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From the Editor

Another year has flown by, and although I haven't had much opportunity for my own research, I have still been pleased to engage with events and projects related to Buckinghamshire local and family history. In particular, I attended the Chilterns Women Conference held by the Chalk, Cherries and Chairs Landscape Partnership Scheme at Missenden Abbey on International Women's Day in March, which was a fantastic day of talks, demonstrations and displays about the history of women's work in local crafts in the Chilterns. The slides are available online: <https://www.chilternsaonb.org/chalkcherrieschairs/our-work/heritage/chilterns-women-conference/>

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to and helped me with *Origins* in 2023. Please do continue to submit your articles and snippets, photos and help wanted requests. It all helps members to help each other in researching so many aspects Buckinghamshire family history.

Alan Dell Award 2023

By the time you receive this journal, the closing date for Alan Dell Award entries will be fast approaching. But you do have until 31st December, so it's not too late! Visit the website for the guidelines and take the opportunity to win a prize while helping us provide great content for our members.

Rebecca Gurney
editor@bucksfhs.org.uk



A Note From the Honorary Secretary

Sadly, I have to report that Stuart Boreham, one of our elder members, has passed away. Stuart's role was managing the Bucks Names Library, a collection of family trees and other notes donated by past members. He was instrumental in converting the papers into PDF files and they are now available on the Bucks FHS website.

If you have family history files you wish to make available to other members, consider having them put online on the Bucks FHS website. Together we can continue Stuart's work.

You will see in the Diary section the interesting and varied selection of talks which have been organised; they are both online and in person at Bletchley and Bourne End.

For myself, I have been working to get the information from the 1921 census so I can drop the FindMyPast subscription. As I'm always interested in other record types, I am trying out The Genealogist. There are two interesting record sets, Tithe Apportionment and 1910 Lloyd George Domesday. The verdict is still out on the site, as I'm still learning how to use it.

Tony Sargeant, Honorary Secretary
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Society Notices

Cheque payments

The Society is no longer accepting cheques for search services and new memberships. Those who are already members and pay by cheque will not be affected.

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The Society holds regular meetings for members at Bletchley, Bourne End and online via Zoom. Visitors (non-members) are welcome to attend face-to-face meetings, but there is a charge of £2. Online meetings are available to members only.

Most meetings have a topic which is introduced by a knowledgeable speaker, with the opportunity to ask questions. There is time before and after meetings to chat with other members, and some libraries and research aids may be available for consultation. Meetings are held at the venues below.

Note: all speakers are subject to change at short notice.

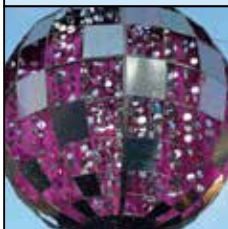
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Tea, coffee and ample parking are available at Bletchley and Bourne End.

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Tuesday 12th December 2023 7:45pm

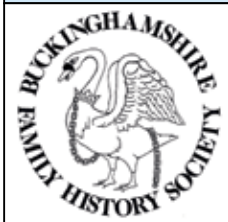


Once again The Southern Group invites members of the Society to its Christmas social evening. Those of you who have been before will know what to expect, but there is likely to be a surprise or two thrown in.

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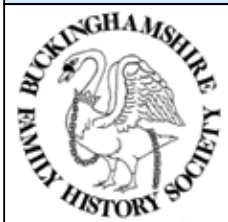
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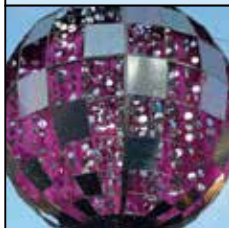


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Northern Group

**NORTHERN GROUP Methodist Church Hall
Queensway BLETCHLEY Milton Keynes MK2 2HB**

**MEMBERS' NIGHT : CHRISTMAS MEMORIES and SOCIAL EVENING
Wednesday 6th December 2023 7:30pm**



The Northern Group invites you to a social evening, with an opportunity to regale others with your memories of Christmases past, especially where they throw light on family history. And for fun, you are invited to bring along a photograph of yourself when young.

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**NORTHERN GROUP Methodist Church Hall
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NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2024



The Northern Group will not be meeting in January.

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**JULIAN HUNT : BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COACHING INNS
Wednesday 7th February 2024 7:30pm**



Proximity to London conferred upon Buckinghamshire a demand for travel to places beyond. Inns sprang up to meet the needs of travellers and the teams and coaches carrying them. Along Watling Street, especially around Stony Stratford, and at Buckingham, inns served the routes to Birmingham and the north.

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Northern Group

**NORTHERN GROUP Methodist Church Hall
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**MIKE CHAPMAN : THE CWGC ARCHIVES
Wednesday 6th March 2024 7:30pm**



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission archive collects and preserves materials which document its history, the individuals it commemorates, and the cemeteries and memorials it maintains. Mike Chapman returns to explain what those materials are and how they are made available for research.

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**NORTHERN GROUP Methodist Church Hall
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**STEVE BACON : A VERY LUCKY SAILOR
Wednesday 3rd April 2024 7:30pm**



Steve takes pride in presenting talks which are both well researched and resourced, and has based this one on the experiences of his father-in-law, who seems to have been a very lucky sailor. Learn more about the war in the Atlantic from the perspective of the merchant navy.

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**SPEAKER AND SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED
Wednesday 1st May 2024 7:30pm**



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Online Talks

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

JOHN HANSON : Findmypast
Friday 24th November 2023 from 20:15 UK / UTC



This talk sees the welcome return of John Hanson, who will help us get the best out of the enormous website of Findmypast.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

IAN PORTER : HOW YOUNG DICKENS 'INVENTED' CHRISTMAS
Friday 8th December 2023 from 20:15 UK / UTC



So many of the things we now associate with Christmas sprang from Dickens. Ian will speak about Dickens' early life before he found fame and how his Christmas stories became an annual Victorian event.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

Charles Dickens 1858 - Charles Baugniet [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

JACKIE DEPELLE : BRIDGING THE GAP - FORWARDS FROM 1921
Friday 26th January 2024 from 20:15 UK / UTC



As well as the 1939 register, there are additional records to help us trace forwards from 1921. Part of this talk includes a WW1 case study which illustrates how important going back to come forwards can be.

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Online Talks

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JANET FEW : COMING HERE - RECORDS OF IMMIGRATION
Friday 9th February 2024 from 20:15 UK / UTC



General records are considered as well as the immigration of the Roma and Traveller communities, those of the Jewish faith, and Huguenots. The impact of immigration is also considered.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

LINDA HAMMOND : MIND MAPPING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
Friday 23rd February 2024 from 20:15 UK / UTC



Mind Maps can be as simple or complex as you want. They help organise your planning and thought processes by visually mapping the information, and can prove invaluable in breaking down brick walls.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

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JULIAN HUNT : ENGLISH COACHING INNS
Friday 8th March 2024 from 20:15 UK / UTC



Originally entitled Coaching Days on the Old Oxford Road, Julian includes everything from turnpikes to the rise of the railway.

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Diary Dates

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

Details are correct at the time of writing (November 2023), but are always subject to change. PLEASE CHECK with the event organisers or on the relevant websites before attending.

Family History & Heritage Events

Fri 12th January 11am to 12.45pm	Visit to London Metropolitan Archives Arranged by The Society of Genealogists £10 (£8 for SoG members) A chance to attend an introduction to London Metropolitan Archives, its facilities and unique resources. LMA is the second biggest archive in the UK, housing over 60 miles of archival material. w https://members.sog.org.uk/events
Sat 27th January 10am to 12pm & 2pm to 4pm	East Surrey FHS Fabulous Virtual Family History Fair For further details visit the website w https://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/
Sat 10th February 10am to 4pm	The Family History Show, Online 2024 For details and booking visit the website w thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online
Tues 13th February 7.30pm	James Wright: Hidden Historic Houses Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP James will present some of the clues and signs of Historic Houses hidden within current structures, many of which have seen extensive modifications and re-purposing over their long lifetimes. w https://bas1.org.uk/lectures-and-talks/

<p>Sat 13th April 2.30pm</p>	<p>Alison Wall: Pest and Plague Cottages Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP Alison will present her studies on Medieval isolation cottages (preparations for a forthcoming book).How society handles a pandemic, ancient and modern (Covid) methods. w https://bas1.org.uk/lectures-and-talks/</p>
<p>Sat 20th April 10am to 4pm</p>	<p>FHF Really Useful Family History Show Live Hosted by: Family History Federation Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives PE27 6WU w fhf-reallyuseful.com</p>

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

The first Saturday of the month sees the Society's Family History Workshop at Buckinghamshire Archives, Walton Street, Aylesbury, where we aim to help with:

- **RESEARCH:** Advising visitors on how to conduct family history research, and to offer advice and guidance on how to move forward.
- **RESOURCES:** Explaining the resources available to them via our Society as well as those of the Archives and Local Studies Library.
- **SEARCHES:** Conducting searches for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials on our Names Database for those researching their Bucks ancestors.
- **RECORDS:** Enabling those wishing to see original records to book a space in advance with the Archives. Requests can be made for up to 8 documents per session, ordered in advance. A further 3 documents can be ordered throughout the day.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Come to see us on January 6th, February 3rd and March 2nd between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Talk Reports

Summaries of the talks delivered by our guest speakers at our Northern and Southern Group meetings. If you regularly attend meetings and can help by writing the occasional report, please do let us know!

