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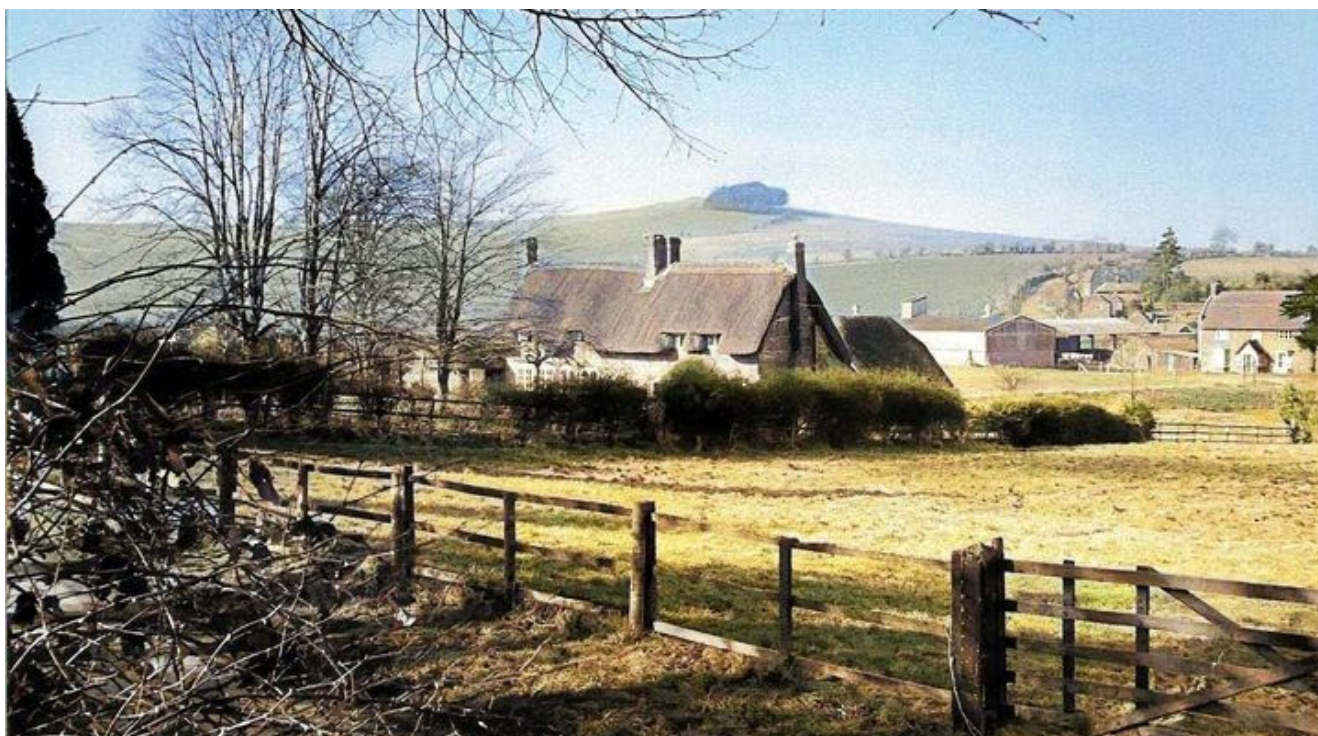
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**in touch**

your bi-weekly members' newsletter

**Letcombe Bassett****Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw**

Hi Paul

I've roamed the area around Letcombe Bassett virtually but have failed to come up with even a possible candidate for the location of this week's image so I'll have to leave it with you to ponder. Do we have any locals that can identify the spot?

Let's get on with our customary round up of news and events.



Exchange Journals

Six more this week as the August editions start to appear:

- Buckinghamshire FHS
- Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire FHS
- Eastbourne and District FHS
- Essex Family History Society
- Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
- St. Louis Genealogical Society

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LIST

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AUGUST 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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EVENTS FOR 19TH AUGUST

11:00 - 13:00

RESEARCH ZONE TOUR

The Centre for Heritage & Family History

14:00 - 16:00

ONLINE FAMILY HISTORY ADVICE CLINIC

Webinar

See it your way:

Multiple perspectives on our events calendar

You can view our busy events calendar in a variety of ways. Regular readers of our weekly newsletter receive a curated list in every edition. The Historian also features some events, but for the most comprehensive views, head over to our website.

On the homepage, there's a [slider](#) that will glide through events while you sip your coffee, tea, or G&T.

