



# **The Somerset & Dorset Family History Society**

Registered Charity 1010351

Broadway House, Peter St  
Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1PN

## **Annual General Meeting and Open Day**

**24 September 2022**

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## Open Day

**Saturday 24 September 2022**

9.30am to 4.00pm

**Hosted by the Society's Mid Somerset Group**

Red Brick Building,  
Morland Road,  
Glastonbury,  
Somerset, BA6 9FT

### Programme

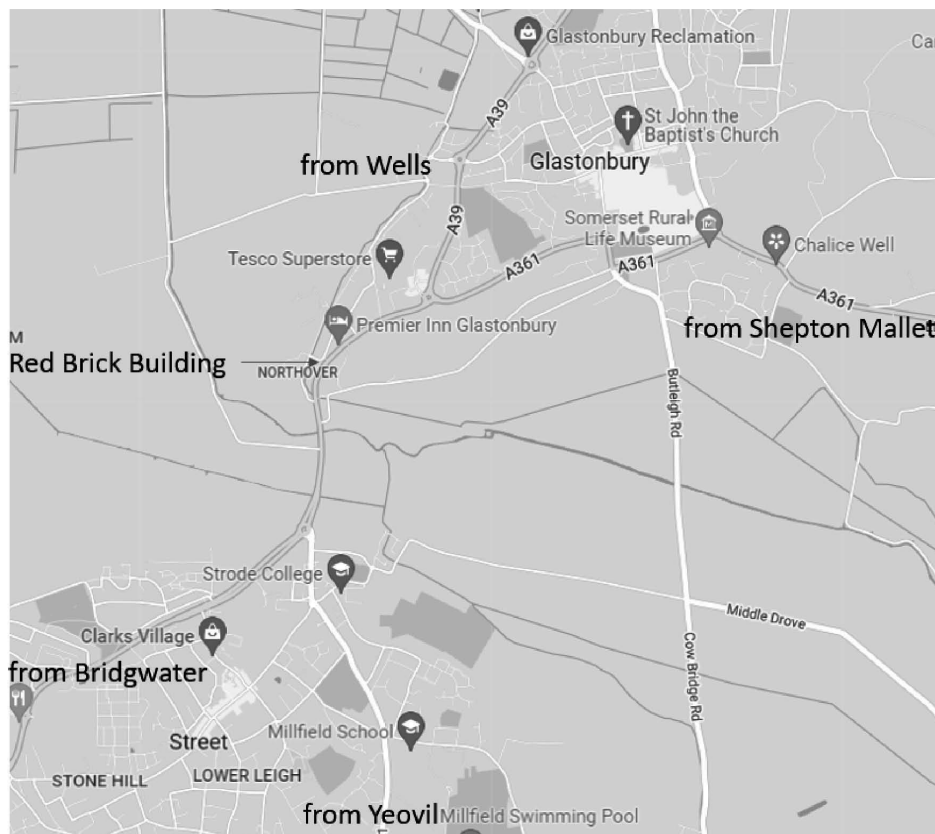
- 9.30 Doors open
- 10.00 Tea & Coffee will be served
- 10.30 *Burns the Bread: a history of the baking dynasty* - Robert Burns
- 11.30 Coffee
- 12.00 Annual General Meeting. See pp.4-7
- 12.45 Lunch
- 14.00 *The Burning Time: witchcraft in the seventeenth century* - Janet Few

### Refreshments and Lunch

Tea and coffee will be available on arrival and at the mid-morning break. We will not be providing a buffet lunch this year, but the Old Tannery Restaurant is on site, and tables can be booked online: <https://theoldtanneryglastonbury.co.uk>.

Close by is a Brewers Fayre Restaurant (part of the Premier Inn hotel), and there are some takeaway outlets off Wirral Park Roundabout. There are also several cafés/public houses in Glastonbury but members are welcome to bring packed lunches to eat in the hall. Tea/coffee will be available at lunchtime.

## Location and Directions



Sat Nav address: Red Brick Building, Morland Road, Glastonbury BA6 9FT

There is limited parking in front of the Red Brick Building, and priority will be given to disabled persons and stall holders. Parking is available on the approach road to the venue, and additional parking will be available at the Premier Inn overflow car park on the opposite side of Morland Road to the Hotel.

From Wells, follow the A39 towards Street. At the Wirral Park Roundabout take the 2nd turnoff, staying on the A39. In 200 yards take the right-hand filter lane at the traffic lights at the Premier Inn. Turn right, and at the next roundabout take the first exit. This is Morland Road. After 200 yards, the Road turns to the right, take a left turn at this point and the venue is straight ahead. From Glastonbury Town centre, or Shepton Mallet follow A361 towards Street. At the Wirral Park Roundabout take the 1st turnoff, onto the A39. Turn right at the traffic lights and follow the directions above.

From Street, follow the A39 towards Glastonbury. After the Street roundabout, continue on the A39 for about half a mile. At the traffic lights next to the Premier Inn, turn left and follow the directions above.

## Public Transport

Bus no.376 (which runs between Street and Bristol, via Wells, approximately half hourly) stops a short distance from the venue. Other services which are not so frequent include no.77 (between Yeovil and Wells) and no.29 (between Taunton and Wells).



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## The Annual General Meeting

To be held on Saturday 24 September 2022  
At The Red Brick Building, Glastonbury

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 46th AGM (held online)
  4. Matters Arising
  5. Chairman's Report
  6. Treasurer's Report \*
7. Appointment of Examiners
8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee
9. Nominations for Vice Presidents and Life Members
10. Membership and Fees (see note below)
11. Closure of Business

\* Summary Accounts for 2021 can be found on pp.6-7. The Trustees' Report for 2021 and the full Accounts for 2021 can be downloaded from the Home Page of the Society's website: <https://sdfhs.org>

#### Item 10.

Proposal: That, from January 2023, the Somerset & Dorset FHS offer an electronic only membership subscription (eSub) as an alternative form of membership subscription. Such eSub would entitle the member to receive all issues of the Society's Journal electronically instead of a paper copy. All other membership rights remain unaffected. The subscription rate for an eSub to be £15 per annum regardless of the member's geographic location.