NORTHERN GROUP MEETINGS



May 2023

Baby Farms

Eve Bacon

Eve appeared in Victorian dress carrying a swaddled 'baby'. She also displayed other items relevant to the times to illustrate her talk.

Eve explained how social conditions in the Victorian and early 20th century meant it was often difficult for women to provide for children and they turned to baby farmers, most of whom had self-interest rather than the interests of the child or mother as their motivation. In many cases the chances of the baby's survival were very limited due to poor care or, in the worst cases, to murder of the child. Eve went on to explain that there was little regulation and nothing was done to control the baby farmers until exposure of some of the worst offenders forced the hand of the authorities.

Eve then showed us some of the offenders with details of the way they operated – often for long times they managed to avoid any sanction.

An interesting and revealing talk.



June 2023

Plague, Pest Houses and Public Health

Alison Wall

Alison's talk included the history of public health and medieval beliefs about the causes of disease and how to relieve them. Brief references were made to Hippocrates 460 BC and Galen (2nd century AD).

Early hospitals were attached to monasteries before Henry VIII destroyed this useful possibility for the sick. There had been hospitals mainly established by royalty: 26 between 1118 and 1251. However, the Black Death of 1384 was not understood when the theory of the four humours held sway. Alison mentioned the early use of vaccines around 1796 before the famous experiments of Edward Jenner.

The emergence and role of the pestilence/pest/plague house was explained. Though the first pest house was opened in London in 1594 they were more widespread following a requirement in 1665 that each parish should have one. Alison described and showed many of the pest houses she has discovered, some sadly now demolished, but quite a few still standing.

The talk then explained what followed the use of the pest house, following changes in the poor laws and the establishment of workhouses. We looked at the role of isolation hospitals, fever nurses, and right up to the present day with the rapid development of the Nightingale Hospitals.

This was an interesting talk and members were able to see how, in many ways, we have still to learn from past efforts to deal with outbreaks of diseases.



July 2023

Members' Evening

Having discovered that the Methodist Church Hall where we now meet has internet access, we tried a question and search session to try to help members with brick walls or to demonstrate available sites. The evening was only a limited success, although one or two people went away with new ideas. One limitation was the screen size making it difficult for all to see details. If we try something similar again we would use our projector to give a bigger image on screen. It would also be better to ask for questions in advance. With a bit more thought I am sure we could make use of the internet. Ideas welcome.

Rex Watson



August 2023

Lace Schools

Marion Swindells

Our talk on the Commonwealth War Graves was postponed until our October meeting as our speaker went down with Covid on the day of the talk! So, Marion stepped in at the last minute and gave us a talk on child lace workers and lace schools.

Marion started by talking about how different the attitudes were towards children and childhood in the past. There were huge numbers of young people under the age of 15 in terms of the general population at the time and children needed to work to help support the family. Henry VIII's actions

had created a major headache in terms of poverty and lack of support for the poor. After his death there was great civil unrest particularly in rural locations. This had been suppressed quite brutally during Edward VII's reign but authorities were concerned about further unrest which could also spread to the towns. It was against this background during Elizabethan times that the first poor laws were introduced. This divided the poor into four categories, one of which was poor children.

Elizabethan overseers were challenged to find suitable occupations for poor children so that they did not become a burden on the parish. The first documented case of money changing hands for the teaching of lace is found in the Eaton Socon overseers accounts of 1596. As the lace industry grew, so did the number of lace schools. We know of 65 towns and villages across Bucks where there is documented evidence of a lace school but, in reality, there were probably lace schools in most villages and towns where lace was made and, in some places, there was more than one school. In 1835 in Newport Pagnell there were 15 lace schools with 250 children.

Ladies would set up a lace school in a room in their cottage with children typically aged from 5 to 12 years of age. In some cases as many as 30 children were crammed into one small room. Children worked for up to 12 hours a day with very few breaks and in very poor conditions. This led to a lot of chronic illness with particularly high case numbers of tuberculosis. In order to keep up the speed of work children sang or chanted 'lace tells'.

The demise of lace schools started in the early 1800s as the bobbin lace industry came under pressure from machine-made lace in Nottingham. There were also a succession of welfare acts relating to children at work, although most of these did not apply to child lace workers. The final death knells for lace schools came towards the end of the 19th century with the first Workshops Act of 1867 which provided a means of curtailing child labour, but the law was still flouted. The Elementary Education Act 1870 was the first of a number of acts of parliament passed between 1870 and 1893 to make education compulsory in England and Wales for children aged between 5 and 13. Lace schools, being schools by name only, did not qualify.

In the early 1900s lace was often taught in the local church or national school but reading, writing and arithmetic were the main subjects taught. Lace was

also taught in weekend and evening schools but these institutions gradually died out as the demand for lace workers diminished further.



September 2023

The Women's Land Army in WW1

Helen Frost

This new army did their National Service alongside village women and made an incredible contribution to the war effort at home. Sadly, in the intervening decades they have been all but forgotten.

The pioneering Women's Land Army of the Great War years aimed to recruit women largely from wealthier backgrounds for the first time although this was not always the case! For the many women who worked in mainly towns and cities in well-paid jobs or didn't work at all prior to the war, they were strongly encouraged to come and work on the land (often for the first time) in large numbers.

The years 1914 to 1918/19, however, gave women from all classes in all counties and regions of Britain opportunities that were simply unthinkable before the Great War.

Officially formed in February 1917, the women that eventually went on to join the Women's Land Army during the First World War enabled vital food production to continue on the Home Front. Their efforts attempted to fill the enormous void left by men who had gone to serve overseas; men who had previously worked in farming and agriculture.

The chief purpose of the Great War Women's Land Army was to stave off the very real threat of starvation to the British population by turning more land over to cultivation whilst continuing to farm existing land. This threat to food supply was caused by the devastating impact German U-boat attacks had on Allied merchant shipping.

From its infancy, pre-1917 through to its peak and subsequent demobilisation, this illustrated talk takes audiences on a captivating journey of the history of this rather neglected aspect of the First World War's history right from when the earliest branches of the Forage Corps and Forestry/ Timber sections were set up right up until it was 'officially' formed in February/March 1917. Then finally, right the way through to 30 November 1919 when it was officially demobilised.



October 2023

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Mike Chapman

In October we had the rescheduled Commonwealth War Graves Commission by CWGC volunteer speaker Mike Chapman. Mike told us about the history of the organisation that today ensures the commemoration of the 1.7 million British and Commonwealth casualties of the First and Second World Wars. We heard about how the wonderful cemeteries and memorials to the fallen around the world came into being, and how they are cared for today. We also learned how to read the inscription on a Commission 'Type 1' headstone.

During the talk we were given stories of some of the local CWGC casualties who are buried in Manor Road Cemetery (Fenny Stratford) and the churchyards at Bletchley, Drayton Parslow, Shenley Brook End and Whaddon. We also heard about four civilian casualties commemorated by the CWGC who were the victims of a bomb attack on the north Bucks village of Beachampton in November 1940.

We have a second CWGC talk booked for 6 March 2024, Mike returning to tell us about the Commission's records and archives, along with covering some more stories of casualties buried in our cemeteries and churchyards in north Buckinghamshire.

Alan Dell Memorial Award

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Straw Plait Dealers in the Chilterns

by Deborah Conway Read

Alan Dell Award Runner Up 2022

The Woodlanders research project, part of the Chalk, Cherries and Chairs project in the Chilterns AONB, asked for volunteers to transcribe census returns, particularly those involving straw plaiters and dealers. I had previously done a lot of research into my own family history, so I decided to extend the remit and enter all my finds into the RootsMagic genealogy software and then used that to record all my findings from other sources, mostly from the British Newspaper Archive. It became clear that two families were of particular interest to the history of straw plaiting. These were the **BATCHELOR** family of Lee Common and Luton, and the **READING** family in Chesham, both of whom are being investigated further.



