

# **THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

**THE COUNTY'S HISTORY AND  
ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY  
FOUNDED 1897**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**



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Mediaeval font now in St John the Divine, Colston Bassett

# **THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The full name of the society is the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire and it is governed by a constitution known as the 'Rules of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire'. These rules are registered with the Charity Commissioners under number 237755.

### **OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY**

Under the rules of the Society, its objects shall be to promote and foster the study of the history, archaeology and antiquities of Nottinghamshire for the public benefit and to promote and foster public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Nottinghamshire's history generally.

### **ADDRESS FOR ENQUIRIES**

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### **TRUSTEES**

The members of Council are considered to be the Trustees of the Society. Details of membership of Council are shown on page 2.

### **MAIN ADVISORS**

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### **FUNDS**

The General Fund is used for the general furtherance of the aims of the charity. In order to achieve the aims of the Record Section, the Society has the power to print original historical materials, records and manuscripts. The residue from the Maurice Barley, Nora Witham, Myles Thoroton Hildyard and Neville Hoskins funds has now been incorporated into the General Fund. The Coddington Fund supported the William Senior Record Series volume, the Centenary Fund the Heritage Gateway and the Davis Bequest enabled accessibility to the Nottinghamshire Bibliography. Now the above funds are expended all necessary expenditure is now met from the General Fund.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

### **INTRODUCTION AND CHAIR'S REPORT**

Welcome to the Thoroton Society's annual report, which provides information for members on the organisation and activities which have taken place. We ran the usual range of activities including lectures and excursions, but members were also engaged in research (both historical and archaeological), conservation and heritage. Our much cited Heritage Gateway continues to grow, as does our Nottinghamshire Bibliography. We keep in touch with members through our quarterly newsletter, which is now being edited by Paul Baker. The major challenge which we have yet to tackle is the digitisation of back numbers of *Transactions*.

I am particularly grateful to the officers for their hard work ensuring that these various

activities take place. At the Council meeting in May 2019, Richard Gaunt was elected Vice-Chair of the Society, with a view to his succeeding me in due course. Barbara Cast, our Honorary Secretary, will also be stepping down. In the second half of 2019 Standing Committee spent time rethinking roles within the society, and the changes will be outlined at the AGM in April 2020.

John Beckett, Chair of Council

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

The Society's Council met three times in 2019, meeting in our usual venue of Lenton Grove, courtesy of the University of Nottingham. Council has responsibility for overseeing the Society's business, finance and development and the Council's officers, and those representing the Society on various organisations, report to Council at meetings. The Standing Committee, established by Council and consisting of the officers, meets on a regular basis and reports to Council at each meeting. It has responsibility for the day to day business of the Society, the planning of its programme and detailed consideration of initiatives such as the Geoffrey Bond and Thoroton Research Grant. Members of Council and its officers are elected at the AGM for a period as set down in the Constitution: it is anticipated that all members of Council will be involved in the business of the Society and, to this end, many of them take on specific roles and attend all meetings of Council.

Barbara Cast, Honorary Secretary

## HONORARY TREASURER'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019

The Society's finances continue to be satisfactory. Subscription income amounted to £10,805 with an additional amount of £2,409 received in 2019 for 2020 subscriptions. Sales of Records Series books came to £1,633, with both the *Welbeck Atlas* and the *Newstead Abbey* volumes continuing to be in demand. Sales of *Transactions* were strong, bringing in £693. The bookstall at the lecture meetings raised £161. Thanks are due to the bookstall team of Margaret Trueman, Penny Messenger and Philip Jones for their endeavours. The Excursions this year made a negligibly small loss of £79. Thanks are due to Alan Langton for his excellent management of these enjoyable occasions. The Spring Meeting/ AGM and the Annual Luncheon each made a small surplus. Thanks are due to our Honorary Secretary, Barbara Cast, for her admirable organisation of these very important annual events. . A publication grant of £630 was received from Oxford Archaeology East for its paper in Volume 122 of *Transactions* on early Iron-Age enclosures at Elton-on-the-Hill. The Society received £57 from the Publishers' Licensing Society for reproduction of Thoroton Society copyright material. The level of Gift Aid received was considerably enhanced to £2,302 as we were able to claim Gift Aid on the generous sponsorship of the Geoffrey Bond Research Award over the last four years. Interest on our investment at National Savings and Investments was £475, up slightly from £428 in 2018. At the end of the financial year, the General Fund stood at £19,073 and the Records Section Fund at £46,532. The total assets of the Society came to £65,479 after allowing for £127 in uncleared 2019 cheques.

John Wilson, Honorary Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2019

I am pleased to report that membership has increased this year, with a steady stream of new members. A number of the new members opted for Records Series membership in addition to Ordinary membership.

Comparative membership numbers	2019	2018
Individual members	216	195
Individual members with Record Series	85	82
Associate members	54	54
Life members	5	9
Life members with Record Series	4	
Student members	2	3
Student members with Record Series	2	
Honorary members	2	3
Record series only	2	4
<b>Total individual members</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>350</b>
Institutional members	16	14
Institutional members with Record Series	56	52
Institutional members – Record series only	2	2
<b>Total institutional members</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Final total</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>418</b>
Total Record Series	151	140

John Wilson, Honorary Membership Secretary

## PUBLICATIONS

### Transactions

At the Thoroton Society AGM in April 2019, as is usually the case, the new edition of the *Transactions of the Thoroton Society* was published – we had reached Volume 122. In this volume were five archaeology articles, along with Dr Christopher King's annual report on the state of play on archaeology in the county. The history articles totalled seven this year, covering the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. It may well be the improvements in printing techniques that there were over 100 maps, tables and illustrations in this volume: just over half of these were pictures.

Once again the Publications Committee met in November 2019 on the city Campus of Nottingham Trent University to discuss, amongst other things, the next volume, number 123, due out in April 2020, and the progress of future volumes of the Records Series: a new volume in the series is also due out in early 2020. The editors take this

opportunity to thank their colleagues on the publications committee for their unerring work over the past year.

Martyn Bennett, Honorary Transactions History Editor

## **Record Series**

Volume 49 of the Record Series - *The Nottinghamshire Churches Notes of Sir Stephen Glynne 1825-1874* - is due for publication during 2020. It is an edition of architectural notes compiled by Glynne (1807-1874), a Welsh landowner and antiquarian, during his extensive travels throughout England. The notes, in 'Pevsner' style, cover over one hundred of the ancient parish churches of the county and are invaluable for recording features lost during later Victorian restorations and rebuilding. They were transcribed and edited by Dr Lawrence Butler, who unfortunately died before he had completed a full introduction, but enough of his material has survived to merit publication; this is now being edited by Professor John Beckett. The volume will be illustrated by selected modern and historical photographs.

