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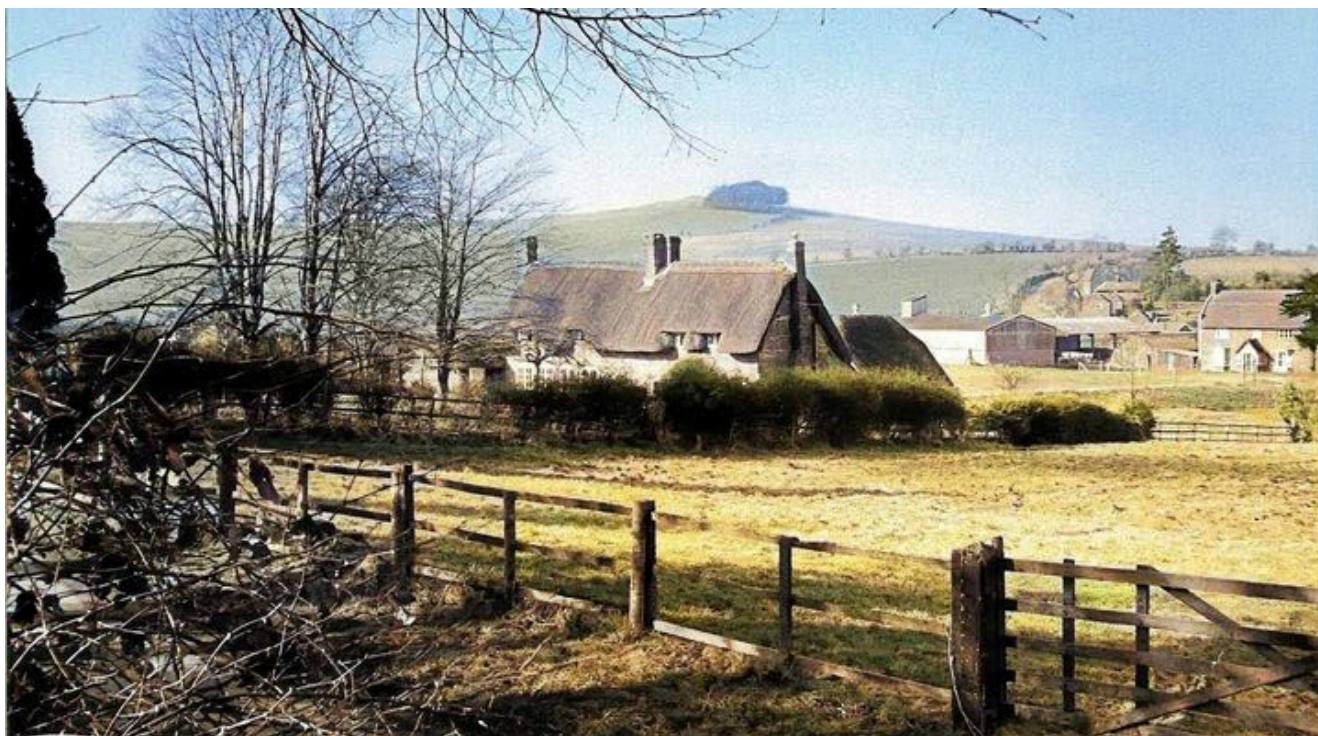
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your bi-weekly members' newsletter



Letcombe Bassett

Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi friend

Now, you may be wondering why this week's image is a repeat of last week's. It's not a mistake but we thought we needed to reprise it because...

... we start with a 'mention in dispatches' for member David Sears from Hove in Sussex who, never one to ignore a challenge, put on his virtual walking boots and joined a [video tour of Letcombe Bassett](#). Follow in his footsteps and all will be revealed about 4 mins 10 into the video. Make sure your sound is on, and what you'll hear is a perfect English country scene accompanied by clucking hens. What you'll see is a near perfect reproduction of the scene, from the churchyard. Even the trees by the house are recognisably the same. The modern videographer, 'Kevin The Countryman', must've been standing within a few feet of where the original photographer stood!

Do watch the entire video - it's a gem. 17th century houses that are still occupied, in a village with Saxon roots. Thank you David - what a great find!

