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Berkshire Family History Society



The trustees and members of Berkshire Family History Society join the nation in mourning the loss of Her Majesty The Queen. We send our deepest sympathies to the Royal Family. We are profoundly saddened by the passing of our cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Hello Berkshire

Out of respect for Her Majesty we have deferred our usual newsletter cycle for one week. Our events

programme will continue as programmed, except for the Family History Advice Session and the Abingdon Branch Meeting on Monday 19th Sept, the day of the state funeral. If you are booked on either of these sessions, the organisers will be in contact with you soon.

In this, the Royal County of Berkshire, lies Windsor Castle, the familiar backdrop to our website homepage and one of Her Majesty's most favoured homes. It is therefore with special pride that we claim her as our very own modern day, "Good Queen Bess." But the service she gave to each and every one in the home nations, her realms, the Commonwealth and indeed the entire world means that she is that to all of us, wherever we live.

We can only use superlatives to describe this most wonderful person. In her case that is never hyperbole because she epitomised everything that is good and gracious. People described her thus not just in the moment of her passing but throughout her life and will do so for a thousand years. And this sentiment is universal to people of all faiths or none, monarchists or not, She created unity in her kingdom. She reigned for all, with humility.

Long did she reign over us, victorious, happy and glorious.

In the words of the society's President, Mr James Puxley, HM Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire:

"Her dedication to duty and service to this country and the Commonwealth has been nothing short of outstanding and a brilliant example to us all. Her contribution to the wellbeing and reputation of our country has been truly amazing. Anyone who has witnessed her smile will know how it lit up the occasion and provided great joy to all those around her. Her constitutional duty was to listen, advise and warn. She was the best person to do this as she was so well informed having met so many of the great personalities of her reign from all walks of life. She carried out her duty with great charm and with huge tact and subtlety."