Source: *Illustrated London News*, 7 Dec 1878

Plait Dealers in Luton's Plait Halls

Joseph Batchelor

The Batchelors were involved in straw plaiting for most of the 19th century, from Luke and Mary in the early part to their great-granddaughters at the end. Mary Batchelor, born around 1795, came from Cholesbury, where there was a straw plaiting school. We don't know if she attended it but it seems very likely, as she later became a straw plait dealer, and seems to have involved her grandson Joseph in the business when they were both living in Lee Common.

It was possible to track Joseph Batchelor's career quite closely. He was first recorded as a straw plait dealer in 1871, when he was 23. He must have felt reasonably secure in his business, as he married Elizabeth SMITH the following year. Her sister was recorded on successive censuses as having an independent income, so it is possible that Elizabeth brought money to the marriage. Over the next six years the couple had four daughters. Joseph was clearly an anti-vaxxer. He was brought to court several times for failing to comply with the law requiring all babies to be vaccinated against smallpox by the time they were three months old. In June 1879, the *Bucks Herald* reported that:

Joseph Batchelor, of Lee Common, who did not appear, was charged by Mr. Bryan with neglecting the vaccination of his child Florence. — Mr. Bryan said the child was born in 1878, and defendant had received a notice to vaccinate in December last, but paid no attention to it. On April 19th, he sent him another notice, but the child still remained unvaccinated.

The fine was 20s, roughly equivalent to £145 in 2022, and it is possible Joseph paid it for each daughter, which suggests that he was adamantly opposed to the practice.

Dealing in straw plait was a fickle trade, very dependent on the vagaries of fashion, and Joseph had his financial ups and downs. A foray into pheasant breeding wasn't enough to keep him from a meeting of his creditors in July 1879, but he seems to have bounced back. In the 1881 census he is still in Lee Common working as a straw plait dealer. This time he seems to have been fairly successful, because by 1885 he moved to Cheapside in Luton,

the centre of the straw plait trade where he could probably get a higher price for his plait and undertake trade with the more important dealers.

In the 1891 census, his wife Elizabeth Batchelor is described as a schoolmistress, but this seems to be referring to her role as a teacher of straw plait making in villages around Luton. The eldest three Batchelor daughters also taught the craft in a valiant but eventually doomed effort to keep the trade alive. Changes in the hat industry and cheaper imports of straw plait adversely affected the straw plaiters. Edith Batchelor, the second of Joseph's daughters, continued to teach until 1899, but the craft had essentially collapsed.

Meanwhile their father was trying to support his business by some distinctly shady business practices. His bankruptcy hearing in 1896 detailed the many times he wrote cheques for large sums to pay for items of lower value and took the change in cash, knowing that he did not have funds to cover the amount in his account. This must have been quite a scandal at the time, as the hearing was only a few weeks after the marriage of Ella, his eldest daughter, to Thomas KEENS, son of a prominent Luton family. The newly-weds managed to overcome the disgrace and each of them in turn eventually became Lord Mayor of Luton. In 1944, Ella, by then Lady Keens, was the first woman to occupy this position.

By 1901, Joseph Batchelor had moved away from Luton to Yorkshire where he became a managing agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Ten years later, he was an insurance agent in Ipswich, where he died. His two middle daughters appear to have remained in Luton for some years after he left, continuing to teach straw plaiting in the local village schools as part of a Council organised scheme.

The Reading brothers

I have also begun to investigate the Reading (or Redding) brothers, Edward, Charles, John William and George, all born in Chesham Bois in the first quarter of the 19th century and who worked as plait dealers in Chesham. I first found Edward senior, the eldest of the brothers, as a plait dealer in 1830. He had two sons, Philip and Edward junior, who both became plait dealers, as did their mother Elizabeth after her husband's death in 1860.

Plait dealing was a trade rife with thefts and disputes, and the four brothers were not immune from this. At one point John William accused his brother George of stealing his plait, calling his brother Charles and nephew Edward junior to give evidence as to the ownership of the disputed plait. John William Reading may also have been the man accused of assault by another plait dealer in 1848.

The earliest record I found for Charles Reading as a plait dealer was in 1835, when he was about 25. He, like Joseph Batchelor, was a non-conformist. At first, business seems to have gone well. He traded in local plait but also in Tuscan plait, which was a higher quality product. Later, he was twice involved in bankruptcy hearings (1859 and 1868), though he continued to describe himself as a straw plait dealer up until the 1871 census. By 1881 he was a commercial traveller selling ginger beer.

Charles Reading seems to have had a difficult relationship with the law in later life. The late 1860s saw him being convicted of using dogs to catch game without a licence, twice being convicted of allowing his horses to stray on the public highway, and being convicted of cruelty to a horse. Anyone who remembers reading *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell will shudder at that.

Nor was his family life without sorrow. His first wife died in 1841 when their daughter Mary was aged about two. In January 1873, when Mary was about 34, she was found drowned in the canal in Berkhamsted in January 1873 after having first thrown her daughter into the water. The child, who seems to have been aged about seven, managed to scramble out and was found by a passer-by. The little girl was taken to her uncle, Philip Reading, for him to look after. Mary clearly had a history of mental problems; she had been receiving treatment from a local surgeon. The *Bucks Advertiser* reported that Mary 'had threatened to make away with herself, but under Mr. Hobson's treatment she had been much better'. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

George Reading, who in 1847 described himself as a straw plait manufacturer, also faced a bankruptcy hearing 1869, but was still calling himself a straw plait dealer in 1871. By 1881 he had given up and was a coal merchant, presumably delivering by horse and cart. Perhaps he got his horses from his brother Charles. One hopes he treated them rather better.

This research is helping to build a picture of the lives of the straw plait dealers and the vicissitudes of the trade. Census data gives us a snapshot every 10 years. It tells us the names of the dealers and their families, and sometimes reveals unexpected details, such as the existence of a Tuscan plait trade in Chesham, but cannot tell us about their daily lives or financial dealings. Combining the census data with newspaper reports and birth, marriage and death records can bring the past to life, giving a more vivid picture of the lives of those involved in a now vanished but once very important local industry.

Deborah Conway Read

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EXTREME LONGEVITY

Michael FENN buried at Edlesborough in 1675 aged 120 years, as it was said and he himself often related.

SEABROOK FAMILY

SEABROOK occurs early as the 13th century, derived from the hamlet of Seabrook in the parishes of Ivinghoe, Cheddington and Pitstone. Here, or in the vicinity, they lived for many centuries and the name is still extant in the neighbourhood.

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Howard Lambert

A Tale of Two Families

by Michele Cousins

In August 1923, Lewis Roy BARRETT and Edith Elizabeth ACKERMAN, my paternal grandparents, were married at St Mary's Church, Langley, Bucks. At the time both the Barrett and Ackerman families lived in Langley New Town. However, when I started to look further back into my family history, I discovered that the Barretts and Ackermans had been neighbours on and off for over 50 years. They had also lived in what was undoubtedly one of the worst areas in Slough in the second half of the 19th century.

Barrett family

Lewis Roy's father was George BARRETT, born to parents Thomas and Mary BARRETT (née BARBER, from Denham). Thomas was an agricultural labourer, also from Denham, but the 1861 census reveals that Thomas, his wife Mary and four children were paupers in Eton Union workhouse in Slough. However, by 1865 they had left the workhouse and were living in Slough Court, as this is where George was born.

I had never heard of Slough Court so I did some research and was shocked at what I found. Slough Court was a cluster of 20 small houses crammed into a little plot of land located behind a row of pubs and shops on the corner of Slough High Street and Windsor Road [1]. Although some of the houses in Slough Court were 'two up, two down' terraced houses, there were eight houses that were 'one up, one down' back-to-back houses. The rooms in these houses were typically only 10 feet square. Living conditions at Slough Court were dreadful. The properties were poorly constructed, with inadequate sanitary facilities and no running water. In 1865, the year that George was born, a report written by local surgeon William Buée noted that the cesspools in Slough Court were overflowing and residents had to 'wade through filth' to get to the conveniences [2]. He also noted that there was only one water pump, which did not function properly.

Thomas and Mary Barrett were typical residents of Slough Court. They were poor, labouring classes unable to earn enough money to improve their situation. In 1871, Thomas and Mary were still living in Slough Court with their children. Thomas worked as a brick loader and Mary was a charwoman. The fact that Mary was working suggests that Thomas did not earn enough money to adequately support his family so Mary had to work as well to try to make ends meet.

