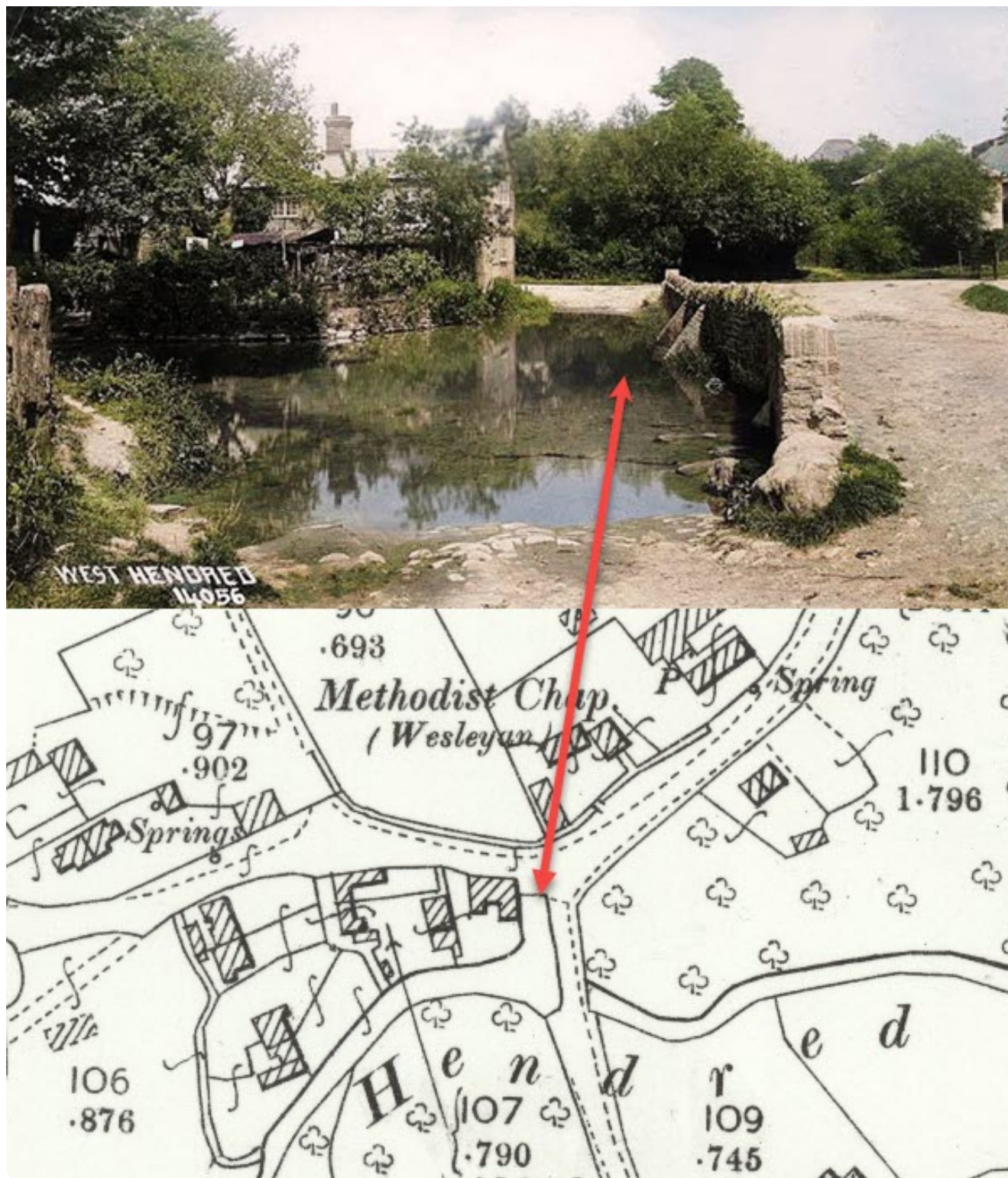




West Hendred

Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi friend

West Hendred was a tiny place when this photo was taken and remains so. This week's image has a distinctive cut-out in the line of the West Hendred Brook adjacent to the bridge, which seems to correspond with the contemporary [OS maps](#) but as you can see from the satellite overlay the building is either gone or has been extended - it's hard to tell - and that cut has been infilled. This is the same spot in [StreetView](#). You can see a bridge over the brook and there, on the left, is the now-grassed-over cut. For once, our ability to admire an unchanged view is diminished by modernity.

NEWS



Exchange Journals

Newly arrived:

- Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS
- Dyfed FHS
- East of London FHS (+ 1 back copy)
- Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

[View on website](#) (login required)



Royal Berkshire Archives - Behind the Scenes Tour

The Royal Berkshire Archives are now taking bookings for their Heritage Open Day Behind the Scenes Tour. This is a FREE event on Saturday 13 September at 10:30am (booking is essential). They will take you where visitors are not normally permitted to go and you can take a look inside the archive storage. Their conservation staff will

provide details on the work that they do and show you the conservation studio too. You'll discover more about the services they offer, the collections they hold, and how to visit to use the archives yourself.

