

The Newsletter of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society Spring 2019



Wycombe Heath 1,000 years ago

Penn - Tylers Green - Knotty Green - Penn Street
Winchmore Hill - Hazlemere - Holmer Green



Londoners' hunting chase - Deer park - Royal estate

Miles Green

Photography Eddie Morton AR



Please bring this
newsletter to the
AGM to be held at
2.00pm, 11th May,
at the County
Museum



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Are you interested in archaeology or local history? Do you value the ancient landscape, natural history, and historic buildings of Buckinghamshire? Perhaps you are concerned for the defence and protection of the county's historic landscape, and hope to see some mitigation of the effects of housing developments and rail and road schemes such as HS2 or the proposed Oxford – Cambridge Expressway. Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society (BAS) could be the place for you. We are based in the County Museum in Aylesbury, and organise talks, and run outings to places of historic interest. There is an Active Archaeology Group in which members can get hands-on experience of archaeological work. The Society has a comprehensive library, and encourages research. BAS could be the place for you.

**You can contact the Society by writing to:
Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, County Museum,
Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP**

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Telephone: | 01296 397200 |
| E-mail: | bucksas@buckscountymuseum.org |
| General enquiries: | help@bucksas.org.uk |
| Library: | help@bucksas.org.uk |
| Membership: | membership@bucksas.org.uk |

Thinking about a legacy to the Society....?

The funds of many charities are augmented by bequests from their supporters. At the time when members are drawing up their wills they may wish to consider including a provision for a legacy, whether it is in a stated cash amount or a specific item of value, in favour of the Society. Those who already have a will in place can arrange for a simple clause (a codicil) to be added to its provisions.

If you want further practical advice on this delicate matter you are welcome to contact our Hon. Treasurer, Harry Ball.

**Buckinghamshire
Archaeological
Society**



**Spring
Newsletter
2019**

Contents

| | |
|--|-----------|
| BAS AGM 2019 Agenda | 2 |
| BAS AGM Minutes | 4 |
| Hon Membership Secretary's Report | 10 |
| Marlow Archaeology Talks | 11 |
| Hon Treasurer's Report and Accounts to Dec 2018 | 12 |
| BLHN Conference 2018 | 19 |
| BAS170 Report | 21 |
| BAS Lecture Programme 2019-2020 | 22 |
| The Dorton Mirror | 23 |
| The Radnage Bowl | 25 |
| Church Crawl | 27 |
| Active Archaeology Group | 31 |
| Report of Hon Librarian and Hon Archivist | 32 |
| Buckinghamshire Book Exchange | 36 |
| Wycombe Heath Publication | 39 |
| Editor's Report Records of Bucks | 40 |
| Award to Record of Bucks Author Andy Ford | 41 |
| History Society Programme of Talks | 42 |
| Summer Excursions Programme | 43 |

Programme of BAS Council Meetings 2019-2020

1 June
12 October
11 January
7 March
7 June

BAS AGM 2020 to be held 9 May

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**To be held at 2.00 pm on 11th May 2019
At the County Museum Aylesbury Bucks**

Item 1. Apologies for Absence

Item 2. Minutes of AGM of 6th May 2017

Item 3. Matters Arising

Item 4. Officers' Reports

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hon. Secretary: | Doug Stuckey |
| Hon. Treasurer: | Harry Ball |
| Associate Editor Records of Bucks | Bob Zeepvat |
| Hon. Librarian: | Julian Hunt |
| Hon. Archivist: | Roger Bettridge |
| Hon. Membership Secretary: | Bronwen Lee |

Item 5. President's Remarks

Item 6. Votes of Thanks

Item 7(a) Elections and re-elections of the Society's Officers

| | | |
|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| (i) | Hon. Chair of Council: | Peter Marsden |
| (ii) | Hon Secretary : | Doug Stuckey |
| (iv) | Hon. Treasurer: | Harry Ball |
| (v) | Hon. Librarian: | To be elected |
| (vi) | Hon. Archivist: | Roger Bettridge |
| (vi) | Hon. Membership Secretary: | Bronwen Lee |
| (vii) | Hon. Editor of <i>Records</i> : | John Broad |

Item 7(b) Election of Ordinary Members of Council: Council comprises 9 Ordinary Members, who are each eligible for election then re-election for a maximum continuous term of 3 years.

Serving members elected in 2017 and 2018 and eligible for re-election are:

John Dodd

Michael Ghirelli

Sarah Gray

David Hillier

Garry Marshall

Nominations are invited to fill four vacant positions these may be proposed and seconded before or at the meeting.

Item 8. Re-appointment of Honorary Auditor

Mrs B. J. Dharamshi

Item 9. Vice Presidents

Vice-Presidents serve until their resignation or removal by an AGM. The Society's current Vice-Presidents are:
C. V. Dawes, M. E. Farley, H. Hanley, M. Hart, D. C. Mynard and Mrs D. Gulland.

Item 10. Any Other Business

Any item of other business must be notified to the Chairman in advance of the meeting.

Close of Meeting

The next AGM will be held on Saturday 9th May 2020 at the County Museum at 2pm.

Presentation and Refreshments

After the close of business, there will be a presentation by Lucy Lawrence of Bucks County Archaeology Service, who will give a round-up of archaeological investigations and significant discoveries during the past year.'

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 12th May 2018 at the County Museum, Aylesbury

1 Apologies for absence:

Elizabeth Oliver, Mike Farley, Sarah Gray, John Dodd, Jackie Kay, Carys Gadsden, John Sheldon, Peter Jarvis, Marian Miller, Ed Kendrick, Simon and Jasmin Reeks, Barbara Hermon.

2 Minutes of the AGM of 6th May 2017:

The minutes had been published in the spring newsletter and were accepted without amendment. Richard Gem signed the minutes as a true and accurate record (at the Council meeting in June 2018).

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Officers Reports

- I. **Hon. Secretary: Doug Stuckey** gave a verbal report thanking the Library team for continuing their usual practise of handling the bulk of the Society administration.
- II. **Hon. Treasurer: Harry Ball.** The annual report and accounts were published in the Spring Newsletter and were accepted by the AGM. Harry confirmed that 2017/18 had produced a small surplus but 2018/19 would include additional costs for a two volume Records of Bucks and Web site development.
- III. **Associate Editor Records of Bucks, Bob Zeepvat:** Records of Bucks for 2017 had been published and distributed effectively, at the AGM and by post. 2018 RoB would be in two volumes, the first volume

available at the AGM and the second to be launched at an event in Great Missenden Abbey in June.

- IV. **Hon. Librarian Julian Hunt and Hon Archivist Roger Bettridge:** Their report had been published in the spring newsletter and was accepted by the AGM.
- V. **Hon. Membership Secretary , Bronwen Lee:** The report for 2017/18 had been published in the spring newsletter. The AGM asked is the overall membership number was changing?
 Brown reported that the number was general stable from year to year but that it was hoped that the BAS 170 events and the Missenden Abbey launch planned for 2018 would help to increase society membership.

5 President's Remarks

The inaugural meeting of the *Architectural and Archaeological Society for the County of Buckingham* was held on 13th January 1848, and I gave an account of that event at our afternoon of talks on 9th December last year to mark the beginning of our 170th anniversary. In the same year, on 27th July 1848, what was called an 'anniversary meeting' was held at the White Hart Hotel, Aylesbury, at which the president of the new society, the Bishop of Oxford, Samuel Wilberforce, delivered his inaugural address; while on the same occasion the Committee delivered its first Report. This, therefore, was the first embryonic AGM, although held only six months after the first general meeting. I will return later to one of the matters addressed by the Society in those first months.

This year the Society is commemorating its 170th anniversary by a series of special events, aimed at extending our outreach across the county. The first, organised jointly with the High Wycombe Society, was held at High Wycombe on 28th April when Leslie Webster, former Keeper of the Department of Prehistory and Europe at the British Museum, gave a talk on one of the most important Anglo-Saxon sites in the historic county: the princely burial, dating from around 600 AD, under the mound at Taplow. The site was excavated very badly in the 19th century; but the British Museum has done a remarkable job in conserving the historic finds, and we can only look forward to their final full publication, which has been too-long delayed.

The next BAS 170 event in our programme is to be held at Missenden Abbey on Sunday 24th June, when we will launch the report on the excavations at the Abbey that were undertaken some years ago, and that now have been drawn together by Dr Yvonne Edwards. At the event Dr Jill Franklin, a leading authority on Romanesque sculpture, will give a talk on the Augustinian monastic order and its architecture. There will also be food and wine provided, and tours of the Abbey buildings and grounds. Tickets are available from Roger Bettridge here today if you do not have one already: do come, if you can, to what promises to be an enjoyable and informative afternoon and evening.