Future volumes in active preparation include:

*Nottinghamshire Surveyed: a Descriptive Catalogue of pre-1700 Maps and Plans of Nottinghamshire Estates*. This is being compiled by Stephanos Mastoris, editor of the recent edition of *The Welbeck Atlas* (vol 47), and will be a detailed catalogue of over eighty early manuscript maps held by archives repositories throughout the country.

*Lost Churches and Chapels of Nottinghamshire*. A gazetteer of lost places of worship of all denominations known to have existed between Mediaeval and Victorian times.

*The Diary of Abigail Gawthorn of Nottingham 1751-1810*. This is a reprint of the text of the diary of a fashionable Georgian lady, first published by the Society in 1980, will contain a revised and extended introduction and also be illustrated with contemporary engravings of Georgian society and Nottinghamshire views. Publication had been delayed by the technical challenge of renumbering the 6000+ existing index entries to reflect the new pagination of the extended text. Conventional digital 'find-and replace' methods proved inadequate but the issue has now been solved by constructing a customized programme.

Adrian Henstock, Honorary Record Series Editor

## **Newsletter**

Four issues of the Newsletter have been published this year as usual. The autumn edition was edited by your new Editor and comprised 28 pages but it is still agreed that there will be a maximum of twenty-four pages per issue. The winter edition was 20 pages. However, the actual number of pages is dependent on the material submitted. As far as possible, the layout of the Newsletter follows a standard pattern, with a large



colour picture on the front cover. When there have been events such as the AGM and Spring Meeting and excursions to report, a centre-fold of pictures is published. There will also be a picture on the back cover too in future editions.

There will be closer scrutiny for the mistakes or misprints which seem to occur between the final proof read copy and the version printed by Adlards, our printers. A printed copy will be given a final proof reading before the final printing run takes place to remove any late errors caused during the setting up process. The winter edition received a number of very positive comments from members - it is always good to get feedback.

Printing costs are high, but this is justified by the 'impact factor' of the publication, and paper costs have increased this year. Mailing of the Newsletter is carried out by a company in Derby. It is hoped to ensure that local libraries receive copies.

The editor always welcomes contributions from members of the Society, which should be sent to [editor@thorotonsociety.org.uk](mailto:editor@thorotonsociety.org.uk). Please note that any large contributions will be passed on to the Editors of Transactions if considered too large or not appropriate for the Quarterly Newsletter.

Paul Baker, Honorary Newsletter Editor

## **GEOFFREY BOND AND THOROTON RESEARCH AWARD**

The Geoffrey Bond Research Award has now been active for five years and continues to attract some interesting and worthwhile applications. The Society is most grateful for Mr Bond's generous support in funding this award. In 2016 it was decided by the Society to double the amount available from its own funds.

The selection panel, chaired by John Beckett, decided that the awards in 2019 be made to three applicants: £792 to Scott Lomax for the analysis of Nottingham horn cores as part of his PhD; £476 to Victoria Owen for bioarchaeological research at St Nicholas Church graveyard plus documentary research on residents; and £732 to Val Wood for research and publication on nursing in the County.

There is a requirement for those receiving grants to provide articles on the outcomes of their research for the newsletter and, subject to editorial processes, there may be future articles in the Transactions.

Applications from members undertaking research are very welcome.

John Beckett, Barbara Cast and Richard Gaunt, adjudicating panel

## **THOROTON RESPONSE GROUP**

An early request for support in this year was from a member regarding the imposition of fees for examining items in City museum collections for research purposes. Enquiries were made to the City Council regarding this which seemed to be an impediment to



research and particularly inappropriate as a large number of items in the collections had been given to the City Council in order that they be safeguarded for future public access and viewing. Response was received from the City Council explaining the financial reasons for this: so far, it is understood that the practice continues.

The threat of demolition to the Majestic Cinema on Woodborough Road was brought to the Society's attention and representations were made to the City Council. This is a rare survival of popular culture from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, having been built in 1929 by an eminent Nottingham cinema architect, Alfred Thraves: much of the interior décor survives. The fate of this building has still not been determined.

Concern about the condition of 33 Castle Gate in Nottingham was brought to our attention. On enquiry, the City Archaeologist was able to provide information on what was being planned, including a building survey and archaeological watching brief, both of which were subsequently completed.

Work on the remains of the Robin Hood Hotel in Newark is now underway – a very long saga, the results of which may be a compromise, hopefully not too unsatisfactory.

We were also informed of the deteriorating state of Bonington House in Arnold by members of Arnold Local History Society and the appropriate officer of the County Council was contacted. This is a matter which may need our ongoing support.

Finally, Professor Beckett has kept Council informed on the developing situation relating to the future of Laxton which, it is hoped, may be reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

As ever, please contact me if you have concerns regarding threats to historic buildings or sites.

Barbara Cast, Coordinator, Response Group

## **THOROTON RESEARCH GROUP**

Two meetings were held in 2019 when members were encouraged to report on their current studies – a selection follows:

- A transcription of the Stapleford Constables' Accounts for the years 1650 to 1685 is underway. Many of the entries related to travellers passing through the parish; the accounts also indicated that men had been sent from the village to help to demolish Nottingham Castle.
- A volunteer at the Lyme Park found the grave of Ibrim Abderazak, a Nubian slave belonging to the Gedling Rector, Charles Smelt, who had received the slave in exchange for a sword circa 1813.
- Trent Navigation Gauging Tables had been transcribed and these would be a useful resource for future research. Members were directed to the Chatsworth

Servants' Database at [www.chatsworth.org](http://www.chatsworth.org), another useful reference source.

- Research is ongoing as to why a statue of Huntington Shaw (1660-1710), a Nottingham blacksmith, appears on the façade of the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.
- Research is underway on a local author, Elinor Mordaunt, born at Cotgrave Place, Cotgrave.
- Research also on a Nottingham family of clock and watch makers. Joseph Kirk, and his daughter Ann. Her son, Nathaniel Kirk Piggott, also became a clock and watch maker and eventually took over the family business. There is a fine longcase clock by Joseph Kirk in Sudbury Hall, Derbyshire (National Trust). A gold watch by Ann Piggott (née Kirk), signed on the movement by her, was sold by McTear's of Glasgow in 2019 for £1,300.
- The later history of Wollaton Hall and Park c.1680 to 1925, and Lord Lovell are also subjects for ongoing research.

Some of the research topics may form papers for submission to the Society's Newsletter or the *Transactions*, subject to editorial processes. New members of the group are always welcome. Please contact John Wilson at [treasurer@thorotonsociety.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@thorotonsociety.org.uk) if you are interested.

John Wilson, Coordinator, Research Group

## **THE THOROTON SOCIETY WEBSITE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BIBLIOGRAPHY ONLINE**

Website statistics for 2019 show that every month an average of 1,600 unique visitors viewed 11,300 pages. The number of visitors is down from last year (the figure was then 1,957 per month) but they seem to be viewing more pages (the average was 9,737 per month last year). The most viewed sections of the website continue to be 'Events', 'About us' and 'Publications'.

