

THE SOCIETY IN 2020

The Hon. Secretary's Report

The normal activities of the Society were rapidly adapted during 2020 to try and optimise the benefits to members while observing the social restrictions of the Covid-19 epidemic. The key changes were that all activity went online (via the Society's website and/or *Zoom*), access to our resources in the County Museum were very restricted and *Records* was predominately delivered to members by volunteers.

The normal winter Saturday lecture programme was extended and the planned summer excursions where converted to online meetings, resulting in two online events per month for members throughout the summer. The attendance level for these (plus the HS2 and BLHN conferences – also online) were much higher than if we had held them in Aylesbury, partly because we attracted more distant members, who did not have to travel, and more people had free time because of the Covid-19 restrictions. We also had some excellent topics.

BAS Council Meetings were held in the County Museum on 11 January, 14 March, then online on 6 June, 5 September and 14 November 2020. Minutes of all meetings will be available for review in the BAS library, once we regain access to the Museum.

The Annual General Meeting was postponed until 12 September and was then held online. The meeting included a demonstration of the new Bucks County Council Online Heritage Portal by Eliza Alqassar: this can be accessed at <https://heritageportal.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Officers of the Society: Our president, Julian Hunt, took the chair and gave his remarks for the year. Society officers were then re-elected: Julian Hunt as President, Peter Marsden as Hon. Chairman, Doug Stuckey as Hon. Secretary, Harry Ball as Hon. Treasurer, Roger Bettridge as Hon. Archivist,

Bronwen Lee as Hon. Membership Secretary, John Broad and Bob Zeepvat as joint Hon. Editors of *Records*, Sarah Gray as Hon. Librarian.

Councillors: Three members of Council were eligible for re-election and were duly re-elected: Garry Marshall, Pauline Hey and Alan Burnett. The AGM elected Marian Miller, Andy Ford and John Sheldon as new members of Council. These were nominated after an appeal, organised by John Dodd, to add experience and knowledge to BAS council.

At the Council meeting on 14 November the following co-opted members were confirmed: Eliza Alqassar (County Council Archaeology Service), Sue Shave (County Museum), Nick Crank (Milton Keynes Archaeology Service), Susan Gill (Liberty Trust), Michael Ghirelli (Newsletter Editor), John Dodd (website co-ordinator), Sandy Kidd and Charles Le Quesne (archaeological expertise), and Dr Gary Marshall.

Finance and Membership: At the AGM, the Hon. Treasurer reported that the Society finances at the end of 2019 showed some minor problems with cash-flow: the last of the commitment to the 'Digitisation of BAS Deeds' project is due in 2020. The 2019 accounts were inspected by Mrs Dharamshi and published in the Newsletter before the AGM. The Hon Membership Secretary reported that membership had stabilised in 2019 and increased slightly in 2020.

Library and Archives: The Library and Archives team (Roger Bettridge, Sarah Gray and Julian Hunt) have been operating via email and post, with limited access to the Library since March 2020.

Lectures & Excursions: Sarah Gray organised a series of Saturday talks, initially given at the

County Museum and then online. These were well attended and appreciated by society members. A programme of excursions is being prepared for 2021: these may be online if restrictions are still in place. Details will appear on the website.

Planning Matters: Buckinghamshire continues to be impacted by major infrastructure projects and the need for additional housing, including the proposed changes to planning regulations. These items are tracked by BAS Council to meet our stated objective of preserving and recording the architectural, landscape and archaeological heritage of Buckinghamshire. Nigel Wilson provided regular updates to Council during the first nine months of 2020. The Society did respond to the Government's consultation on proposed planning legislation.

HS2 has provided an unprecedented set of trial trenches and full excavation with surprising results at several sites. Council continues, and will continue, to encourage the mitigation of the impacts of these projects and the full recording and preservation of all materials of interest that are excavated.

Active Archaeology Group: The group has been engaged in an excavation of a 'ha-ha' at Great

Linford Manor Park, Milton Keynes. In addition, a programme of talks and practical sessions were held in the County Museum and online.

Publications: The editing and printing of *Records 60* was managed by Bob Zeepvat, with distribution by volunteers, organised by Mike Farley. A new book, *How one man transformed a town – Winslow 1640–1770 and William Lowndes*, by David Noy, was published in November, and is available for purchase (along with our other publications) on the Society's website. The *BAS Newsletter* was published digitally in spring and before the AGM: a small number of paper copies were printed by Waddesdon C of E School for postal distribution and archiving.

Society Website(s): The Society's new website, <https://bas1.org.uk/>, was expanded during the year, providing access to news items, lecture schedules, excursions and conferences. The new site enables the online purchase of society publications and registration for online meetings. The previous website, <https://www.bucksas.org.uk/>, is retained as an archive of the society's activity and access to all information can be gained from either site. Further online features are being constructed.

