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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society is the county's premier society, not just for archaeology but also local history, architecture, natural history and historic buildings. We have members throughout the county, many of them also active in their local town and village historical societies.

Membership brings many benefits:

- The defence and protection of Buckinghamshire's historic environment;
- The preservation of important local archives on our history and archaeology;
- Support for the County Museum, whose collections the society started;
- An active watch where planning issues affect our heritage.

For you as a member:

- A copy of this journal, Records of Buckinghamshire, in May each year;
- Newsletters in Spring and Autumn about society events and activities;
- A free lecture series in Aylesbury every winter;
- Outings to historic towns, buildings and archaeological sites in summer;
- The chance to play an active part in our Historic Buildings and Active Archaeology groups.

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THE SOCIETY AND LEGACIES

Anyone who has made, or who plans to make, a will (presumably all members will be aware that making a will has *absolutely* no effect on one's life expectancy), will have no doubt considered, or be considering, legacies to family, friends and favourite institutions. If you are reading this you can probably guess where this piece is leading? Correct – ten out of ten! The society provides a very good home for legacies, however small. For those who have already made a will, a simple clause (a codicil) can easily be added to its existing provisions.

It may be helpful to provide a few examples of how some bequests have been spent. A legacy from Jack Head has provided an annual sum which contributes significantly to the society's general resources. Arnold Baines, a former chair of council, left money which was used to set up our website. John Chenevix Trench, for many years editor of *Records*, left a sum specifically for the dendrochronological dating of some of the county's early buildings. Finally, a recent legacy from Professor Bill Mead has funded a project he would undoubtedly have approved of – digitisation of all of the Society's historic manuscript maps which are at present on loan to the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies. As a result, images of this splendid collection will shortly be available on our website for researchers.

How might we spend any future bequests? Each year produces new potential projects. This year our 170-year celebration programme showed the benefit of expanding public outreach, and this is certainly an area we would wish to develop. At the forefront could be an expanded publications programme, including new books on the county and perhaps placing digitised versions of *Records* onto the national Archaeological Data Service website. Hopefully we could also put on more events involving the general public in Buckinghamshire – we haven't forgotten that our interest is the historic county from Olney in the north to Eton in the south.

So, please excuse our raising this delicate subject and of course, in conclusion, we wish all of our members long and happy lives!

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