

THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31st December 2018**



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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018

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.

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FUNDS

The General Fund can be 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 income from the Maurice Barley, Nora Witham, Myles Thoroton Hildyard and Neville Hoskins Funds is used for lectures. The Coddington Fund has generously supported the William Senior Record Series volume: the Centenary Fund is used for the Heritage Gateway and the Davis Bequest for accessibility to the Nottinghamshire Bibliography.

REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018

INTRODUCTION AND CHAIR'S REPORT

I am sorry to have to begin this annual report by noting the death on 26th December 2018 of our former President, Dr Rosalys Coope, who served on Council from the 1950s, and was both the first woman Chair of Council, and the first woman President. Many members of the Society attended her funeral at Epperstone, when her long term friend and adviser, Professor Maurice Howard of the University of Sussex, spoke in his tribute of the extraordinary range of Rosalys' architectural and art history interests. To the Thoroton Society, of course, she will always be remembered for her remarkable research work on Newstead Abbey.

During the year the Society ran its usual range of activities, including lectures and excursions, but also ranging through research (both historical and archaeological),

conservation, heritage, and also our much cited Heritage Gateway and Nottinghamshire Bibliography. I am particularly grateful to the officers for their hard work, and notably to our Honorary Secretary, Barbara Cast, who keeps us all on our feet.

I do hope you will read this report with interest and with enlightenment. For a relatively small society we undertake a great many activities, and have a significant presence in Nottinghamshire.

John Beckett, Chair of Council

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

The Society's Council met three times in 2018, 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 each meeting. The Standing Committee, appointed 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 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, most of them take on specific roles and attend all meetings of Council.

Barbara Cast, Honorary Secretary

HONORARY TREASURER'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2018

In spite of the Treasurer's best efforts, the Society is still far from bankrupt. Subscription income amounted to £11,217 and sales of books came to £1,621, with both the *Welbeck Atlas* and the *Newstead Abbey* volume continuing to be in demand. Sales of *Transactions* were strong, bringing in £284. Our bookstall at the Lecture Meetings raised £148. Many thanks are due to the Bookstall 'Team' – Margaret Trueman, Penny Messenger and Philip Jones – for their hard work at the meetings. The Excursions also turned in a surplus, this year of £270. A 'thank-you' is due to Alan Langton for his excellent management of these enjoyable occasions. The Spring Meeting and AGM broke even, but we sustained a small loss of £233 on the Annual Luncheon. This was because inadequate information was initially supplied by the caterers, and thanks are due to our Honorary Secretary, Barbara Cast, for solving difficulties encountered.

Early in 2018, the Basford Local History Society was wound up, and they donated £187 to the Society. It was agreed that this be used to defray printing costs of a future article in *Transactions* on the history of the Basford area. We also received £67 in royalties from the Publishers' Licencing Society for the photocopying of articles from Thoroton publications. During the year we reprinted the *Welbeck Atlas* at a cost of £2,190.

The 2018 payments to the winners of the Geoffrey Bond Research Awards will be made in early 2019. During 2018, we paid two sets of sponsorship (totalling £500) to the publication *East Midlands History and Heritage*. This covered our sponsorship for both 2017 and 2018, because the treasurer omitted to send the 2017 payment (O Mea Culpa – JW).

The level of Gift Aid has been maintained at £1,288 and interest on our investment at National Savings and Investments was £428, up from £292 in 2017. At the end of the financial year, the General Fund stood at £27,838.74 and the Records Section Fund at £37,087.10. The total assets of the Society, after taking into account uncleared cheques from 2018, came to £64,786.04.

John Wilson, Honorary Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2018

The number of individual memberships has fallen this year, probably due to the increase in the Annual Subscription which always results in a few members not renewing. This fall in numbers is exacerbated because in 2017 there was an exceptionally high number of new members and in reality membership numbers are now roughly the same as in 2016. Institutional membership has apparently fallen, probably because of a change in procedure for invoicing which may have led to some miscommunication – this is being pursued.

Comparative membership numbers	2018	2017
Individual members	195	215
Individual members with record series	82	86
Associate members	54	53
Life members	9	9
Student members	3	6
Honorary members	3	4
Record series only	4	3
Total individual members	350	372
Institutional members	14	12
Institutional members – with record series	52	59
Institutional members – record series only	2	2
Total institutional members	68	73
Final total	418	445

Total record series	140	150
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Judith Mills, Honorary Membership Secretary

PUBLICATIONS

Transactions

April 2018 saw the publication of volume 121 of the journal which was, as usual, distributed initially at the Annual General Meeting. This was a particularly well-illustrated volume, with over 70 plates as well as tables, etc. There were five archaeological articles alongside Dr Chris King's annual archaeology report. There were also five history articles ranging from the thirteenth to the nineteenth century.

The publications committee met in late November 2018 on the city Campus of Nottingham Trent University to discuss the forthcoming volume of *Transactions*, Vol 122, and the progress of the Records Series. The publication numbers for the former were set and the two editors were authorised by the committee to send a complete volume of the journal, alongside the PDFs and authors' copies of the relevant articles, to the chief authors. This was to be at the discretion of the editors, and would be put into practice with volume 122, due for publication in April 2019.

Once again the editors take this opportunity to thank their colleagues on the publications committee and to thank in particular those members who provided timely readers' reports on the submissions for Volume 122.

