

Bristol & Avon Family History Society – Membership Application

A - PERSONAL DETAILS

Please send to: Mrs Linda Serle, 30 St. Davids Avenue, Cadbury Heath, Bristol, BS30 8DF, UK.

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Australian members should send forms to Mrs Joy Holditch, 49 Holman Street, Curtin, ACT 2605**

(Please complete this form in block capitals)

I/We wish to apply for * _____ membership of the Society

and enclose an annual subscription of £ _____ to commence on April 1st 20___. (Prev. Memb. No. _____)

FULL Name/s _____

Address _____

_____ e-mail address _____

*Categories of membership:

Full membership (£12)	Concessionary (£10) - Retired or Student
Family (£13) - Related members living at the same address	Overseas (£13) – In Sterling, please**

Preferred future method of payment (please tick box as appropriate)

Cheque	Cash	Direct Debit/Standing Order	Genfair
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** Australian members can pay in AUS\$ if sent to Joy Holditch : for rate see current journal or website

B - GIFT AID DECLARATION

If you pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the U.K., you can increase the value of your subscription by 28% by completing this Gift Aid declaration. The Gift Aid donor must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed by the Society. (Membership Secretary will allocate your Membership Number).

FULL Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address _____

I wish the Bristol & Avon Family History Society, Registered Charity 295799, to treat my subscriptions and all other donations I may make to the Society as Gift Aid donations and I ask the Society to reclaim the appropriate tax.

Signed _____ Date of Declaration _____

C - BANKERS ORDER

This part of the form will be returned to you with your Starter Pack and Membership Number. Please complete and give it to your Bank if you wish to pay your membership fee by Bankers Order.

To _____ Bank. Address: _____

Please pay each year on 1st April the sum of £ _____ to Lloyds TSB Bank plc, 15 High Street, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3DA, to be credited to Bristol & Avon Family History Society (Sort Code 30-99-38, Account Number 03104709) and continue to make this payment annually until further notice. **Please quote my name and BAFHS membership number below.** Please cancel any previous Bankers Order to the Society.

FULL Name _____ Membership No. _____

Account Number _____ Account Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

(Information provided on this form will be used by Bristol & Avon Family History Society for its Administrative purposes only).

Bristol & Avon Family History Society

The Society was founded in 1975 to promote and encourage the public study of family history, genealogy and associated matters. The area covered by the Society is the former County of Avon, comprising the cities of Bristol and Bath and parishes of north Somerset and south Gloucestershire.

We have almost 2000 members all over the world. Many members do not live locally, but have ancestors who came from the area. Other members are living locally, but their origins are in other parts of the country. All benefit from the contacts they make and the information we provide. We provide support for family historians through our monthly meetings, our quarterly Journal and our Research Room. We sell our published indexes on CD and microfiche as well as other research aids and local books.

New members are sent a pack of information useful to both the beginner and the experienced family historian.

Meetings

Bristol - Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month (except July and August) at the BAWA Leisure Centre, Southmead Road, Bristol. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. (doors open at 7.00) and finish at about 9 p.m. There is a bookstall and members can also borrow journals from other family history societies.

Bath - Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Royal Literary & Scientific Institution 16 Queen Square Bath. Meetings start at 7.30.

Sodbury Vale - Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Shire Way Community Centre, Shire Way, Yate. Meetings start at 7.30.

Publications

The Society has published a variety of CDs, microfiche and booklets. These can be purchased from the Research Room, at meetings or from our postal sales outlet at shop@bafhs.org.uk where a current list can be viewed.

Research Room

The Society's Research Room is situated at Bristol Record Office, B Bond, Smeaton Road, Hotwells, Bristol BS1 6XN We do NOT have a telephone number.

Opening hours are as follows:

Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The first two Saturdays each month 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except Bank Holidays)

The Research Room holds an extensive collection of books, indexes, microfiche and CDs relating to family history in Bristol and the neighbouring counties. We have internet access and a subscription to Ancestry. Volunteers from the Society are always available to help with queries and to show you how to use the resources.

A full list of our resources and holdings is on our website. Donations of resource material are always welcome. We have photocopying and microfiche printing facilities for which there is a small charge.

Journal

The Society publishes a quarterly Journal which is posted to all members and circulated to many other societies in the UK and throughout the world.

The Journal includes news and articles about the Society and current family history topics, news of local events and meetings and Members queries.

Members' Interests

The Society maintains a register of the surnames being researched by its members. New surname interests are included in each issue of the Journal and a searchable directory is published on the Society's website.

How You Can Help

The Society is run by a Committee. Many other members help with meetings and events, running the Research Room, indexing projects and the general administration of the Society. Additional voluntary help is always needed.