After that we can look forward to the Bucks Local History Network Forum, which this year is being organised by BAS at the Aylesbury Vale District Council's 'Oculus' building in Aylesbury, and will be on the theme of archaeological mitigation along the Buckinghamshire sector of the HS2 railway line. As you will be aware, the Society has carried out a considerable amount of research on some of the sites that will be affected by the construction, such as Stoke Mandeville old church, which will occasion one of the most important archaeological excavations along the route of the whole line. We can reflect that already in his address at the 1854 AGM our vice-president, Archdeacon Bickersteth, drew attention to the disappearance of the material evidence of our past through, among other agencies, 'the formation of railways', and to the role of our Society in the face of this. We can look forward then to hearing about the present progress of work under the HS2-appointed archaeological team led by Jay Carver.

The final event of BAS 170 is to be held in Buckingham on 3rd November, when the archaeologist and historian David Green will speak about the evolution of Buckingham from the Anglo-Saxon period to modern times.

In addition to these events, Charles Le Quesne has co-ordinated a project for a series of short articles on the 'History of Buckinghamshire in Twelve Objects' for publication in the local press – those that have appeared so far are also available on our web site (under 'latest news'), where you will find the Watermead Pliosaur, the Taplow Palaeolithic hand axe, and the Dorney Bronze Age ploughshare: nine more objects are to follow.

Last year in my remarks I dwelt upon the historic site of Quarrendon outside Aylesbury and on the potential for our Society to be involved there alongside the custodians of the site, the Buckinghamshire Conservation Trust, on which I represent BAS. The first thing that may be said, perhaps, is that in the first few months of its existence the Society's attention was drawn to the church of St Peter at Quarrendon. At the 27th July 1848 meeting the Committee noted in its Report the ruinous state of the church, while holding out hope for its effectual restoration. This hope was based on the fact that an appeal had been made for subscriptions to a fund that would re-roof the building and thus protect it from further destruction by the elements. However, that hope was not to be fulfilled: decay of the fabric continued, the monuments within the church were vandalised, and the building was eventually demolished except for part of the north aisle wall. Now the Bucks Conservation Trust, assisted by a grant from Historic England has conserved that fragment of wall, at a cost that is many times more than would have been required 170 years ago to put the whole church back into good repair. It is a sad and instructive story of the neglect of our heritage.

The church at Quarrendon is of course only one element in the whole historic site, and it was the site as a whole that was the focus of the open day organised by the Society jointly with the Trust on 9th July 2017, with the aim of promoting interest in the site among the communities that live alongside it. There was extensive advance advertising of the event, which was successful and helped attract up to 500 people on the day. Our thanks are due to all who put their effort into organising the event.

On the matter of archaeological research at Quarrendon, the field walking carried out last April by our Active Archaeology Group, in an arable field adjacent to the moated manorial site, has resulted in a report by Mike Farley and Barbara Hurman. The area seems to have been one of only peripheral occupation during the medieval period. No clearly Anglo-Saxon pottery was identified, and such pottery as was found fell generally into a period between the late 11th and early 14th centuries.

A separate initiative has been the preliminary stages of research into the Quarrendon manorial and estate records held by the Oxfordshire Record Office in the Dillon Collection. Sarah Charlton has produced a consolidated guide to the relevant material in the collection, while Garry Marshall has started to

sample some of the 15th-century documents. The latter promised to provide important information on the administration, organisation and buildings of the estate, and also on changes in the exploitation of the land over time. This begins to complement the archaeological picture we have of the deserted medieval village, by telling us about the social and economic lives of its actual medieval inhabitants – and we may hope to look forward to a lecture by Garry Marshall in the future. The manor at this time formed part of the estates of the earldom of Warwick, and David Noy has tracked down further documents at the British Library that broaden the picture of how the earl's holding were organised. This project is one that has only just got under way and the potential interest of other members of the society in becoming involved would be welcome.

Meanwhile, on other fronts, the Society's activities continue apace. The Active Archaeology Group has indeed been active, with a full programme of fieldwork and lectures, as detailed in the Group's report in the *Newsletter*. The project for digitising 91 estate maps held in the Centre for Bucks Studies has been completed under Roger Bettridge's eye with funding provided by the bequest from our former president, the late Bill Mead; the maps will become available online.

There is much else that has been achieved by your Council and members of the Society, which brings me on to item 6 on the agenda.

6 Votes of Thanks

The president proposed a vote of thanks to Mike Farley and the BAS 170 sub-group for their efforts in planning and preparing for the Societies anniversary year. The next BAS 170 is to be held at Great Missenden Abbey on June 24th. The SGM also proposed a vote of thanks to Richard Gem and the Quarrendon sub-group for the publication of the pamphlet and the open day at the site – which introduced many local people to the history of the site adjacent to them.

7a Re-election of Society Officers

- I. **Hon. President:** Richard Gem was proposed by John Jakobi and seconded by Mike Ghirelli. He was elected unanimously.
- II. **Hon. Chair of Council:** Peter Marsden was proposed by Mike Ghirelli and seconded by Bronwen Lee. He was elected unanimously.

- III. **Hon. Secretary:** Doug Stuckey was proposed by Mike Ghirelli and seconded by David Hiller. He was elected unanimously.
- IV. **Hon. Treasurer:** Harry Ball was proposed by David Hiller and seconded by Peter Marsden. He was elected unanimously.
- V. **Hon. Librarian:** Julian Hunt was proposed by Michael Hardy and seconded by Pauline Hey. He was elected unanimously.
- VI. **Hon. Archivist:** Roger Bettridge was proposed by Peter Gulland and seconded by Peter Marsden. He was elected unanimously.
- VII. **Hon. Membership Secretary:** Browen Lee was proposed by Mike Ghirelli and seconded by Graham Aylett. She was elected unanimously.
- VIII. **Hon. Editor of Records:** John Broad was proposed by Bob Zeepvat and seconded by Harry Ball. He was elected unanimously.

7b Election of Ordinary Members of Council

There were eight ordinary members of Council available for re-election: Yvonne Edwards, Pauline Hey, Sandy Kidd, Charles LeQuesne, John Dodd, Michael Ghirelli, Sarah Gray and David Hillier.

These were presented a one vote, proposed by Doug Stuckey and seconded by Peter Marden. They were elected unanimously.

7c Election for the one Ordinary Members vacant position on Council

Garry Marshall was proposed by Roger Bettidge and seconded by Diane Amies. He was elected unanimously.

8 Re-appointment of Honorary Auditor

Mrs B. J. Dharamshi was proposed by Richard Gem and seconded by Mike Ghirelli. She was re-elected unanimously.

9 Vice Presidents

Vice Presidents serve until their resignation or removal by an AGM.

The society's current Vice-Presidents are: C.V.Dawes, M.E. Farley, H. Hanley, M. Hart, D.C. Mynard and Mrs D. Gulland

10 Any Other Business

No items having been notified not less than 10 days before the meeting, the President closed the meeting.

Presentation and Refreshments

After the close of business, there was a presentation:

Doug Stuckey

of the BAS Active Archaeology Group spoke on

Keeping the Grand Junction Afloat

Membership Secretary's report for Spring newsletter, 2019

The total members paid-up at the end December 2018 was 383, personal members and societies. This comprises 98 Families, 271 Individuals, 4 Juniors, 10 Life members, and 16 societies. During the year we welcomed 60 new members, mainly due to all the events for our 170th anniversary year. Most of these were from within Bucks, with 1 or 2 each from a variety of other counties.

We were sad to lose 10 members who died during 2108: Lord Carrington, Mr Dennis Cox, Mr Bill Crosbie-Hill, Ms A.Fox, Mr David & Mrs Barbara Jefferson, Mr R. A. Kidd, Mr Michael Malone, Miss Evangeline Roads, Mrs Eileen Shrimpton and Miss Adrienne Thirkell. Also, 5 members resigned due to infirmity or moving away.

After so many unpaid members, reminded by our Treasurer, finally paid up for 2018 but very late in the year, we decided to send out 'friendly reminders', which have brought in many payments at the start of 2019. This will help us to have a better picture of the number of paid-up members for ordering the right number of Records of Bucks for May. Thanks to all who responded positively.

Bronwen Lee, Hon Membership Secretary



Marlow Archaeology

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019 at 8pm

Sutton Hoo

Jennifer Foster *(joint talk AiM/MAS)*

THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019 at 8pm (NEW DATE - POSTPONED FROM NOV 2018)

Buckinghamshire's Saxon Prince: The burial at Taplow

Leslie Webster - former Keeper, Dept of Prehistory & Europe, British Museum
 finding a lost abbot at the Abbey Church and Cathedral of St Albans

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 8pm

Anglo-Saxon Estates and Defences: thoughts on Wessex and the Thames Valley

Dr Ryan Lavelle – Reader in Early Medieval History, University of Winchester
(joint talk MAS/AiM)

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019 at 8pm

Roman roads in Britain

Paddy Lambert

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2019 at 8pm

Beacons of the Past

Ed Peveler *(joint talk AiM/MAS)*

ALL ENQUIRIES 01628 523896 email: marlowarch.mas@gmail.com

Marlow Archaeology (MAS) always welcomes new members!

