

News

Happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter for 2014. A lot has happened since the last newsletter, I hope you find the following information useful. We have added over 70 new products to the shop since the last newsletter, mainly downloads, but also a new range from Shire Books, focusing on Victorian and Edwardian times, details in the New Products section.

We will also have some very exciting news in the next newsletter, some unique new products will be listed in the shop, never before available as downloads.

Special Offers

We currently have 20% off BMSGH produced CDs and DVDs(Parish record transcripts, Monumental Inscriptions, census and more). To get 20% off, enter coupon code cdsale by going to the shopping cart once you have finished shopping. The 20% off is on top of any existing discounts.

The following products are on special offer until further notice:-

DVMS2	St. Martin's in the Bull Ring	Birmingham (actual	images of the original parish

registers), fully indexed, £75, was £50, now £40 with cdsale coupon.

D104+D240 Buy both Worcestershire and Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions CDs at

a bulk discounted price, priced at £55 if bought separately, bulk price £50,

but use cdsale coupon to buy both at only £40

D005 The National Burial Index, RRP £30, our price £26

Fiche/census All microfiche are available at heavily discounted prices while stocks last,

parish register and Monumental transcripts, some census/others, 50+% off

Volunteers Wanted

We currently have volunteers all over the World who help with transcribing work for our many projects. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help with transcribing, please go to this <u>link</u> in the shop and register or get in touch via the contacts details at the end of this newsletter. All you need is a PC with an Internet connection, we will provide all the information required to get started.

Shop software upgrade

We upgraded the shop software to the latest version in December and where possible we have kept the look and feel of the shop the same, but some things have changed as follows:-

- The Search facility has changed, see revised instructions in the section below
- Items with "options" now work differently; an option used to default to the first option in the list, but now requires you to select each option.
- There is now a black bar across the top of the screen, if you hover over the categories, a drop down sub category list appears so you can quickly navigate to areas of interest, eg Warwickshire>Parish Registers
- The bottom of all screens now has quick access options as follows:-
 - Customer services Contact us, Returns and Site Map
 - o Extras Brands/Suppliers, Gift vouchers, Affiliates(not in use) and Special offers
 - o My Account My Account, Order History, Wish List, Newsletter subscription
- Gift Vouchers You can now buy gift vouchers which work in the same way as coupon codes
 and will be emailed to the recipient with instructions on how to redeem their gift voucher, a
 nice birthday present maybe, available to purchase from a minimum value of £5.
- Wish Lists This is a new feature where you can add an item to your "Wish list" while browsing the shop, allowing you to return to your wish list at a later date.
- Using coupon codes to get discounts has changed. To add a coupon code, first add products
 to the Shopping Cart, when you have finished shopping, click on Shopping Cart on the top
 right of the screen, you will then be able to click on the "Use Coupon Code" button, enter
 your coupon code and click "Apply Coupon" to enable your discount. You can no longer add
 a coupon directly from the Checkout screen.
- Checkout When you go to checkout, we have now added some instructions on how to make payment through Paypal payment services, without having to open a Paypal account, note that this only works for UK customers, Paypal insist that overseas customers open a Paypal account, something over which we have no control.
- Once payment is made, you will get a confirmation screen. If you have ordered downloads, you can now click on "downloads" which will list downloads available, click on the symbol on the right to download the file, note that some items may have several files to download, and some are in zipped format, if required, see the README-zipped file for instructions on unzipping. We allow you to download a file up to 10 times, just in case a download fails.

New products

We are continuing with our work to convert microfiche and books to digital format and we are pleased to announce the following additions to the shop since the last newsletter. We also have new books available (see the item description in the shop for more detail):-

> The following are new books from Shire Books:-

Ref	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
V600	Victorian Railway Worker	£4.99
V601	Victorians and Edwardians at Work	£9.99
V602	Victorian Workhouse	£4.99
V603	Discovering Surnames-Their origins and meanings	£6.99
V604	Victorian Policeman	£4.99
V605	Victorian Home	£7.99
V606	Victorian Childhood	£5.99
V607	Edwardian Home	£6.99
V608	Victorian Hospital	£6.99
V609	Victorian Criminal	£6.99
V610	Edwardian Farm	£6.99
V611	Victorian Factory Life	£6.99
V612	Victorian Country Life	£6.99
V613	Victorian Domestic Servant	£4.99
V614	Life in the Victorian Country House	£14.99
V615	Victorian Asylum	£6.99
V616	Victorian Farmer	£4.99

> The following downloads are copies of Heraldry booklets we published in the 1980's:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
B400D	The Heraldry of Warwickshire Parish Churches and Associated Buildings	£2.00
B401D	Roman Catholic Heraldry in Birmingham - Volume 1	£1.50
B402D	A Survey of Heraldry in St. Alphege's Church, Solihull	£1.50
B403D	The Heraldry of St. Edburgha's Church, Yardley	£1.50
B405D	Edgbaston Heraldry	£1.50

