



BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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THE SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1977 to encourage the study of Family History, Genealogy and Heraldry, primarily within the County of Bedfordshire.

WHY JOIN A FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY?

Many family historians join both their local society and one or more societies in the areas where their ancestors lived. You can attend meetings and join in the activities of your local society.

The society in the area where your ancestors lived can help you with your research in various ways and help you to contact others who are tracing the same family as you. If you are just starting out you will soon find it is not the case that all research can be done on the internet.

It is better to learn how to do it properly and more enjoyable to work with others.

BENEFITS OF JOINING BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

- A journal issued four times a year with interesting articles to help you with your research, provide information on Bedfordshire and keep you up to date with family history.
- A members' pack with useful information to get you started and to explain how we can help.
- Our popular meetings held once a month (except August) on a Friday evening at Mark Rutherford School, Wentworth Drive, Putnoe, BEDFORD with good quality speakers.
- A library with over 1,200 books, together with journals published by other societies, available for loan to members at meetings.
- A bookstall with publications on family history and Bedfordshire and CDs covering 128 Bedfordshire Parish Registers available at meetings or by post.
- A Members Portal on the website with useful information.
- Publications making Bedfordshire records more accessible to all.
- Opportunities to get the names you are researching into our journal, on our website and published in other forms to help you make contacts to help your research.
- An index search and printout service plus a research service for members.
- Visits to The National Archives and places of interest.
- An opportunity to help with recording memorial inscriptions or transcribing documents.



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APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are several types of membership, each running from 1st January to 31st December. Those joining during the year will receive back copies of the Journal for that year.

- * Any UK/Worldwide member taking the Journal via email in pdf format: £ 8.00 per annum.
- * UK Individual Membership, with one copy per issue of the printed Journal: £10.00 p.a.
- * Family Membership per each additional related member at the same address joining at same time (no Journal) **: £ 1.00 p a
- * European Membership with one copy per issue of the printed Journal: £14.00 p a
- * Worldwide Membership with one copy per issue of the printed Journal –Airmail: £18.00 pa

There is a mandatory one-off **joining fee of £2.00** to cover to cover the cost of the Members' Pack. This should be included with the subscription for the first year of membership.

NOTES

1. Applicants for Membership after 1st November will be assumed to be joining for the succeeding year, (unless otherwise specified on membership application form) and will not therefore receive a Journal until the following March but will be welcome to attend the November and December meetings.
2. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "Bedfordshire Family History Society".
3. Payments of Overseas Subscriptions must be by STERLING cheque or money order. It is regretted that the disproportionate exchange rates for small amounts of other currencies make it impractical to accept payments in those currencies.

Alternatively, subscriptions can be made via credit or debit card payments using the internet sites www.genfair.co.uk or www.parishchest.com. Links to these can be found on our website.
4. The Society's Bankers are: National Westminster Bank PLC, Bedford 81 High Street Branch, 81 High Street, Bedford, MK40 1NH. The sort code is 60-02-13. Account Number 08036888.
5. The Society is a Registered Charity No: 281677.
6. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

The Membership Secretary, Bedfordshire Family History Society, PO Box 214, Bedford MK41 8WB

Bedfordshire Family History Society - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to the Membership Secretary at address on previous page.

Surname: _____ Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other

Forenames: _____ Telephone: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile: _____

Postal address: _____

Post/Zip code: _____

Country: _____

Data Protection Act: Please note that the Society uses computer and manual systems to record membership information. Under the Data Protection Act it is necessary that you should know this. The information you give on your application for membership will only be used for conducting Society business and will not be supplied to anyone else in any form. If you have any questions or concerns over the data held, please contact the Secretary.

I apply for: (* delete as appropriate)

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and I enclose the sum below for my annual subscription for the year commencing 1st January 20..... including mandatory one-off **joining fee of £2.00** to cover the cost of the Members' Pack.

Description	Cost	Payment
Type of membership.....	See above	£
Number of additional members at same address.	£ 1.00 each	£
Joining fee.		£ 2.00
Total Enclosed.		£

Signed..... Date.....

**Members at the same address joining at the same time:.....

How did you first hear about the Society?.....

NB: We no longer claim Gift Aid on Membership subscriptions.

FOR SOCIETY USE :

Date Application Received:

Received Journal: March / June / September / December

Publications booklet issued

Membership pack sent

Member's Interests Received

Cash/Cheque/Money Order

To computer update

Membership No:

Membership Code:

Mail List Code: