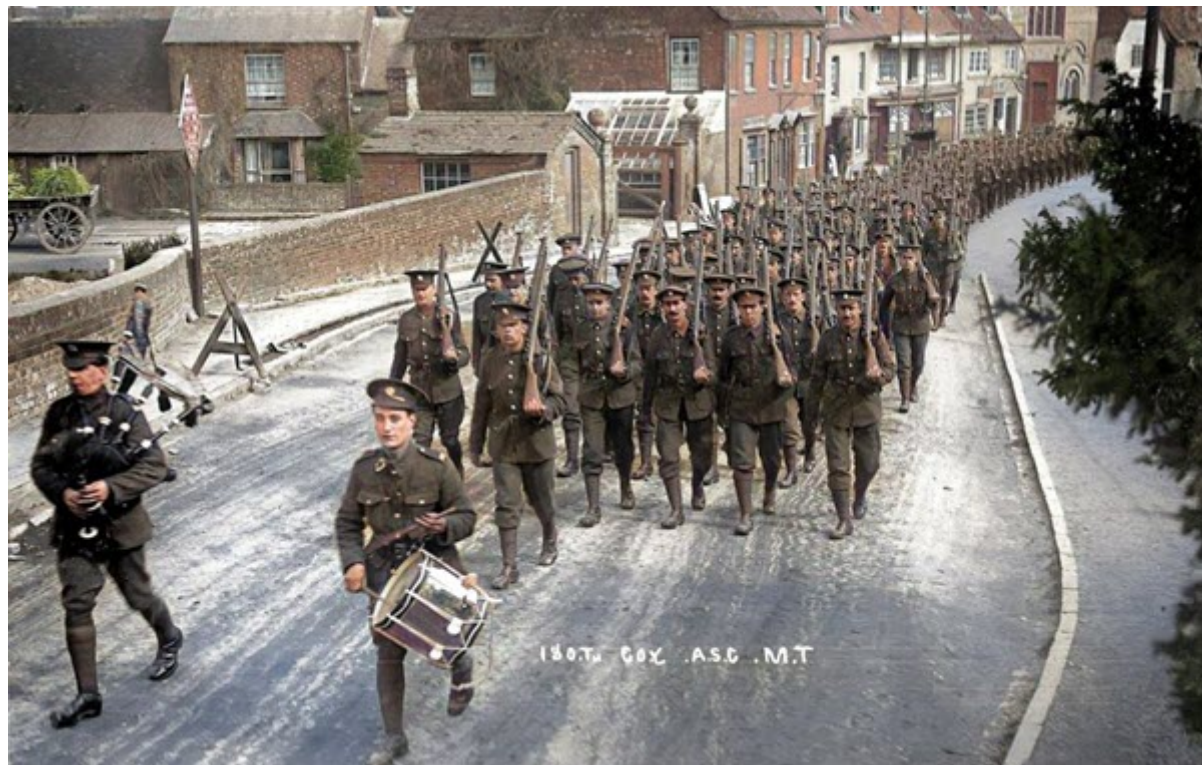


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**180th Coy ASC MT in Hungerford, formed, Jan 1915. Ammunition Sub-Park for 14th (Light) Div. Absorbed into 179 MT Co (a Div. Supply Column.) All served in WW1
Colourised image courtesy of John Bradshaw**

Hello friend

InTouch turned two years old in December and this is the 64th edition of the main newsletter. We're pleased to say that we've yet to repeat any of the banner images, although suitable ones are not always easy to come by - which is why we're delighted to have received permission from John Bradshaw to use some of his beautifully colourised photos from the early 20th century.

If you would like to see your photos featured here, please email webmaster@berksfhs.org.uk

East Yorkshire FHS have released the February edition of their journal, the splendidly and exotically named **Banyan Tree**

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Get a copy of military service records

New online service for RAF Records

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has launched a new online ordering service for RAF service records from 1920 onwards.

Post 1920, military service records are currently held by the MOD, although they are being transferred to The National Archives in batches, a process which will take about six years.

Currently service records of deceased servicemen and women can only be ordered by their next of kin and is subject to a fee of £30. Previously, records had to be ordered by written application, this new online process makes it far easier to order, although requests are not fulfilled automatically and the MOD are still experiencing delays in this service due to a backlog of orders.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/apply-for-someone-elses-records>



Discover the stories of those who fled Nazism

The Wiener Holocaust Library in London has published a new Refugee Map to provide access to documents and photographs telling the personal stories of refugees from the Nazi Regime.

The initial launch of the map includes 100 collections from 799 family papers of refugees who came to Britain before, during and after the Second World War. The documents include family papers, identity and emigration papers, Red Cross letters and recorded interviews. You can search the collection by person, place or thing and browse by theme and then explore the location connections on the map. It is a fascinating collection and well worth exploring.

Check it out here:

<https://www.refugeemap.org/>

BRITISH JEWS IN
THE FIRST WORLD WAR
We Were There Too



Memorial Boards

Jewish WW1 Memorial Database Launched

A register of memorial boards containing the names of Jewish soldiers who were killed during the First World War has been published online. The website currently contains 29 memorial boards, some made of wood, located in places such as London, Bristol and Blackpool and it is hoped that more will be added in the future.

Check it out at:

<https://www.jewsfww.uk/memorial-boards.php>



1921 Census - Transcription Errors

It's great to now have the 1921 census as an additional source to trace our ancestors and discover more about them. If you haven't yet attended a talk about the census - remember to book a place at Windsor Branches' Talk which takes place on the 25th.

Book now - <https://berksfhs.org/events/1921-census/>

Since launch, sadly Findmypast have come under some flack about transcription errors and how difficult it is to report these if you haven't paid to view the original census image itself.

If you have purchased an image of the original document, correcting errors is relatively simple. If you notice a record transcription that needs to be changed, select the 'Report an error' button. You'll be taken to the transcription error report page where you can input the correct information, add comments and submit the report.

transcript, rather than the original image, as there is no 'Report an error' button, you can instead report issues to their Customer Support team by emailing transcriptsupport@findmypast.com.

"Please include a link to the record and a brief description of the error ... Please use "1921 Census transcription update" as the email subject line, this will allow us to correct errors quicker and more efficiently."

Corrections can apparently take up to 90 days to show on the website.



A reminder that Rootstech 2022 takes place between the 3rd and 5th March. It is 100% virtual and 100% Free.

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The new 1921 Census

**Windsor Branch Meeting
with talk by Jen Baldwin**

**25 Jan 19:15 for 19:30
Venue: Online**

The imaging and transcription of the 1921 Census schedules for England and Wales held by the National Archives has been performed by Findmypast who also tackled the 1911 Census and the 1939 National Register.

In this second and final session, our speaker is Jen Baldwin from Findmypast, who is in a good position to explain more about the 1921 Census.

The 1921 Census will be particularly important because of the dislocation caused by the First World War. It will vastly expand our knowledge of this period compared to the very limited view we have had from electoral registers.

We will have a long time to wait for the next census to become available, as the 1931 Census schedules were destroyed during the Second World War and the 1941 Census never took place. By the way, the Scottish 1921 Census will follow in the latter half of 2022 and the next Irish Census will be that for 1926.

Free to members. Non-members £3.

Pre-booking essential as demand will be high.

You need to act quickly because bookings have to close soon!

Book now



Talks – Winter Series

27 Jan, 24 Feb, 24 Mar

Venue: Online

This all series ticket covers all three in the winter “Potpourri of Social History” talks series, for the discounted price of £12.50 (members £10.00). All three talks are on Thursdays at 2pm and last about an hour with time for questions and discussion afterwards.

Georgian Reading

The origins of this talk date back to 2018 and a Reading Civic Society tour of Bath. After the visit, Professor John Missenden, was seized by not only how important the buildings of Bath are but that Reading has many great Georgian buildings too. He mused that we, and the Council, do not value in the same way so they are hidden in clear sight. John decided to develop a presentation about Reading, Berkshire's Bath Spa. This began as a rolling slide show and has now been developed into this talk especially for the Berkshire Family History Society.

