

English Gathering Newsletter Spring 2013

Welcome to the English Gathering Spring newsletter, although "Spring" has yet to arrive here in England. There's a lot to love and admire about the old country, but the weather isn't one of them. The chances are that you're sitting reading this in a much better climate, as 72% of visitors to our site are now international. In March, we had nearly 5,000 visits from the United States alone. January was a bumper month with over 13,000 visitors. Great to have you all along!

We're pleased to welcome you all back home as our aim is to link up friends and relatives, near and distant, wherever they may be. We also want to celebrate English culture and promote what we as a nation are known for around the world; our history, our royal family, our music, our literature and our sport. We've just launched our Amazon store, where you can buy books, DVDs and CD's relating to genealogy, or indeed anything that reminds you of England; James Bond, the Beatles or the Royal Family.

There's also a lot of merchandise in the English Gathering store. We're continuing to sell high resolution Coat of Arms images to members for £3.73 (non members' price is £4.15). This is about US\$5.97 for members and US\$6.64 for non members. These prices are much lower than prices you will find from other sites. There's also lots of different products such as cups, mugs and clothes displaying your very own coat of arms. Why not buy someone special a present, personal to them, their family and their history? Take a look around our store to see if anything catches your eye:

http://www.englishgathering.co.uk/clan_search.asp

We now have over 1,500 fully signed-up members. A huge benefit in signing up as a member is free and unlimited use of our family tree software. This is robust, easy to use and, most importantly, absolutely free. All we ask is that you register at our site so that we can password protect all your confidential details and find out about your preferences. All written words, pictures and documentation that you collect in your English Gathering family tree create a window for future generations to look into the past and celebrate their birthright and your history. Imagine if your Great Grandparents had been able to leave such a legacy to you!

Your English Gathering Family Tree allows you to create your ancestry as far back as you can go and share it with the rest of your family across the globe. Don't forget you can connect to other members by accessing the Members Directory section of the site. The information that you enter is secure and we won't pass on any information to third parties. We'd love to hear from you. If you have any stories or anecdotes why not send them to us at:

info@englishgathering.co.uk

Alternatively you can follow us on Twitter (where we already have about 400 followers) at:

<http://twitter.com/#!/englishgatherin>

and on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/English-Gathering/115745405178223>

Following the success of the Olympic games, we still have a number of high profile events to come including the Olympic games, the Rugby world cup, the Commonwealth games and the World athletics championships. Why not book that trip of a lifetime now? We have links with established travel operators who would love to know your details. You can email us about your travel plans on:

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The word is spreading, so why not tell your friends and family about our site:

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