Buckingham Archaeological Society

REPORT OF THE HON TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 are set out in the following pages.

Summary

The accounts show a deficit of £187 for the year. Expenditure for the year included the cost of events around the county celebrating the 170th anniversary of the formation of the Society and a deficit which arose on the open day at Missenden Abbey in the summer.

Expenditure

In addition to the costs referred to above, recurring expenditure included:

- The cost of publishing Records of Bucks volume 58 in two parts, after deduction of a donation of £1200 from the Chess Valley Archaeological and Historical Society: £9815 This was partially offset by commercial income and sales of £2561
- The general running expenses of the Society including postage, subscriptions, meeting costs and insurance totalling £5338
- The cost of publishing two editions of the newsletter: £1030

Income

The main sources of income were:

- Members' subscriptions including gift aid: £8902.
- Publication sales: £3458
- A grant from the estate of Professor Mead of £1500.
- A surplus on the disposal of part of the investment in COIF accumulation units and an increase in valuation of the remainder totalling £325
- A surplus on the BLHN conference held in September of £817
- A surplus of £104 on the summer outings in the year.
- Interest on one year fixed term bonds with Metro Bank: £323

Restricted Funds

- The Bucks Local History Network conference showed a surplus for the year of £817. The fund stood at £6982 at 31 December 2018
- The balance of the Professor Mead legacy and grant stood at £1755 at 31 December 2018.
- No drawings were made from The Library Legacy Fund which remained at £1813.

Contingency Reserve

The Trustees set up a contingency reserve of £50,000 in 2017 to provide for future expenditure relating to the reorganisation of local government in Buckinghamshire. The reserve stood at £50000 at 31 December 2018

Liberty Trust

The trust incurred no expenditure during the year. The balance of the fund stood at £7105 on 31 December 2018.

R H Ball
Hon Treasurer
March 2019

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees on the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2018

The report covers the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 as set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examiner is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under Section 43 of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

No matter came to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met or
2. to which in my opinion attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date 29 March 2019

B. J. Dharamshi (Mrs)

Mrs B J Dharamshi
(Hon Independent Examiner)

"Pendlebury"
13 Slave Hill
Haddenham
HP17 8AY

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2018 Total Funds | 2017 Total Funds |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Incoming Resources | | | | |
| Members' subscriptions & gift aid | 8902 | | 8902 | 8243 |
| Sales of publications | 3458 | | 3458 | 3664 |
| Sales of Records of Bucks and commercial income | 2561 | | 2561 | 3577 |
| BLHN conference | | 3665 | 3665 | 2265 |
| Summer outings | 2872 | | 2872 | 4760 |
| Missenden Abbey Open Day | 972 | | 972 | |
| Donations | 267 | | 267 | 291 |
| Museum rent | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Other Incoming Resources | | | 0 | 235 |
| Investment income | 325 | | 325 | 255 |
| Estate of Prof Mead deceased | | 1500 | 1500 | |
| John Head Will Trust | 220 | | 220 | 607 |
| Surplus on disposal of investments | 139 | | 139 | |
| | <u>19717</u> | <u>5165</u> | <u>24882</u> | <u>23898</u> |
| Resources expended | <u>(22405)</u> | <u>(2848)</u> | <u>(25253)</u> | <u>(29057)</u> |
| Net (outgoing)/incoming resources | (2688) | 2317 | (371) | (5159) |
| Unrealised surplus on investments | <u>184</u> | | <u>184</u> | <u>3768</u> |
| Total movement of funds | (2504) | 2317 | (187) | (1,391) |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2018 | <u>55251</u> | <u>24330</u> | <u>79581</u> | <u>80972</u> |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2018 | <u>52747</u> | <u>26647</u> | <u>79394</u> | <u>79581</u> |

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

| | £ | 2018 £ | £ | 2017 £ |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Investments | | 30940 | | 34002 |
| Museum Premises & Ceely House | | <u>13738</u> | | <u>13738</u> |
| | | 44678 | | 47740 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Sundry Debtors | 1919 | | 3824 | |
| Short Term | | | | |
| Deposits | 27000 | | 30240 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | <u>8724</u> | | <u>709</u> | |
| | 37643 | | 34773 | |
| Less | | | | |
| Creditors - amounts due within one year | | | | |
| Sundry Creditors | (2749) | | (1692) | |
| Deferred Income | <u>(178)</u> | | <u>(1240)</u> | |
| | (2927) | | (2932) | |
| Net current assets | | 34716 | | 31841 |
| Net assets | | <u>79394</u> | | <u>79581</u> |
| Represented by | | | | |
| Capital Fund | | 16097 | | 16097 |
| Restricted Funds | | 10550 | | 8233 |
| Contingency Reserve | | <u>50000</u> | | <u>50000</u> |
| | | 76647 | | 74330 |
| Unrestricted funds | | <u>2747</u> | | <u>5251</u> |
| | | <u>79394</u> | | <u>79581</u> |

The freehold interest of the museum premises and Ceely House shown above is subject to a lease with over 100 years yet to run under which an annual rent of £1 per annum is payable

Mr Peter Marsden, Chairman

Mr Harry Ball, Treasurer

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with The Charities Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and

Reporting for Charities (issued in 2005) and all applicable Accounting Standards. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounts remain unaltered from previous years.

2. Donations, grants and legacies

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| General donations | <u>£267</u> | <u>£291</u> |

3. Total Resources expended

| | 2018 | 2017 | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | |
| | £ | £ | Total |
| | | | £ |
| Record of Bucks (vol 58 pts 1 & 2)) | 9815 | | 9815 |
| Newsletter and other publications | 1644 | | 1644 |
| Digitisation of maps | 0 | | 0 |
| Meetings | 1359 | | 1359 |
| Summer outings | 2768 | | 2768 |
| BLHN | | 2848 | 2848 |
| Quarrendon Open Day | 0 | | 0 |
| Missenden Abbey Open Day | 1312 | | 1312 |
| BAS 170 events | 613 | | 613 |
| Office and sundry expenses | 3296 | | 3296 |
| Grants | 500 | | 500 |
| Insurance | 267 | | 267 |
| Subscriptions | 416 | | 416 |
| Library purchases | 265 | | 265 |
| Library legacy fund | - | | - |
| Equipment | 107 | | 107 |
| Website development | 43 | | 43 |
| | <u>22405</u> | <u>2848</u> | <u>25253</u> |
| | | | <u>29057</u> □ |

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

| | 2018 | | 2017 |
|---|------|--------|-------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| 4. Investments: COIF Accumulation shares | | | |
| Market value at 1 January 2018 | | 34002 | 30234 |
| Part disposal of holding | | (3246) | - |
| Movement in valuation | | 184 | 3768 |
| Market value at 31 December 2018 | | 30940 | 34002 |
| Cost at 31 December 2018 | | 5427 | 6000 |

Investments forming more than 5% of assets-

COIF accumulation shares, market value of £30940 is 39.0% of the Society's assets

| | 2018 | | 2017 |
|--|--------|-------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| 5. Funds Balances | | | |
| Capital Fund | | 16097 | 16097 |
| Other Restricted Funds | | | |
| Library Legacy Fund | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2018 | 1813 | | 1813 |
| Net movement in the year | - | | - |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | | 1813 | 1813 |
| Professor Mead Legacy | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2018 | 255 | | 5000 |
| Net movement in the year | 1,500 | | (4745) |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | | 1755 | 255 |
| Bucks Local History Network Fund | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2018 | 6165 | | 5349 |
| Net movement in the year | 817 | | 816 |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | | 6982 | 6165 |
| Total | | 10550 | 8233 |
| sub total | | 26647 | 24330 |
| Contingency Reserve | | 50000 | 50000 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2018 | 5251 | | 52713 |
| Transfer to contingency reserve (see note below) | - | | (50000) |
| Net movement during the year | (2504) | | 2538 |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | | 2747 | 5251 |
| Total Funds | | 79394 | 79581 |

A contingency reserve of £50000 has been set aside to provide for expenditure by the Society which may arise from the future change in the structure of local government in Buckinghamshire.

