



News

I intended to issue this newsletter monthly, but due to unforeseen circumstances, it has now been three months since the last issue. Apologies for the lack of communication and I hope you find the information below useful.

The BMSGH is 50 years old this year and as part of our celebrations, we are holding a Family History Fair on Saturday 23rd March 2013 in Birmingham from 10:00 to 16:00, all free, loads of speakers and exhibits and of course, our shop.

For more information, see the shop home page at www.bmsggh-shop.org.uk

Royal Mail has announced their new postage prices effective from 2nd April 2013. The good news is that UK letter and large letter rates have remained the same, this is a big surprise, bad news is they have increased prices for overseas parcels, in some cases by over 20%. Just to complicate postage even more, they have also introduced two new UK postage classes, small and medium parcels, some prices have gone down, but most have gone up, this will only affect larger orders and it may be cheaper for us to send larger orders as several parcels/large letters.

The Shop Team

Caroline Mason - I am pleased to announce that Caroline has joined the online shop sales team, Caroline will be dealing with all “service” orders, ie those orders that do not have to be posted such as Membership renewals and downloads, Caroline also deals with shop queries freeing me up to concentrate on creating more downloads.

Special Offers

We have the following products on special offer until further notice:-

- DVMS2 St. Martin's in the Bull Ring Birmingham(actual images of the parish registers), fully indexed, ~~£75~~, now £50
- D240 Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions, ~~£25~~, now £20
- D104 Worcestershire Monumental Inscriptions, ~~£30~~, now £25
- D005 The National Burial Index, RRP ~~£30~~, our price £26

New products

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

➤ The following items have been published on CD:-

- D246 A Lichfield Miscellany – Mainly transcripts of wills from the Lichfield Diocese –
 - List of wills 1472-1960 (22190 entries)
 - Wills 1473-1960 (2738 entries)
 - Plus some parish register entries

See shop for more details



➤ The following items have been published in book format:-

- B293 KINGSTONE St. John the Baptist Bap 1679-1873, Mar 1689-1837, Bur 1679-1868, published by SPRS

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- The following items have been published as downloadable pdf files(no postage costs and available to download as soon as you have paid):-

I489D Romsley St. Kenelms churchyard MI
I594D WOLLASTON St. James MI
I680D Wolverhampton St.John's in the Square MI
M036-1D Tysoe The Assumption B.M.B.1575-1837
M044D Milverton, St.James; Bapt.1742-1851 Mar.1744-1851 Banns 1794-195 & Bur.1742-1851
M059D Rowington, St.Lawrence; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1616-1812
M060D Solihull, St.Alphege Bapt.1539-1668, Mar. & Bur. 1538-1668
M068D Edgbaston St. Bartholomew PRs
M090D Wellesbourne St. Peter Marriages 1837-1862
M091D Wyken St. Mary Magdalen Coventry BMB 1600-1837
M092D Binley St. Bartholomew PRs + Mis
M093D Stoke St. Michael Coventry PRs + Mis
M094D Claverdon St. Michael and All Angels Marriages 1837-1960
M106D Crowle, St.John The Baptist. Baptisms 1539-1855 Mar.1539-1885 Burials 1539-1890
M116D Little Malvern; Catholic Registers, Bap. 1783-1864, Confirmations; 1823-1857, Bur. 1826-1875
M147D Hanley Castle & Hanley Swan ;
M150D Holt, St.Martin; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1538-1837
M151D Wolverley, St.John The Baptist Pt.1 Bapt. & Mar. 1539-1759 Bur. 1539-1760
M152D Wolverley, St.John The Baptist Pt.2 Bapt. & Mar. 1760-1837 Bur. 1761-1837
M160D Bretforton, St.Leonard; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1538-1837
M163-1D Gt.Witley, St.Michael & All Angels; Bap. 1538-1874, Mar. 1538-1835, Bur.1538-1849
M168D Offenham, St.Mary & St.Milburgh; Bapt.1538-1875, Mar. 1543-1899, Banns 1761-1844, Burs. 1538-1899
M195D Salwarpe St. Michael Baptisms 1666-1913
M275D Walsall 17th Century Inhabitants
M292D Lichfield Census 1695
M453D Pattingham, St.Chad, Part 2; Baptisms 1813-1874
M474D Staffordshire Immigrants to Cleveland County
M475D Freehay St. Chad burials 1847-1969

