

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bronwen Lee the Membership Secretary reports: So far in 2018, we've welcomed 40 new members, of which 30 are from within Bucks. 16 of these are from the Aylesbury area, (including 10 from Aylesbury itself) with the rest from Amersham, Aston Clinton, Bledlow, Bletchley, Buckingham, Butlers Cross, Chesham Bois, Gerrards Cross, Great Missenden, Marlow, Newport Pagnell, North Marston, Prestwood, Seer Green, Stoke Mandeville, Watermead, Weedon, Whitchurch & Woburn Sands. Additionally, 10 new members are from Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, and Oxfordshire.

So these 40 joining so far this year shows a gratifying increase on the 2017 total of 23 new members. Pleasingly, many people joined having filled in the leaflets issued at BAS70 events.

Of the current total listing of 379 members – Of which 368 are individuals and families or /households, while 11 are local societies - the actual paid-up membership of the society now totals 346, as compared with the 2017 total 339. Hopefully, since we're now only in August, we can gain a few more new members before the end of the year.

There are 32 personal members still unpaid for the year 2018. Of these, 9 had been previously paying by standing order, but nothing has been received this year, and so we can only assume they decided to cancel their membership without informing us. In addition, 5 who joined in 2017 have not renewed, and one local society is still unpaid. Only 2 now are still paying at the old rate, while 2 persons have over-paid using incorrectly filled in standing orders. Our Hon Treasurer has offered to chase all these last ones up! I had to delete many names earlier in the year after there was no response to enquiries made by the treasurer. This means the total figure seems low now, but is assuredly a more accurate representation of total membership.

Sadly, we have been notified of several deaths in the year so far, including: Mr R A Kidd of Princes Risborough, Miss Evangeline Roads of Canterbury, Mr Michael Malone of Wendover, Mr Dennis Cox of Henley, Mr Bill Crosbie-Hill of Quainton, Miss Adrienne Thirkell of Chesham Bois, Lord Carrington, and Lord Cottesloe.

Bronwen Lee, Hon Membership Secretary