

CAMBRIDGESHIRE RECORDS SOCIETY

{Founded 1972 by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society}

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2018

to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Tuesday 9 July 2019

The Old
Combination Room
Trinity College
Cambridge CB2 1TQ

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At 530 PM



AGENDA
for the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. **ANNUAL REPORT**
 1. **Minutes of the AGM 2018**
Matters arising
 - ii. **Officers' Reports**
Chairman
General Editor Sales
 - iii. **Treasurer**
Approval of the Accounts
Appointment of the Auditor
3. **ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**
4. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN**
The chairman is prepared to stand for re-election
5. **ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND THE COMMITTEE**
The officers and members of the Committee are willing to stand for re-election. Nominations for new committee members should be sent to the Secretary, Dr A S Bendall, Emmanuel College, Cambridge CB2 3AP.
6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

After the Annual General Meeting, Dr Chris Briggs will give a talk about his forthcoming book, the working title of which is *Travelling in search of civil justice: Cambridgeshire villagers and the courts, c.1275-c.1425*

Refreshments will be served.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Held in the Old Combination Room, Trinity College, on Monday 2 July 2018

1. The Chairman welcomed members of the Society to the AGM.

Apologies for absence were received from Janice Adams, Janet Fairweather, Val Hunter, Evelyn Lord, David Smith, Matilda Watson, Lesley Williams and Michael Young.

2. Those present stood in memory of Peter Spufford, President of the Society, who died on 18 November 2017.

3. The *minutes* of the AGM held in 2017 were approved and signed.

4. *Reports* were received from the Chairman, General Editor and Dr Saunders (Sales).

Members were encouraged to help with sales of past volumes and Martin Lawrence offered to help liaise with the Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire Record Society to publicise the back stock. Wisbech and Fenland Museum offered to sell volumes on a sale or return basis.

5. The *audited accounts* for 2017 were accepted.

Mr John Dix was thanked for examining the accounts. He was reappointed as auditor for 2018.

6. Elizabeth Stazicker was re-elected as Chairman, Mr William Franklin was elected as Treasurer, Matilda Watson was elected as a committee member, and the other officers and members of the committee were re-elected. The position of President is vacant and the Committee will recommend a name to the next AGM.

7. The Chairman thanked the Master and Fellows of Trinity College for making it possible to hold the AGM in the Old Combination Room and for so generously providing the refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

The AGM was followed by a talk by Philip Saunders, 'From record type to digital byte: 200 years of publishing Cambridgeshire historical records'.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

An oral report will be made at the meeting.

GENERAL EDITOR'S REPORT

As announced at last year's AGM, William Franklin's edition of *The Parliamentary Surveys of the Cambridgeshire Properties of the Dean and Chapter of Ely 1649–1652* did indeed safely appear at the end of the year as our volume for 2018. We owe him our thanks for filling an impending gap in publications so efficiently and expeditiously. The only volume currently still certainly in play is the long-promised Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax volume. I shall be meeting with the current Chair of the British Record Society, Dr Amy Erickson, once I surface from examining and hope to be in a position to report where we are at with the volume at the AGM.

As I said this time last year, having no *certain* proposals thereafter is a worry, given the long lead-in time required. A further maps project has been mooted, and there may be printed material out there that merits republication. The General Editor has a couple of projects in mind for the middle term (which is to be interpreted as years rather than months).

And so I end with my invariable plea: suggestions of texts for publication, preferably (but not necessarily) with an editor already attached, would be very welcome.

Rosemary Horrox

SALES

Sales of back volumes (i.e. ignoring maps for the moment) in 2018 were much the same as they have been for many years, 36 being sold (compared to 22 in 2016, 31 in 2017). Sales of *Jonas Moore's Mapp* (published 2016) predictably began to tail off, with just 16 copies sold (75 in 2016, 31 in 2017). Fifteen copies of the other map publications were sold, fewer than previous years, as stocks of *Baker's Map of Cambridge* and of *Cambridge Maps Portfolio* are virtually exhausted (or so I thought, but a few more of the latter have since come to light), so the Archives searchroom at Shire Hall and Library's Cambridgeshire Collection, steady outlets for many years, have not been able to purchase any.