More details and how to book at [here](#).



More data launches by the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland

Some good news for those with Irish ancestry.

We have previously highlighted the work being carried out by the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland (VRTI) in attempting to reconstruct the Public Record Office of Ireland with digitised copies of Irish documents from around the world. Much of the original records of the Public Record Office of Ireland in Dublin having been destroyed in a fire during the Irish Civil War. It makes researching family history in Ireland more challenging, particularly as the census records before 1901 were among those lost.

The VRTI has announced that 175,000 Irish historical records, including 60,000 pre-1901 census records previously thought to be lost, have been published online.

Other new additions to the VRTI include:

- The Age of Revolution Portal, with documents covering the 1798 Rebellion and Ireland's links to the American Revolution, including documents from the Library of Congress in America.
- The Age of Conquest Portal, with five million words of Anglo-Norman (1170-1500) Irish history translated into English.
- State Papers Ireland, with over 10 million words on governing Ireland in the dramatic years following Cromwell's death (1660-1720).
- Knowledge Graph Explorer, a new tool for identifying people and places, and the links between them, in the records.

For more information and to search the treasury, click [here](#).

Ancestry digitise Cambridgeshire's parish registers

Family History website Ancestry has announced it is in the process of adding the digitised parish registers for Cambridgeshire to its online collection. The website has already published almost 3 million baptism, marriage and burial records covering the period 1538-1812, over 1 million banns and marriage records for the period 1754-1940; and almost ½ million burial records covering 1813-1996.

Still to come - ½ million baptism records covering 1813-1924.

The records are taken from Cambridgeshire Libraries and Archives and also include the historical county of Huntingdonshire.

Find out more [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?



... Berkshire's enclosure maps and an index to the awards made are available to view online for free?

New Landscapes was a New Opportunities Fund project undertaken at the Royal Berkshire Archives, formerly the Berkshire Record Office, and completed in 2004. It made use of the digital technologies available at the time to provide access to historic manuscript maps and documents online. The maps and land awards on this site show the process of enclosing the common fields of the county of Berkshire between 1738 and 1883.

There is a handy guide about enclosure and you can search the documents available by parish or view the documents themselves.

Find out more [here](#).

EVENTS



August Natter Group

Tue 05 Aug 19:00

Online

Members of Berkshire FHS can join an informal online discussion group, facilitated by Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens. Topics are chosen monthly by attendees.

Find out more and book



Katesgrove Walkabout

Tue 12 Aug 10:30 - 13:00

Meeting place will be confirmed

Explore Katesgrove, bounded by Reading's IDR, London St, Waterloo Rise and the Kennet. Discover its bricks, industry, schools, heritage and vibrant history.

Find out more and book



Drop-In Advice

VJ Day Anniversary Lunch and Talk.

Thu 14 Aug 13:00 - 15:30
The Centre

Join the Society's VJ Day 80th anniversary event with a fish and chips lunch, followed by Dr Richard Marks' talk: Over the Kwai – The Story of the Burma-Siam Railway in World War 2.

[Find out more and book](#)



Online Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 18 Aug 14:00 - 16:00
Online

Just starting your family history journey or stuck at a brick wall? Need some help, so why not book a free 1:1 online advice session via Zoom - open to all, wherever you are in the world.

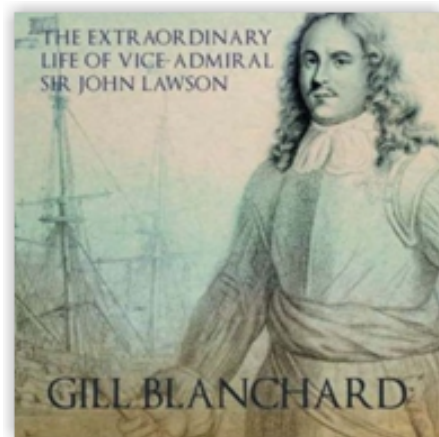
[Find out more and book](#)

Session

Thu 14 Aug 14:00 - 17:00
Bracknell Central Library

Feeling stuck with your family tree? We offer a drop-in session service where you can get advice and break through those 'brick walls'. There's no need to book - just turn up.

[Find out more](#)



Lawson Lies Still in the Thames

Thu 28 Aug 14:00 - 15:15
Online

Discover the extraordinary life of Vice Admiral Sir John Lawson - a forgotten Civil War hero who helped restore the monarchy and expand England's global power.

[Find out more and book](#)

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