Ackerman family

Edith Elizabeth's father was Charles ACKERMAN, born to parents John and Sarah ACKERMAN. John was originally from Farnham Royal and Sarah (née STACEY) was from Northfleet, Kent. I discovered that in 1871, like the Barrett family, John and Sarah also lived in Slough Court. John worked as a labourer while Sarah was at home with two young sons, John and James. In 1881, the year Charles was born, the Ackerman family were still living in Slough Court. Charles was their fifth child.

Like many houses in Slough Court, the Ackerman's house would have been overcrowded for its size. Surveys carried out in 1883 for the Slough Urban Sanitary Authority found that in some of the back-to-back houses whole families slept in one room [3]. In one house a couple, their two children and a lodger all slept in one bedroom. I cannot determine which type of house the Barretts and Ackermans lived in. However, it must have been an awful experience for them to have to live in the filthy, overcrowded and insanitary conditions that existed in Slough Court.

Moving on together

Fortunately for the Barrett and Ackerman families, their circumstances improved. The 1891 census reveals that George Barrett had married and was living in Langley New Town with his wife Annie (née CLIST, from Bawdrip, Somerset), and their young son William. Amazingly, on the very same page of the census records, I found the Ackerman family also living in Langley New Town. At the time, John and Sarah had six children including Charles, then 10 years old. I may never find out whether this situation was a coincidence or whether the families knowingly moved together but they may have moved to Langley New Town for the work opportunities in the area.

Many men in Langley New Town worked in the nearby brickfields. The opening of the Slough arm of the Grand Union Canal in 1882 meant that bricks made in Langley could be easily transported by barge to London rather than by rail, as had previously been the case [4]. Brickmaking flourished in Langley and provided employment for many men. John Ackerman worked as a brickmaker's labourer until his death in 1893, aged just 46. Sarah Ackerman remained in Langley New Town for a short while, according to the 1901 census, but by 1911 she had left Langley New Town and was living in Slough.

George Barrett settled in Picton Place, Langley New Town with his family and worked as a brickmaker. In 1902, Lewis Roy, my grandfather, was born. The Barretts were still living there at the time of the 1911 census. But I could not believe it when I found that Charles Ackerman was also living in Langley New Town in 1911, in Alma Place, with his wife Edith Elizabeth, (née BINFIELD, from Lake End, Dorney) and their three children. Charles had previously been living in Cippenham and working as a journeyman brickmaker. Charles must have moved to Langley New Town at some time during 1902 as his daughter, Edith Elizabeth, my grandmother, was born there in November of that year. Like George Barrett, Charles worked in the Langley brickfields, a fact confirmed by my grandmother [5]. Sadly, Charles was a casualty of WW1, dying of wounds in 1917 at the age of 38. He would not see his daughter marry into the Barrett family, an event that would bring the Barrett and Ackerman families together once more.

Postscript

While carrying out my research into Slough Court I accumulated so much information about the houses, the conditions and the residents that I eventually made Slough Court the subject of my dissertation for my MA History.

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Michele Cousins

Mac Software for Family History

by Tony Sargeant

Software is always a contentious subject; Family History software can be just as difficult. Here I hope to take a glance at one corner of a very big subject. The area I will cover is for Apple Mac computers using macOS. Software can be divided into groups: Open source software like Gramps, (Genealogical Research and Analysis Management Program System), Ancestris and Lifelines; and proprietary software like RootsMagic, MacFamilyTree and Reunion. To see more details on any of the software mentioned see Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_genealogy_software which makes a good starting point.

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

This software is dependent on volunteers for creation and new features. Many, like Lifelines, stalls and new versions stop appearing. Both Ancestris and Gramps appear to be active.

Both Ancestris and Gramps are available in both Windows and MacOS versions and this has its own

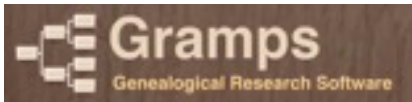


problems for Mac users. I used Gramps for many years and successfully transferred records into the macOS version. Like all software it has its quirks, but they were not serious issues, just tiresome. And this led me to move away to try something else. I still have Gramps and will import records to create a Quilt Chart, an alternative way of displaying a family tree in compact form.

Ancestris betrays its Windows roots, looking very like Windows 3.1 graphics and looking very dated. This is a sign of another issue software has when there are both Windows and Mac versions: the layer of software that makes the windows program work on a Mac. Think of it as a layer of marzipan between the icing and the cake, protecting one from the other. You, the user, are only interested in the shiny glittery icing on the outside. If the marzipan is not doing its job, the icing fails, and the



same principle applies to software.



Hence the issues mentioned in Gramps.

PROPRIETY OR COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE

I have experience of three commercial software packages for family history: MacFamilyTree, RootsMagic and Reunion. Two of these, MacFamilyTree and Reunion, will be discussed later.

The design ethos and mechanisms of RootsMagic are thought through and written for Windows, where the separate windows appear without consequences. I mentioned earlier Gramps and Ancestris. Gramps produces lots of windows and boxes and this has caused problems. Ancestris has one window with all actions happening within it. This is



more in line with the Mac design system and co-habits better with the operating system.

RootsMagic is also in the category of being a Windows program being made to work with macOS and in consequence the interface suffers. It is a recent newcomer to macOS and does not attempt to meet some of the

standards. Also, the box appearing to show and edit details and events has issues and I was not able to get on with it. This was on the latest version. I was also losing information – not a good thing as a family history program must be a safe place for storing records for a long time.

Both MacFamilyTree and Reunion are purely written for macOS programs and benefit from that. The interface works well without any clunky actions. Here the differences come down to personal preferences.



MacFamilyTree makes use of all of the graphics capability that comes with a Mac. There are many customisable family trees to display your families. If 3-D family trees floating in space are your thing, this could be for you. But I found the restrictions applied to places difficult to use. MacFamilyTree uses a very structured system, only going to parish level. This is not good for a one place study where a single street is being examined. For general family history it is quite good.

Reunion is now on version 13 and is a mature and well-designed family history program. It makes the best use of the macOS interface. Practically everything can be changed to your liking. Entering information is easy, by clicking on the displayed section to have the entry section to appear.



There are so many ways of doing something, the user has choice on how to use the program. The settings are comprehensive and used to create a flexible interface.

STORAGE OF RECORDS

All family history programs store and use information in a different way. This can be in two forms. One of these is a text file called GEDCOM (Genealogical Data Communication). This is the format created by FamilySearch to transfer information between programs. The standard has been updated over the years and has more flexibility, although still limited in the information kept. As it is a single file to store your work, this slows the program, as changes are made the file has to be treated as one lump.

To get round the problems with GEDCOM, most programs use a database for storing records. Many use SQLite3 to organise this, the exception being Reunion which uses a macOS native database.

In general, the use of a database leads to a faster and more flexible program. The types of event are not restricted, and can be tailored to the user's requirements. Beware that transferring records to a new program will lead to work in tidying the information.

CHOOSING WHICH PROGRAM TO USE

This, of course, is up to personal preferences. The only way to find out is try a free trial. There are other programs on the market that I have not used. It is easy to produce a list of 5 good points and 5 problems as you test various types of data. Also, think about your 'must haves' and what you can do without.

At the moment I have settled on Reunion as both the program and the help are comprehensive and meet my needs. You are welcome to make different choices.

Tony Sargeant

EMIGRANTS TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1847

EMIGRATION – The following emigrants were embarked on board the CRESSY, lying off Blackwall, bound for Port Adelaide, South Australia, on Tuesday last, by Mr Humphrey BULL, emigration agent:- John BENNETT, of Weston Turville, John HOWARD and family, John ROADS, Phillip RIDGWAY and family, Ann BAKER, William TURVEY, and John RIDGWAY, all of Thornborough, and Jos. HUMPHREY and family of Wingrave.

Bucks Herald, 1st May 1847

Footnote: John ROADS was baptised in 1825 at Twyford, the second of 12 children born to George ROADS (1794–1888), who farmed at Thornborough Grange, and his wife Elizabeth née HARPER. I have been researching the ROADS family for many years, but due largely to the loss of census returns, it has not been possible to discover any information on John's life in South Australia. (*Howard Lambert*)

Joseph William Duley

Pam Reveley

My aunt came home from a holiday in Thailand with a Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery photograph of a soldier from the Suffolk regiment who died in the Second World War.

Our family name is DULEY, but we had never met anyone else with it spelled that way. Whilst I look for our line, mainly from Staffordshire, there are variations like Doody, Duty, Dewley and Dudley.

I decided to search for his family in the hope that someone of his family may be in ours too.

His name was Joseph William DULEY. Joseph was born 11 February 1909 to Charles Frederick DULEY and Jessie DODD in Lambeth. But several generations of DULEY before Joseph and Charles were from Langley Marish in Buckinghamshire.