[Thursday 27 January “Georgian Reading” 2 – 3.15pm with John Missenden and Richard Bennett](#)

The History of Yeomanry House, Reading

Yeomanry House sits at the junction of Coley Avenue, Castle Hill, Bath Road and Tilehurst Road, hidden by trees. It is perhaps a little ignored in comparison to the other big houses in the area. Until recently, it was home to Berkshire Family History Society and the Berkshire Register Office, but what of its past, and where does its name come from? From its origins on the fringes of the town, confusing house names (it was previously called Castle Hill House, as was another in the same area), to polite society, a school, military links and weddings, this house has seen it all. Discover its history and some of the families associated with it – the Sherwood's, Jesse's, Levett's, Fiennes and more.

[Thursday 24 February “The History of Yeomanry House, Reading” 2 – 3.15pm with Katie Amos](#)

150 Years of Reading Football Club

Established in 1871, Reading Football Club is one of the oldest teams in England, celebrating its 150th birthday in 2021. Nicknamed “The Royals”, due to the Royal

of Reading's association with Henry and Emma. We are delighted to welcome David Downs as our speaker for this talk, official historian to Reading Football Club. David will talk about the history of the club and many of those associated with it. Football lover or not – this will be a hugely entertaining talk.

[Thursday 24 March "150 Years of Reading Football Club" 2 – 3.15pm with David Downs](#)

The all series ticket cost £12.50 (members £10)

Pre-booking required

Book all three



Georgian Reading

**Talk by Professor John Missenden
and Richard Bennett DL**

27 Jan 13:45 for 14:00

Venue: Online

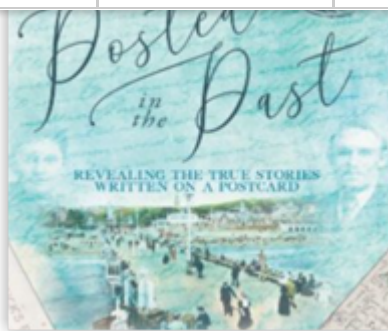
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This talk is the first of three in this quarter's Winter Potpourri online talks series. Book all three talks in the series for £12.50 (members £10).

Tickets cost £5 (members £4)

Pre-booking required

Book now



Reading Branch Meeting and talk by Helen Baggott 27 Jan 19:15 for 19:45

Venue: Online

Following on from her book of the same name, Helen uses genealogical skills to reveal the true stories behind post cards sent in the early years of the 20th century, and shares these tales with an illustrated talk. A 10 year old servant living in Bath, a soldier who died in the First World War, and even a man who helped prepare Lord Kitchener's last meal are all connected through postcards.

Helen is a freelance writer and editor from Sturminster Newton, and gives talks to many Societies and Clubs. She has also written articles for many magazines including Dorset Life.

Free to members. Non-members £3.

Pre-booking Required

Book now



Free family history advice

**Newbury Branch
28 Jan 10:30 - 12:30**

**Venue: Newbury Library, The Wharf,
Newbury**

Did you make a start on your family tree during the lockdowns? Have you always wanted to research your family but are not sure how to start?

Whether you are just beginning, or you have become stuck on your family tree, you can get free, one-to-one help from a member of Berkshire Family History Society's Newbury branch.

[Find out more](#)

February Natter Group

**Discussion Group facilitated by:
Chad Hanna and Gillian Stevens
01 Feb 18:45 for 19:00**

Venue: Online



Join in this online discussion from your own home, wherever where you live.
Open only to members of Berkshire Family History Society.

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

Free to members

Pre-booking required

[Book now](#)



Beginning your Family History

**Talk by Margaret Crook
05 Feb 10:45 for 11:00**

Venue: Online

Are you looking to start researching your family history and don't know where to begin? This talk covers the basic information you will need to get started, including what you need to know before you begin and where to look for information. It will also include basic pitfalls to avoid and some of the problems

This is a great opening taster session for those who also want to join our six week Beginners' Family History Course which starts on Tuesday 8th March.

For members and non-members of Berkshire Family History Society

Free

Pre-booking required

Book now

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