Each branch page showcases the events they have organised.

[Abingdon](#) | [Bracknell](#) | [Computer](#) | [Newbury](#) | [Reading](#) | [Windsor](#)

And the [What's On](#) page presents a complete list by default, with options for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly views (as shown above). The yearly view is particularly useful for long-term planning, but there's some bad news – if you're looking for a free week to book a holiday, there isn't one. Sorry!



Coastguards 1801-1952

Findmypast adds coastguard records

Family History website Findmypast has added a set of over 210,000 records from HM Coastguards, dating from 1801-1952.

HM Coastguard was formed in 1822 by the amalgamation of three services which worked to combat smuggling. Riding Officers patrolled the coast on horseback, Customs Revenue Officers patrolled the seas, whilst the Prevention Water Guard was introduced in 1809 by the Board of Customs. The new record set includes pre-1822 papers from all three of these predecessor organisations.

Now available on Findmypast are digitised copies of papers held by The National Archives including: establishment books, ships' records, service records of Royal Navy and Royal Marines who transferred to HM Coastguard, and registers of coastguards who were discharged in 1919 following the end of WW1.

[Search the records](#)



Connected Histories

have you searched their records yet?

The website Connected Histories pulls together a range of sources from 1500 to 1900. The site is searchable by name, place and date. In addition there are nine search guides to help you get the most of the datasets available.

Some sources are available on a pay to view basis, but there are quite a few which are free to view, including convicts transported to Australia 1787 - 1867, London Lives 1690 - 1800, and the clergymen of the Church of England database 1540 - 1835.

Find out more and search here:

Search the records



Tracing your Sporting Ancestors

With the Olympics underway in Paris, what better time to give a plug to the comprehensive website - Sporting Heritage.

This site collates details of collections held across the UK, most of them held by museums, archives and clubs. It is ideal for identifying who holds sporting collections and what sort of material is available. In Berkshire, for example, it notes that the Royal Berkshire Archives holds records relating to Berkshire County Cricket Club: minutes, score books and year books 1903-2013 (D/EX2432). Whilst in nearby Henley, there is a link to the River and Rowing Museum's Catalogue and a description of their special exhibitions.

Find out more and search the records





August Natter Group

Tue 06 Aug 18:45 for 19:00

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



Drop In Advice Session

Thu 08 Aug 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.

Find out more



The Watlington Hoard

Thu 08 Aug 14:00 - 15:30

Talk by James Mather

The Centre for Heritage & Family History, Reading

Comprising about 200 coins, 7 items of jewellery and 15 ingots (bars of silver), the find is not particularly large. However, it is hugely significant and has been described authoritatively as one that has changed history. Although this is the main focus of the talk, it also includes other more interesting local finds.

James will bring along a selection of these finds and some high quality replicas of silver items from the Watlington Hoard.

After the talk, tea/coffee and cake will be available (included in the price).

Image: The Portable Antiquities Scheme The Trustees of the British Museum, CC BY-SA 2.0

Tickets cost £5 (members £4).

Pre-booking is preferred, but you can pay on the door, if there are spaces available.

Book



DNA Special Interest Group

Sat 17 Aug 14:30 - 16:30

Facilitated by : Debbie Kennett

Online

Rescheduled from 27th July due to unforeseen personal circumstances. Our apologies. If you have booked for either the 13th or 27th, you will receive an email from us imminently, if not already.

This special interest discussion group is aimed at those wanting to get the most out of their DNA results. It is facilitated by international DNA expert, Debbie Kennett. Sessions are held quarterly, but there is no obligation to attend on a regular basis. First time attendees are always welcomed. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and to gain ideas for how you can use your results to solve questions and break down brick walls. All levels of expertise with interpreting DNA results welcome from beginner level to experienced.

Tickets are £5 (society members £4). Pre-booking is required however, as full joining instructions will be sent by email to all attendees in advance.

Book



Research Zone Tour

Mon 19 Aug 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.

Book



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 19 Aug 14:00 - 16:00

Online

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 – 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.

You’ll receive help from our experienced research assistants. We’ll provide whatever help and suggestions that we can within the time frame and book a follow-on session with you if needed. Four, 25-minute, 1:1 slots are provided, starting at 14.00, 14.30, 15.05, and 15.35.

Free to all.

Pre-booking required.

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That was just a small selection from our extensive events programme



Our events often sell out so please book early to avoid disappointment

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