 2020, we're heading for our annual membership renewal season and renewal notices will start dropping into your email inboxes soon. They are staged over the next two months so please don't panic if you don't get one soon.

We've introduced a new facility for 2024. You can now choose to follow as many of our branches as you wish. You'll then receive monthly email newsletters from your chosen branches. When you renew, you'll see a section where all the branches are listed, and any current affiliations are shown. Simply select yes or no against each branch, and we'll update our records.

Already renewed? Changed your mind? Just select the profile option from the top menu, and you'll be able to update your choices from there

Follow Abingdon:*

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Are you getting the most out of the Gazette?

The Gazette can be a great resource for family historians and it's free!

It is formally the combination of three publications: The London Gazette, The Belfast Gazette and The Edinburgh Gazette. As a publication, The Gazette consists largely of statutory notices which can be searched for via its website.

The Gazette website is free to use, however if you would like to save your searches, specific notices, or create bespoke editions, you will need to create an account, which is also free.

The easiest way to start a search is to click on the “All notices” section in the top toolbar, which then gives links to all the individual datasets.

Start searching now at: thegazette.co.uk

Events

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

Book early warning!



Visit St George's Archives, Windsor Castle with Windsor Branch

Tue 18 Jun 14:00 - 16:30

Organised by Windsor Branch

Windsor Castle obviously has strict security protocols. If you wish to attend you must book your place by **Wed 22 May!**

St George's Archives, Windsor, holds deeds, letters, rolls and manuscripts dating from the early twelfth century, tracing the history of the Chapel and College of St George and of the properties the College once managed in 30 counties across England and Wales, and much more. Why not join us at 2pm on 18th June to view some of the treasures from the collections on display in the search room and exhibition gallery, as well as a selection of rare books in the Chapter Library?

A recent enquiry dealt with by Windsor Branch resulted in a visitor from Australia being able to view records of an ancestor of hers who, as a Military Knight, had lived within the Castle walls. Another recent visitor was able to view Elias Ashmole's "Antiquities of Berkshire". First published in 1719, the Chapter Library edition was printed in 1736.

The location has step free and wheelchair access along with blue badge parking

[Read more and book](#)



By any other name - and BAM

Wed 15 May 19:30 - 21:30

**Computer Branch meeting with talk by
Gillian Stevens**

Online

What's in a name? All of us know someone who isn't called by their 'proper' name, and we may prefer a nickname or shortened name for ourselves.

Gillian (not Gill) Stevens and others will share some of the variations they've come across and go into more detail in how to deal with those troublesome ancestors who don't seem to know who they are.

This event will include a short annual branch meeting.

Free to members.

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

Pre-booking is essential.

[Read more and book](#)



Migration throughout the UK - and BAM

Fri 17 May 14:45 - 16:30

**Bracknell Branch meeting with talk by
Debbie Bradley**

New Priestwood Community Centre, Bracknell

A practical talk about things you need to think about to find your ancestors if they

moved around the country.

The speaker Debbie Bradley will be giving her talk via Zoom to the audience in our venue.

Free to members.

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

[Read more](#)



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 20 May 14:00 - 16:00
(two of four 25 minute slots are 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.

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

[Read more and book](#)



Create an enduring family tree in YourTrees

Mon 20 May 19:00 - 21:30
Tutor: Paul Barrett

Online

What is YourTrees?

YourTrees is a free member-only service to preserve your family history research, and to share and collaborate with other members, It's also replacement service for Members' Interests - but on an industrial level with nearly half a million names.

About the workshop

The workshop demonstrates how to create high quality digital records - how to properly record names, dates and places - and the importance of citations.

Audience participation is welcomed, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions at the end of each section.

It is a member exclusive Zoom workshop and FREE.

Pre-booking required.

[Read more and book](#)



The Story of John Phillips, an RAF volunteer - and BAM

Mon 20 May 19:30 - 21:30

Abingdon Branch meeting with talk by Diane Coates

Long Furlong Community Centre, Abingdon

Our speaker will recall the story of her Godmother's son, a young man named John Phillips, who volunteered to join the RAF in 1941 when he was 19 years old. Diane illustrates how using the information found in local archives, historical societies and from speaking to his contemporaries enabled her to discover the story of this young man.

Free to members.

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

[Read more](#)

The Technology of D-Day



Thu 23 May 14:00 - 15:15

Online talk with speaker: Dr Richard Marks

The large raid on Dieppe 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. Key lessons resulted in the technology of D-Day.

Miniature submarines and divers; Bobbins or Crabs; Royal Engineers with special tanks; beach control and dealing with formidable German defences; new medical provision. How did all this effect those that fought? Find out about all this and more in the Technology of D-Day.

Ticket: £5 (members £4)

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Read more and book

That was just a small selection from
our extensive events programme

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Our events routinely sell out -
book early to secure your place



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