



Aldworth St Mary Church in 1895

Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi friend

The featured image in this week's 'Then-and-now' was clearly taken from a field and i wondered if we might need to take a view from a different aspect but a quick check on Google Street View™ gets us [pretty close](#). If you want to get any closer you'll need to knock on the neighbour's door and ask if you can take a look from their garden - you might need to peek over the fence though.

NEWS



Exchange Journals

Newly arrived:

- Bedfordshire FHS
- Calderdale FHS
- Eastbourne and District FHS
- Family History Society of New Zealand
- Lanarkshire FHS

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

An advertisement for MyHeritage's LiveMemory feature. The background is dark with a subtle pattern of glowing particles. On the left, the MyHeritage logo is at the top, followed by a 'NEW' badge and the text 'LiveMemory™ Bring Your Photos to Life with Fun New Effects and Improved AI Technology'. Below this is the URL 'myheritage.com/livememory'. On the right, a large, ornate silver picture frame contains a vintage photograph of a woman in a wide-brimmed hat and a long coat. She has a surprised expression with her mouth open. Overlaid on the frame are three buttons: 'Superhero', 'Escape the Frame', and 'Synchronized dance'. In the bottom left corner of the frame, there is a smaller inset photo of a man and a woman sitting on a bench. The bottom right corner of the frame has a small 'AI' label and a burst of golden sparkles.

LiveMemory™ Brings Your Photos to Life, Now with Fun New Effects and Improved AI Technology

In previous editions we've talked about MyHeritage's AI based image effects. Some of them were slightly disturbing. My grandmother as a young woman giving me an AI inspired 'come hither' look was a case in point. But this time they've come up with something amusing - fun effects. Not much by way of artistic or genealogical merit

but if you want to give your kids and grandkids a laugh as a way of engaging a new generation in your hobby, this could be a way!

Explore LiveMemory [here](#).



New Suffolk records now online at Ancestry

Family history website Ancestry has added a major new set of almost nine million Suffolk parish records.

These are four record sets from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: over 4.5 million baptism, marriage and burial records for the period 1538-1812; 1.5 million baptism records 1813-1924; 1.5 million marriage records 1754-1949; and over 0.5 million burials records 1813-1999.

The originals of these records are held at The Hold in Ipswich, where they are now also available to view for free on their computers.

Find out more [here](#).



Henley Road Cemetery, Reading

One to keep an eye on if you have relatives buried at the Henley Road Cemetery on All Hallows Road, Caversham.

Headstones and memorials at the cemetery are being checked to make sure they are not at risk of falling over. The structural and stability tests will be carried out on nearly 3,500 memorials between August and November.

Reading Borough Council have said that where possible the registered owners of the memorial will be contacted by cemetery staff if action was needed or they would be

marked with a notice urging the relatives of the deceased to make contact. Cemetery staff will be on the site during working hours to answer any questions and offer help and advice while the tests are being carried out.

The authority said the checks were needed "to ensure they do not pose a health and safety risk to anyone visiting or working at the cemetery".

The tests are being carried out on memorials numbered:

9001–10866

11000–11458

11459–12586

Find out more [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?



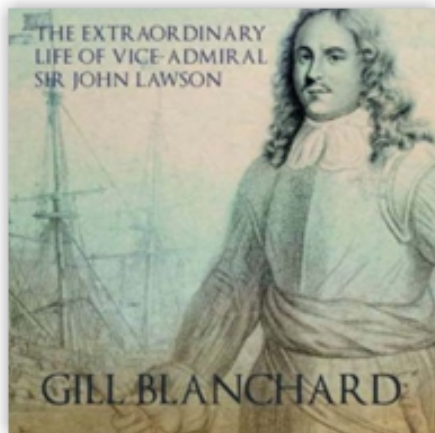
... You can check if a name appears on in data downloads or CDs before buying the full transcript?

So, if you're looking for an ancestor named, for example, Ann Pocock, the [Berkshire Names Index](#) will list the occurrences, the year and the parish. Once you have found it in the index, the full entry, usually giving details such as the name of parents, name of spouse, occupation, age, address etc, can be viewed in the relevant county-wide CD.

Alternatively, if PDF Downloads better meet your need, check the availability for the parish and, if published, you'll find the entry there as well. The majority of parishes in our county-wide CDs are also available in download format, but some are still a work in progress. So please bear with us.

We hope you find these indexes a great tool to help you trace your elusive ancestors and allow you to home in on the products which are most likely to meet your needs.

EVENTS



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](#)



Face-to-Face Family History Advice Clinic

Mon 01 Sep 11:00 - 12:00

The Centre

Need help starting your family history or stuck on a problem? Book a free one-to-one session for tailored guidance - for beginners or those needing a fresh approach.

[Find out more and book](#)



September

Natter Group.

Tue 02 Sep 19:00



How AI can save time when researching family history

Fri 05 Sep 14:45 - 16:30

New Priestwood Community Centre

Online

Informal discussion group, facilitated by Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens. Topics are chosen by the group on a monthly basis. The session end time varies.

[Find out more and book](#)



Reading's Trolleybuses

Thu 11 Sep 14:00 - 15:30

The Centre

Discover Reading's early public transport in this illustrated talk on trolleybuses from 1934–1966. See lost streetscapes and discover how a few vehicles live on at Sandtoft Museum.

[Find out more and book](#)

This talk will show you how AI is already helping your family history research on sites like Ancestry. Learn how tools like ChatGPT can make your research more efficient.

[Find out more](#)



The New Poor Law Workshop

Sat 27 Sep 11:00 - 13:00

Online

Explore the impact of the New Poor Law Amendment Act and learn about workhouse records, Poor Law Unions, and how to trace ancestors through these vital documents.

[Find out more and book](#)

That was just a small selection from our extensive programme



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