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your bi-weekly members' newsletter



Chaddleworth 1915

Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi Paul

We're in the land of thatched cottages this week, in Chaddleworth. It's a small place with quite a few thatched buildings. I've virtually roamed the few streets and while I've found a possible match, something looks off to me - the relative spacing of the cottages on the left and right of the old photo doesn't seem to match the [modern view](#). Once again we need help from someone local - any takers?



Exchange Journals

We had a break from Exchange Journals last time while we resolved a technical issue and also chased up some missing editions. This means we have a lot for you to look at this time.

- Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS
- Alberta Genealogical Society (latest and one back copy)
- Barnsley FHS
- Bedfordshire FHS (latest and FIVE back copies)
- Botany Bay FHS
- Calderdale FHS
- Central Scotland FHS (latest + one back copy)
- Family History Society of New Zealand (Apr & Aug 2023 back issues)
- Heraldry Society (latest and EIGHT back copies, including a Coronation Supplement)
- Society of Australian Genealogists
- Wagga Wagga & District FHS

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The Earl and the Pharaoh

The latest in our series of recorded talks for members is now available on the website

This talk is about a man whose life and death became front-page news throughout the world between the autumn of 1922 and the spring of 1923 when, with his colleague Howard Carter, he discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun and then, shortly afterwards, died.

The media circus that accompanied the opening of the tomb latched onto the glint of gold, the extraordinary treasures and, of course, the superstitious world of ancient Egypt. The backstory of hard work, the acquisition of experience and knowledge in an inhospitable climate, has been overlooked in a welter of excited prose - it is a tale of discovery. Hear about it all directly from the author of the book of the same title.

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Royal Berkshire Archives Closure Dates for Stocktaking

Advanced notice for those who plan their archive visits ahead. The Royal Berkshire Archives (RBA) will be closed for stocktaking from **25th November to 6th December** inclusive.

[Find out more about visiting](#)



Findmypast free access - No Story Left Behind

Findmypast is offering free access to a different set of records each weekend in the run-up to Remembrance Day 2024.

To help people become more familiar with the records, Findmypast is inviting the public to take part in a family history challenge using their website. A series of clues will be provided to encourage people to explore the story of the Griffiths family, whose five sons - Hugh, Richard John, Nicholas, Ernest Evan Quinton and Reginald Stanley - all fought in the First World War.

Each weekend there will be a different collection made completely free to use, culminating in the final Remembrance weekend when all of their records will be freely available.

These are the weekends and record-sets which will be made free to researchers:

- 25-28 October: Findmypast's newspaper archives.
- 1-4 November: The 1939 Register.
- 8-11 November: All Findmypast records, including the 1921 census.

[Find out more](#)

EVENTS



Drop In Advice Session

Tue 29 Oct 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.

Free for ALL family historians wherever your ancestors came from.

[Find out more](#)



Create an enduring family tree in YourTrees

Wed 30 Oct 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



November Natter Group

Tue 05 Nov 18:45 for 19:00

Led by Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens

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. Topics are chosen by the group on a monthly basis. End time varies.

Members only, free to attend, but pre-booking is required.

Book



Research Zone Tour

Mon 11 Nov 11:15 - 13:00

**Tour Leaders: Catherine Sampson
and Vanessa Chappell**

The Centre

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.

Free to all. Pre-booking is required because numbers are limited.

Book



Cope Hall: A Women's Training Colony

Newbury Branch Meeting with speaker: Carol Brindley

Wed 13 Nov 14:00 - 16:00

West Berkshire Museum

Cope Hall, near Newbury was first believed to have been built in the Tudor period. This talk by Carol describes its more recent history when it was used as a Women's Training Colony, a place for "rescued" women who might otherwise have found themselves in prison. Here, in this large house and gardens of over twenty acres, with the help of Dr Helen Wilson and her team the women could learn new skills for a better future.

Members free - Non-Members £5

Find out more

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events programme



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

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