

## *Library and Archives Report*

The Library Team of Julian Hunt, Roger Bettridge and Sarah Gray has continued to open the Library to the public every Wednesday. In addition, we respond to a variety of distance enquiries, mainly by email, which are either answered from the Society's own resources or passed on, as appropriate, to members with relevant expertise or other institutions, such as the Centre for Bucks Studies, the County Museum or the County Council's Archaeology Service.

We also deal with requests for publications, including the Society's most recent publications – Mike Farley's booklet on Quarrendon and Peter Gulland's *Toll Roads of Buckinghamshire* – and articles from past editions of *Records of Bucks*. Assisted by other members of the Society, we ran bookstalls at three events in 2017: the Bucks Family History Society's Open Day (29 July), the Bucks Local History Network Conference (30 September) and the Centre for Bucks Studies' Local History Fair (18 November).

An innovation this year has been the Bucks Book Exchange, in which duplicate copies of books already held in the Library, many of them donated by members, are offered for sale through the Newsletter. From the two lists published so far, some two dozen items have been purchased, suggesting that this is a useful service. Less successful, so far at least, has been the attempt to stimulate interest in the wide variety of journals and magazines that BAS subscribes to. A list of titles held was published in the Spring Newsletter, 2017, and a variety of recent acquisitions have been made available for loan at Saturday afternoon lectures.

Marshall has continued to work on uncatalogued archive material in the muniment room and has compiled a catalogue of Professor Bill Mead's archive. Our predecessor Marian Miller has delivered her catalogue of Diana Gulland's research materials on Aston Clinton House. And we have welcomed a new volunteer to our ranks, Peter Longden, who has been updating our computerised catalogue of books.

A notable accession during the year is a small archive received from the estate of the architect Eric Throssell, a longstanding BAS member, who died in 2016. The highlight of this archive is a number of framed drawings of Bucks buildings on which Mr Throssell worked, showing his magnificent draughtsmanship, but it also includes photographs, plans and other records relating to buildings in the county with which he was connected. This archive is currently being catalogued.

A list of the items accessioned during the year is given below. As well as items purchased or donated in 2017, it also includes a few older items which came to light during work by our volunteers and which had not previously been accessioned or catalogued. Our thanks go to those authors and members who have donated material to the Library and Archive over the year.

## **Items added to the Library and Archives since the last report (Spring Newsletter 2017)**

### **Books**

Allen, Tim, et al., *Bronze Age Enclosure to Anglo-Saxon Settlement: archaeological excavations at Taplow hillfort* (2009).

Baynton-Williams, Ashley (ed.), *Moule's County Maps: East and South East England* (1994) [includes map of Bucks from Thomas Moule's *The English Counties Delineated*, 1837].

Bucks Bird Club, *Buckinghamshire Bird Report, 2015* (2016).

Cape Provincial Administration, *Protected Wild Flowers of the Cape Province* (1958).

Country Life, *Living National Treasures* (1997) [includes photograph, with text, of Eric Throssell as architectural draughtsman].

De Carle, Claire, *Maud Grieve: 'Now first let me tell you about that wonderful plant'* (2017).

Dickinson, Tania, *Early Anglo-Saxon Shields* (1992).

Farley, Michael, and Jones, Gillian, *Iron Age Ritual: a hillfort and evidence for a minster at Aylesbury* (2012).

Gulland, Peter, *The Toll Roads of Buckinghamshire, 1706-1881* (BAS, 2017).

Howe, Emily, et al., *Wall Paintings of Eton* (2012).

King, Stuart, and Peers, Christopher, *Holmer Green – Heroes of World War I* (2017).

Moir, Valerie, *Men of Wendover: an index of the Wendover Men who fought in World War One, 1914-1918* (2017).

Pike, W. (ed.), *Hertfordshire in the 20th Century (Contemporary Biographies)* (1908).

Vaughan, Karl, *Aylesbury Remembered* (2005) [*Britain in Old Photographs* series].

Zenner, Peter, *The Shakespeare Invention* (1999) [reproduces print of Salden House in the BAS collection].

### **Printed or transcribed primary sources**

Mead, W.R. (ed.), *The Chilterns in 1748: An Account by Pehr Kalm, Visitor from Finland* (new edition, BAS, 2017).

Riley, H.T. (ed.), *Historia Anglicana by Thomas Walsingham, Vol. I: AD1272-1381* (1863).

Tyrwhitt-Drake, Barney (ed.), *Repton's 1794 Red Book for Shardeloes* [facsimile of images with transcriptions and notes] (2017).

Yurdan, Marilyn (ed.), *Records of Holton Park Girls' Grammar School, 1948-1972* (Oxon Record Society, 71, 2017).

### **Pamphlets/papers/reports/essays/articles**

*Apollo* magazine (Dec. 1991) [includes article by Steven Parissien, 'The rights and wrongs of restoration: interpreting the past', which refers to Eric Throssell's work at Hartwell].

Buckingham U3A and Stowe House Preservation Trust, 'Buckingham and Stowe Times' (2017) [on links between Buckingham and Stowe].

Bucks Gardens Trust, Report on Lilies, Weedon (2015).

Farley, Michael, *Quarrendon: Aylesbury's Lost Medieval Village* (BAS, 2017).

Greener, Clare, 'Using County Directories for Garden History' (?c. 2010).

Haddenham Museum Trust, *Haddenham Chronicles, nos. 10, 15* (2012, 2017).

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings: Briefing on 'Disaster Recovery' (2017); Matthew Slocombe, 'The SPAB Approach to Conservation and Care' (2017).

*Old Aylesburian News, no. 21* (2017) [includes brief articles on the W.R. Mead Library at Aylesbury Grammar School, and Ralph Gladman's books, now held in the BAS muniment room].

Wingrave with Rowsham Historical Association: *Rowsham in the 19th Century* (2016), *The Enclosure of Wingrave and Rowsham 1798* (2017), *Cat Street, Wingrave: a century of change in a village community* (2017), *An Illustrated Story of 19th Century Life in Nup End* (2017).

### **Obituaries**

William Richard Mead (1915-2014), former President of BAS: memoir by Hugh Clout (2015); obituary (draft) by Hugh Clout and Michael Jones (2017); various tributes collected from the internet.

Juliet Nicola Savage (1938-2017), former Treasurer of BAS: order of service for funeral.

Eric Ronald Throssell (1919-2016): order of service for funeral.

### **Miscellaneous**

Bernard Quaritch Ltd, *Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts, issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the firm of Bernard Quaritch* (1947).

Henry Huntington Library, California, *Guide to British Historical Manuscripts in the Huntington Library* (1982).

Homes and Communities Agency and Milton Keynes Heritage Association, 'Milton Keynes Heritage Map' (2013).

### **Archives**

Eric Throssell, MBE, FRIBA, architect: materials relating to buildings in Bucks (e.g. Hartwell House, Prebendal House, Aylesbury, St Mary's Church, Aylesbury), including framed drawings, photographs, plans, articles from *Country Life*, etc; records relating to the maintenance and management of St Mary's church and churchyard, Aylesbury, 1983-1997; prints of paintings by Jean Webster (1917-2013).

## **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, Spring 2017.

**Roger Bettridge, Hon Archivist. Julian Hunt, Hon Librarian.**