



Kintbury High Street in the early 20th century

Image colourised by Jim Bradshaw

Hi friend

This week's image was another easy find. Pace & Lockyer's shop is now a private residence. In the process, there has been some remodelling but that distinctive doorway remains and if you screw your eyes up a bit, you'll see that the road name 'Inkpen Road' corresponds with the [modern view](#). The timber building in the original has been replaced with a brick built one but the gable end and slightly remodelled chimney stack on the right are still there, along with the group of buildings in the distance.

The term 'High Street' conjures up ideas of a bustle of commercial activity. That's hardly true of the original view and the modern view is no different. In fact if you take a virtual trip down that road it dwindles away to a country lane but maintains a firm grip on its name. Take a look at the excellent National Library of Scotland's mapping

website and you can [see the amount of infill development](#) that has taken place over the last century.

NEWS



Exchange Journals

The third quarter journal-peak continues. To illustrate the dynamic nature of InTouch production, when we began the production of this week's edition on Monday we had half a dozen exchange journals to share with you. By Wednesday that had become a dozen and by Thursday a 'Baker's Dozen' (13). Friday evening that changed to 14 but did you know that was once a Baker's Dozen before 13 became the norm? If another journal arrives before we 'go to press' we'd be stretching it to retain a dozen-based count were it not for the 'Texas Dozen' (15). Although, this is based on [Wikipedia](#) - perhaps a mischievous Texan has made a community edit!

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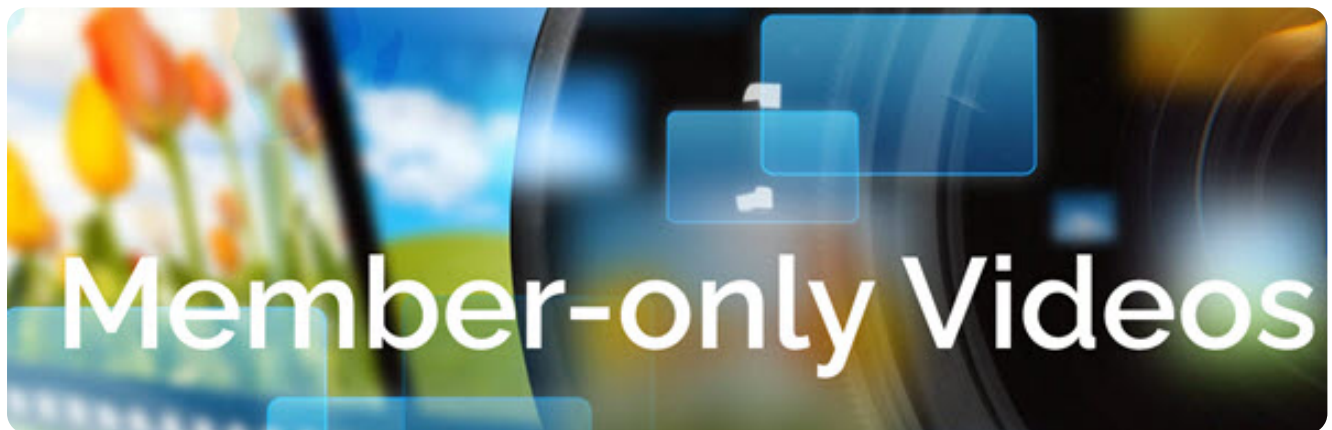
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DID YOU KNOW?



There's an easy way to check whether or not you have booked for an event with Berkshire Family History Society. Even though we don't ask you to login before booking, as long as you book with the email address that's on your membership account, bookings will be linked to you.

So, simply sign into the Society's website and then click on "What's On" on the top toolbar, then "My Bookings" and up will come a list of everything you have booked.



Recorded talks

You may have noticed a recent hiatus in the publishing of recorded talks. This was due to a resource issue but we're delighted to tell you that our appeal for help was answered and we have a new video editor on board and normal service has been restored. Welcome Peter Barlow!

A Quick Heads-Up About Captions

Our recordings now include closed captions for the hearing impaired. They are generated by AI, which means they're learning as they go! Sometimes they get spectacularly confused by British English words, such as turning 'Slough and...' into 'Slower', and we are unable to edit these faux pas. Our apologies to any residents of Slough (or anywhere / anyone / anything else the AI has playfully renamed). We hope you agree the small occasional 'oops' is worth the huge benefit of providing captions for everyone.

Annual General Meeting

AGMs are an essential part of our governance responsibilities but also a great chance for us to connect with our members, hear their views and tell you about our plans. This year is our 50th anniversary and the AGM was reflective of that. So if you want to view this year's meeting, click [here](#) to view (login required).

Criminal courts before 1971

The video features a presentation by historian Sarah Pettyfer discussing the history and records associated with criminal courts in England prior to 1971, along with insights into specific cases and the significance of various legal documents for family historians.

Click [here](#) to view (login required).



The Genealogist publishes more wills and probate records

Family History website 'TheGenealogist' has added 330,000 early will and probate records. The additions consist of entries in volumes of transcribed records and come from across England and Scotland. These range in date from 1320 to 1800, however the majority of the new material comes from the 1500s and 1600s.

Find out more [here](#).

And of course, don't forget you can access Society's subscription to 'TheGenealogist' free of charge [via our website](#) (you have to be signed in first though).

EVENTS



Face-to-Face Advice Australian Records

Mon 15 Sep 13:00 - 15:00

The Centre

Do you have Australian ancestors?
Geoffrey Frogley, an Australian member, is visiting the Centre for Heritage and Family History to help you with your research queries.

[Find out more](#)



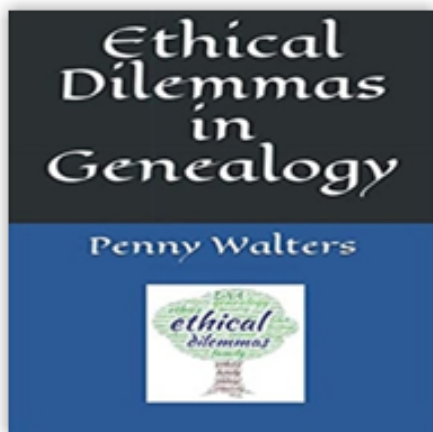
Seeking Margaretta

Mon 15 Sep 19:00 - 21:30

Long Furlong Community Centre

A lost relative, long-held silence, and a decade of research. This Abingdon Branch talk follows one woman's 1941 disappearance, the search to trace her, and the detective work involved.

[Find out more](#)



Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy

Wed 17 Sep 19:30 - 21:30

Online

Family trees once relied on relatives and paper trails, but online research



Chimney Stacks and Climbing Boys

Thu 25 Sep 14:00 - 15:15

Online

Follow 500 years of chimney sweeping, from changing design and health laws to the tough lives of apprentices, with

brings new dilemmas. This Computer Branch talk explores ethics, what to include, and sensitive issues.

[Find out more and book](#)



Madame Tussaud buried in Wargrave? Traps for unwary

Thu 25 Sep 19:45 - 21:00

The Church of the LDS

History is full of traps for the unwary. This talk will use local examples, such as the Tussaud grave in Wargrave, to show how historians can be misled and draw inaccurate conclusions.

[Find out more](#)

vivid real stories of hardship, danger and scandal.

[Find out more and book](#)



Heroes & Ghosts – how they affect genealogical research

Tue 30 Sep 19:30 - 21:30

Online

Pioneer aviator Wing Commander Harold Blackburn MC AFC's story, once buried for a century under scandal and shame, is brought to light in this revealing talk.

[Find out more and book](#)

That was just a small selection from our extensive programme



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