

BAS – 170 years and still going strong!

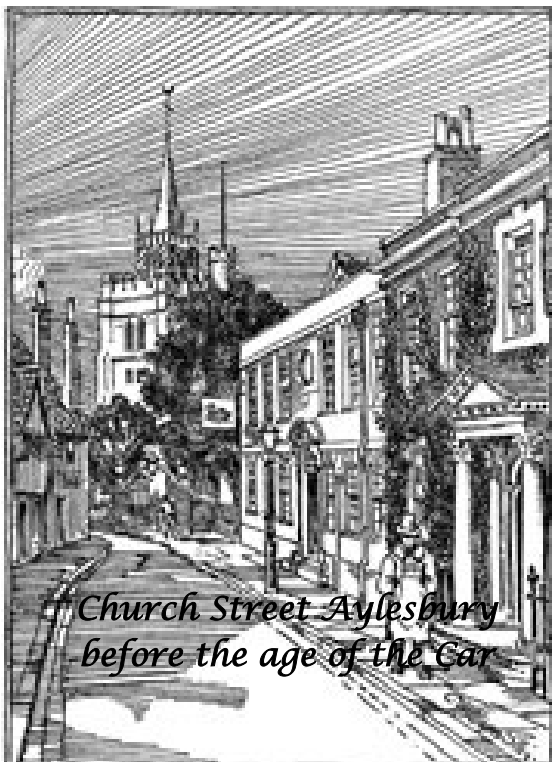
Surely it was only yesterday that the society was founded by a group of earnest clerics who had a deep interest in church architecture and the preservation of ancient buildings. In 1847 you would have been most welcome amongst their number provided of course that you were a member of the Church of England and could find individuals to propose you.

To celebrate this significant anniversary we are holding a series of events aimed at raising our profile among the general public, apart from our own initial celebratory meeting on 9th December when Julian Hunt has arranged a series of short talks by members on the early history of the society. Following this in the course of 2018 there will be open-to-all lectures at four venues across the county which are currently being arranged, hands-on events at several town market

days (suggestions for markets or other gatherings we might attend welcome) and Sarah Gray will be offering talks about the society to any interested local groups with which there may be associated displays. We also hope to be able to offer introductory lectures on Archaeology to secondary schools.

Your help with any of these activities would be welcome; contact our BAS volunteer library staff at the museum (bucksas@buckscountymuseum.org) who will pass on your name to the individual organising the event.

But there is one activity in particular that you might be interested in contributing to directly yourself....



*Church Street Aylesbury
before the age of the Car*

In order to raise public awareness of the society's own collections which are now managed by the County Museum Service and the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, we invite you to select a particular item or site relevant to your area with which the society has been involved or which are amongst its collections, and write a short piece on the subject for your local newspaper, parish magazine, etc..

For example the article might be along the lines of: 'Person w dug a hole in place **X** in y and found **Z**. this item is now in e.g. the County Museum'. Or 'a fascinating map at e.g. the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies shows **X** which long ago disappeared and y is now in its place'. Or ' **X** who lived at **Y** was an important member of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society and he/she published in its journal the *Records of Buckinghamshire* a fascinating article on **Y**. The piece would of course need an accompanying image and a reference to our anniversary.

You will have got the idea by now. Try your hand ... no special expertise required! Before submitting anything for publication please contact Charles Lequesne (lequesnec@btinternet.com) who will be monitoring the output for us. He would also be grateful for suggestions about publications or websites etc that might welcome such content.

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