
in touch



Kintbury Station - early 1900's
Colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi friend

After the challenge of pinpointing the location last time, I went for the easy option this time! On [StreetView](#) the signal box has gone, the road widened, the crossing automated, the track bed raised (or the platform lowered), the buildings are gone and so are the points. The latter led to a siding where there was a goods shed, as you will see on the 25inch OS map on the [NLS map site](#). With all that change, you can see that the overall site footprint is little different, although it's now just car parking.

A reminder that it's AGM time and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this essential governance meeting where you can learn about the society's activities, financial performance and future plans. You can send us advance questions using the link below.



Have you booked your place yet?

Berkshire Family History Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June this year, at 7.30pm, via Zoom.

This is an important part of the governance of the Society and it would be lovely to have as many members attend as possible.

Meet other members of the Society, hear about the Society during 2023/2024 and find out the plans ahead. Questions and debate is encouraged. We welcome all members, wherever you may live.

Find out more and book your place here:

<https://berksfhs.org/events/annual-general-meeting-3>

Members are invited to submit advance questions for discussion at the meeting using the form below (log in required). Questions must be submitted by 11 Jun 2024 - submissions after that date may not be included in the agenda

<https://berksfhs.org/member-protected-content/agm-2024/>



Exchange Journals

The beginning of a new quarter brings a fresh crop of journals, so here we go:

- Bradford FHS (+ back copy for March)
- British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa
- Cheshire FHS
- Glamorgan FHS
- Society of Genealogists
- South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society
- Shropshire FHS
- Suffolk FHS
- Waltham Forest FHS

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



Reprise of member articles

Every time we publish the latest historian we publish the member articles from the

same period last year on the website, allowing you to take a refresher, and for them to be available to the general public. Here are the articles from June 2023

[Who were the Sopers?](#)

Shirley Dixon has researched the Soper family for many years, and c. 2009, the lane in Padworth where the church and Padworth House stand was named Sopers Lane

[The Russells of Swallowfield Park](#)

Roy Starkey highlights one of Berkshire's notable families

[The Future of British Genealogy in Berkshire According to ChatGPT](#)

Leigh Dworkin, Windsor Branch Chairman, investigates a possible future for genealogy

[The Little End of Caversham](#)

David Cliffe reminds us about an early census survivor

We started doing this three years ago and there are now over 50 articles in the archive. Why not [take a look...?](#)

New Records at The Genealogist

Residential and Trade Directories - over 10 Million Individuals added

Residential and trade directories are a great way to discover more about your ancestors who ran a business or shop. They can also help fill in the gaps if you have hit a brick wall in your research because your elusive ancestor appears to be missing from the census. Maybe you want to know more about the places your ancestor likely shopped or who their neighbours were? Directories



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Events

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



That Summer – a wartime evacuation to Kintbury

Wed 12 Jun 14:00 - 16:00

Newbury Branch Meeting with talk by Sarah Roberts

West Berkshire Museum

It started with reading a manuscript some twenty years after her mother passed away. Join Sarah as she talks about the true story of her mother's evacuation, as a child evacuee, during WW2 from Portsmouth to Kintbury, how the family managed during this challenging time and how the manuscript eventually evolved into the book *That Summer*.

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

[Read more](#)



Drop In Advice Session

Thu 13 Jun 14:00 - 17:00

Bracknell Library

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

Free for ALL family historians wherever your ancestors came from.

[Read more](#)



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 17 Jun 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.

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

[Read more and book](#)



Dads Underground Army

Mon 17 Jun 19:30 - 21:30

Abingdon Branch meeting with talk by Bill King

Long Furlong Community Centre, Abingdon

In the event of invasion small groups of specially selected men were trained in all aspects of clandestine warfare. They would have literally gone underground to disrupt communications through acts of sabotage as well to assassinate key personnel.

This talk explains the development, organisation and activities of this secret organisation.

Free to members.

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

[Read more](#)



Local Family History

Bracknell Branch Meeting

Fri 21 Jun 14:15 - 16:30

The New Priestwood Community Centre

A chance to learn about local people and the parts they played in the history of Bracknell & Wokingham.

The meeting is free to members of Berkshire Family History Society and we request

a donation of £5 from non-members.

Read more



Research Zone Tour

Mon 24 Jun 11:00 - 13:00

Tour Leader: Catherine Sampson

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

Yet to visit The Centre for Heritage and Family History and would like to know what's available there and how it can help your family history research?

This tour will introduce you to the facilities of the Centre and also those within the adjoining Local Studies Library.

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

Free to attend.

Pre-booking is required because numbers are limited.

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