> The following Monumental Inscription transcripts are now available as downloads:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
1007-2D	WEETHLEY St.James	£1.50
I517D	CHEADLE Non-Conformist Memorials	£1.50

➤ A long awaited book from the Family History Partnership:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
V505	The Family Historian's Enquire Within - 6 th edition (extensively revised and updated)	£12.95

> The following Parish register transcripts are now available as downloads:-

Ref	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
B010D	BUTTERTON IN THE PEAK Bishops Transcripts 1660-1751	£2.00
B011D	CLIFTON-on-DUNSMORE Bap/Bur 1594-1855, Mar 1594-1837	£5.00
B269D	Blurton; Bap.1813-1855, Mar.1842-1855, Bur.1828-1855	£5.00
B274D	Fulford, St.Nicholas; Bapt. 1813-1837, Mar. 1800-1837, Bur. 1815-1837	£5.00
B500D	WOMBOURNE St. Benedict Biscop Bap and Mar 1726-1837, BTs and bur 1673-1837	£12.00
B500-MID	WOMBOURNE St. Benedict Biscop Bap and Mar 1726-1837, BTs and bur 1673-1837+MIs	£14.00
BR0002D	Ipstones PRs Bap/Bur 1564-1580, BMB 1578-1716, some gaps	£2.00
BR0003D	Leek-A History of the Ancient Parish, including Horton, Cheddleton & Ipstones	£7.00
BR0004D	Newport Shropshire - Adam's Grammar School Old Boys Register	£2.00
BR0005D	Netherton Cinderbank Messiah Bapt. Chapel 1654-1798	£2.00
BR0006D	Wilcox entries in North Staffordshire	£1.50
M027D	Polesworth, St.Editha.Bap.1779-1837,Mar.1754-1837,Bu.1770-1837	£3.50
M139D	Stourbridge, Weslyan; 1809-1837 & Ind. Chapel; 1776-1837	£1.50
M207D	Armitage, St.John. Baptist, Marriage & Burials 1623-1812	£2.50
M210D	Barlaston, St.John. Bapt. & Mar. 1573-1812 Bur. 1551-1812	£3.50
M211D	Barton Under Needwood, Pts. 1 & 2, Bap. Mar & Bur. 1571-1812 Inc. Index	£6.00
M212D	Baswich (Berkswich) With Walton, Holy Trinity. Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1601-1812	£4.50
M213D	Betley, St.Margaret. Bapt. & Bur. 1538-1802 Mar. 1538-1812	£3.50
M215D	Bilston, St.Leonard. Bapt. Mar & Bur. 1684 - 1746	£5.00
M222D	Bucknall -Cum-Bagnall. Bapt.1762- 1812 Mar.1765-1812 Bur.1763-1812	£3.50
M224D	Bushbury, St.Mary. Bapt. Mar. & Bur.1560-1812	£5.00
M229D	Croxden B.M.B.1674-1812&Bradley In The Moors St.Leonard BMB. 1674-1812	£3.00
M234D	Himley, St.Michael Bapt. Mar & Bur. 1665-1812	£2.50
M235D	Keele, St.John, Bapt.1540-1700, Mar.1540-1700, Burials 1699 Only	£3.50
M241D	Lichfield, Cathedral Church Of St.Mary & St.Chad. Bapt. & Bur.1660-1744, Mar. 1665-1754	£4.50
M266D	Tamworth, St.Editha; Bapt. & Bur.1556 - 1614, Mar. 1557 - 1614	£4.50
M267D	Tatenhill, St.Michael, Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1563-1812	£5.00
M289D	Walsall;Molesley's 1799-1823; Inhabitants Receiving The Penny Dole	£5.00
M297D	Norton In-The-Moors, St.Bartholomew Pt.2; Mar. 1754-1837	£2.50
M304D	Trentham, Pt.2, (Inc. Blurton Chapel) Bapt. 1784-1812, Mar.1706-1812, Bur.1744-1812	£4.50
M306+307D	Eccleshall, Holy Trinity Pt.1; Bapt. 1573-1611, Mar. 1573-1618, Bur. 1573-1617 + Pt.2; Bapts. Mar. & Bur. 1620-1667	£6.50
M312D	Ellastone, St.Peter; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1538-1812	£5.00
M314D	Hamstall Ridware, St.Michael; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1598-1812	£3.50
M317D	Pattingham, St.Chad, Part 1; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1559-1812	£7.50
M317453D	Pattingham, St.Chad, Part 1s 1 and 2 bulk buy	£9.00
M318D	Sedgley, All Saints; Part 1. Bapt, Mar. & Bur. 1558-1684.	£4.50
M319+M297D	Norton In-The-Moors, St.Bartholomew Parts 1 and 2 - Special price	£4.50
M319D	Norton In-The-Moors, St.Bartholomew Pt.1; Bapt.Mar. & Bur. 1574-1751	£2.50
M323D	Stafford, St.Chad; Bapts, Mar. & Bur. 1636-1811	£2.50
M324D	Stafford, St.Mary; Bapts, Mar. & Bur. 1559-1671	£8.00
M325D	Standon, All Saints; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1558-1812	£3.50
M327D	Wolverhampton St.Peter Part 1. Bap.1542-1659 Mar.1538-1652,Bur.1539-1660	£6.00
M331D	Brewood, St.Mary & St.Chad; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1562-1649	£3.00
V332D	Clent, Staffordshire-Researches into the Baptist Cause, inc. Births 1807-1837	£4.50
V432D	HAGLEY St. John the Baptist Parish registers 1538-1901	£7.50