In 1911 Jessie and 5 children, including Joseph William aged 2, were in Easthampton workhouse, except Charles Frederick DULEY who was in a lodging house in Staines and listed as a house painter.

In 1921 Charles Frederick DULEY, Jessie, and the rest of the family were together again in Tooting, and Charles was again listed as a house painter.

In 1937 at Christ Church Mitcham, Surrey, Joseph William DULEY was married to Lillian Clara Elizabeth TAYLOR. They had a daughter Sonia born in 1939 in Battersea, London.

In 1939 Joseph William Duley, Lillian and Sonia were living at 17 Mayberry Street, Wandsworth, and Joseph was an iron porter (heavy worker). I do not know when he joined the army, but Joseph's regiment was posted to the Far East.



He was captured in Singapore and was a prisoner of war in Thailand at a place called Kanburi for at least two years. It was the forced labour site of the Thailand–Burma railway and a staging post for prisoners of war who had to march days to other sites of forced labour. The document overleaf has been translated from Japanese when he was a prisoner of war.

On 17th November 1944 he died of phthisis. He is remembered in the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Kanchanaburi, Thailand.

I have not managed to join his family to ours yet, but his story was an interesting journey of a very brave man who died fighting for our freedom. He also brought me to the Buckinghamshire Family History Society where I have researched different DULEY lines but have not managed to find a link to Staffordshire yet!

Pam Reveley

1 OCTOBER 1561

At this period Little Brickhill is considered the Assizetown for the county of Buckingham, and it appears that 42 executed criminals were buried there in 150 years. The gallows was on the heath towards Woburn.

Source: 'Local Occurrences' by R Gibbs (1878) submitted by Howard Lambert

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The Green Man

Market Square, Aylesbury

Tony Sargeant

If, like me, you are a frequent visitor to Aylesbury and use the coffee shops in Market Square, you will know The Green Man. A white stucco fronted building with an arch on the left. It is in an unloved state and is unlikely to become a public house again – mainly due to the steps leading to the front door making the place inaccessible to those with mobility issues.

Being a public house in Market Square it would have been used by traders, farmers, labourers and other attending on market days. What else can be discovered?

Starting with census records combined with a notice in the Bucks Herald, the 1841 census produces a result:

Thomas MORTIMER aged 35, Victualler, with Margaret his wife aged 25 and Thomas aged 1.

The place is only given as 'Market' and there are probably eight inns and public houses in the market place. In the Bucks Herald of 17 July 1841 there is a notice of a birth: Mrs Mortimer of the Green Man Inn, Aylesbury, of a daughter. With the census on the 6th of June, the entry in the census is confirmed as being The Green Man.

The census also shows there are boarders John LEONE aged 45, a jeweller of Foreign Parts, and Sarah LEONE aged 55. There are also two servants, Margaret COLLCUTT and George GAST.

One of the recent innovations in Buckinghamshire Archives catalogue is the number of photographs available to view. There are two of interest showing marked activity outside The Green Man. The building has not changed since the photographs were taken in the 1860-70s.



The Green Man in 2009 © Tony Sargeant

So what else can be discovered about The Green Man? The same search in the archive catalogue also included an entry that says the property was owned by Weller Brewery, Amersham and was called Saracen's Head.

Next we look at the Lloyd George's 1910 Finance Act assessment for The Green Man.

Occupier: Mrs THORNTON, later E COLEMAN

Owner: George WELLER, The Brewery Amersham as freehold.

There was a rent of £12.

Property Description: on 12 August 1913, a Beer House containing

Top Floor – 4 Bedrooms

1st Floor – 4 Bedrooms WC

Ground Floor – Bar, Tap Room, 2 Small Rooms

Basement Kitchen, Cellar Coal House

On 20 perches of land, or about 500 square metres.

Gross value of the property was £600.

With the lack of stabling, The Green Man was never one of the more grand coaching inns like the Bull, Swan or King's Arms. However, the Bucks Herald gives glimpses of life there. Besides cases of theft within the bar, Sarah Thornton was prosecuted for allowing her house to be a habitual resort of reputed prostitutes, and allowing them to remain longer than was necessary to obtain reasonable refreshment. In the 1887 case, one of the

witnesses was Jack WICKENS, colour-sergeant of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry who visited the inn daily, as The Green Man was used as recruiting office. Sarah Thornton was fined 10s and £1 4s costs.

Mrs Thornton was still tenant in 1910, but she was not to remain long. On the 23rd December 1911 the *Bucks Herald* reported:

AFTER MANY DAYS.

Mr. B. L. Reynolds, solicitor, of High Wycombe, made application behalf Messrs and G. Weller, Amersham Brewery, to ejectment order against Mrs. Sarah Thornton the Green Man Inn, Aylesbury. He remarked that her husband took the house in 1871, and on his death she became tenant. The owners were extremely sorry to have to make that application, recognising that Mrs. Thornton was an old tenant and an old lady. But in justice to the Bench, and to the public and themselves, they felt a change ought to be made, Mrs. Thornton was too old to look after licensed premises of such character. The brewers had given her every opportunity to find a tenant, and their only wish in making the application was that they should have a tenant who was younger and of sufficient ability to look after the premises.

Mr. Ford, representing Messrs Weller, proved service of the usual notices, informing the Bench that the tenant was subject to a quarter's notice. For some time he had tried to persuade her to give up, and informed her they were willing to help her in obtaining a suitable tenant.

The Chairman - If she cannot get a tenant, and you can, I suppose you would pay her something for her interest?

Mr Ford - Oh, yes certainly.

The Chairman - The Bench know your firm as one of good repute, and grant the order for ejectment.

Sarah Thornton had been in The Green Man for over 50 years and died aged 83 in 1919.

Tony Sargeant

Assistance for Emigrants

Published in *The Age* (Melbourne) 23rd March 1871

“The following account of the proceedings of the Amersham Board of Guardians we take from the *South Bucks Free Press*, on account of the suggestive information it supplies as to modus operandi in the promotion of pauper emigration, and as to the qualifications required in candidates for assistance: —

There was an application for assistance towards the emigration of Edward CRANE, his wife, and three children, of the parish of Chalfont St. Peter.

The relieving officer stated that Crane had several times been in the receipt of outdoor relief, and would have again to be a recipient if the present application were not entertained. Mr. EDWARDS, guardian for the parish, strongly recommended the board to grant the application, which was for the allowance of £1 per head for the five souls — the same scale of assistance which has been granted in some other cases recently. The man had just come out of prison for the third time, and there was a great desire in the parish that the family should be assisted to leave the country.

“ ... the worse
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Mr. Crouch said the worse the character of the man the better was the chance of his being assisted to emigrate. There was an application some weeks ago to assist a man of good character; but in that case the application had been refused, because the man had not made himself a pauper.

It was proposed that the consent of the Poor Law Board be applied for permission to grant £1 per head for the outfit of the family. Being put from the chair, seven hands were hold up for the motion, and as there were none against it, it was declared carried.”

Submitted by Lynda Reid

Bucks Research Timeline 1928–1974

Year	Significant dates in Bucks history and family history research
1928	Women over the age of 21 get the vote
1929	World economic depression
1929	Age of Consent for Marriages raised to 16
1930	Wycombe East St Anne opened. St Francis also opened at Terriers
1930	One in five of British working men were unemployed
1931	(26 Apr) Census – it was lost in a fire at Hayes in 1942
1932	Great Hunger March
1933	Ministry of Health Order caused the transfer of Towersey to Oxfordshire and Kingsey from Oxfordshire
1936	Edward VIII reigned from January to December
1936	George VI became King
1938	Kindertransport started
1939	Start of World War 2
1939	(29 Sep) 1939 Register taken to allow for better use of the population during wartime, identity cards, and rationing. Parts were kept up to date until the 1980s
1939	<i>Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire</i> appeared. Production did not resume after WW2 due to costs
1940	Rationing started in Britain
1940	Dunkirk and Battle of Britain

Year	Significant dates in Bucks history and family history research
1940	RAF Bomber command moved to a new headquarters in High Wycombe
1942	RAF Daws Hill (Wycombe Abbey School) became USAF 8th Airforce Headquarters
1944	D-Day landings 1st Bucks Battalion landed on Sword beach. Ox & Bucks Regiment involved with Market Garden and Ardennes offensives
1945	End of WW2
1947	Polish Resettlement Act offered citizenship to displaced Polish troops
1948	Start of National Health Service, many former workhouses become hospitals
1951	(8 Apr) Census
1952	Elizabeth II starts to reign
1952	End of Identity Cards
1954	End of rationing of meat and other foods.
1965	Linslade transferred to Bedfordshire
1971	End of the Quarter Sessions courts
1973	Amersham on the Hill parish created from Amersham
1974	Local Government Act 1972 Slough and environs transferred to Berkshire, including the following places: Britwell, Burnham (part), Chalvey, Cippenham, Datchet, Ditton, Ditton Park, Eton, Eton Wick, Horton, Huntercombe, Langley, Salt Hill, Slough, Upton Wexham (part) and Wraysbury
1974	Water Eaton parish was created out of Bletchley

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Arthur Graham BARRETT

I am researching all people on the WW2 war memorial and/or buried in St. Michael's churchyard, Fobbing, Essex.

