

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society  
NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2016

### LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE NEWS

Following the AGM in May, BAS now has a new Library Team consisting of Julian Hunt (Hon. Librarian), Sarah Gray (Hon. Secretary) and Roger Bettridge (Hon. Archivist), in succession to Marian Miller, who has retired as Hon. Librarian, Hon. Archivist and, for the last year, *de facto* Hon. Secretary.

The whole Society owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Marian for her dedication in working so hard on our behalf in so many roles, and the three of us in the Library Team are particularly grateful for all her help, support and advice.

#### Opening Hours

The BAS Library in the County Museum, Aylesbury, is now open every Wednesday between 10.0am and 4.0pm. No appointment is required. If you wish to discuss your research in advance of your visit, you are welcome to contact us by post (BAS Library Team, c/o the County Museum), by telephone or by email.

#### Telephone

01296 397200. The telephone is answered only during opening hours.

#### Email

[help@bucksas.org.uk](mailto:help@bucksas.org.uk). Again, the inbox is normally monitored only during opening hours. The former email address [bucksas@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:bucksas@buckscc.gov.uk) should not be used, as it has now been discontinued.

#### E-news Service

We continue to provide a news service by email to the members and supporters of the Society who are on our mailing list. If you would like your email address to be added to the mailing list, please email us - and of course do not hesitate to contact us if you are on the list and want to be removed.

The service is used to provide news about BAS and also details of local history and archaeology events that may be of interest to members. If your group or society is putting on an event that you would like publicised on the e-news service, please let us know. We cannot of course guarantee to be able to circulate information.

#### Maps digitisation

As members will know, our late President, Professor Bill Mead, left the Society a generous legacy of £5,000. In view of Bill's specialism in historical geography, Council has decided that it would be fitting to spend the money on digitising the Society's collection of historical maps and plans, most of which are now held by the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies (CBS). This will help to conserve the collection by reducing the need to produce the originals for research and also promote wider access to and use of the collection. We are working closely with CBS to accomplish this project.

We have drawn up a basic list of maps and plans for digitisation, which currently contains some 70 items, ranging in date from the 17th to the early 20th centuries. It includes all of the items that BAS holds which are listed in Elvey's invaluable

*Handlist of Bucks Estate Maps* (1963), as well as additional items in the BAS collections now at CBS.

### **Archive Catalogues**

A reminder that the main archive catalogue compiled by the late Lorna Head, with additions by Diana Gulland, is available on our website:

<http://www.bucksas.org.uk/documents/catalogue.pdf>. It was published as Occasional Paper No. 1 in 2002, but the online version contains additional material up to 2007. The catalogue to the John Chenevix Trench archive is also on the website, but the Library also holds catalogues to additional collections which are not yet online.

**Roger Bettridge, Julian Hunt, and Sarah Gray**