Next Few Months

The data team are continuing to make products available as downloads, the following are currently work in progress:-

➤ Books/Microfiche/CDs conversions to downloads:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>
M033	Sutton Coldfield, Holy Trinity; Bapt. & Mar. 1603-1699, Bur. 1603-1710
M058	Leamington, Warwick & District, Spennell's Almanack & Directory 1897
M061	Stratford-Upon-Avon, Holy Trinity; Bapt.1558-1651, Mar. 1558-1812, Bur.1558-1623
M119	Netherton, Cinderbank. Messiah Bap. Chap. 1654-1798
M242	Lichfield, Cathedral Church Of St.Mary & St.Chad. Marriage Licences & Bonds; 1711-1716
M249	Muckleston, St.Mary, Part 1; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1555-1701
M255	Rocester, St.Michael. Bapt.Mar. & Bur. 1565-1812
M268	Tettenhall, St.Michael & All Angels Part 1& 2. Bap.1602-1741 Mar.1602-1744. Bur.1602-1732.
M303	Trentham, Pt.1, Inc. Blurton, Hanford, Clayton Griffith, & Others 1558-1784
M320	West Bromwich, All Saints; Part 5. Bapt., Mar. & Bur. 1608-1658.
M448	Wolverhampton 1833; Bridgen's Directory of; (Inc. Bilston, Willenhall, Sedgley & Wednesfield)
M460	Muckleston, St.Mary, Part 2; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1702-1812

> CD's which will be made into downloads:-

Ref	<u>Title</u>
CM087	Birmingham, St.Chad; Bap. Mar. & Bur. 1807-1837
D013	Court Guide & County Blue Book for Warks, Worcs, & Staffs 1902
D016	Aston Cantlow, St.John The Baptist; Bapt. Mar. & Burials 1560-1851 plus Mis
D019	Coventry, Holy Trinity Bap. Mar. & Bur Plus MIs
D023	Stoneleigh, St. Mary the Virgin; Bapt. 1633-1837, Banns 1754-1812, 1823-1837, Marriages
	1633-1836, Bur. 1633-1841 + MIs
D101	Oldswinford Miscellany;
D102	Worcestershire Wills index
D103	Halesowen, St.John the Baptist; Baptisms & Burials 1717-1837, Marriages 1717-1837 +
	Witnesses 1754-1837
D239	Walsall Miscellany; St.Matthew, Bap & Bur.; St.Mary & Queen St. Mis; Bridge St. Chapel
	etc.
D245	Handsworth Miscellany
D500	Midland Ancestor Vol. 9 - 12; Sept. 1989 to June 2001
D501	They Came to New Zealand - Derek Griffis
D503	Notes to Help With Family History Research - Joyce Finnemore

Copies of original parish register images:-

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Title</u>
R102D	Abberley Bap 1858-1968, Mar 1837-1968, Bur 1886-1968, Banns 1823-1961, Copy of
	register 1558-1804
R108D	Bayton BMB 1813-1965, banns 1824-1965
R148D	Hallow Mar 1962-1970 Banns 1936-1968
R149D	Strensham Bapts 1791-1908 Mar 1754-1837 Burs 1791-1812
R207D	Clent BMB 1562-1782, Bap+Bur 1782-1812, Mar 1754-1812 - Register images?
R212D	Keele Mar 1852-1876, Bur 1813-1875, Banns 1823-1876
R213D	Kingstone Bap 1813-1873, Mar 1755-1837, Bur 1813-1876
R216D	Kinver BMB 1560-1649, 1653-1775, Bap+Bur 1776-1812

How to use Search

The search facility has changed since we upgraded the shop software in December 2013. To find an item, enter the search criteria in the search box at the top right of the screen and press enter/click on the magnifying glass symbol. You will then get a list of products that meet the search criteria, however, there could be more items available, if you click the "Search in product descriptions" button and click on search, more products could be displayed. If you get too many items returned, you can restrict the search by selecting a Category, eg Staffordshire or maps, etc.

You can now display results of your search either as a list or as a grid. You can select how many items to display per page and also select how to sort the items on the page, eg by Name(A-Z), Price(low>high), and more.

Feedback

We would welcome your feedback on our shop newsletter, is it too long, too short, is there anything else you would like to know about the shop. Are there products you would like adding to the shop?

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