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Liberty Museum Trust Fund

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2018

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME RESOURCES | | |
| Dividends COIF Income shares | 141.29 | 138.37 |
| Interest COIF Deposit Fund | 8.78 | 4.49 |
| Business Income Access Account | 0.48 | 0.72 |
| | 150.55 | 143.58 |
| | | |
| RESOURCES USED | | |
| Grant to Buckinghamshire Museum Trust | - | 600.00 |
| Unrealised (loss)/surplus on investments | (115.75) | 334.11 |
| Net movement of funds for the year | 34.80 | (122.31) |
| ACCUMULATED FUND BT/FWD | 7071.04 | 7193.35 |
| ACCUMULATED FUND CD/FWD | 7105.84 | 7071.04 |
| | 7105.84 | 7071.04 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COIF Income Shares | 4072.00 | 4187.75 |
| COIF Deposit Fund | 1939.60 | 1930.82 |
| Lloyds Bank - Business instant access | 1079.07 | 927.30 |
| - Treasurer's account | 15.17 | 25.17 |
| | 7105.84 | 7071.04 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| | - | - |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | 7105.84 | 7071.04 |
| Represented by | | |
| ACCUMULATED FUND | | |
| Accumulated Fund at 1 January 2018 | 7071.04 | 7193.35 |
| Net movement of funds for the year | 34.80 | (122.31) |
| | 7105.84 | 7071.04 |
| Trustee | | |

BLHN Conference 2018

Two hundred people at the 2018 BLHN Conference listened to the first reports on the archaeological investigations ahead of the HS2 high-speed rail line – a ‘full house’ – at The Oculus in Aylesbury on 29 September 2018.

Five of the seven speakers came directly from the archaeology teams responsible for sites along the route that the HS2 rail line will take across Buckinghamshire.

- First speaker was **Eliza Algassar**, who set out the groundwork for the conference on behalf of the Buckinghamshire County Council Archaeology Service, illustrating the key archaeological sites along the line and surveying the range of archaeological periods involved. From the Pleistocene Ice Age deposits at Hartwell to the medieval churchyard and church ruins at Stoke Mandeville she identified how HS2 archaeology could increase our understanding of how local people had lived in Buckinghamshire.
- **Jay Carver**, Lead Archaeologist for Fusion and HS2, addressed the overview revealed by the unprecedented large-scale surveys that have been made along the line. Geophysical and LiDAR surveys have already indicated previously unknown settlements from Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman periods. If these are correlated with the geology of the Chilterns, the Vale of Aylesbury and northern Bucks this reveals how early people interacted with these very different landscapes.
- **Richard Brown**, of the COPA archaeology team, gave the conference a tour of the huge amount of trial-trenching that had been done during the summer months. He focused particularly on new revelations about the Roman township at Fleet Marston – and, most interesting, an apparently regular pattern of Roman farm settlements along the line of HS2.
- **Dr Paul Stamper**, of the Connect Archaeology team, provided a historical account of the medieval settlement at Doddershall – now a series of deserted earthworks. The conventional view is that the villagers were evicted in favour of sheep, and indeed this is the view set out in a report written for Cardinal Wolsey in 1517. But an estate plan from 1587 shows some village houses still standing. The HS2 archaeologists are about to excavate. Will this reveal more?

- Heritage specialist **Andrew Harris** traced the history of the old St Mary's church at Stoke Mandeville back 900 years to Norman England. Today this is a pile of stones in the way of HS2. But he argued that its narrow semi-circular chancel arch may date the church even earlier, to Saxon times. **Guy Hunt** of LP Archaeology told how work done around the church site so far has revealed indications of earlier Roman occupation. The next stage is to remove the rubble and find what's left of the church itself.
- **Jay Carver** returned as final HS2 speaker with an account of how the HS2 archaeologists are using new scientific methods – aerial reconnaissance and large-scale magnetometry for example – over much larger areas, and with significant results.
- Finally, the Bucks Archaeological Society's **Julian Hunt** wound up the conference with an account of the coming of the railways to Buckinghamshire for the first time in the 19th century - a tale of business rivalry and a veritable cornucopia of steam!

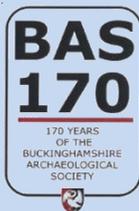
Conference participants were also able to view displays and bookstalls from 13 local archaeological and history societies and organisations: the Bucks Gardens Trust, Bucks Genealogical Society, Centre for Bucks Studies, County Archaeology Service, Fusion: Archaeology for HS2, Haddenham Museum Trust, High Wycombe Society, Leighton Buzzard and District Archaeological and Historical Society, Marlow Archaeology, Tring and District Local History and Museum Society, Wing Heritage Group and Winslow History Project.

Peter Marsden

WELCOME TO AMAZON SMILE:

Generating additional funds for the Society when making purchases through Amazon:

Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society. The Society will receive a quarterly donation for each purchase, with minor exceptions, that is made if the following link is used to access the Amazon website.
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/310525-0>



170 YEARS – AN ANNIVERSARY WELL CELEBRATED

As part of the society's 170th anniversary celebrations during 2018, we had stalls on market days in Aylesbury, Chesham, High Wycombe, Buckingham and Milton Keynes. The weather was kind to us except at Buckingham where it was a little challenging - despite the protection of our substantial gazebo.



The Muddled Museum at
Wycombe



The Muddled Museum at Milton
Keynes

No problems in Milton Keynes, we were in the comfort and warmth of Middleton Square near John Lewis.

Thanks to the many BAS members who helped with the stalls and to the various local agencies who gave us permission.

BAS Lectures and Talks

**Saturdays, at 2.30, at The County Museum
Aylesbury Bucks**

This is a provisional winter lecture programme. Some talks have yet to be confirmed. Further details will be circulated to members when arrangements are finalised.

| | |
|-------------|---|
| | Dr Toby Martin: <i>Anglo Saxon Thames Valley</i> |
| 14 December | Michael Hardy: <i>Charles May, The Churches Mansions and Country Seats of the County of Buckingham</i> Sarah Gray: Victorian Photographs of Aylesbury Followed by Christmas Social |
| 11 January | Julian Hunt |
| 8 February | Garry Marshall: <i>The Manor of Quarrendon</i> |
| 14 March | Sandy Kidd: <i>London Theatres</i> |
| 18 April | A Speaker from the Chilterns Conservation Board: <i>The LiDAR Survey Project</i> |

A HISTORY OFBUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN TWELVE OBJECTS

This series marks the 170th anniversary of the founding of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society in 1857. Most of the objects discussed are held by Bucks County Museum.

Articles published so far have been:

1 The Watermead Pliosaur - Spring 2018

2 The Taplow Hand Axe - Autumn 2018

3 The Dorney Ard - Autumn 2018

Object 4 - The Dorton Mirror

Dating from the Iron Age, just before the Roman conquest of Britain.

In 1977, an enormous pipe-trenching machine carved its way across a hill near Dorton in mid-Buckinghamshire. At intervals an archaeologist from the County Museum peered in the hole to see if anything interesting had exposed. He noticed an infilled pit showing in one side of the trench so he probed it with his trowel, but found nothing and moved on. A day or two later two of the men working on the pipeline brought to the museum some large bits of pottery they had collected from the adjoining mound of waste soil. These were rapidly identified by said archaeologist as pieces of the massive imported wine jars called amphora.

Panic!

A rapid return to Dorton confirmed that the pot had been found near the infilled pit. In searching the massive heap of spoil from the trench, the edge of a thin sheet of metal sticking out of a big clod of clay was spotted. It was obviously something significant. The whole clod was carefully taken back to the museum's conservator. It soon became clear that inside the lump was a complete bronze Iron Age mirror, dating to shortly before the Roman conquest. On the back it was decorated with typically swirling symmetrical Celtic ornament. Nothing like it had been found in Buckinghamshire before.



Left: The Dorton Mirror

But the story doesn't end there. With the assistance of the Department of the Environment, a detailed excavation of what was left of the pit was soon arranged. The remnant of the pit was found to contain a complete drinking cup, pieces of two flagons imported from Gaul and a metal ring of uncertain use.

Meanwhile back at the lab, the conservator's careful work showed that the mirror lay in a fragmentary wooden box which also contained cremated human bone. The museum's archaeological group pieced together all of the collected bits of pottery.

Gathering all the information together it was clear that this was the burial of a Celtic lady of high status. Her cremated remains had been placed in the box with the mirror – perhaps her favourite possession. Three large wine jars from the Mediterranean, together with her personal drinking cup and two flagons, had also been placed in the grave.

The find is the only one of its type to be excavated in Buckinghamshire. Similar burials have been recorded in Hertfordshire and Essex (some with up to five amphorae) in the territory of the late Iron Age tribe known as the Catuvellauni. Perhaps our lady came from that area but had married a local chieftain?

Buckinghamshire's 'Iron Age' probably commenced about 600 BC, long before this burial took place. Many small Iron Age settlements have been excavated in the county. None are now visible, but you can still get a feel for this remote period by visiting one of the county's hillforts, for instance at Bulstrode near Gerrards Cross, Ivinghoe Beacon, West Wycombe or Danesborough near Wavendon. Or you could just wander round Aylesbury Old Town – the whole of which was built inside Aylesbury's own hillfort!