Most people found our website by searching with *Google*. Some of the more unusual search phrases used last year were 'amiable lady boots' (what are they?!), 'how did henry kirke white die in 1806' (died of consumption aged just 21) and 'george brough cremation' (George Brough was motorcycle racer born in Basford in 1890 but I've no idea whether he was cremated or not).

*The Nottinghamshire Bibliography Online* continues to increase in size and now holds around 12,300 entries (Michael Brook's original bibliography published in 2002 has around 8,700).

Andy Nicholson, Thoroton Society Webmaster

## THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HERITAGE GATEWAY

Website statistics for 2019 reveal that every month an average of 3,160 unique visitors viewed 18,200 pages. The most viewed entries over the course of the year were 'Railways', 'Retailing', 'World War Two', 'Canals', 'Coal', 'Retford' and 'Albert Ball VC'. So visitor numbers are good but it is unsure how they compare with previous years. However, it looks as though we are getting the 'visitors', with an interesting choice of viewings; it is to be speculated if they are connected to taught history in schools.

Denise Amos, Heritage Gateway Coordinator

## SOCIETY EVENTS IN 2019

### Excursions

It is pleasing to report another year of successful excursions to places which had not been part of the Society's itinerary hitherto. Our first outing in May was led by Ceril Little and Adrian Henstock, who both knew the area of our visit very well. Ashover Church is a beautifully restored and maintained building, containing the tomb of the Babington family, as well as a significant font and oak reredos. The tiny chancel of Ault Hucknall church is a significant piece of history. The church also contains the tombs of Anne, Countess of Devonshire and of the philosopher Thomas Hobbes. Lunch was enjoyed at Bolsover Castle before an excellent talk and the opportunity to wander around the castle buildings.

Our June excursion was a first for the Society – a tour around the area of Sherwood Forest in a red vintage London Transport bus, with a geological and historical commentary en route. The tour included Rufford, Wellow, Blidworth and Edwinstowe. We had lunch at the new visitor centre by the Major Oak and walked to see the tree, then continuing through Cuckney and Church Warsop to the site of King John's Palace and then finally to Newstead Abbey. A fascinating trip for a warm summer's day.

In July members visited Bletchley Park. After an initial explanatory talk, we had the rest of the day free to wander wherever we wished in order to see the large range of work which had taken place here during the war. Even if members had previously been to Bletchley, reorganisation has ensured that there is now much more to see. Exhibitions of equipment, photographs and accommodation give a mind-blowing experience of just how much was achieved so secretly by such a vast team of very clever people.

The September excursion took us to Fotheringhay where we had an enthusiastic welcome by Bill James, who gave us a detailed account of the history of the beautiful church and of some of the people who have been associated with it, particularly Mary Queen of Scots. After lunch at the Falcon Inn we journeyed to Kirby Hall, where Pete Smith had done considerable work with English Heritage to restore what had been a ruined building into a most interesting historic stately house. When Kirby Hall was originally built in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it is clear that the owners were determined to make their mark in the fashionable society of the day.

As an extra-special visit, a very pleasant afternoon was spent in June by thirty Society members at the home of one of our Thoroton members, Mr Geoffrey Bond of Burgage Manor at Southwell. Mr Bond has given considerable time and effort to restore this one-time home and garden of Lord Byron and his mother. The house now possesses an excellent exhibition of the life and work of Lord Byron, and the garden is a delightful recreation of that of an upper class Victorian household. The Society is most grateful to Mr Bond for his kindness in welcoming us in this way, and to Mrs Bond for providing tea for our visit.

Alan Langton, Honorary Excursions Secretary

### **Lectures and Presentations**

Our year opened with Council member James Wright giving the *Norah Witham Lecture* on the topic of Ralph, Lord Cromwell. Ralph was born into a local family based in Lambley but, through shrewd connections and associations, became one of the most powerful people of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, owning both Tattershall Castle and Wingfield Hall. In February, the *Maurice Barley Lecture* saw Paul Everson and David Stocker giving another of their intriguing presentations, this time on the Viking-Age stone sculptures which they had been researching in the East Midlands. We ended the winter season with the *Myles Thoroton Hildyard Lecture* and Maureen Taylor telling us the story of Codnor Castle and the De Grey family, their service at Agincourt and their connections with Bess of Hardwick.

The new winter season began with the *Archaeology Lecture*, given by the brand-new Chief Executive of the Nottingham Castle Trust, Sara Blair-Manning. Sara gave us an update on the work at the Castle as a prelude to future presentations on the archaeological discoveries that have been made, as well as giving us some further insights into the Trust's vision for the future of the Castle.

The 2019 *Nottinghamshire History Lecture* was given by Lucy Judd of Nottingham Trent University, describing the role of gender in the working practices 'below stairs' in many of the large houses in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. In our final presentation of the year, David Belbin used the *Neville Hoskins Lecture* to mark the centenary of the birth of local author, Stanley Middleton. David showed us how Stanley's local upbringing and early work as a teacher had influenced the range of his novels, along with his talent as an artist in later life. The presentation was also attended by Stanley's daughter, Penny, and her family who pointed out the connection between Stanley and Neville in their joint roles as Civil Celebrants at secular funerals.

David Hoskins, Honorary Lecture Secretary

## ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE COUNTY

### Highlights of Nottinghamshire Archaeology In 2019

Archaeological investigations have been reported on fewer sites in Nottinghamshire than in 2018, but these have nonetheless provided valuable additions to our knowledge of the county from the prehistoric to modern periods. Brief details of the most significant of these investigations are provided in this summary, which complements Scott Lomax's report on a year of unusually intense archaeological activity in the City. It has been compiled in consultation with Dr Christopher King, Honorary Editor (Archaeology) of the Society's *Transactions*. Further details of the projects listed below are provided in the summary of Archaeology in Nottinghamshire that is contained in Volume 123 of the Society's *Transactions*, together with reports on archaeological desk-based assessments in advance of building or other developments at Cropwell Bishop, Elkesley, Hucknall, Strelley, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Sutton Bonington.

**Methodist Chapel, Fosse Road, Brough** - Allen Archaeology Limited, on behalf of Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit, monitored construction work accompanying conversion to residential use of a chapel inside the Roman small town of *Crococalana*. Investigations revealed a disturbed drystone wall beneath an occupation layer yielding Roman pottery, ceramic building material and animal bone. These remains extended beyond the limit of excavation, suggesting further preservation of Roman remains within the proposed development area.