Arthur Graham BARRETT was born in 1917 in Great Missenden, Bucks. He served in the Essex Regiment and was posted to Shell Haven on the banks of the river Thames to protect the oil refineries and oil storage tanks.

He was killed on 6th November 1939 in Purfleet, Essex when the car he was driving collided with a lorry. He was buried on 10th November at St. Michael's churchyard, Fobbing.

I wonder why his body was not taken to Great Missenden for burial? His parents were dead but he still had 3 brothers and two half siblings.

Is anyone in your society researching the Barrett family who may know why he is not buried in his birth county.

Peter Craggs

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BLINCO Family

I have reached a brick wall regarding my 7x great-grandfather William BLINCKO. The Blincko name is spelt many ways but at that time, and in this area was commonly BLINCKO, BLINCOW, BLINCOE or BLINCO.

I believe William was born in about 1635, possibly at Iver but there are no records I can find to support the date, location, or his parents. William married sometime around 1666/1668 and had seven or eight children. He was buried at the Longford Quaker Burial Ground on 24 April 1683 as was his wife (remarried) and his two youngest children.

The descendants of William and Susannah are many and widely dispersed across the globe. The reason this brick wall is important is that we know via DNA that the Blincko/Blinco family of Iver/Hedgerley/Farnham Royal is linked to a much larger family (BLENCOWE/BLINCO and many other spellings) originating in the 1200s in Cumbria that migrated to South Buckinghamshire via Northamptonshire, Oxford and North Buckinghamshire probably in the 1500s and 1600s.

Available records for William essentially only start in the mid-1600s meaning the origins of William and connections to the wider family are unknown. William's probate record provides no clues as to his origins. Many have researched this brick wall but come up with nothing. Looking for ideas on where to search next for clues.

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Buckinghamshire Family History Society, Box 2 c/o Unit 7 Broadfields, Aylesbury, HP19 8BU

Independent Examiners

Lane Accounting Limited, Denmark House, 143 High Street, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 9QL and 29 Ballyknockan Road, Ballygowan, County Down, BT23 6NR

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd., 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Insurance Brokers

Towergate Risk Solutions, Funtley Court, Funtley Hill, Fareham, Hants PO16 7UY

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

Status and Administration

The Charity was constituted in 1976 by a constitution and registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 290335. The constitution has been amended in subsequent years, the latest amendment being in 2017.

Charitable Objects

The objects of the charity are

- a) to promote and encourage the public study of family history, genealogy, heraldry, local history and other associated subjects with particular reference to the County of Buckingham.
- b) To promote the preservation, security and accessibility of archival material.
- c) To promote and engage in educational activities including the publication and sale of a regular journal and other appropriate material.

Review of activities and achievements

For Bucks FHS 2022 has been a difficult year as there was great concern about restarting operations beyond online talks. There were differing views as people considered the uncertainty about the return of COVID-19. Here the Executive Committee relied on the opinions of the members of the branch committees. There were also concerns about willingness of an audience to attend meetings in halls and willingness of volunteers to run the meetings especially during the winter months. There was enough interest to start the Bletchley and Bourne End meetings. We hope the audience numbers continue to increase. There was no interest in starting the Aylesbury meeting. If there is enough interest from volunteers to organise future meetings in the Aylesbury area the Executive would support the meeting. Due to too many unknown factors it was decided not to attempt an Open Day.

The online talks continue for our members as well as the Online Helpdesk.

The COVID-19 lockdowns have changed how family history is carried out, and societies will have to adapt. In addition to the Executive Committee meetings a small working group consisting mainly four committee members has been investigating a possible way forward to update our Society to provide better facilities for members. This Group would welcome assistance and advice from members however distant/overseas. Online meetings have been held with other members of the Federation of Family History Societies who are having similar challenges. We would welcome members who can help Bucks FHS in the future. Our members will benefit from some of their work in 2023.

Lastly I must thank all those volunteers who have helped Bucks FHS in the past and those who continue to help at meetings and other activities.

Income Generation

A breakeven year but our income reduced, but we also reduced our costs. Gross income decreased by £2,539 in 2022. The subscriptions were down by £1,088, this can be explained by reminders being sent out early in 2021, this had a knock-on effect in 2022. After lockdown we saw a decrease in members searches by £1,078 and also a decrease in sales of Publications, printed and CD's by £1,738. It seems then as people moved out of lockdown the purchases of Family History related items declined. Again, we did not hold our Open day.

Investment powers, policy and performance

The Trustee's Investment powers are governed by the Constitution, which permits the Charity's funds to be invested by the Trustees in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject to any conditions, consents or constraints as may for the time being, be imposed or required by law.¹¹_{SEP}

The Charity's investments have continued to be managed in line with the Constitution, with current assets over and above working capital being invested in a CAF Bank Gold Account and COIF Charities Deposit Fund.

Fund-raising

The Charity has not carried out any fund-raising activities during the year.

Resources expended and services.

As you can see in the accounts there was a surplus for the year of £184 a movement of £2,327 for the year. As explained last year we held a value of our fixed assets of £39,400 which has been fully depreciated. An asset register was updated in 2022 and £13,476 of assets were held which were fully depreciated, leaving disposals in the year of £25,924.

Publication Costs of Origins decreased by £1,226, but the storage costs increase by £67. Significantly our Society meeting and online talks increased by £1144. We restarted our face-to-face meeting without charging the attendees in an effort to bring back members. The online talks attracted speaker costs with no corresponding income. The Society also had increases in the bank charges and card charges amounting to £236. As the Aylesbury Branch did not restart, the funds held there have been returned to the main account. Open Day and Fairs did not take place.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees approved a reserves policy during the year. Factors considered included the need to cover fluctuations in income (principally subscriptions from members, income from sales of family history information), current liabilities and unplanned expenditure.

The level of available reserves (net of any Restricted and/or Designated Funds and planned extraordinary capital expenditure) should be maintained to ensure the future of the Society in the event of total loss of income, the Society shall retain available funds (net of any Restricted and/or Designated Funds) to run the Society for one year without income and to hold an additional reserve to enable action to be taken following the loss of income. The level of income to be retained for this purpose is 150% of the average of the gross income for the previous three years.

The Trustees will review the level of reserves at least twice each year. Should the level of available reserves fall outside of the stated range, the Trustees will review the activities of the Charity and make such changes as deemed to be appropriate. This policy was adopted by the Trustees in October 2011. The policy was last reviewed and renewed in December 2022. The gross incomes for 2020 to 2022 averaged £13,728. The cash reserves at 31/12/2022 net of restricted and designated funds was £71,727 being 372% above the stated required reserve level.

Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of Buckinghamshire Family History Society

Charity No. 290335

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Richard Lane

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACA., ICAEW

Address: 29 Ballyknockan Road, Ballygowan County Down, BT23 6NR

Date: 1 March 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Current Year 2022		Prior Year 2021	
Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>				
Voluntary Income:				
Subscriptions received		6,872		7,960
Donations		173		-
		7,045		7,760
Income from Charitable Activities:				
Publications		3,042		4,780
Libraries		-		-
Searches		1,051		2,129
Bucks FHS Open Day		-		-
Fairs		-		-
Meetings & Events		-		-
Advertising		-		-
Miscellaneous Income		688		25
		4,781		6,934
Investment Income:				
Bank Interest Received		537		8
		12,363		14,902
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				
		12,363		14,902