Michael Farley

Object 5 - The Radnage Bowl

Dating from the 1st century AD.



The Radnage Bowl

© The Trustees of the British Museum

On a rainy day in the early months of 1923, a workman repairing the drive of 'Two Shires Yew' – a large, modern house near Radnage on the wooded Chilterns borderland of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire – made an extraordinary discovery. As he hacked away with his pick at the intransigent clay and flint subsoil, he came across first an elegant earthenware pitcher and then a complete blue and white glass vessel of exceptional and exotic beauty: the fifth object in our series.

Made from a mixture of translucent dark blue and opaque white glass, the bowl's exterior is characterised by a series of raised ribs, radiating out from its base. The marbling was created by heating and fusing together many small fragments of blue and white glass into a single disc. When still hot, this was draped over a mould in the shape of the bowl's interior, after which the ribs were expertly created by pinching its outer surface. The result is a dazzling work of art, as remarkable now as the day it was created. It was probably made in northern Italy the middle of the first century AD – more or less contemporary with the Roman invasion of Britain.

The bowl gains extra significance when one considers that, to the indigenous

British, it would have been entirely exotic and alien in its material, form and its colour. It was symbolic of the massive technological and cultural change that the arrival of the urbanised, centralised and highly efficient Roman state and military machine represented. Up to this point Buckinghamshire fell within the territory of the Iron Age Catuvellauni tribe. The local populations were still building in wood, living in isolated, fortified farmsteads and relying on an economy of subsistence farming. The arrival of the Romans – with stone architecture, cities, roads and writing - is a scale of change comparable to that which, some 1500 years later, sub-Saharan Africa experienced when the ships of the European powers landed on their shores.



The Radnage Bowl

© The Trustees of the
British Museum

Our understanding of the effects the Roman had on Buckinghamshire itself is characterised largely by a number of villa sites - the centre of large agricultural estates - spread across the county. There were few larger settlements and little sign of military activity. Then, as today, it was a largely rural region crossed by key communication routes leading from the port cities of the south to the strategic centres of the north. The only significant Roman town within the boundaries of the modern county was Magiovinium, on the fringes of modern Fenny Stratford.

So why was such an exceptional object buried in such an apparently remote spot? Radnage is as far away from the Roman road network as it is possible to get in the county. Clues are to be found in some of the other objects found with the bowl: an amber-coloured glass jug, again of the highest quality, nine dishes of burnished red Samian crockery, and, most significantly, the remains of a wooden chest containing burnt bones. This was the grave of someone of considerable wealth, who appears to have died in Buckinghamshire in the early years of Roman rule. A mystery remains regarding where they lived – no villa has been found nearby, although there are rumours of a mosaic floor nearby. If true, it is possible that more wonderful objects may yet lie in the ground in this sleepy corner of Buckinghamshire.

This object, and the amber jug with which it was found, can be seen at the British Museum (Room 49).

Charles Le Quesne

Church Crawl 22nd September 2018

For our 2018 Church Crawl I had been asked if we could look at churches in the Misbourne Valley. As we had been to the extreme ends of the Valley at Wendover in 2012 and Denham in 2013, I concentrated on the central part. We last visited Great Missenden in 2003, but it now proved impossible to reach by coach.

We started our day at St Mary's in Old Amersham, a large church, often considered to have been fairly completely modernised. The exterior has a very Victorian look, but inside I was able to point out several much older features. A church existed in Norman times, from which only a few carved stones now remain. The church was rebuilt in the 13th Century, with an Aisleless Nave, North Transept and new Chancel. Parts of the Chancel Walls and some stones of the Chancel Arch survive. However the best 13th Century feature is a tall lancet window in the East wall of the North Transept. The N Transept and S Aisle were added in the 14th Century, from when the Transept still has its West window and a large tomb recess. Parts of the South Windows and South Arcade still survive. The S Aisle was added soon afterwards, and at the beginning of the 15th Century the Clerestory was added to the Nave, with a new roof on the Nave, which still has all its original moulded main timbers, resting on original stone corbels. The Victorian restorers enabled us to see the splendid roof by removing a ceiling. Thanks to the churchwarden, we were able to see some usually hidden features of the church, such as the original floor level, which used to get flooded by the River Misbourne. Of course, Amersham Church is best known for its monuments, with large 17th century ones in the Chancel, of which two are to members of the Drake family. A multitude of later Drake monuments are in the Drake Chapel, to the North of the Chancel. They are undoubtedly the finest set of monuments in the county, second only to Chenies, which we visited in 2010. At Amersham we had our own special guide to the monuments, Barney Tyrwhitt-Drake who joined us for the day. As an expert on genealogy and on his ancestors, rather than descriptions of the monuments, Barney concentrated on giving us a commentary on the favourite and least-favourite members of his family who are portrayed on the monuments. We certainly had a unique visit to the Drake Chapel, that only Barney could have presented.



**St John the Baptist
Little Missenden**

For the second half of our morning we travelled back up the valley to Little Missenden, where we were greeted with refreshments. To me, the interior of St John the Baptist's church always feels like the most ancient building in Buckinghamshire. However, here in this small village, we were about to experience some of the most advanced and inspired technology installed in a church anywhere. The tall and narrow core of the church is Anglo-Saxon dating from around 975, with its original small Chancel Arch with imposts of re- although there is only one fragment of medieval glass. The three windows facing East were all donated in the 1880s by one man, and were all made by Heaton Butler & Bayne. All the other 12 windows (dated between 1937 and 1959) came

from the Nicholson Studios with 11 of them being designed by Gerald Smith. Unusually repairs were carried out in the 18th Century, which meant the church avoided what could have been much harsher restoration in the Victorian period. As a result, the walls were never stripped of their plaster, and in the 1930s a wealth of Wall Paintings were revealed which received a lot of attention in the Records of Bucks over the years. Very recently extensive investigation and conservation work has been done, and many unknown features discovered. I then handed over to the Vicar, Rev John Simpson, who described some of the wall paintings, that can be seen, and some that cannot, such as different phases of work on the tall wall above the Chancel Arch. We then moved very swiftly into the technological 21st Century, enjoying and marvelling at a highly sophisticated presentation of projected images on the East and North walls, which have been compiled from surviving evidence, together with expert knowledge of similar decoration schemes in other churches.

After a delay in the rain to meet our coach, we then ventured to the area between Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross, an area which was rapidly built up after the railway came to Gerrards Cross in 1906. With the Parish Church at Chalfont St Peter being full, it was decided to build a new church close to the parish boundary with Gerrards Cross. Temple Moore was chosen as the Architect, and his plan for All Saints was his only design for a complete church in Buckinghamshire, out of a total of 38 new churches he designed altogether. The plans were very ambitious, for a church holding over 700 people, with an Aisle each side of Nave and Chancel, and a Western Tower. Work was started by building the North Aisle in 1912-13. The South side has arches that would eventually be the South Arcade, leading through into the main Nave. These arches were then 'temporarily' bricked up resulting in quite a dark interior. It was not until 1950 that the plans for the rest of the building were effectively abandoned, by proposing the arches should just lead into a South Aisle. However, that was never built, and windows were cut out of the 3 bricked up arches in 1952, 1976, and 2008. By then, even the prospect of an additional Aisle must have been abandoned. The interior has a strong Arts and Crafts character to it, even though Temple Moore did not claim to be an Arts and Crafts architect. It has a screen in a very medieval style, which was enhanced by the church's subsequent architect, Leslie Moore. He was not a relative of Temple Moore, until he conveniently married Temple Moore's daughter, Mary. There are 4 stained glass windows from the 1920s and 1930s by Henry Victor Milner who did a lot of work for Temple Moore. Otherwise, the windows in the previously bricked up arches have interesting glass of 2008 (Petri Anderson), 1976 (Michael Farrar Bell), and 1960, which was a design by Gerald Smith, copied by the Nicholson Studios as a memorial to Gerald Smith who worshipped in this church, and died in 1959. It was, of course, Gerald Smith who designed 11 of the windows we had seen at Little Missenden that morning.

We then had a very short journey a third of a mile to the Catholic Church of St Joseph. The foundation stone was laid in 1914, just 19 months after that at All Saints. Here, just like at All Saints, the N Aisle was built first, and then work stopped because of WWI, with the North Aisle and a Chantry Chapel having been built, with the N Aisle intended to be a Lady Chapel. The architect was Percy Aiden Lamb, who specialised in Catholic churches. His exterior work here was in what I would describe as 'Edwardian Gothic'. The interior is very ornate Gothic, although it is difficult to say how much of the intricate detail of Marble and Mosaic work is original. In the 1960s, when the architect Percy Kelly drew up plans to extend the church with a vast concrete structure,

although its arches do maintain a distinct Gothic flavour. The modern church is attractive itself, but one's overall impression must be that there could be no more greater contrast than that between the elaborate Gothic and white painted Concrete. The church has 7 stained glass windows, but the church's authorities do not know who made them.