**Cromwell Quarry** - Trent & Peak Archaeology was commissioned by the Guildhouse Consultancy on behalf of Cemex UK Operations Ltd to undertake evaluation trenching and a borehole survey in the proposed southern extension of this sand and gravel quarry. The site extends across the Trent floodplain and the edge of the Holme Pierrepont Terrace, close to the site of a remarkable Anglo-Saxon timber bridge that was found during earlier quarrying activity. The investigations included the excavation of 68 boreholes and 12 trial trenches aimed at establishing the potential of the area for archaeological and palaeoenvironmental remains. A scatter of Roman pottery was retrieved from across the area, but excavations revealed only two features: a possible ditch and pit, both of uncertain date and character. The borehole survey revealed two large palaeochannels, visible prior to excavation on lidar images, but the age and character of the channels have yet to be established; three cores were retained for palaeoenvironmental assessment and dating. At least one borehole yielded a bog oak, but no evidence was obtained for an association with human activity.

**King's Clipstone** - Mercian Archaeological Services CIC continued its annual training field school in July and August 2019. Further excavations of a trench opened in 2018 revealed a compacted deposit of rubble interpreted as probably a wall foundation for a building, together with medieval pottery, roof slates, green glazed ridge tiles, window glass and small pieces of lead that could derive from lead working or the removal of lead came or other items during demolition. The building was interpreted as possibly part of the King's Houses: a medieval hunting lodge of Henry II which developed into a palace under later Plantagenet kings. No traces of clay or mortar floor material were recorded, but it was suggested that pebbles within a dirty sand deposit might represent

the remains of a robbed cobbled floor. The building appears to have been systematically demolished, including the robbing of roofing material, lead and probably flooring, most likely in the later 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century.

**Langford Quarry** - Trent and Peak Archaeology was commissioned by Tarmac to undertake archaeological stripping in advance of sand and gravel extraction. A series of small enclosures, ditches and possible structural beam slots were revealed on the southern edge of the final phase of stripping. This appeared to indicate a focus of occupation, dating mainly from the 2nd century AD. A large quantity of Romano-British pottery, particularly reduced coarse wares, was recovered, but little animal bone had survived the acid soil conditions. Particularly interesting finds included sherds of a samian bowl depicting gladiatorial scenes and a bronze finger-ring with a decorated silver setting. The excavations confirm the picture of dense Romano-British settlement in this area of the Trent Valley which has been compiled during excavations over the last fifteen years, with evidence of particularly intense activity in the Iron Age, Romano-British and Anglo-Saxon periods

**Sherwood Forest: National Nature Reserve Archaeology Survey** - Mercian Archaeological Services CIC continued a project aimed at recording archaeological remains within the boundaries of the Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve, an area managed by the RSPB in partnership with the Sherwood Forest Trust, Thoresby Estate, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Woodland Trust. The survey includes the analysis and ground-truthing of lidar data, ground survey of extant earthworks and detailed study of historic mapping, air photographs and documentary sources. Field investigations this year have identified a wide range of surviving archaeological remains, including holloways, ridge and furrow, linear earthworks, boundary markers and a wide range of features associated with 20th-century military activity, including rectangular ammunition bunkers, slit-trenches, explosion craters and the tracks of tanks and other vehicles.

**St Peter's Church, Sibthorpe** - Matt Hurford Historic Buildings and Archaeological Services was commissioned by Sibthorpe Parochial Church Council to monitor ground disturbances during building work. The work was carried out in accordance with faculty requirements and followed the recommendations of Drs Chris Brooke and Mike Hawkes, the Diocesan Advisory Committee archaeological advisors. Excavations in the tower revealed a succession of former floors above the thirteenth century tower foundations of thinly coursed angular sandstone; associated Cistercian Ware sherds suggest that the earliest floor deposits could date to the fifteenth century, while the latest levels yielded pottery of Victorian age. The tower arch foundations contained brickwork, almost certainly laid in 1718/19, which was partially re-built during the restoration of the 1850s. Two trenches extending through the churchyard were also monitored; these revealed an upper layer of topsoil mixed with grave earth and, beneath this, small quantities of fragmentary skeletal material.

David Knight, Archaeology Rapporteur

## ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE CITY

The year 2019 was witness to an unprecedented amount of archaeological work within the city, with 32 fieldwork projects undertaken by seven archaeological contractors. Analysis of the results of these projects is ongoing and it is anticipated that papers will be prepared for the Transactions, for a number of the sites. The majority of the fieldwork took place within the city centre, with large-scale projects in advance of developments associated with major works along what is being referred to as the 'Southern Gateway' (these developments include the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre, the Broadmarsh Bus Station and Nottingham Castle). Other large excavations within the city centre were in advance of residential developments, including student accommodation.

Archaeological work at the castle has largely consisted of the monitoring of the installation of new services. Excavations for these have revealed medieval deposits as well as short lengths of medieval walls. In the Middle Bailey walls, which formed part of the Great Chapel, have been excavated and preserved, as has a stone-lined pit interpreted as a possible cesspit. Works in the former Boiler Room, which will form a new education space, revealed the entrance to a medieval undercroft. Unfortunately, thick concrete prevented further investigation. Within the lower basement, substantial structural remains of medieval date were revealed and have been preserved.

During monitoring of works at the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre, short lengths of medieval walls were revealed, as well as other remains of medieval and post-medieval date, details of which will be available following further analysis. Monitoring of groundworks at the new bus station revealed remains of the Greyfriar's boundary wall, which had been encountered during earlier evaluation in 2018. The wall will be protected within the new development.

Two adjacent sites on Canal Street, close to the London Road roundabout, revealed evidence of late medieval occupation adjacent to the former course of the River Leen. The most eastern site (the site of a former petrol station and more recently a car wash) revealed evidence of structural remains of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> century date. Pits associated with tanning and a fulling hearth were evidence of industrial activity. The adjacent site, which, prior to the development, was a car park, revealed extensive evidence of tanning of likely 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century date, with large numbers of clay-lined and wood-lined pits.

Excavation of a site on High Pavement revealed structural remains in the form of stone walls and post holes of late medieval date. The original entrance of a known cave was excavated and preserved. A pit contained metalworking waste, providing evidence of metalworking within the site, or in its immediate vicinity.

Hardscaping works to enlarge a car park at Stanford Street revealed large numbers of human skeletons. Unknown to the site owner, the car park was over what was the Lower Burial Ground of St Nicholas' church. Upon being informed of the works, they were immediately halted by the City Archaeologist, who carried out a small amount of excavation, with further excavation and exhumation of the individuals by an



experienced osteoarchaeologist. Analysis of the remains is ongoing and upon its completion the remains will be reinterred at an appropriate burial ground.

An excavation at the site of the former Red Cross building on Gregory Street, Lenton, revealed a number of pits and ditches, all of medieval date. These may be evidence that the site formed part of the area of the Martinmas Fair.

Scott Lomax, Nottingham City Archaeologist

## **PLANNING AND CONSERVATION IN THE CITY**

There is some good news - the Former Trent Bridge Tram Depot on Turney Street, in the Meadows, has just been listed Grade II. This action should hinder NCT's proposals to demolish some of the early buildings on the site which would have reduced them to a curtain wall enclosing the operational bus depot. The listing decision is in line with Historic England's recent focus upon other twentieth-century transport infrastructure - Barton's Bus Garage in Huntingdon Street is another example.