Sales of the *Cambridgeshire Committee for Scandalous Ministers*, published mid-2017, were disappointing but it may yet achieve it just deserts as it is reviewed and becomes better known. A special offer flyer for this and *Jonas Moore's Mapp* was included in the Cromwell Association newsletter *The Protector's Pen* but disappointingly, despite a complimentary review of the former in the Association's journal, the response barely paid for printing them. That we managed to slightly exceed last year's volume sales was largely down to selling at several conferences, particularly the special CAS conference at Ely, held in memory of Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl, when four copies of her edition of *Topography of Medieval Ely* were sold. Five copies of *Isleham Church Book* were sold thanks mainly to the Archivist of the Strict Baptist Historical Society circulating a digital flyer to his fellow members, demonstrating the value of particular contacts for particular titles.

Trade sales were once again confined to the main library suppliers, almost all other sales not by personal contact coming through the internet, notably *Amazon* (nine transactions) with just a couple via *Genfair*. From November, thanks to revision of the website by Liam Franklin (undertaken without charge), it became possible for the first time to buy online through our own website, paying either by bank transfer or using *Paypal*. There were some teething troubles, mainly with overseas purchases, but by the end of the year we had sold five volumes this way and one briefly hoped this would presage a boom in sales, but 2019 has not so far justified this optimism.

Philip Saunders

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Treasurers Year End Report 2018

The Society continues to hold three accounts, two with Lloyds Bank and one with NS&I, the balances at the beginning and end of the year were:

	1st Jan 2018	31st Dec 2018
Treasurers Account	5,465.53	7,986.55
Lloyds Savings Account	5,008.76	5,011.05
National Savings Investment Account	15,903.22	16,018.55
	<u>26,377.51</u>	<u>29,016.15</u>

Current Account

The opening balance on the Society's current account as at 1st January 2018 was £5,465.53. During the period January to December, payments were made for the Society's operating costs and storage of publications with CMS Ltd. Subscription payments received in the period gave a balance at 9th September of £14,157.11.

Opening Balance	£5,465.53
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Income	£
Subscriptions	1,787.27
Sales	1,520.89
Donations	14.52
	<u>3,322.68</u>

Outgoings	£
Operating costs ¹	679.66
Printing - Publications	0
Printing Flyers	122.00
	<u>2,521.02</u>

Balance as at 31/12/2018	<u>7,986.55</u>
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The invoice for printing the Society's 2018 volume (Volume 25) was not received until the end of December 2018 and payment made in January 2019. This will therefore appear in the 2019 Annual Report.

¹ Operating costs include postage, stationary, printing of letters etc. and storage.

Savings Accounts

The Society continues to have a basic business savings account with Lloyds bank, and a National Saving Account. The Lloyds savings account balance was £5,011.05 at year end, having earned £2.29 interest. No withdrawals were made from this account in year.

The NS&I account balance at the time of the last statement was £16,018.55 (mid December 2018). This account earned £115.33 in interest. No withdrawals were made.

Account Summary

Account	31 st December 2018
	£
NS&I Account	16,018.55
Lloyds Deposit Account	5,011.05
Lloyds Current Account	7,986.55
Total	29,016.15

Banking Changes

During the year the society as part of its website redevelopment set up a PayPal account allowing for the purchase of volumes online. The Society also commenced paying for storage by standing order and set up internet banking, to allow for faster analysis of income and expenditure from its current account and the ability to make payments via the Banks Automated Clearing System (BACS).

William Franklin
Hon. Treasurer
March 2019

John Dix
Hon. Auditor
May 2019

President
To be elected

Officers and Committee 2018

Hon Chairman	Mrs E Stazicker
Hon Editor	Dr R Horrox
Hon Treasurer	Mr W Franklin
Hon Secretary	Dr S Bendall
Technical Editor	Dr E Leedham-Green
Sales	Dr P Saunders
Publicity	Mr A Westwood-Bate
Committee	Mr A Green
	Mr A Kirby
	Dr E Lord
	Miss A Taylor
	Ms M Watson
Hon Auditor	Mr J Dix

Representatives

Cambridge Antiquarian Society	Dr M Allen
Huntingdonshire Local History Society	Dr P Saunders
Cambridgeshire Association for Local History	Mr P Filby
Representative to the County Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies	Mr A Kirby

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Subscription: £17.50 per annum (£25 for those overseas)

The Cambridgeshire Records Society website provides full details of membership with a downloadable form for joining the Society. It also has full descriptions of the Society's volumes and how to buy them, together with a downloadable price list and order form.

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