



By the end of 2016 our total membership was 428, of which 412 were personal members. This was made up of 286 individuals including 5 junior and 10 Life members, along with 111 families. There were also 16 local societies.

Encouragingly, we gained 26 new members, all individuals, 3 being junior members. Of the total, 14 were from mid Bucks, 4 from north Bucks and Milton Keynes, 5 from the south of the county, and 3 from outside the borders. However, during the year, we lost 10 individual members, and one society resigned. Mrs Lorna Head, formerly BAS librarian, and another stalwart of the society, Eric Throssell, were taken from us by death, and we heard too of the deaths of other members, Mrs M Beech, Mrs PM Brook, Dr J Chappel, Dr S Eveleigh, Mr NG Kirkman, and Mr T McCaffrey.

Subscription rates that had increased, increased from 2nd Jan 2014 continue to cause problems for many members paying by standing order. This may be the fault of their banks. Some people are still paying at the old rate of £12 for individuals or 16 for families, instead of the £18 and £22 respectively. Others have paid twice at both the old and new rates! Happily, by the end of the year, though, most subscriptions were fully paid up - or even over-paid, while the number of unpaid and under-paid was much reduced.

Bron Lee
Hon Membership Secretary