The long-standing planning application to demolish the former Majestic Cinema at 700 Woodborough Road and redevelop the site for housing seems to have stalled and is no longer being processed by the City Council. However, this does not necessarily mean the future of the former cinema is safeguarded yet. So far Historic England has not listed the cinema despite its reasonable state of preservation and very unusual design, being built into a steep hillside with the main entrance from the top.

### **Major Developments around Nottingham Station and Southside**

The scale of new buildings under construction and in the pipeline around Nottingham station will undoubtedly change the environment around the Grade II\* listed station. Buildings from nine to twelve storeys are becoming the norm. Unity Square, the HMRC office building outside the station entrance has set the tone, which continues in the construction of the student accommodation in Station Street adjacent to the tram route. On the Queen's Road side of the station new offices and apartment buildings will occupy sites adjoining the tram viaduct approaching the station tram stop from the south, whilst the view from Platform 7 will be dominated by a nine storey apartment scheme on the open car park site next to the existing multi storey car park. In longer views approaching the Station, a twelve-storey tower is proposed fronting Sheriff's Way, which currently does not have permission, whilst on Queen's Drive/Wilford Rd, the former Plumb Centre site has permission for nine storeys of student accommodation soon to be joined by another towering twelve storeys across Traffic Street. Whilst there is to be some slight reduction in height where these blocks face towards the Meadows, the overall effect of all these bulky buildings will be to close off longer views into the city centre from the Meadows and the principal approach routes, whilst diminishing the landmark impact of the station clocktower.

### **Lost Causes**

The Gala Bingo Club (the Former Dance Hall) on St Ann's Well Road, an Edwardian

building, has been demolished and is to be replaced by a large student housing development facing the edge of the Sneinton Market Conservation Area. Meanwhile the former Housing Aid office at 153 Lower Parliament Street, an Art Deco building on the corner of Lower Parliament Street, Huntingdon Street and Boston Street, is under threat. Unfortunately, the City Council intends to clear the site of all the buildings before disposing of it for development. The Civic Society has objected to the building's demolition ahead of any development proposals because the Housing Aid building forms a group with the Victorian factory buildings opposite which still convey some sense of Nottingham's Victorian and early twentieth-century character just beyond the Sneinton Market Conservation Area. The decision to allow the demolition is expected shortly.

To finish with some good news

**Local List Consultation** - The process of getting some formal recognition for the heritage merits of buildings on the Local List, as opposed to those which already have statutory protection, has finally taken a step forward with the City Council carrying out consultation on the first tranche of buildings considered by a Panel, including a Civic Society representative, to merit Local List status. The Panel is concentrating on buildings outside conservation areas first as, without any protection from the planning system, they are at the greatest risk of demolition. As part of this process, the Council is setting up a system whereby members of the public can put forward individual buildings as suitable candidates, supplying the necessary background information and justification, by filling in the details online. This new system is promised to be up and running in February 2020. We do not yet know the extent of protection that will be secured for Local List buildings but getting the Local List formally recognised by the City Council is a good start.

### **Heritage Action Zone**

Funds are being offered to replace unsightly shopfronts with designs more suitable to the architecture of the original buildings within three city centre conservation areas. There are a number of good schemes in the pipeline including one which will refurbish the street frontage to the Lower Parliament Bus Depot at Nos. 2-24 Southwell Road within the Sneinton Market Conservation Area. The results when complete should represent a considerable enhancement to the appearance of that conservation area. Additionally, the NEP reports that there are similar plans to revamp the shopfronts in Wheeler Gate

Hilary Brindley Vice-Chair (Planning) Nottingham Civic Society

## **NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY**

In addition to its usual programme of heritage walks and talks, and work in campaigning for the preservation of the built heritage of Nottingham, the civic society has been busy commemorating local notables. During the summer of 2019 the society unveiled five of its heritage plaques: at the former home of Stanley Middleton on Caledon Road; on the Birkin Building in the Lace Market; on 'The Playwright' public house, North Sherwood Street, commemorating the foundation of Nottingham Forest there in 1865; at Stockhill estate, to mark its centenary and its importance in the provision of social housing; and at Shire Hall to commemorate Eric Irons, the country's

first black JP, who sat there as a magistrate. The Keith Train lecture was delivered in October 2019 by Elain Harwood and considered “Art Deco Architecture in the 20th Century”. Early in 2020, Tom Huggon, the society’s long-serving President, was given the honour of having a ‘Nottinghamian Celebration Ale’ named after him, created by Castle Rock Brewery.

Richard A Gaunt, Nottingham Civic Society Representative

## **NOTTINGHAM HERITAGE PANEL**

Work has advanced on the formation of a Heritage Partnership, which will feed in ideas and issues for the Heritage Panel to consider. A campaign is in progress to promote the Heritage Partnership in communities throughout the city. There has also been substantial work on the local list. Nottingham City Council adopted the principle of holding an adopted Local List and a selection panel, made up of Council officers and the Nottingham Civic Society, has assessed over 100 entries on the Civic Society’s existing Local List against the Adopted Criteria to make sure recommendations to add entries to the adopted list are rigorous. The plan is for a web-based application form to be made publicly available so that anybody can make nominations for additions to the Local List. This would also show all entries and nominations on the council’s online mapping system.

Richard A Gaunt, Nottingham Heritage Panel Representative

## **NOTTINGHAM CASTLE TRANSFORMATION**

The City Council has announced that the re-developed site should be re-opened in the early spring of 2021. The opening will be the centrepiece of a year of heritage-based commemorations across the city. Developments on the project can be monitored through the regular electronic newsletter issued by the transformation programme. Building and conservation work has been completed on schedule and the project will move to gallery fit-out during 2020. Supporting audio-visual and other installations will also be developed during the remainder of the transformation programme. During the course of 2019, the Thoroton Society heard an update from Sara Blair-Manning, CEO of Nottingham Castle Trust, about plans for the site and were impressed with her willingness to address so many issues raised by the audience, despite having only been in the role for a few weeks. We look forward to working with Sara and her colleagues, as the relaunch draws near.

Richard A Gaunt, Nottingham Castle Transformation Project Representative

## **VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

The Nottinghamshire Victoria County History group continues to meet regularly at Nottinghamshire Archives. Work on Rushcliffe Wapentake Southern Division, which will form Volume III of the Nottinghamshire History, is almost complete and is scheduled for publication in 2021. This will be the first volume for the county to be published since 1910. Work is continuing on the northern division of Rushcliffe and

some parishes in Broxtowe wapentake. Towards the end of 2019 we took part in an initiative to mark the 120th anniversary of VCH. Each active county was asked to fill a red box file with objects reflecting our county. After discussion we came up with 21 items which just fitted into the box. They ranged from a Robin Hood hat to samples of coal, gypsum, lace and framework knitting. There was also a copy of the opening page of the score of (Hucknall-born) Eric Coates's *The Dambusters' March* and a postcard of *Pilgrim Country*. The box and its contents can be found on the VCH website under the tab 'Red Boxes Gallery', where you can scroll down to Nottinghamshire. We hope that Thoroton members feel we presented the county well.