Doug Stuckey, Hon Secretary 2020–2021

The Library

ADDITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE 2019

- AMERSHAM MUSEUM. Women at War: a celebration of our local suffrage campaigners and their contribution to World War I. [2018–19].
- BECKETT, IAN F.W. Whitchurch, The Fallen and The First World War. [2018–19].
- BIDDULPH, EDWARD, BRADY, KATE, SIMMONDS, ANDREW and FOREMAN, STUART, *et al.* Berryfields: Iron Age settlement and a Roman bridge, field system and settlement along Akeman Street near Fleet Marston, Buckinghamshire. Oxford Archaeology Ltd, Monograph No. 30, 2019.
- BIGGS, JOHN (foreword). The Kop Hill Climb: An Appreciation. [2018–19].
- CENTRE FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE STUDIES (intro. BECKETT, IAN F.W.). Buckinghamshire and the Great War. 2019.
- CODRINGTON, THOMAS. Early Britain: Roman Roads in Britain. 2nd edition, revised, 1905.
- CUNLIFFE, BARRY. Iron Age communities in Britain: an account of England, Scotland and Wales from the seventh century BC until the Roman conquest. Revised edition, 1978.
- ELEY, A.W. The Passing of Rural Independence [history of Newport Pagnell UDC]. 1973.
- FOLEY, TERRY, and HUNT, JULIAN. Winslow (in Archive Photographs series). 2nd edition, 2019.
- GREEN, MILES. Wycombe Heath 1,000 years ago. 2018.
- GRIMSDALE, EDWARD, and PUREFOY, GEOFFREY. Shalstone: a history of the church and parish. 2019.
- HARRISON, RICHARD J. The Beaker Folk: Copper Age Archaeology in Western Europe. 1980.
- HEAD, J.F. Early Man in South Buckinghamshire: an introduction to the archaeology of the region. 1955.
- JOHNSON, STEPHEN. Later Roman Britain. 1982.
- ROSTRON, LAURENCE. The History of Grace Cottage: the story of my unfinished research into the history of Grace Cottage. [2015].
- ROSTRON, LAURENCE. The History of The Crown in Church Lane, Lacey Green. 2018.
- ROSTRON, LAURENCE. The Origins and History of Church Lane, Lacey Green. 2018.
- SALWAY, PETER. Roman Britain. 1982.
- SMITH, MATTHEW J. Buckinghamshire Bells and Belfries: A History and Survey of the Bells and Public Clocks of Buckinghamshire. 2 volumes, 2019.
- SMITH, SIDNEY J. (ed. CHEESEWRIGHT, BARBARA). History of Cadmore End. 1969, published 2006.
- WACHER, JOHN. The Coming of Rome. 1981.
- Shire Archaeology series**
- ANDERSON, ALASTAIR SCOTT. Roman Military Tombstones. 1984.
- CASEY, P.J. Roman Coinage in Britain. 1980.
- JOHNSON, PETER. Romano-British Mosaics. 1982.
- KENNETT, DAVID H. Anglo-Saxon Pottery. 1978.
- LANGMAID, NANCY G. Prehistoric Pottery. 1978.
- PITTS, MICHAEL. Later Stone Implements. 1980.
- REES, SIAN. Ancient Agricultural Implements. 1981.
- SWAN, VIVIEN G. Pottery in Roman Britain. 3rd edition, revised, 1980.
- Printed primary sources
- BROWN, MAUREEN and PAUL (eds). Wing Churchwardens' Accounts, 1527–1662. Buckinghamshire Record Society, Volume 39, 2019.
- LEWINGTON, HONOR (ed.). Stoke Mandeville Wills and Inventories, 1552–1853. Buckinghamshire Record Society, Volume 38, 2019 for 2018.
- SMITH, MARK (ed.). The Parish in Wartime: Bishop Gore's Visitations of Oxfordshire, 1914 and 1918. Oxfordshire Record Society, Volume 73, 2019.

Bucks Archaeological Society publications

FARLEY, MICHAEL, and HURMAN, BARBARA. Pots, Potters and Potteries of Buckinghamshire, circa 1200–1910. 2019.

Reports and articles

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GARDENS TRUST. Report on Horwood House. 2019.

MILLER, MARIAN. 2-3 High Street, High Wycombe (formerly The Wheatsheaf): a documentary history. Report for the Buckinghamshire Historic Buildings Trust Ltd, 2018.

ROBINSON, DAVID M. 'The Augustinian Canons in England and Wales: architecture, archaeology and liturgy, 1100–1540'. *Monastic Research Bulletin*, Volume 18, 2012 [print-out from internet].

Digital

MAY, CHARLES and ROLLS, E. Photographic Views of the Churches, Mansions and Country Seats in the Diocese of Oxford: Buckinghamshire (1862). Digitised copy, 2019.

Exhibition catalogue

MILTON KEYNES GALLERY. The Lie of the Land. 2019.

Archives

DINEEN, ROBERT. Schoolboy project on the Great Central Railway, with photographs and diagrams. c.1984–88.

MYNARD, DENNIS C. Milton Keynes Archaeological News, nos. 5-10, 12-16, 18-20, 1978–81; Milton Keynes Archaeology Unit lecture slides: 'The Milton Keynes Project', c.1970–c.1994; Bradwell Abbey Field Centre annual reports, 1970s; Proposed New Town in North Bucks:

suggested designation area (printed map), [1960s]; 'History and Antiquities of Buckinghamshire' [Newport Hundreds only] by Browne Willis (MS. transcripts by William Cole): print-outs from microfilm; research materials for Newport Pagnell's Bridges: The Tickford Iron Bridge in Context by Dennis C. Mynard, Paul Woodfield and Ray Bailey (2009): 16 CD-ROMs.

Maps

BAYLEY, MICHAEL H.H., ARIBA (d. 2013). Four printed illustrated maps, A2 size, drawn by Michael Bayley: A Ghost Survey of the numerous Hauntings and Traditions of East Berkshire, South Bucks and Oxon, 1975; Ancient & Holy & Healing Wells of the Thames Valley, 1978; A Survey of the Borough of Maidenhythe [Maidenhead], ?1985; The Farms of Slough: Map of Farms and Fields around Slough in 18th and 19th centuries, with earlier names where known, 1987.

Dissertation

DE CARLE, CLAIRE ADELE. 'Now first let me tell you about that wonderful plant': Maud Grieve, 1858–1941. Dissertation for MA in Garden History, University of Buckingham, 2014.

Additional Items

We have also added 11 other accessions, including guides to and histories of churches and other buildings, obituaries, and historical information. In addition, the usual journals, magazines and local society newsletters were received.

Roger Bettridge, Hon. Archivist
Sarah Gray, Hon. Librarian