Stock Clearance Sale

We are continuing with our Stock Clearance Sale, available only while stocks last. Over 650 items have been reduced in price as follows:-

- Monumental Inscriptions on microfiche – at least 50% off. We have a minimum postage charge but as microfiche do not weigh very much, you can get loads of microfiche for the minimum postage charge. Discounted prices start at just £0.50. We will not be making any more microfiche, so once stocks are sold, they will be taken off sale.
- Census - microfiche/books/CD's - Many at up to 75% off
- Many other books up to 75% off

To see a list of items in the stock clearance sale, select “Stock Clearance” under Categories on the left side of the shop home page. You can sort these items, see the next section for details.

How to use Advanced Search

The shop has two search facilities to enable you to find items. The search on the blue bar on the Home page will search item titles in the categories selected. But this does not always produce everything you may be looking for. If you click on the “Advanced Search” option, you can enter your search keyword(s), select category if required, and then tick the “Search in Product Descriptions” box, the shop will then search not only the title, but all items descriptions giving you more results.

Once you have clicked on search and have your results, you can now sort them by selecting an appropriate option in the “Sort by” field, eg you can sort by name(A-Z), by price, and various other options.

Next Few Months

The BMSGH have a collection of Worcestershire Parish Registers on film, these are images of the original Parish registers. We are currently looking at a project to digitise these and make available on CD or as downloads, more information in future newsletters.

The data team are continuing to convert microfiche to digital format mainly to be added to the shop as downloadable pdf files, the following are currently work in progress:-

CHEADLE Non-Conformist Memorials
Berkswell, St.John The Baptist. Pt.1. Baps 1653-1841
Berkswell, St.John The Baptist.Pt.2.Mar & Bur. 1653-1835/7
Elmdon, Bishop's Transcript's; 1742 -1846
Tysoe The Assumption B.M.B.1575-1837 & Compton Wynyates B.M.B. 1683-1812
1873 Return of Owners of Land Warwickshire
Leek Wootton, All Saints; Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1581-1837
Dunchurch, St.Peter; Part 1, Bap, Mar. & Bur. 1538-1654
Barston, St.Swithin; Bapt. & Mar. 1720-1876, Burs. 1720-1837
Stratford-Upon-Avon, Holy Trinity; Bapt.1558-1651, Mar. 1558-1812, Bur.1558-1623
Brailes Catholic Registers (Inc. Weston Park & Brailes) 1763-1912 & 1944-1979
Netherton,Cinderbank. Messiah Bap. Chap. 1654-1798
Stone, St.Mary. Bapt. Mar. & Bur. 1601-1812
Stourbridge, Wesleyan; 1809-1837 & Ind. Chapel; 1776-1837
LAND OWNERS, 1873; Worcestershire
Dudley, St Thomas; (Sprs) Bapt. Mar. & Bur.1541-1649
Kings Norton, St.Nicolas; Pt.4 Burials 1844-1998 Plus Grave Plan
Bedwardine, St.Michael's; Bapt. & Bur. 1546-1812 Mar. 1546-1754
Upton Snodsbury, St.Kenelm; Bap. Mar. & Bur. 1577-1837
Audley, St.James The Great B.M.B 1538-1712
Coseley, Christchurch Bap. & Bur. 1830 - 1837
Hanley, St.John The Evangelist; Bapt. & Bur. 1789 - 1803
High Offley, Bapt. Mar. & Burials 1659-1812
Madeley, All Saints.Pt.2. Bapts. & Burials 1775-1812
Penn, St.Batholomew.Pt.2; Bapt.1748-1812, Mar.1754-1837 & Bur.1754-1812
Lichfield Census 1695
Lower Gornal, St.James; Bapts. & Bur. 1823-1837
Norbury, St.Peter; Bap. & Bur. 1538-1812 Mar.1538-1837
Alton, St.Peters. Pt.3. Bapt. 1813-1880, Mar. 1813-1887, Bur. 1813-1868

We are now converting microfiche to pdf files as we run short of stock, but If you would like a microfiche product digitised, please let me know and I will add it to the list, it usually takes about 2-3 months to complete.

Feedback

We would welcome your feedback on the new style 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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