Philip Riden and Sheila Leeds

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST**

Over the last year, the NBPT has been active in a number of areas.

The story of the Robin Hood Hotel in Newark has moved on. An approved scheme with Travelodge set to occupy the site has resulted in a disappointing facade scheme finally starting on site: to date most of the remains of the listed buildings, except for the front wall on to the highway, have been demolished, "in line with the approved scheme", and will be rebuilt using original demolished materials. The continued listing of the buildings must now be in doubt with delisting a strong possibility.

The NBPT were involved in the fate of Auld Cottage in Norwell, and as a result of purchase by a local resident, it can be reported that works on site are progressing well and its future seems in good hands.

The NBPT continues to monitor the future for Ollerton Hall, but this rests very much in the hands of the owner, Newark and Sherwood District Council. Progress this year has resulted in a short-list of three interested parties in contention for the appointment as chosen developer.

More recently the NBPT was contacted in connection with Hockerton Village Hall. The first visit was somewhat precarious with caution needed to avoid falling through the rotting floor. As a result of a combination of NBPT advice and the hard work of local people the hall is now back in use with splendid new front doors, and a new floor! More work is still needed though to provide much-needed toilets and kitchen facilities.

Again, the NBPT attended the annual Nottinghamshire Local History Fair, along with the Thoroton Society and an increasing number of local amenity groups. Held at Mansfield Library, this event attracts an increasing number of visitors and interest.

During the year members were invited to visit the stained glass workshop of Mick Stokes in Wellow and later in November a talk by Keith Rodgers, the architect for a scheme of redevelopment of Kelham Hall. This was followed by an interesting look at those parts of Kelham Hall not accessible to the public when they were NSDC offices but are now empty prior to alteration works commencing. It is planned to repeat this

well-attended event and visit in the spring of 2020.

Work continued with volunteers from local villages on the update of the Vernacular Building Study. The HLF grant application for funding was unsuccessful but it is felt that a resubmission will be worthwhile. In the meantime, volunteers are carrying on with the work towards scanning the extensive 5000+ records.

The NBPT website at [www.nbpt.co.uk](http://www.nbpt.co.uk) has been updated with a new look and some of the fifty-plus years of archive material has been made available, with a searchable index of contents. Annual reports, together with newsletters which contain a wealth of informed articles, are available to read - help is needed to include the photographs and drawings archive.

Peter Duncan retired as planned at the AGM in November and returns to his bolthole in Scotland, with David Atkins taking over the role as chairman this year and, with the support of a couple of new committee members, a new impetus for the Trust has been established. The NBPT always welcomes new friends and supporters and offers advice in connection with Nottinghamshire heritage and buildings. It acknowledges the valuable assistance provided by the County Council officers, the Trustees, its administrator, sponsors, members and friends, particularly those interested in the vernacular buildings of Nottinghamshire.

Alan Wahlers, Hon Sec NBPT and Thoroton Society representative

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

2019 saw the usual range of NLHA activities starting with the Day School at Ravenshead on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, which took *Burning Issues* as its theme. The second Day School, on 19<sup>th</sup> October, featured four talks around the subject of *Historic and Sustainable Transport*. The Thoroton Society had a book stall at both of these meetings. Plans for the 2020 day schools will be published in due course.

There were three meetings in the Angel Row Forum series: one on Nottingham Council Housing; one on the contribution of the British West Indian Regiment to the First World War; and the final one for the year was by James Wright, a Thoroton Society member, on the excavations at Strelley Hall. These events are very well attended, with audiences usually in the region of 60-65 people. Unfortunately, the first of the series, colourfully entitled *Confessions of a Teenage Pop Idol*, had to be cancelled due to illness. The series will continue in 2020, though a new venue may have to be found due to the transfer of the Local Studies Library to a new site.

The Association continues to publish its twice-yearly *Nottinghamshire Historian* and a monthly electronic newsletter. Back copies of both can be found on the Association's website at [nlha.org.uk](http://nlha.org.uk). The monthly electronic newsletter is distributed to about 450 addresses (both members and non-members of the Association) and the Facebook page now has 1210 'likes'.

In addition to the usual events, NLHA was also involved in the annual *Inclosure Walk* organised by the Friends of the Forest and continues to host a number of History and Heritage Society websites at a very reasonable cost. Over the year, NLHA awarded grants to Nottingham Archaeological and Historical Association to assist with replacing equipment and a contribution towards a plaque commemorating the architect Robert Evans Jnr. in The Park. It also supported the publication of *East Midlands History and Heritage*. Overall, an interesting and active year.

Judith Mills, NLHA representative



**LUCY HUTCHINSON**

**BORN 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1620**



THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Charity number 237755  
 Receipts and Payments Account for the financial year 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

Receipts	General Fund	Records Section	Total	2018	Payments	General Fund	Records Section	Total	2018
Subscriptions 2019	9,059.00	1,746.00	10,805.00	9,520	Printing - Transactions	6,018.00		6,018.00	5,884
Next year's subs in advance	1,818.00	591.00	2,409.00	1,697	Printing - Newsletter	2,494.00		2,494.00	2,177
Sales - Record Series	64.00	1,568.50	1,632.50	1,621	Printing - other and stationery	383.14		383.14	390
Sales - Bookstall	161.20		161.20	148	Printing - Annual Report +AGM	312.00		312.00	371
Sales - Transactions	693.00		693.00	284	Record Series expenses				2,190
Sales - other	220.00		220.00	58	Cost of Lectures	781.00		781.00	434
Excursions	3,920.00		3,920.00	5,596	Cost of Thoroton Excursions	3,999.08		3,999.08	5,326
Geoffrey Bond Research Award	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000	Bookings for next year	250.00		250.00	-
Spring Meeting and AGM	423.50		423.50	515	Cost of Spring Meeting and AGM	513.00		513.00	517
Annual Luncheon	1,440.00		1,440.00	2,620	Cost of Annual Luncheon	1,400.00		1,400.00	2,853
Interest on NS&I account	368.46	107.02	475.48	428	Geoffrey Bond Research Award	3,635.00		3,635.00	-
Gift-Aid	2,301.77		2,301.77	1,288	Postage &c	4,064.16		4,064.16	4,348
PLS fees	57.35		57.35	67	Website, NHG, Online Bibliography	310.86		310.86	298
Publication grants	630.00		630.00	187	Authors' Book Royalties (bookstall)				17
Miscellaneous incl. donations				56	Research Group	80.00		80.00	78
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,156.28</b>	<b>4,012.52</b>	<b>26,168.80</b>	<b>25,085</b>	Sponsorship EMHH				500
					Donation for Newstead Picture	250.00		250.00	-
Chairman JV Beckett					Accountant 2018 accounts	360.00		360.00	-
Dated 14.2.2020					BALH including Insurance	75.00		75.00	75
Treasurer JV Wilson					Membership fees other bodies	25.00		25.00	25
Dated 14.2.2020					Misc incl bank charges	237.00		237.00	45
Independent Examiner					Refunds of subscriptions	289.00		289.00	385
Dated 13.2.2020					<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,476.24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,476.24</b>	<b>25,913</b>

Chairman JV Beckett	
Dated 14.2.2020	
Treasurer JV Wilson	
Dated 14.2.2020	
Independent Examiner	
Dated 13.2.2020	



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting standards required by the Charities Commission for the Receipts and Payments method of accounting by charities.