All Saints Church Gerrards Cross

Finally, we went down to the Parish Church of Chalfont St Peter. There are a few surviving loose stones here that show St Peter's was once a Norman church with rib vaulting, such as we can see today at Stewkley or Upton-cum-Chalvey. This was our fourth church of the day where the churchyard adjoined the River Misbourne, and in a flood in 1708, the tower was damaged which led to it partially collapsing. It was decided to demolish the whole building and start again. This was a Georgian church of which we do not really have any detailed images. The tower with its round-topped windows is truest to its 18th Century building. The walls of the Nave are still from the 18th Century, but the windows have been Gothicised. In 1852 a very small Chancel was replaced by a much larger Chancel and Lady Chapel in rather incongruous polychromatic brickwork. It is possibly not surprising that Decorated Gothic windows were specified for the new work, but then all the Georgian Nave windows were given the same treatment. It seems to be that people can suddenly despise the work of their immediate predecessors, but then again, perhaps it is the same today.

The Gothiciser of the Georgian church was George Edmund Street, who I have always thought did much good work, especially with brand new churches, but Chalfont St Peter was not his finest hour. The church contains some brasses and hatchments from the old church, and floor slabs in the Lady Chapel, but they are now covered up with carpet. There is a selection of 12 stained glass windows with 9 from the 19th Century, including 2 Kempe, 2 Henry Hughes, and 1 Clayton & Bell. A new building with church office and other facilities has been built to the North of the Tower in recent years, and I am pleased to say that it is an exemplary piece of work to match the adjoining Georgian tower.

Michael G Hardy

Active Archaeology Group

AAG members assisted Kris Lockyear in a geo-physical survey of the church yard at Boveney. This exercise was undertaken at the request of the friends of friendless churches, to establish if anyone had been buried in the area surveyed. The church is beside the Thames, near Eton and was built for the use of Thames bargemen.

The defunct swing bridge at White Houses, on the Wendover Arm canal, will be investigated by group members during March. With the aim of finding the bridge pivot point, and from this help to define the bridge dimensions.

AAG programme of meetings

The meeting programme provided an overview of the unique archaeology of Aberdeenshire in January and in February an interesting insight into the confirmation (or not) of ancient methods and skills through experimental archaeology – a talk by Jennifer Foster.

Still to come:

Tues 21st May – Paul Brown – The use of Metal detectors as an aid in Archaeology.

Doug Stuckey

Report of the Honorary Librarian and the Honorary Archivist

The Library Team of Julian Hunt, Sarah Gray and Roger Bettridge continue to open the Library every Wednesday between 10am and 4pm for use by members and non-members of BAS. We also to answer enquiries received by email, post and telephone, often with the assistance of BAS members with relevant knowledge and expertise. We are grateful to them and also to our volunteers who have helped with cataloguing, Peter Longden and Garry Marshall.

The Library Team also deals with orders for the Society's publications, including the most recent, *Wulfhere's People*. We ran bookstalls at all the annual events which we usually attend: the Bucks Family History Society Open Day (28 July), the Bucks Local History Network Conference (29 September) and the Bucks History Fair at the Centre for Bucks Studies (17 November). Bookstalls were also held at the special BAS170 events at High Wycombe (28 April), Missenden Abbey (24 June) and Buckingham (3 November). Thanks are due to all Council colleagues who helped with the bookstalls, which altogether raised over £500.

Two items from our collection of Civil War pamphlets have been lent to the new Milton Keynes Gallery for display in their ambitious inaugural exhibition, *The Lie of the Land*, which includes works by over 85 artists and which runs until 26 May. The BAS pamphlets on display are *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire* (1648) and *A Declaration of the Wel-Affected in the County of Buckinghamshire* (1649).

In order to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation, which came into force in May 2018, our e-news circulation list was overhauled so that it now contains only those who have given explicit consent to inclusion. There are currently over 200 names on the list. We continue to use the list on a weekly basis for sending out news about BAS and about other events that we think may be of interest to members. Anyone who is not on the list and would like to be should contact the Library Team at bucksas@buckscountymuseum.org.

During the year, we have received a variety of items for the Library and Archive, many of them by donation from authors and others, for which we are grateful. The executors of Professor Bill Mead donated a quantity of his engagement diaries, which Garry Marshall has added to his catalogue of the Mead archive.

Items added to the Library and Archives since the last report (Spring Newsletter 2018)

Books

Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes, *Buckinghamshire within Living Memory* (1993).

Coombes, Trevor, et al., *Land of the Atrebrates: in and around Roman Berkshire* (Berkshire Archaeological Society, Vol. 83, 2018).

East, Ray, Fletcher, Keith, and Hawkes, Peter, *Pubs and Inns of Chesham and Villages* (revised edition, 2016).

Eyres, Patrick (ed.), *The New Arcadian Journal*, no. 43/44: 'The Political Temples of Stowe: papers on aspects of the political iconography of Stowe Landscape Garden, c.1730-c.1770' (1997).

Green, Miles, *Wycombe Heath 1,000 years ago* (2019).

Hawkes, Peter, *Chesham Stories Illustrated: a modern social history* (2017).

Hawkes, Peter, with Cox, Phil, *Chesham in Living Memory: 'the age of the motor car'* (2016).

Macnair, Andrew, Rowe, Anne, and Williamson, Tom, *Dury and Andrews' Map of Hertfordshire: society and landscape in the eighteenth century* (with digitised version of the map, 1766, on DVD) (2016).

Macnair, Andrew, and Williamson, Tom, *William Faden and Norfolk's 18th-century landscape* (with digitised version of Faden's map of Norfolk, 1797, on DVD) (2010).

O'Day, Rosemary, *An elite family in the early modern period: the Temples of Stowe and Burton Dassett, 1570-1676* (2018).

Postgate, Raymond, *That Devil Wilkes* (revised edition, 1956).

Rippon, Stephen, *Kingdom, Civitas, and County: the evolution of territorial identity in the English landscape* (2018).

Rutherford, Sarah (ed.), *Humphry Repton in Buckinghamshire* (Bucks Garden Trust, 2018).

Smith, Sidney J., (ed. Cheesewright, Barbara), *History of Cadmore End* (2006).

Van Dam, Thea, *My Dearest Ben...: an intimate glimpse into the world of Benjamin Disraeli, his family and the women in his life – through their letters* (BAS, 2nd edition, 2018).

Verey, Cyril, *The Verey Family in Buckinghamshire, 1522-2011* (2011).

Walker, Alan Percy, *A Country Town, its people and places, friends and relations: a Buckingham sketchbook with stories* (1998). Young, Geoffrey (ed.), *Where to go for Wildlife in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire* (BBONT, 1989).

Printed or transcribed primary sources

Malcolmson, Patricia and Robert, *A Vicar's Wife in Oxford, 1938-1943: the diary of Madge Martin* (Oxfordshire Record Society, Volume 72, 2018).

Booklets/papers/reports/essays/articles

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust. Research and recording project, report on Horwood House (2019).

Grimsdale, Edward, and Purefoy, Geoffrey, *Shalstone: a history of the church and parish* (2019).

Lin, Amy, 'The Gothic Cross at Stowe', from *Georgian Group Journal*, Vol. 26, 2018.

Soughton, Cathy, 'A House History of 15 Halton Village, Halton, Bucks' (2018).

Westbury Arts Centre, *Westbury Manor: a brief history* (2018).

DVD

Green, Paul, and Rixon, David, *Risborough – origins of our settlement: uncovering the town's amazing Neolithic past until Roman times* (2017).

Obituaries

Maureen Ellen Ann Brown (1943-2018), former Secretary of BAS: obituary from *Leighton Buzzard Observer* and order of service for celebration of her life (both 2019).

Joan Chibnall (1933-2017), author of MSc thesis on turnpikes in Bucks: obituary from CILIP journal (2018).

Commander John Fremantle, 5th Baron Cottesloe (1927-2018), former Vice-President of BAS: obituary from *The Times* (2018).

Miscellaneous

Holburne Museum, Bath, *A Gift to the Nation: the fine and decorative art collections of Ernest E. Cook* [exhibition catalogue, including four of Nebot's Hartwell paintings], (1991).

Holburne Museum, Bath, *A Guide to the Location of the Fine and Decorative Art Collections of Ernest E. Cook* [including eight Nebot and two other paintings at Bucks County Museum and two tables at Wycombe Museum], (1991).

Thomas Cook Archives and Library, *Time Traveller* (newsletter), no. 18 [including letter from G.A.E. Laming of Aylesbury on P.O.W. escape with assistance from Cook's in 1940], (1991).

