



Cricketers Inn, Stockcross

Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi friend

Locating this week's image required a team effort but we got there in the end. The details given with the image say that the inn was demolished in 1987 to make way for housing and you can see the new building that replaced it in [Google StreetView](#).

Another clue can be found by advancing past the new building where you will find, on the left, a private drive called '[Cricketers](#)', with a plaque on the wall.

NEWS



**UK Statistics
Authority**

Statistics for the Public Good

ONS recommends the 2031 census should go ahead

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recommended that a national census of England and Wales should be carried out in 2031.

In 2023, the ONS launched a consultation on proposals to abolish the census, replacing it with more continuous use of administrative data such as tax, benefit and border data to gather information on the population. Its recommendations have now been published which in summary found that *“that the time is not yet ripe to forego a whole-population questionnaire-based census.”*

It is therefore recommending that the government commissions and resources the ONS to begin preparations for a questionnaire-based census of England and Wales in 2031.

This is good news for family historians and genealogists who are quoted in the report as saying that *“the detailed data currently provided by a traditional census is essential for future generations to understand their ancestry. They noted that the use of administrative data will likely not capture adequate detail required about household structure and family relationships.”*

Read more about the decision [here](#)



Curating the Archives of Protest at Greenham Common

We don't usually highlight the various historic fundraising appeals that are out there - but this one resonates with many of our local Berkshire-based members and involves the Royal Berkshire Archives (RBA). The RBA is seeking funds to make available the archives of the Greenham Women's Peace Camp, the Campaign against the

reactivation of Greenham Airbase, the Newbury Campaign Against Cruise Missiles, the Commons Again Campaign and the Nuclear Awareness Group. These collections are held mostly by the RBA in Reading, with a smaller amount of material at West Berkshire Museum in Newbury. In total they comprise over 80 boxes.

The largest collection is from the Women's Peace Camp and was donated by local woman, and Berkshire FHS Society member, Lynette Edwell. Lynette's house in Newbury was for years home to the Camp's archives before she donated them to the RBA. A second collection relating to the Camp has been donated by a group of Peace Camp women, together with archives relating to wider activism around the Common and the return of the Common to the local community.

A team of volunteers has made basic lists of some of the collections. The RBA is now ready to recruit a post to catalogue them and make them available to the public. There is already demand for access, and the RBA has contributed content from them to exhibitions, media publications and academic work. But without a proper catalogue, most of the archives remain hidden. This project will change that: a project archivist will be employed to catalogue every item within the Greenham Common collections. This will allow the story of the Common's recent past to be told and reinforce its international importance in the history of protest.

The impact of this project will be in the permanent availability of the archives of protest for generations to come – for local communities and beyond. They are a fabulous resource and the RBA looks forward to fully sharing them in due course.

Read more and contribute [here](#)

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION *Caring for the fallen*

Latest CWGC Appeal for Relatives

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) have launched an appeal for relatives of those commemorated at the Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium in Middlesex. The fallen relate to both of the World Wars and it's a long list - so please take a look, if you think you may have a relative buried here.

Search the list [here](#)



Did you know?

The Society often records the Branch talks programme and these are then made available for free to our members to view from the website for either a limited period of time, or, indefinitely. In addition though, some of the Centre's "pay to attend" online talk are also recorded - giving you even more choice. For fairness, these videos are offered only on a pay to view basis.

At the moment, three talks and one course are available to watch at your leisure. These include Helen Baggott's epic talk on her research of the stories behind old postcards, and Ken Wheeler's talk about five generations at the Fairmile Hospital.

Explore the pay to view video collection [here](#)



Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine's Latest County Focus

Berkshire is the focus of July's *Who Do You Think You Are?* Magazine - so do take a look if you have the opportunity. If you aren't a subscriber, but do belong to your local library - then you may well find that the magazine is available to download online via your library hub.

Find out more [here](#)

EVENTS



Getting the most out of your Membership Workshop

Wed 09 Jul 19:00 - 21:00

Online

New to Berkshire FHS? Join this friendly members-only workshop to explore benefits, get help with research, and learn how to make the most of your membership..

[Find out more and book](#)



Reading Greyfriars – from prison to parish church

Thu 10 Jul 14:00 - 15:30

The Centre

Discover the hidden history of Greyfriars Church in this talk, its time as Reading's Bridewell prison, its return to worship, and life serving a poor Victorian parish.

[Find out more and book](#)



Drop In Advice Session

Thu 10 Jul 14:00 - 17:00

Bracknell Library

Bring your questions, problems and 'brick walls' ... and get some new ideas



DNA

Special Interest Group

Sat 12 Jul 14:30 - 16:30

Online

Maximise your DNA results with this quarterly discussion group, facilitated by expert Debbie Kennett. Share

and advice from members of the Society. For ALL family historians. Facilitated by the Bracknell Branch.

[Find out more](#)



Face-to-Face Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 14 Jul 11:00 - 12:00

The Centre

Need help starting your family history or stuck on a problem? Book a one-to-one session with a Berkshire FHS advisor for expert guidance tailored to your research.

[Find out more and book](#)



Mapping Alchemy for Genealogists

Wed 16 Jul 19:45 - 21:00

successes, ask questions, and get new ideas for your research. All welcome!

[Find out more and book](#)



Pendon Museum.

Wed 16 Jul 14:30 - 16:30

Meeting place advised on booking
Abingdon's Berkshire FHS's 50th event is a visit to Pendon Museum. Explore detailed scale models of 1920s-30s rural life, including the Vale of White Horse. All welcome.

[Find out more and book](#)



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 21 Jul 14:00 - 16:00

Online

Unlock the power of maps in family history at this Combined Branches meeting. Learn how to use OS maps to trace ancestors and explore their world with Sophie's Outlier Method.

[Find out more and book](#)

Online

Get 1:1 family history advice in free online Zoom sessions. Whether you're starting out or facing a brick wall, our experienced research assistants are here to help

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