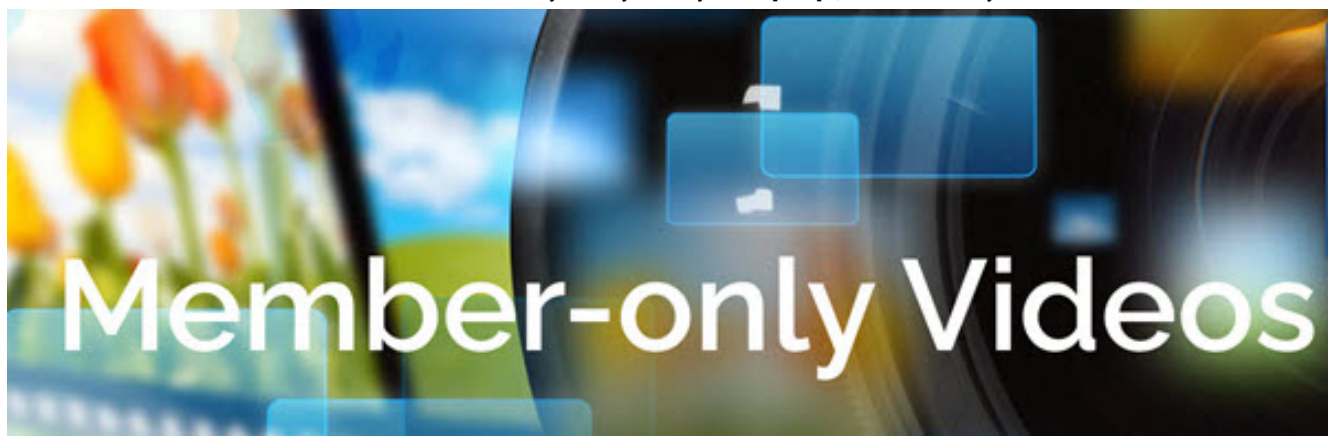


Exchange Journals

Four more this week:

- Barnsley FHS
- Dyfed Family History Society
- Family History Connections (AISG) - Australia
- International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

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Ancestors on the Map:

Finding Locations of Family Photographs

with Dr Nicholas Dixon

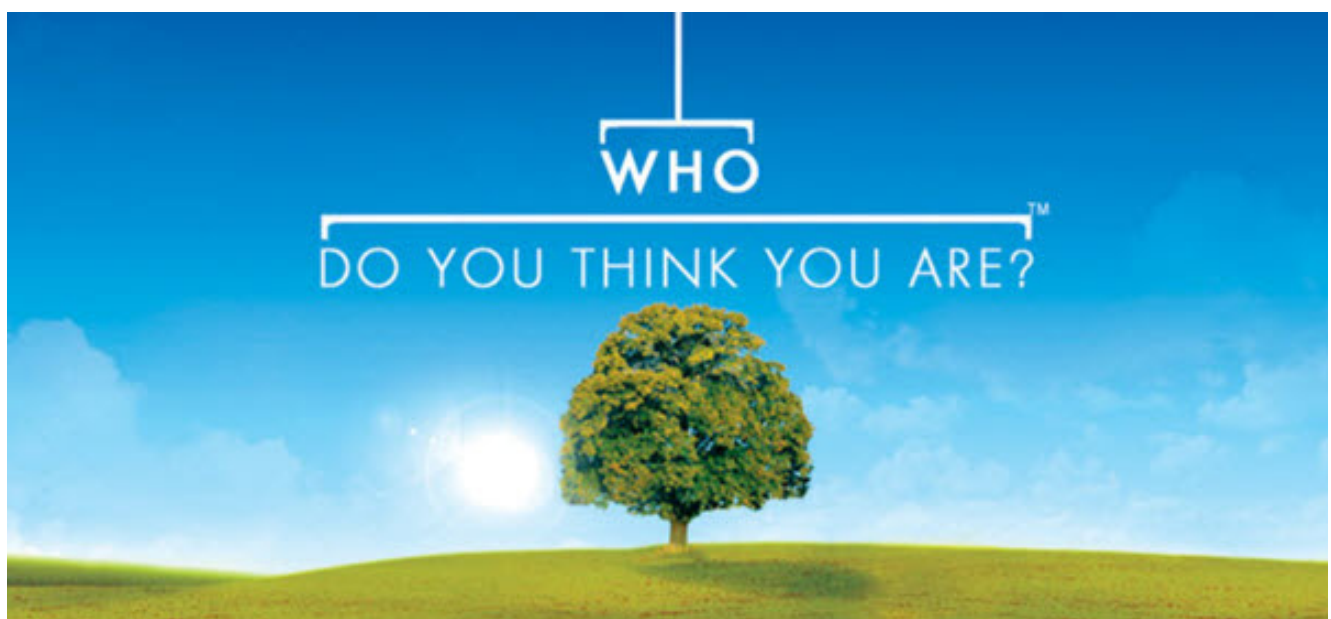
The latest in our series of recorded Windsor Branch Meetings is available to view online.