Explanation: It has been noted that several other family history societies offer electronic membership, whereby the member receives only an electronic copy of the society's journal. In some (but not all) societies such membership is available at a reduced subscription rate (eSub) The Society's Constitution Article 4(c) requires that any subscription rate must be agreed at an AGM.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SOCIETY AND FUTURE PLANS**

The Society has no paid employees and is run entirely by volunteers from among its members. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic meant that the Society's Research Centre remained closed, reopening in October 2021. Following Government guidelines and an in-house risk assessment, access to the Research Centre was strictly limited. All in-house processes were resumed at the Centre, while keeping within the guidelines. Amendments to the Society's Constitution were approved at the 2021 Annual General Meeting; these amendments permitted Society business to be conducted through online and hybrid meetings (such meetings had previously been held under a temporary authority granted during the pandemic). Monthly meetings of the Society's regional groups began again in the latter part of the year with some groups continuing to meet virtually. A new initiative to investigate the setting up of groups outside the boundaries of Somerset and Dorset is being guided by Michael Pitfield. The Society continues to publish its quarterly journal "The Greenwood Tree". Improvements and updates to the Society's website continued during 2021, under the guidance of Webmaster Chris Hall. The online shop initiated during 2016 has continued to prove to be very popular with members, increasing publications' sales and giving more options for the payment of subscriptions. Members can also book events, make donations and pay Research Fees securely through the shop. The Society maintains its use of social media with a Twitter account, a Facebook Page and a very active Facebook Group. Volunteers continue to work on Projects that will be useful to researchers. Data continues to be placed online. The Photographic Database is growing rapidly with its collection of images of people and places associated with both Counties.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW INVESTMENT POLICY AND RESERVES**

Income for the year amounted to £67,164 (2020 - £42,759) of which £27,535 (2020 - £31,028) came from subscriptions, £6,249 (2020 - £7,645) from services offered by the society and £26,812 (2020- £236) from bequests and donations. The charity incurred total expenditure of £44,346 (2020 - £39,939) giving a net increase in funds of £22,818 (2020 - £2,820).

A revaluation of the library was undertaken in 2014 to establish the veracity of the value of its contents as shown in the accounts. Using statistical sampling and validation, an internal valuation was undertaken in December 2014, which revealed that the contents were worth approximately £54,000. After due deliberation the Executive Committee decided to restrict the increase in value of the library stock to £6,500 in the Accounts, thus showing the asset as half its apparent value. A review was carried out as at 31 December 2017 at the time of the move to Yeovil and it was decided that an impairment to this valuation in 2017 of £3,000 should be made. The library is therefore currently valued at £24,000. A revaluation is being undertaken in 2022.

The Trustees have the power to invest the money of the charity not immediately required for its purposes in such investments or property as they think fit. Currently cash reserves are required to meet the day to day needs of the charity and therefore any cash not required for immediate use is held in Charity fund deposit accounts, which give immediate access to these funds.

The Trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to meet six months operating activity of the charity. As at 31 December 2021 balances held at the bank and on deposit totalled £144,061 of which £68,233 is restricted or has currently been designated for non-general purposes, including a contingency fund of £42,000. The society therefore holds £75,828 in general funds, which covers in excess of one year's operating activities at current levels.

The Trustees have continued to implement the strict budgetary controls adopted in 2014 and this has enabled the Society to generate a further surplus this year.

E A Udall  
Trustee

Date: 1 April 2022

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted and designated Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Subscriptions		27,535	-	27,535	26,163
GiftAid on subscriptions		2,243	-	2,243	4,865
Society services		6,249	-	6,249	7,645
Legacies and donations		926	25,886	26,812	845
Miscellaneous services		173	-	173	236
Investment income		12	-	12	209
Books and publications		4,140	-	4,140	2,796
Transfer to income		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>41,278</b>	<b>25,886</b>	<b>67,164</b>	<b>42,759</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable expenditure					
Greenwood Tree costs	3	16,558	-	16,558	15,433
Books and publications	3	866	-	866	372
Society services and projects	3	765	-	765	767
Group funding	3	864	-	864	200
Administrative expenses and depreciation (including Governance costs)	3 & 4	19,813	5,480	25,293	23,167
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>38,866</b>	<b>5,480</b>	<b>44,346</b>	<b>39,939</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>2,412</b>	<b>20,406</b>	<b>22,818</b>	<b>2,820</b>
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		96,453	47,847	144,300	141,480
<b>FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>		<b>98,865</b>	<b>68,253</b>	<b>167,118</b>	<b>144,300</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

All gains and losses have been dealt with in the above statement.

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## BALANCE SHEET

31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted and designated Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	24,617	-	24,617	24,937
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	6	9,378	-	9,378	9,000
Debtors	7	5,381	-	5,381	6,869
Cash at bank and in hand		75,487	68,253	143,740	122,873
		90,246	68,253	158,499	138,742
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	15,998	-	15,998	19,379
NET CURRENT ASSETS		74,248	68,253	142,501	119,363
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		98,865	68,253	167,118	144,300
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
General funds		98,865	-	98,865	96,453
Designated funds	9	-	67,886	67,886	47,480
Restricted fund		-	367	367	367
	10	98,865	68,253	167,118	144,300

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 of the full accounts were approved by the Trustees for issue on 1 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

R M Pettet

Trustee

E A Udall

Trustee