The Notes on Pages 7 and 8 form part of these Accounts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Current Year 2022		Prior Year 2021	
		£	£	£	£
Costs of Charitable Activities:					
Origins inc. Members Interest		4,154		5,380	
Society Meetings & Events		2,065		921	
Bucks FHS Open Day		-		-	
Fairs and other Open Days		-		-	
Website and Internet		221		144	
Storage Costs		2100		2,033	
Subscriptions		388		378	
Travel		60		186	
Misc. Costs of Charitable Activities (3)		1,179		1,074	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
			10,167		10,116
Costs of Governance:					
External Examination		720		720	
Insurance		308		308	
Hall Hire		-		-	
Post & Stationery		8		172	
Travel		-		-	
Fixed Asset Depreciation		-		-	
Miscellaneous		250		110	
		<hr/>	1,286	<hr/>	1,310
Costs of Generating Funds:					
Cost of sale of publications		726		965	
		<hr/>	726	<hr/>	965
<u>Total Resources Expended</u>			<hr/> 12,179 <hr/>		<hr/> 12,391 <hr/>
Surplus/(Deficit)			<hr/> 184 <hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> 2,511 <hr/> <hr/>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Current Year 2022 £	Prior Year 2021 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	(2)	-	-
Current Assets:			
Publication Stocks etc.		2,515	2,515
Cash at Bank	(4)	93,886	93,401
Cash in Hand	(5)	220	521
Total Current Assets		96,621	96,437
Current Liabilities:			
Expenses Payable		-	-
Total Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Assets		£96,621	£96,437
Reserves:			
Balance at 31.12.2021	(6)	96,437	93,926
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		184	2,511
Balance at 31.12.2022	(6)	£96,621	£96,437

C Kightly on behalf of the Managing Trustees

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NOTES OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policy

a. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (SORP FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

Fixed Asset Policy

Fixed assets are held at original purchase cost.

b. Investment Policy

The Society's investment policy is to invest the majority of its reserves in the CAF Charity Deposit Fund whilst also ensuring timely transfers of funds where necessary.

c. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA where the charity is legally entitled to the income.

d. Resources Expenses

All expenditure is recognised on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category.

NOTES OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2, Tangible Fixed Assets	2022	2021
Assets held at 31.12.2021	39,400	39,400
Disposals	(25,924)	-
Depreciation	(39,400)	(39,400)
Elimination on disposals	25,924	
	£ -	£ -

At the year end the tangible fixed assets were reviewed and the carrying and accumulated depreciation amounts were restated at £13,476.

3. Expenses of Charitable Activities – Misc Costs	2022	2021
Credit Card Costs	461	403
Bank Charges	718	540
	£1,179	£943

4. Cash at Bank	2022	2021
Caf Cash Main Current Account	1,000	1,000
Caf Gold Account	9,361	11,861
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	51,186	50,691
Bank of Scotland	32,339	29,849
	£93,886	£93,401

NOTES OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5. Cash in Hand	2022	2021
Southern Group	30	217
Northern Group	190	117
Central Group	-	187
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Total Cash in Hand at 31.12.2022	£220	£521
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6. Breakdown of Reserves Balance	2022	2021
General Reserves Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	74,242	74,058
Equipment Fund (Unrestricted Fund– Designated)	5,000	5,000
2005 Review Fund (Unrestricted Fund– Designated)	17,379	17,379
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Total Reserves at 31.12.2022	96,621	96,437
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The Caf Cash Main Current Account is a sweep account with the Caf Gold Account. The daily balance in the Current Account is maintained at £1,000 with monies automatically transferred from the Gold account.

An Unrestricted Fund is one where the contents may be used for any purpose permitted by the objects of the Charity. A Designated Fund is also unrestricted but the contents of the fund have been allocated for a particular special purpose by the Trustees.

A Restricted Fund is one where the contents may only be used for particular purpose, usually because the moneys have been raised specifically for that purpose. The Society did not have Restricted Funds at 31.12.2022.

*[The reports and accounts are published as submitted
and are presented here for information only.]*

Minutes of the AGM 2023

Buckinghamshire Family History Society
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
via Zoom
at 19.30 on Friday 23rd June 2023

1. Introduction and Apologies

The meeting was chaired by Tony Sargeant, Honorary Secretary, and had been reconvened from 26th May 2023 on which date the meeting had not been quorate. On 23rd June only 23 members were present at 19.30, therefore the start of the reconvened meeting was delayed for ten minutes until 19.40 in line with the constitution.

Apologies were received from Helen Cooper, Betty Crisp, Graham Gough and Steve Powell.

2. Minutes of meeting held on the 24th June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th June 2022 via Zoom were proposed as a true record by Gillian Talbot, seconded by Barry Warr and accepted by the meeting without dissent. No matters arose from the minutes.

3. Annual Report and Annual Accounts for 2022

These are combined to produce a document in a standard format ready for submission to the Charity Commission.

Tony Sargeant read out the Review of Activities and Achievements reproduced below:

For Bucks FHS, 2022 has been a difficult year as there was great concern about restarting operations beyond online talks. There were differing views as people considered the uncertainty about the return of COVID-19. Here the Executive Committee relied on the opinions of the members of the branch committees. There were also concerns about willingness of an audience to attend meetings in halls and willingness of volunteers to run the meetings especially during the winter months. There was enough interest to start the Bletchley and Bourne End meetings. We hope the audience numbers continue to increase. There

was no interest in restarting the Aylesbury meeting. If there is enough interest from volunteers to organise future meetings in the Aylesbury area the Executive Committee would support them. Due to too many unknown factors it was decided not to attempt an Open Day.

Online talks continue for our members, as does the Online Helpdesk.

The COVID-19 lockdowns have changed how family history is carried out. Societies face having to adapt. In addition to the Executive Committee meetings a small working group consisting mainly of four committee members has been investigating a possible way forward whereby our Society might provide better facilities for its members. This group would welcome assistance and advice from members however distant/overseas. Online meetings have been held with other members of the Federation of Family History Societies who are having similar challenges. We would welcome members who can help Bucks FHS in the future. Our members will begin to benefit from some of their work in 2023.

Lastly I must thank all those volunteers who have helped Bucks FHS in the past and those who continue to help at meetings and other activities.

Colin Kightley read out those sections of the Report dealing with services provided, income generated, and resources expended. He also commented on the updating of the asset lists, and some of the activities of the group looking to the future. He also alluded to problems which had arisen as a result of changes in banking practices.

Income Generation

The Society broke even in 2022. Although gross income reduced by £2,539, costs were also reduced. Subscriptions were down by £1,088, explained by reminders having been sent out early in 2021, resulting in a knock-on effect in 2022. As we moved out of lockdown the purchase of family history related items declined. After lockdown we saw a decrease in the value of members searches of £1,078 and a decrease of £1,738 in the sale of printed publications and CDs. Again, we did not hold our Open Day.

Resources expended and services

As you can see the accounts record a surplus of £184, a movement of £2,327 for the year. As explained last year we held fixed assets valued at £39,400 which had been fully depreciated. The asset register was updated in 2022, and after disposals in the year of £25,924, assets of £13,476 were held which were fully depreciated.

The cost of publishing Origins decreased by £1,226, but storage costs increased by £67. Significantly the cost of our Society meetings and online talks increased by £1,144. When we restarted face-to-face meetings it was without charge in an effort to bring back attendees. Online talks attracted speaker costs with no corresponding income. The Society also faced increases in bank and card charges amounting to £236. As the Aylesbury Branch did not restart, the funds held there have been returned to the main account. Open Day and Fairs did not take place.

Barry Warr drew attention to a correction to page 5 of the report, following which acceptance of the report was proposed by Geoff Edwards, seconded by Pamela Reverley and accepted by the meeting without dissent.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the 2023 accounts

The appointment of Richard Lane was proposed by Colin Kightley, seconded by Tony Sargeant and accepted by the meeting without dissent.

5. The Election of Principal Officers and members of the Executive Committee was chaired by Rex Watson

Position	Name	Note	Proposer	Second
Chairman		Vacant		
Treasurer	Colin Kightley		Steve Powell	Rex Watson
Honorary Secretary	Tony Sargeant		Geoff Edwards	Mary Edwards

The Principal Officers having both been re-elected, Tony Sargeant continued to chair the meeting.

Executive Committee Nominated

Position	Name	Note	Proposer	Second
Committee Member	Rosemarie Bucknell		Tony Sargeant	Alan Barnard
Committee Member	Dave Foster		Tony Sargeant	Alan Barnard

Committee Member	Graham Gough		Tony Sargeant	Geoff Edwards
Committee Member	Steve Powell		Graham Youngman	Colin Kightley
Committee Member	John Price		Colin Kightley	Tony Sargeant
Committee Member	Gillian Talbot		Tony Sargeant	D Foster

The Committee members were re-elected.

The Committee members were re-elected. Tony Sargeant pointed out that there was room on the Executive Committee for more members.

6. Changes to the Constitution

With the advent of modern technology in the form of online meetings and meetings having both an online and physical presence, some change to the constitution was required to ensure that meetings followed a form whereby participants were not disadvantaged due to the type of meeting or way of participating.

The proposals were:

Amend Section 7 Paragraph (e) to insert the following after the first sentence:

“The meeting may be held in person or may be held virtually via an online provider or as a hybrid meeting combining attendance in person and virtually as circumstances allow and as the Executive Committee decide.”