The requirements of the Charities Commission document CC16b (September 2010) are complied with.

#### Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

The only Restricted fund is the Records Section fund.

#### Incoming and outgoing resources

Incoming and outgoing resources are accounted for on the Receipts and Payments basis.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on the Receipts and Payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Management and administration costs are those costs incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

	2019	2018
<b>Sales</b>	£	£
Record Series	1633	1,621
Transactions	693	284
Other sales	220	58
Bookstall (net)	161	131
	<b>2,707</b>	<b>2,093</b>

<b>Grants</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Page grants for papers in <i>Transactions</i>	630	187

Excursions and other functions	£	£	£
	Receipts	Expenses	surplus/deficit
2018 excursions and other functions	8,731	8,696	35
Excursions	3,920	3,999	- 79
Spring Meeting and AGM	524	513	11
Annual Luncheon	1,440	1,400	40
	<b>5,884</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>- 28</b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS / TRUSTEES OF THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

I report on the financial statements of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and Comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: A. Hodges

Dated: 17 February 2020

A. Hodges FICB PM.Dip  
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## **SPRING MEETING AND AGM**

Colston Bassett Village Hall, School Lane, Colston Bassett,  
NG12 3FD, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at 2.00pm

### **PROGRAMME**

Members are requested to arrive by 1.45pm in time to pick up their Transactions and to ensure a prompt start to the meeting

**2.00pm** Spring Meeting and AGM

**3.00pm** Lucy Hutchinson, Owthorpe and the Signing of the King's Death Warrant: Terms and Conditions Apply - presented by Professor Martyn Bennett

**3.45pm** Tea

**4.45pm** Visit to St John the Divine with talk on both Colston Bassett churches by Bunty Fletcher of the Colston Bassett History Group

**6.00pm** Visit and meeting concludes

The Transactions will be available before the meeting

Barbara Cast, Honorary Secretary



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society, as part of the Society's Spring Meeting, to be held at Colston Bassett Village Hall on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020, commencing at 2.00pm

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome by our President, Adrian Henstock
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> AGM held at Caunton Community Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, including the Honorary Treasurer's report, and a proposal by Council for the appointment of an Independent Examiner
6. To set subscription rates for the year 2021
7. Chair's remarks
8. Vice-Chair's remarks
9. To consider and approve a change to the Constitution
10. To elect officers of the Society and members of Council
11. Other business

## THOROTON SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Nominations for election to Council and for officers should be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than 7 days prior to the AGM. Each such nomination shall be signed by two members of the Society other than the nominee and shall bear the signed consent of the person nominated. Council shall have the power to make nominations for Council and for officers at any time before the Annual General Meeting

The Constitution, Rule 24

Council nominates for the year 2020-2021 the following officers:-

President	Adrian Henstock
Vice-Presidents	David Bagley Professor John Beckett Barbara Cast Sir Neil Cossons Keith Goodman
Honorary Secretary	Barbara Cast
Honorary Treasurer	John Wilson
Honorary Transactions Editor - History	Martyn Bennett
Honorary Transactions Editor - Archaeology	Christopher King
Consultant Editor & Record Series Editor	Adrian Henstock
Honorary Newsletter Editor	Paul Baker
<i>Assistant Secretaries as below</i>	
Honorary Administration Secretary	Rosemary Muge
Honorary Distribution & Sales Secretary	Robert James
Honorary Excursions Secretary	Alan Langton
Honorary Lecture Secretary	David Hoskins
Honorary Membership Secretary	John Wilson

Council nominates the following for election to Council for the year 2020-2021:-  
Mark Dorrington, Richard Gaunt, Ruth Imeson, David Knight, Hannah Nicholson, Peter Smith

(See separate slip for further nominations to Council or as officers of the Society)

**MINUTES OF THE 122<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HELD AT CAUNTON  
COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 2pm**

**PRESENT** 58 members

**1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

The President, Adrian Henstock, welcomed members to Caunton and said a few words on the focus of the meeting, Caunton and the involvement of Dean Samuel Reynolds Hole in the life of the village. Of special interest, he said, was the register of residents compiled by Revd Hole when he was the incumbent in Caunton which focused on their religious observance, noting who was affiliated to the various non-conformist congregations but which also included notable happenings in the village.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from 22 members.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the 121<sup>st</sup> AGM held at Calverton Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair, Professor John Beckett.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were none.

**5. ANNUAL REPORT AND HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Chair presented the annual report to the meeting. It recorded the activities and undertakings of the Society, its Council and officers over the past twelve months and it clearly demonstrated the amount of Society work and participation there was ongoing on the history and archaeology of the County. A number of those present commended the excellent presentation of the annual report.

In the Honorary Treasurer's absence Professor Beckett presented the accounts included in the annual report, and commented how well-kept and clear they were, thanks to the diligence and accuracy of John Wilson to whom the Society continued to be grateful.

IT WAS AGREED that the Annual Report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 be adopted and that Andrew Hodges be appointed the

Independent Examiner for 2019/20.

## **6. SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

It was recommended by Council that there be no increase in subscriptions in 2020. This was accepted by the meeting.

## **7. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Professor John Beckett, the Chair, began his remarks by thanking those attending the AGM, and the officers for their hard work in ensuring that the business of the Society was well managed.

He then continued by remembering those members of the Society who had died during the previous year. In particular he mentioned Pauline Miller, a faithful member and one-time Council member; Stephen Wallwork, also a long-time member; and Dr Rosalys Coope, former Council member since the 1950s, Chair of Council, President and Vice-President: he noted that her research on Newstead Abbey would be consulted for many years to come.

The Chair then stated that Judith Mills was retiring from the role of Membership Secretary and that Philip Jones was also retiring from Council but it was hoped that he would continue to staff the bookstall, along with Margaret Trueman and Penelope Messenger. It was anticipated that Paul Baker, nominated for Council, would become in due course the Newsletter Editor, allowing John Wilson more flexibility to take on Membership Secretary in addition to continue as the Society's valued Honorary Treasurer. He thanked the Transactions editors in their absence for another excellent volume which he looked forward to reading. Professor Beckett noted that the first Transactions article written by Professor Stanley Chapman had appeared in 1962 and another of his was in this volume, 56 years later. He reminded those present to make sure they collected their copies from Rob James, the Distribution and Sales Secretary.

