

Talk on Greenham Common's long and varied history

Berkshire Family History Society's new Centre for Heritage and Family History on the second floor of Reading Central Library, on Abbey Square, Reading, plays host to a talk by local author Penny Stokes on 14 March on "Greenham Common over the years".

To many people the name 'Greenham Common' conjures up an image of women-only peace camps, protests against cruise missiles and conflict with the police, but behind this lies a much longer and more varied history.

Eminent local author and historian, Penny Stokes, will describe the many dramas which have taken place on the common: from Redcoat musters to refugee housing, golf to glider



warfare, furze-gathering to filming, and bare-knuckle prize-fighting to bomb storage. Copies of Penny's latest book *The Common Good: The Story of Greenham Common* will be available to purchase, which she will be pleased to sign for you.

Tickets: £5 non-members or £4 society members. This includes tea or coffee and cake. Booking in advance is highly recommended, but turn up and you can pay on the day, *if* places are still available. For more information and to book your place see: www.berksfhs.org.uk

Picture: Greenham Common by Bulkley