Amend Section 12 Paragraph (a) to the following after the first sentence:

“The meeting may be held in person or may be held virtually via an online provider or as a hybrid meeting combining attendance in person and virtually as circumstances allow and as the Executive Committee decide.”

Amend Section 12 Paragraph (c) to the following after the first sentence:

“The Agenda shall include the date, time and details of whether the meeting is to be held at a specific physical location or as a virtual meeting or a combination of both. A link to attend virtually will also be included.”

Amend Section 12 Paragraph (g) to the following after the first sentence:

“This includes any member who is present in person, or is attending virtually or is attending as part of a hybrid meeting. Members so present will count towards the required quorum for the meeting and be allowed to vote, speak and participate.”

In the ensuing discussion it was pointed out that the aim was to ensure the participation of those present whether virtually or otherwise. Responding to a question enquiring about the Charity Commission view it was explained that the changes were taken from guidance issued by The Federation of Family History Societies.

All the amendments to the constitution were voted on after being proposed by Rex Watson and seconded by Celia Williams. When put to the meeting, the proposals were accepted by all without dissent.

7. Any Other Business

No other formal business had been reported to the Secretary.

The meeting was closed at 20:10.

Informal business which arose during the meeting:

Members of the Executive Committee

Initiated by Rex Watson and Angela Evans was a discussion on the make-up of the Executive Committee and the lack of a Chairman. There was no firm conclusion although the group discussing the future of the Society were aware of the issue and were searching for a remedy.

Interest was shown by the meeting in the work of the group discussing the future of the Society and the possible changes to the website and online shop which were being discussed. A report to the membership was held over as time had run out, the speaker for the following talk having joined the meeting.

Tony Sargeant

24th June 2023

**Do you have ancestors in
Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire,
Essex, Hampshire, Gloucestershire,
Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire,
Warwickshire, Wiltshire or Worcestershire?**

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Canal Boat Inspections
Marriage Notices
Probate Records
Asylum Records

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contains full details.

Buckinghamshire FHS SOCIETY SERVICES

What is available?

- Names indexes and databases.
- Libraries containing publications of local and general interest.
- Publications for sale.

How do I request a service?

- Individual service request procedures are detailed on the following pages. Information is also on our website at <https://www.bucksfhs.org.uk>
- Please send your order for publications or for searches to the address specified.
- The services are not run from a central office, but by individual volunteers.
- If you are writing to the Society address, to avoid delay please ensure the name of the service and volunteer you wish to contact is included in the address on the envelope.

How do I pay?

Please refer to the individual services notices on the following pages

- **Credit Card**

We are able to process credit card transactions through our website for membership and publications. Searches can also be paid for through the shop when requested to do so. Please visit our shop at <https://shop.bucksfhs.org.uk> to place your order.

NOTE THAT WE NO LONGER ACCEPT CHEQUES.

How is postage charged?

Stamped addressed envelopes must be supplied for a written reply, otherwise please give an email address. Please do NOT use the prices in the online shop when purchasing items by post, as this will delay your order. There is a separate price list available for download online.

How do I cancel my order?

Sales are covered by the Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013 & Consumer Rights Act 2015. Orders may be cancelled within 14 days. In the case of goods supplied (e.g. books) this is 14 days from the date of receipt by the consumer. In the case of services supplied (e.g. database searches) this is 14 days from the date of the contract which is the date on which Buckinghamshire Family History Society receives the request. Any cancellation must be in writing either by post or e-mail to the address to which the original order was sent. On the receipt of a cancellation notice and the returned goods the Society is required to refund the cost within 30 days. Cost of postage for the returned goods will be borne by the customer. Any orders for magazines or periodicals which the Society may from time to time sell are excluded from the right to cancel.

Other notes

- Please note that fees for searches undertaken at fairs may vary.
- Please provide full contact details including email address, as this will help us to process your order more efficiently.

Society Publications

Bucks FHS Publications

Bucks FHS has published parish registers, 1851 census and miscellaneous records available for purchase variously on CD and printed formats.

CDs are designed for Windows systems and are NOT compatible with Apple Mac systems. Microfiche (fiche) require a microfiche reader. Many libraries and Record Offices have microfiche readers.

To purchase items by post:

- For a catalogue, please send a C5 sae (162 x 229 mm).
- See 'how to pay' on the introduction pages to this section
- Use the details in the catalogue for prices including P&P charges for postal purchases – Please do NOT use the prices in the online shop when purchasing items by post, as this will delay your order.

To purchase items online:

Consult the Society's online shop on the website at <https://shop.bucksfhs.org.uk>

Contact

Bucks FHS Publications, Bucks FHS, Box 2, c/o Unit 7 Broadfields, Aylesbury, HP19 8BU

Email: printed.publications@bucksfhs.org.uk (for printed publications)
cd.publications@bucksfhs.org.uk (for CD & DVD)

Search Service

Bucks Archives Search (members only)

A search of a specific type of record will be undertaken for members by volunteers at the Buckinghamshire Archives in Aylesbury.

For each member, the time spent on searches will be limited to 2 hours per annum. Further time may be made available to a member with a donation to the Society's funds.

Requests should be sent by email to the Search Service with details of the type of record and the time period to be searched together with your Membership Number. Searches will normally be undertaken and the results reported back to the member within 21 days.

Contact

Bucks Archives Search, Bucks FHS, Box 2, c/o Unit 7 Broadfields, Aylesbury, HP19 8BU

Email: cbsinfo@bucksfhs.org.uk

Database Searches

Baptisms and Burials

This searchable database is an ongoing transcription of baptism and burial entries from deposited Buckinghamshire parish registers 1538 to 1908.

The following options apply to a baptism **OR** a burial search – please specify which you require:

- Option 1: Single Baptism OR Burial Search – first name and surname £1
- Option 2: Single Surname Search – all available parishes £3 per 100 years
- Option 3: Single Surname Search – all available parishes, all years £10
- Option 4: Single Surname Search – all years in 6 parishes £3

(Options 3 & 4 are available to members only)

Results sent by email, or by post as a print out (please include large sae and loose stamps for postal option). Visit <https://www.bucksfhs.org.uk>, email or send an sae for a list of parishes and dates in the database.

Payment for baptism and burial searches can be sent by post (by postage stamps). Credit card payments can be made online; please email for details.

Contact

Madeleine Harvey, BFHS Baptisms, 1 Drove Cottages, Newhaven Road, Rodmell, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3HD

Email: baptisms@bucksfhs.org.uk

Marriages

This searchable database contains transcripts of marriage entries from deposited Buckinghamshire parish registers. It is fully transcribed from 1538 to 1837, with many parishes up to 1908.

- Option 1: Single Marriage Search – first name and surname £1
- Option 2: Single Surname Search – all available parishes £3 per 100 years
- Option 3: Single Surname Search – all available parishes, all years £10

(Option 3 is available to members only)

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Contact

Marilyn Blake, BFHS Marriages, 5 Mandeville Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 2BD

Email: marriages@bucksfhs.org.uk

Society Libraries

Exchange Journals Library

We exchange journals/magazines with many other UK and overseas Societies. Most Societies are now exchanging digital versions of their journal. These are available in the Members' section of our website: <https://www.bucksfhs.org.uk>

Log in before navigating to the Members Area / Exchange Journals. Not yet registered for the website? There is more you may be missing.

We will add more Societies' journals as they start exchanging with us electronically.

Those journals only available as hard copies may be borrowed for up to a month by post, for which members are asked to reimburse the small postal charges.

Contact

Exchange Journals Librarian, Bucks FHS, Box 2, c/o Unit 7 Broadfields, Aylesbury, HP19 8BU

Email: magexchange@bucksfhs.org.uk

Take a look at our FACEBOOK GROUP

Our new Facebook group (which is separate to our Facebook page) is proving popular. There are many photos of Bucks churches and chapels. Members share research interests, and some have already found common ancestors and other links. It's also a good source of news about family history developments, and the various events and shows that BFHS will be attending during the year.



Useful Contacts

Buckinghamshire Archives

Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Aylesbury, HP20 1UU
archives@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
01296 382587

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-and-tourism/archives

High Wycombe Library

5 Eden Place, High Wycombe,
Bucks, HP11 2DH
Tel: 01296 382415

Email: lib-hiw@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Milton Keynes Local Studies and Family History Library

555 Silbury Boulevard,
Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK9 3HL
Tel: 01908 254051

Slough Library

The Curve, William Street, Slough, SL1 1XY
Tel: 01753 875533

Email: library@slough.gov.uk

Chesham Library

Elgiva Lane, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 2JD
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