Guides

All Saints Church, Oval Way, Gerrards Cross in the parish of Chalfont St Peter: a centenary history and guide, by Nigel Hague, Chalfont St Giles and Jordans: visitor guide (2017).

‘A short guide to the Parish Church of Chalfont St Giles’ (leaflet, n.d., current in 2018).

Wotton House, 1704- : a brief history and guide (n.d. [2017]).

BAS Archaeological Reports

Farley, Michael, and Hurman, Barbara, ‘Fieldwalking near Stoke Mandeville old village site’ (2018).

Farley, Michael, and Hurman, Barbara, ‘Quarrendon: fieldwalk and finds analysis’ (2017).

Hancock, A.J., and Zeepvat, R.J., *Wulfhere’s People: a conversion-period Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Wolverton, Milton Keynes* (BAS Monograph, no. 11, 2018).

Archives

Andrews John. Printed map (photocopy), covering parts of Bucks and Oxon, apparently a single sheet of a larger map (1774).

Mead, William Richard (additional): engagement diaries (22 small vols, 1939/40, 1941, 1946, 1948/9, 1950-56, 1956/7-63/4, 1965/6-66/7, 1968/69)

Princes Risborough Enclosure Act (1820).

Unpublished dissertation

Moss Louise, ‘Patron, Artist, and Commission: Political, Social and Cultural Perspectives on an Eighteenth-Century Garden and its Painted Views – a study of Balthasar Nebot’s Views of Hartwell House, Buckinghamshire’ (dissertation for BA (Hons), History of Art, University of Manchester, 2018).

Journals

As in previous years, we have received a variety of magazines, journals and newsletters, mainly by subscription but also donations from members. A full list of our journal holdings was given in the BAS Newsletter for Spring 2017. Members are reminded that most journals are available for borrowing.

Julian Hunt Hon. Librarian Roger Bettridge Hon. Archivist

Buckinghamshire Book Exchange

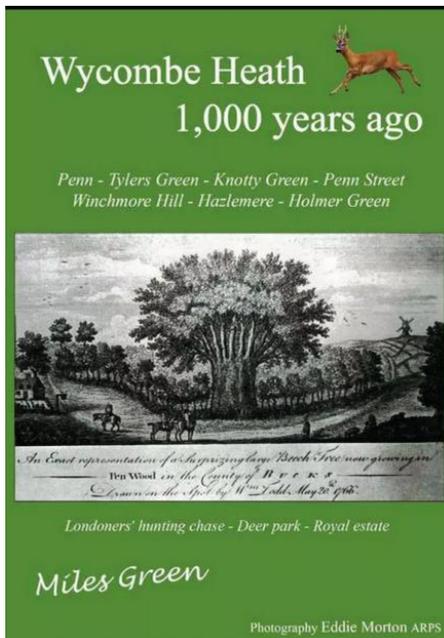
Over the years the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society has received bequests and gifts of books which duplicate those held in the Society's Library at the County Museum, Aylesbury. These duplicate books have often been sold to members at regular lecture meetings and the funds thus raised used to further the aims of the Society. The Buckinghamshire Book Exchange aims to offer such books to the wider membership and will, it is hoped, become a regular feature in the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society Newsletter. Books are offered to members and their friends at very modest prices and readers are encouraged to offer duplicate or unwanted books to the Society to be offered in the Spring and Autumn issues of the Newsletter.

Members wishing to purchase items from the Buckinghamshire Book Exchange should send their order to The Library Team, Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, Buckinghamshire County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP. Please make cheques payable to the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, adding £2.50 postage on each item. Alternatively, members can reserve volumes by telephoning the Library on 01296 397200 and collecting volumes in person. Please note that the Library is open each Wednesday from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

- Amersham Free Church**, *A Centenary History 1907-2007* £2.00
Ashford, L.J.: *The history of the Borough of High Wycombe from its origins to 1880*, Routledge, Kegan Paul, 1960. £10.00
Avery, B.W. *Soils and Land Use of the District Around Aylesbury and Hemel Hempstead*, 1964 £5.00
Baines, Arnold & Birch, Clive: *Chesham century, the story of a town and its Council, 1894-1994*, 1994 £3.00
Barker, Greta: *Buckinghamshire Born*, 1980 £2.00
Birch, Clive: *Yesterday's Town, Chesham*, 1977 £5.00
Boardman, John & others Ed: *The Oxford History of the Classical World*, 1986 reprint 1991 £10.00
Broad, John (Ed.): *Bernwood, the life and afterlife of a forest*, 1997 £3 50
Brunskill, R.W.: *Vernacular Architecture an Illustrated Handbook*, 4th Ed. 2000 £5.00
Buckinghamshire County Museum: *Buckinghamshire Landscapes 1444 to 1997*, 1997

- Chesham Building Society: *The First 150 Years***, Baron Birch, 1996
- Clarke, Grahame and Piggott, Stuart: *Pre-historic Societies***, 1963
£3.00
- Croft, R.A., *Victorian and Edwardian Milton Keynes***, 1984 £5.00
- Draper, Jo: *Post Medieval Pottery 1650-1800***, 1984 £1.00
- Elletson, D.H.: *Chequers and the Prime Ministers***, Robert Hales, 1970.
£5.00
- Ercolani, Lucian R.: *A Furniture Maker, His Life, His Work and His Observations***, Ernest Benn, 1975. £7.50
- Eyers, Jill: *Rocks around Bucks, Rocks, Fossils and Landscapes***, Bucks
Earth Heritage Group, 2007 £5.00
- Friends of the Vale of Aylesbury: *Country Like This***, 1972 £5.00
- Griffith, Valerie Eaton: *One Hundred Years of Great Missenden***,
reprint 2000 £3.00
- Handsford-Miller, Frank: *John Hampden of Buckinghamshire, the People's Hero***, reprint 1997.
- Hardy, William Le: *Bucks Sessions Records 1705-1712***, Aylesbury,
1939 £5.00
- Harman, H.: *Sketches of the Bucks Countryside***, 1934 £5.00
- Hawkes, Jaquetta: *Guide to the Pre-historic and Roman Monuments of England and Wales***, 1973, reprint 1978 £1.00
- High Wycombe Society: *The Rye, High Wycombe, a Priceless Possession***, 1976 £2.00
- Hopewell, Jeffery: *Pillow Lace and Bobbins***, Shire Publications, n.d.
£1.00
- Hunt, Julian: *A History of Amersham***, 2001 £10.00
- Hunt, Julian: *Buckingham a Pictorial history***, Phillimore, 1994. £5.00
- Hunt, Julian: *Buckinghamshire's Favourite Churches***, 2007 £10.00
- Hunt, Julian: *A History of Coleshill***, 2009 £10.00
- Jackson, C.C. *Radnage in Honour of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee***, 1976
£5.00
- Jenkins, J. Gilbert *Chequers, a History of the Prime Minister's Buckinghamshire Home***, 1967 £5.00
- Lister, Norman: *Building conservation in Milton Keynes, a photographic index***, Milton Keynes Development Corporation, 1971,
£7.50
- Markham, Sir Frank: *History of Milton Keynes Vol 1 to 1830***, White
Crescent Press. 1986. £5.00

- Milton Keynes Archaeology Unit:** *A Guide to the Medieval Landscape of Milton Keynes*, [1984] £2.50
- Palmer, Susann:** *Mesolithic Cultures of Britain*: 1977 £3.00
- Parrott, Hayward:** *Aylesbury Town Yesterdays*, Kylin Press, 1982 £7.50
- Parrott, Hayward:** *Aylesbury Vale Yesterdays*, Kylin Press, 1981 £7.50
- Pike, L. Edgar:** *The Book of Amersham*, 2nd impression, 1979 £10.00
- Rattue, James:** *High Wycombe Past*, 2002 £6.00
- Read, Susan & Empringham, David:** *Chiltern Images*, 1992 £5.00
- Reed, Michael:** *A History of Buckinghamshire*, 1993 £10.00
- Roscoe, E.S.** *Buckinghamshire Sketches*, 1891 £10.00
- Rose, Walter:** *Good Neighbours*, reprint 1943. £2.00
- Rouse, E. Clive:** *Discovering Wall Paintings*, 1st ed., revised 1971 £1.00
- Rouse, E. Clive:** *Discovering Wall Paintings*, 3rd ed., 1980 £1.00
- Slough W.E.A.:** *A Town in the Making, Slough, 1851*, Berkshire County Council, [1974] £5.00
- Sparkes, Ivan** *The Book of Wycombe*, 1979 n.b. pp 62-3 blank £3.50
- Thompson, Herbert:** *St Mary the Virgin, Haddenham*, 8th ed. £1.00
- Vaughan, Karl:** *Aylesbury Past and Present*, 2001 £5.00
- Vaughan, Karl:** *Aylesbury Then and Now*, 2012 £5.00
- Viney, Elliot & Nightingale, Pamela:** *Old Aylesbury*, 1976, reprint 1977 £10.00
- Warr, Edith B.:** *Early School Days in Beaconsfield, a History of the Church of England Schools, 1854-1914*, 1968 £5.00
- West, Joan:** *A Chiltern Village School* [Lacey Green], 2000 £5.00
- Woodfield, Charmian & Johnson, Casper:** *a Roman site at Stanton Low on the Great Ouse, Buckinghamshire*, reprinted from the *Archaeological Journal*, Vol 146, 1989
- Wymer, J.J. Ed.,** *Gazetteer of Mesolithic sites in England and Wales*, C.B.A., 1977



A common heath of thousands of acres, part of a Saxon royal estate with a deer park, shared by 7 surrounding parishes; Penn, Wycombe, Hughenden, Great Missenden & Little Missenden, Amersham, Wendover. Used as a hunting chase by Citizens of London. Explains many local place-names.

