



Shropshire Family History Society

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You would be very welcome to join us!

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To: The Membership Secretary
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The Old Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, SY5 6JH, UK

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Please enrol me/us* as a member of the Shropshire Family History Society

The Society's subscription year runs from 1st October to 30th September.

Anyone joining between 1st April and 30th September may opt to pay for 18 months membership but **PLEASE NOTE** - *advance payments for this option will not be accepted before 1st March in current year.* There is currently no extra charge for mailing our Journals overseas.

I/We* enclose my/our* subscription, for up to 2 named members at one address

For 12 months membership	For 18 months membership # See note
* £10.00	* £15.00

From 1st April # See Note / 1st Oct * _____ to 30th Sept _____

MAIN MEMBER –

SURNAME _____

Forename(s) _____ Title* Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other _____

Address _____

Post/Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail address _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBER LIVING AT SAME ADDRESS (if applicable) –

SURNAME _____

Forename(s) _____ Title* Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other _____

Relationship to Main Member [i.e. Spouse/Partner/Other (please state)] _____

We will assume that these details may be passed on to other researchers unless you tick the box below, in which case they will only be used by officials of the Society. PLEASE DO NOT PASS ON MY DETAILS []

Occupation _____

If you would like us to record your maiden name please enter it here _____

Where did you hear about the Society? _____

Which other Family History Societies do you belong to? _____

Do you have any special skills to offer? _____

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERSHIP DETAILS ARE STORED ON A COMPUTER

* Delete as applicable

Overseas applicants please note that if it is not possible to send a Sterling cheque drawn on a U.K. bank (or a Sterling postal order where available) we can accept dollar cheques made payable to "Shropshire Family History Society". Visit the Society web site at www.sfhs.org.uk for the conversion multiplier for Australia, Canada, New Zealand and United States dollars. For other currencies e-mail the Society.

Shropshire Family History Society

The Society was founded in 1979 to provide a meeting place in Shropshire for all those interested in Family History. The Society is now a Registered Charity with around sixteen hundred members from all round the world. Membership is open to anyone interested in family history and non-members are welcome to visit one of our meetings to become familiar with our activities.

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held in The Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury SY5 6JH [2.5 miles south of Shrewsbury by-pass (A5) on the A58 Bridgnorth road] between 7 pm and 10 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August. There is ample free parking at the rear of the building and close-by. There are no steps either outside or within the premises.

The formal part of the meeting begins at 7.30 pm and generally includes a specialist speaker invited to talk on some aspect of family or local history. The remainder of the evening, both before and after the formal meeting, allows members to talk informally over coffee, to consult members of the Committee for help with any problems, and to take advantage of the various sales and research facilities available as follows:

Library

A growing collection of reference books belonging to the Society is available to members and a full list of these can be found on our website. Whilst it is not possible to bring all the books to meetings, members can request any particular book by contacting the Society Librarian.

Printed Parish Registers

The Society holds copies of all the parish registers of Shropshire available in book form. Fully indexed, these invaluable books are available at meetings and for loan between meetings.

Bookstalls

The Society runs two book stalls at meetings where members can purchase, often at a discount, reasonably priced books on family history research topics and general information about the county of Shropshire. Local Interest books can also be purchased by post and a full list of current titles can be found on our website.

Research aids

Although the Society still has available to members microfiche copies of the International Genealogical Index and the 1881 Census transcript and index, the emphasis is now very much on computerised sources. The Society's own databases and other resources are always available to consult at monthly meetings, and we have for sale various CDs, including our Shropshire Marriage, Burial and Quarter Sessions indexes. We also have mobile broadband internet access at meetings and fairs.

Exchange Journals

We participate in an exchange scheme with other family history societies so members may read, or borrow until the next meeting if they wish, the journals of many U.K. and Overseas groups.

Microfiche Readers

The Society owns a number of microfiche readers which Members may borrow between meetings for their own research purposes.

Publications

The Society Publication Catalogue, issued with your New Members Pack, lists all the material offered for sale in photocopied or microfiche format, including Transcribed Indexed Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions and Census Indexes. The catalogue also lists the growing number of CDs available. The on-line catalogue on our website is regularly updated and new material available is advertised in our Journal.

Fairs

The Society regularly attends family history fairs in neighbouring counties to offer many of our facilities more widely. Members living outside Shropshire and unable to attend monthly meetings are of course particularly welcome to visit our stand on these occasions. Our website always carries details of where we plan to be in the coming months.

Journal

The Society publishes a quarterly Journal in March, June, September and December. Members receive a free copy by post, with no extra charge for mailing overseas.

Website

Our website www.sfhs.org.uk is regularly updated with news about our programme of talks and other forthcoming events. Our strays and members' interests indexes are there to consult, and membership forms, publications order forms and standing order mandates can be downloaded. Questions on our very active Forum are regularly answered by expert members.

Visits

Visits to the National Archives or other national repositories may be arranged by the Society's Committee on an *ad hoc* basis if there is sufficient demand. Similarly visits to local places of interest – suggestions are always welcome. Details of any such visits will be announced at meetings, advertised the Journal and on our website.

Transcribing & Indexing

In order to make historical information more readily available to researchers, members are encouraged to help in the transcription and indexing of Parish Registers, Census Returns, Monumental Inscriptions and other similar material. If you are interested in helping the Society and your fellow members in this way, please contact our Projects Co-ordinator (projects@sfhs.org.uk) or one of the Officers of the Society.

Application

If you would like to join the Society, please fill in the attached application form, or download a copy from our website, and send it to the Membership Secretary at the address given.