Those who are fortunate enough to have collections of old family photographs must often wonder where their ancestors were in such pictures, particularly if they were taken outside a studio. This talk, shows how it is often possible not only to find information about studio photographers but also pinpoint the locations of family photographs using a variety of online resources.

Content available until 31 Oct 2024

Free to members

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Who Do You Think You Are? TV Series

A few editions ago, we brought you news of the pending new series of WDYTYA.

Sadly, we didn't have time to give you the launch date up front as it was last Thursday 15th August at 9pm on BBC. However, there's still time to watch episode 2 this coming Thursday and if you missed it, to watch the first episode which featured actor Vicky McClure on BBC iPlayer.

This new series will be the 21st since launch. Series 1 - 20 are available to view on BBC iPlayer. (Overseas members might be able to view using a good VPN,)

[View in iPlayer](#)

LIBRARY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Search Newspapers

US Newspapers

The US Library of Congress website offers a range of online resources including free access to more than 21 million pages from over 4,000 newspaper titles. The newspapers are searchable and date from 1756 to 1963. Images can be enlarged for better viewing. What's particularly good about the search engine, is that it also links your result to other items in their library's digital collection, including images.

If your ancestors emigrated to the US, then this is definitely one to explore, if you haven't yet come across it.

[Search the site](#)



[Railway Accidents Website](#)

This website is a joint initiative between the University of Portsmouth, the National Railway Museum (NRM) and the Modern Records Centre at the University of Warwick (MRC). The National Archives and the RMT Union are also closely involved.

The website aims to make it easier to find out about railway worker accidents in Britain and Ireland from the late 1880s to 1939. It provides data about who was involved in an accident, what they were doing on the railways, what happened to them and why. It is continually growing as more data is added and it is free to access.

As many of us had ancestors who worked on the railways, this is a gem of a website and certainly one to keep a close eye on.

Search the site



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



Create an enduring family tree in YourTrees

Wed 21 Aug 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.

Book



Bells and Bricks (two Wokingham Industries)

Thu 22 Aug 14:00 - 15:15

Talk by John Harrison

Online

Church bells were cast in Wokingham between the mid 1300s and the early 1600s. Brick making thrived in Wokingham during the 19th and early 20th centuries, with some works producing millions of bricks per

year. The foundry and brick works are long gone but some of the bells cast there are still in use, while the brick works itself has left its own mark.

In this talk see how these industries changed over time, together with an overview of how their products were used.

Tickets cost £5 (members £4). Pre-booking required.

Book



Australian Civil Registration and other Official Documentation

Tue 27 Aug 11:30 - 12:30

Talk by Geoff Frogley

Online

We welcome one of our Australia-based members, Geoff Frogley, as our speaker. Geoff will give a short but comprehensive talk on Australian records for family historians, followed by a question and answer session.

The talk begins by discussing the factors which led to the settlement of Australia and then focuses on the records which can viewed or ordered online. These include church records, clergy returns, Colonial Office returns, civil registration, muster returns, census records, newspapers (including Trove) and directories.

This talk will be transmitted live from The Centre for Heritage and Family History. We also invite individuals who would prefer to hear the talk in a face-to-face setting to join us there and be seated before 11am.

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

Book



Drop In Advice Session

Tue 27 Aug 14:00 - 16:30

Wokingham Library

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

For ALL family historians wherever your ancestors came from.

Free to all.

[Find out more](#)



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 16 Sep 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.

Book

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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