**Written by Miles Green & Eddie Morton (Photos)
a5 booklet 32 pages**

Available at the Village Shop on the Green at Penn for £3, or plus postage via Paypal on the website www.pennandtylersgreen.org.uk . The website also lists the many other local history books available. You can also buy copies locally at Village Shop on the Green, Kings Ride Supermarket and Strings Music Shop, who all have copies on their counters.

Records of Bucks Editor's Report

Looking through last year's Spring Newsletter for inspiration, I see that I failed to submit a report – rather remiss of me – so I'll do my best to make up for that this time.

After the excitement and additional workload last year of producing a two-part volume of *Records*, this year we have returned to producing a single volume, no.59, containing a wide range of articles by both familiar and new contributors. Beginning with the excavation of an Iron Age site in Tattenhoe Park, Milton Keynes, we proceed through the investigation of a Roman crop-processing site in Campbell Park, also in the new city. We have three medieval offerings: the analysis of a 12th-century arch in St Mary's Church, Old Linslade; a study of Chesham in the Wars of the Roses and the discovery of a medieval hall in Marlow. Moving on to more recent times, one article discusses new approaches to understanding enclosure and the survival of common land. The regular offering from the Bucks Gardens Trust focuses on the gardens of Humphrey Repton within the county and, following on from the National Trust's study last year of the generator house at Cliveden, we have an account of recent investigations into the Garden Terrace there. The last two articles in the volume provide in-depth studies of the design and construction of Stowe School Chapel and War Memorial respectively.

In addition to the main articles, there are also brief notes on a range of topics, including a multi-period site in Stoke Mandeville; the events surrounding the meeting of the Anglo-Saxon *witenagemot* held at Buckingham one Friday in September 934 ('a largely-forgotten event that ranks as one of the most momentous in the history of the town', according to the author); and a retrospective on the events arranged by The Society to celebrate its 170th birthday last year. There are also book reviews, including The Society's two recent publications, *The Toll Roads of Buckinghamshire 1706-1881* and *Wulfhere's People*. On a more sombre note, the volume includes obituaries to Lord Carrington, formerly a Trustee of The Society, and Margaret Brown, formerly Hon. Secretary. Added to all this, there are the annual reports from Society officers, the County Museum, Centre for Bucks Studies and the planning archaeologists in Aylesbury and Milton Keynes. It should be an interesting read: don't forget to pick up your copy!

Bob Zeepvat

Records of Bucks Author Scoops Award!

It has recently come to the Society's attention that one of our regular contributors to *Records* is to receive an award from the British Association for Local History for his efforts. For his article 'From Beer to Bombs: Wethered's Brewery, Marlow, during World War 1', published in volume 57 (2017) of *Records*, Andy Ford and his co-authors (Martin Blunkell, Mike Hyde and Jeff Wagland) are to receive the Association's Publications and Research Award for 2019. The award is to be presented by the Association's president, Professor Caroline Barron, at their annual award ceremony in London in June. Apparently Andy was as surprised as we were to learn of the award: he wasn't aware that the article had been entered for it! I'm sure we all wish him well.

'From Beer to Bombs' provides a fascinating insight into the impact of the war on the brewery and its role in munitions production. A detailed examination of the company during the period 1914–1918 both highlights and informs areas of historical interest, in particular the impact of the war on industry, armaments production and the role of women. The article is one of three produced for *Records* during the World War 1 centenary by *Archaeology in Marlow*, examining aspects of life in Marlow during the war years. The other articles are:

'Reluctant Recruits: Appeals against Military Conscription in Marlow, 1916–1918' (*Records* 56, 2016)
 'Life on the Home Front – Marlow 1917/18' (*Records* 58 part 1, 2018)

Bob Zeepvat



**From Beer to Bombs: Wethered's Brewery
 During World War 1**

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH
PROGRAMME 2018-2019
(final lectures)**

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at **8.00 pm** in the **Friends' Meeting House, Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury HP20 2RT** (except where stated otherwise).

<http://buckshistoricalassociation.org.uk/>

2019

17 Professor Kathleen Burk, University College, London
APR **Anglo-American marital relations from the 19th century to the G.I. war brides**

15 Dr Will Wootton, Senior Lecturer in Roman Art, King's College, London
MAY **The making of Roman mosaics: Britain and beyond**

Admission to meetings is **free** to full and associate members of the Historical Association.

Visitors (all ages) and Students WELCOME: ADMISSION £3

Associate membership of the Branch is £10 for the year from October 2018.

Please pay by standing order, cash or cheque, payable to Historical Association-Bucks Branch, with the slip below (and s.a.e. if you want a receipt).

Or you can download a form from the website.

*******HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (BUCKS BRANCH)
ASSOCIATE SUBSCRIPTION 2018-2019**

To: Terry Bloxham (Hon Secretary), 138 High Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1RB

Tel: 01296 708926 E-mail: t.bloxham@vam.ac.uk (give name, address, email)

Summer Excursions Programme 2019

For members, their friends and family

For fuller details, timings, costs and booking form please see the enclosed programme and booking form. Sarah Gray is happy to field any queries on 01865 662361, or by email sarahgray707@btinternet.com.

Tuesday 14 May with Julian Hunt.



As a follow up to our outing to Hagley Hall in 2017, we will visit the other two important 18th century gardens near Stourbridge, at **The Leasowes, Halesowen**, and at **Enville Hall**.

A long and energetic day but a rare opportunity to explore the park landscape at Enville. Maximum 25 people.

Sunday 9 June with Sarah Gray.



An eclectic day, firstly to **Harmondsworth Great Barn**, recently rescued and restored by English Heritage. Built in the early 15th century by Winchester College, it is the largest timber-framed building in England, described by John Betjeman as the *Cathedral of Middlesex*. Then on to the 18th century Palladian villa at Marble Hill (EH) for a guided visit to the house or just to explore the parkland. Built for the remarkable Henrietta Howard, mistress of King George II, the house was intended as an Arcadian retreat from crowded London.



Saturday 29 June with Sarah Gray.



Prehistoric splendours at the Wiltshire Museum, Devizes, where the Director will show us the new display galleries, then on to the Alexander Keiller Museum at Avebury (NT) and to explore the Stone Circle and surrounding Neolithic landscape.



Thursday 11 July with Sarah Gray.

Open to BAS members, friends, and family.



An early start into Worcestershire, first to **Little Malvern Court**, a post-Dissolution family home which includes the surviving 15th century Prior's Hall of the former Benedictine monastery. A private house tour with the owners and free time in ten acres of gardens in the former monastic grounds. In the afternoon on to **Croome (NT)**, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's masterful first commission. After an introductory talk, we are free to explore the innovative displays in the house and a taste of the park.

Saturday 10 August with Sarah Gray.

First a guided visit to **Royston Cave** and it's carvings, a subterranean mystery: Knights Templar? Augustinian storehouse? Neolithic flint mine?





Then on to **Wrest Park** (EH) to tour the Treasures of the archaeological collections store or the wallpaper rooms and the superb early 18th century gardens laid out by London & Wise, later modified by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown in a more informal style.



Saturday 24 August with Julian Hunt.

To **Woughton on the Green**, a beautifully-preserved ancient village right in the heart of Milton Keynes. It has the largest village green in north Buckinghamshire.



Then we will visit **Westbury**, a glamorous farmhouse in Shenley Brook End, built for Edward Stafford in 1670.

Saturday 28 September The Church Crawl

With Michael Hardy who is prepared to divulge that we will visit an area to the North of Bucks this time, more details later.



A distant view of Great Marlow, 1883



Marlow Town in 1809

The BAS Newsletter, The County Museum, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 2QP.

e-mail the editor at michaelghirelli1@gmail.com

Printing is by **Waddesdon Church of England School**, School Lane, Waddesdon,
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0LQ