



Report of the Hon Membership Secretary

The total numbers paid up at the end of 2017 were 339 [of which 314 were personal members including 238 Individuals, 85 Families, 3 Juniors, 10 Life members & 15 local societies. The majority, 249, are Bucks addresses. This is reduced from the 2016 figure of 411 due to serious pruning of non and underpaid members in 2017, but it is a more accurate measure of the true membership situation. A total of 73 were deleted for non-payment of subs for one or more years, and 13 for resignations due to ill health or moving away, and 4 for death or terminal illness. These were Mr M Hogan, Mr D Keen, Miss Nicola Savage, Mr D Wood. 3 societies resigned: Middle Thames, Swanbourne, and Wolverton. On the other hand, several of the national institutions who are invoiced for their Records of Bucks have asked that they may receive our newsletters for a fuller picture of our activities. In addition, a large number of members who were still paying at the old rates, as well as a smaller number paying the old rate and the new were contacted by our treasurer to help them change their standing orders to the current rates and/or cancel the old one, with varying degrees of success. Some are now sorted thanks to those valiant efforts by the treasurer, but others won't be evident until all the January 2018 bank statements have been checked. In 2017 we welcomed 23 new members, including 18 Individuals and 5 families, mainly from Bucks, with 2 from Herts., and 1 each from Beds, Milton Keynes and Switzerland. Within Bucks, 6 are from Aylesbury, 1 from each of Bledlow Ridge, Bourne End, Downley, Hughenden, North Marston, Prestwood, Thornton & Weston Turville, and 2 each from Stoke Mandeville and Winslow.

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