The Chair informed members that it was likely that a volume in the Record Series would be published in the current year - this would be the Church Notes of Sir Stephen Glynne from his church visits in the nineteenth century; he commented that Sir Stephen had visited Cauntton Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1874, two months before his death.

Professor Beckett reminded members of the Geoffrey Bond Research Awards, the next round being due in the next few months and urged that anyone engaged in



research consider applying. The Research Group continued to meet twice a year. Those with concerns about planning or other heritage related matters were reminded that the Society made representations on such matters if informed, as stated in the Annual Report. He mentioned the disposal of Laxton by the Crown Estate and that the progress of this was being closely observed. It was noted that a condition of acquisition would be to retain the status quo including the open field system and the Manor Court. Only one interested party remained in contention from a considerable number of applicants.

In conclusion he gave special thanks to the Honorary Secretary for her efficiency in organising the Spring Meeting and AGM and throughout the year.

## **8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

The following were elected:-

- President - Adrian Henstock
- Vice-Presidents - Sir Neil Cossons, Keith Goodman and David Bagley
- Honorary Secretary - Barbara Cast
- Honorary Treasurer - John Wilson
- Honorary Editors - Martyn Bennett (History) and Christopher King (Archaeology)
- Consultant Editor and Records Series Editor - Adrian Henstock
- Honorary Newsletter Editor - to be confirmed at next Council meeting
- Honorary Distribution and Sales Secretary - Robert James
- Honorary Lecture Secretary - David Hoskins
- Honorary Excursion Secretary - Alan Langton
- Honorary Membership Secretary - John Wilson

David Crook, Trevor Foulds, Penelope Messenger and Margaret Trueman were re-elected to Council and Paul Baker and Judith Mills were elected to Council.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Annual General Meeting ended at 3pm and was followed by a most interesting account of the life and work of Dean Samuel Reynolds Hole, the bi-centenary of whose birth was being celebrated in 2019. It was given by His Honour Judge John Machin whose grandfather had been a friend of Dean Hole. As well as being the incumbent at Caunton for many years, Reynolds Hole (as he was known) was a noted expert and breeder of roses, having a number of roses named for him, and being a founder member of the National Rose Society. His circle of friends included John Leech, Charles Dickens and John Everett Millais. He became a popular preacher and

orator, including preaching in St Paul's fifty times, his key themes being the perils of drunkenness and the vital centrality of family and home life. In 1887 he was made Dean of Rochester. He died in 1904 and was buried in St Andrew's churchyard, Caunton.

During tea a tape recording of an interview between Rosalys Coope and Steph Mastoris was played.

After tea members visited St Andrew's Church, a Grade I listed building of great interest and beauty. Members were given a most interesting account of the church's architecture and history by local resident, Brian Robins.



## RUINED CHURCH OF ST MARY, COLSTON BASSETT



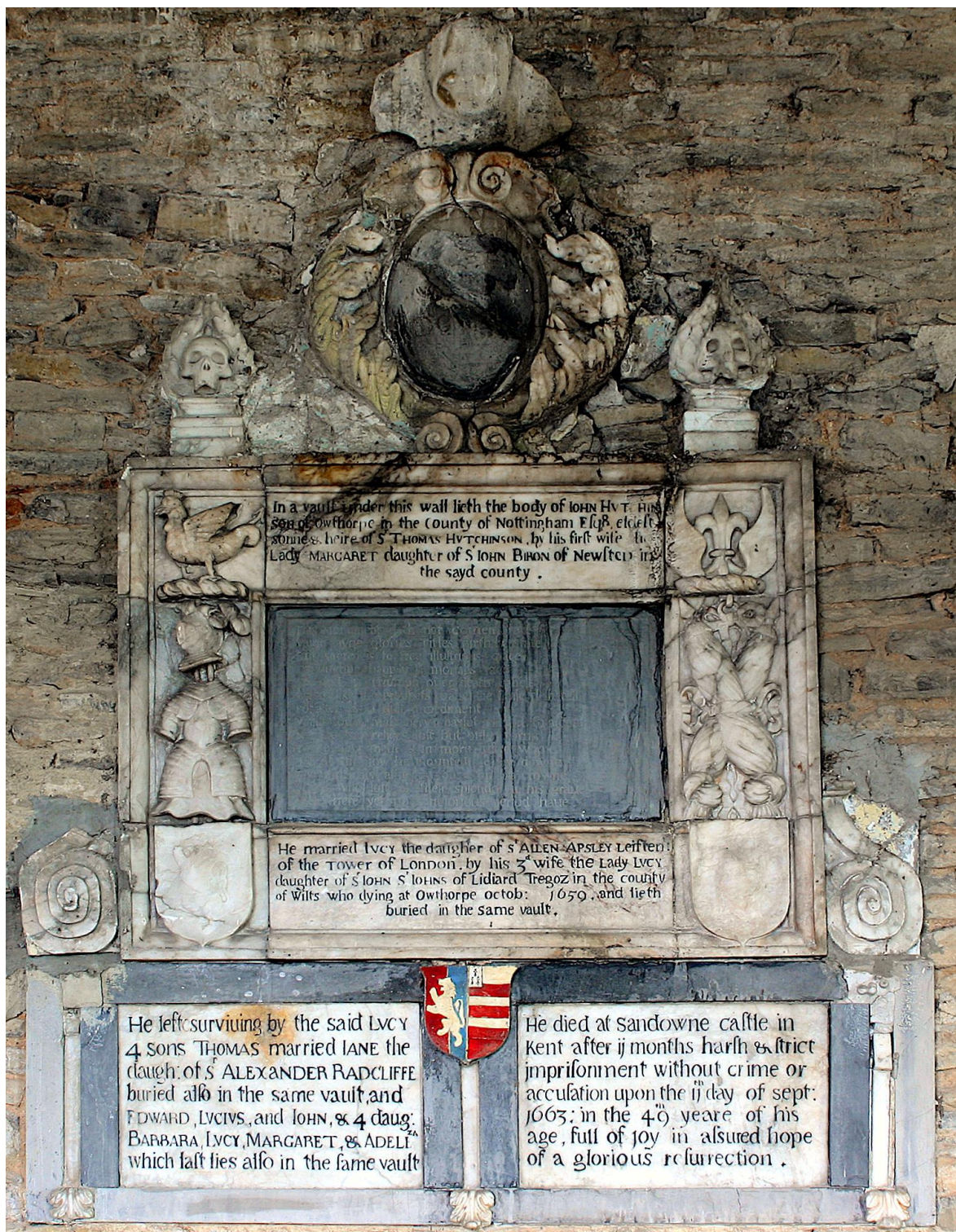


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# THE HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL

## CHURCH OF ST MARGARET

## OWTHORPE