Martyn Bennett, Honorary Transactions History Editor

Record Series

The publication last year of volume 47 - *The Welbeck Atlas: William Senior's Maps of the Estates of William Cavendish Earl of Newcastle 1629-1640*, edited by Stephanos Mastoris – was well received by archaeologists and local historians. It is accompanied by a digital flash card containing full colour reproductions of over 80 maps of the Earl's estates in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Northumberland, Gloucestershire and Somerset, all viewable on screen to any desired scale. Copies of the first edition sold out rapidly but a few copies of a reprint are still available for purchase at £29.50 (see details on website).

Future volumes in active preparation include: *The Nottinghamshire Churches Notes of Sir Stephen Glynne 1825–1874*. An edition of architectural notes for over an hundred parish churches compiled by Glynne - a landowner and dedicated antiquarian from North Wales - on his extensive travels throughout England. Also *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* will be a reprint of the text of the diary of a fashionable Georgian lady first published by the Society in 1980. The new edition will contain a revised and

extended introduction illustrated with contemporary engravings of Georgian society and Nottinghamshire views.

Adrian Henstock, Honorary Record Series Editor

Newsletter

Four issues of the Newsletter have been published as usual. It has been agreed that we keep to a maximum of twenty-four pages per issue but the actual number of pages is dependent on the material submitted. Actual page numbers in 2018 were: spring no. 91, 20 pages; summer no. 92, 20 pages; autumn no. 93, 16 pages; winter no. 94, 24 pages. 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 Spring Meeting and the Excursions to report, a centre-fold of pictures is published.

Printing costs are high, but this is justified by the 'impact factor' of the publication. Mailing of the Newsletter is carried out by a company in Derby.

The editor always welcomes contributions from members of the Society, which should be sent to editor@thorotonsociety.org.uk.

John Wilson, Honorary Newsletter Editor

PLANNING AND CONSERVATION IN THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Replacement for the Central Library: Site preparation works have taken place and it is to be hoped that construction gets underway soon on the new Broadmarsh Car Park and Bus Station which also now incorporates the replacement Central Library for the city centre. The library plans made public so far show that the new space overall is at least equivalent to that in use at Angel Row at present. There will be two floors facing Collin Street and a single floor fronting Carrington Street above the Bus Station entrance. The new library entrance is positioned on the prominent corner of the building where Carrington Street and Collin Street intersect. However there is no information at this stage about the internal layout or the relative disposition of floorspace between the different library functions. The Civic Society supported the scheme as an accessible central location with the potential to benefit its immediate surroundings including the proposed new public square to be created when the eastern end of Collin Street is pedestrianised.

Student Accommodation in the City Centre: During the last year more large blocks of student accommodation have been approved. Southside around Nottingham Station has been a focus of attention with permissions granted for large buildings on Station Street by the tram viaduct, at Crocus Street/ Arkwright Street fronting the tram route and at Waterway Street West/ Queens Drive. Elsewhere in the city centre a scheme is underway at Talbot Street / Wollaton Street with further permissions granted to retain the former Gas Showroom as part of a new building at the corner of Lower Parliament Street/ Glasshouse Street. Whilst housing students in the city centre is generally a sustainable option and has certainly rejuvenated some Victorian industrial buildings,

the architectural design of some of these large new buildings leaves a lot to be desired!

New Offices in the City Centre: Unfortunately the Civic Society's attempt to secure the retention and refurbishment of Nos 11-19 Station Street opposite Nottingham Station was unsuccessful. Only Hopkinsons will remain of the earlier, smaller-scale historic fabric of Station Street. The new office building in conjunction with the tall student block referred to above will completely change the character of the canal towpath between the tram stop viaduct and the Carrington Street bridge with large buildings on both sides of the canal. However, compared with the embattled appearance of the Crown Court's canal frontage, at the least the new development will have windows overlooking the canal which will be of benefit to the community safety of towpath users.

At the time of writing, the January Planning Committee is being recommended to approve a very large pair of office buildings for the Government Office on the site of Sovereign House opposite Nottingham Station. In spite of objections from Historic England, the Civic Society and many Meadows residents, it seems likely that the Committee will be unable to resist the lure investment and jobs. Unfortunately the tall and very bulky buildings (12-15 storeys high with hardly a gap between them) would dominate not only the immediate Station Conservation Area but would also challenge the pre-eminence of Nottingham Castle, creating a distraction from Nottingham's iconic twin skyline features of the Castle on its rock outcrop and the Lace Market Cliff when viewed from 'the Southern Prospect'.

Listed Buildings: The City Council is seeking Heritage Lottery Funding for a welcome scheme at Peoples' Hall in Heathcoat Street in the Lace Market. It is proposed to convert the high status Georgian dwelling and later Victorian community building into offices for creative endeavours. Approval has also been given for another vacant Listed Building at Risk in the Lace Market - County House on High Pavement. The building has remained empty (and decaying) since the County Records Office moved to Castle Wharf many years ago. Developers are intending to renovate the complex of buildings into a Private Members' Club – similar to its original use as high-status living and entertaining accommodation. After a long history of increasing dereliction and the need for 'urgent repairs', the current scheme is very welcome indeed and it is to be hoped that work gets underway soon. Finally, the operators of the Colwick Hall Hotel have been granted permission for a free-standing Function Suite building to replace the awful (and unauthorised) 'temporary' marquee that has disfigured the principal elevation of Colwick Hall for too many years. The proposed building is to be sited to one side of the Hall and designed to be relatively unobtrusive. However the scheme is not without controversy for it would impact on some existing trees and would still be visible in views of the Hall's main elevation from the lake. However, the Committee Report stressed the need to support the applicant's weddings business in order to secure a viable future for the hotel use in the listed building.

Hilary Brindley Vice-Chair (Planning) Nottingham Civic Society

THOROTON RESPONSE GROUP

Beeston Town Hall was the subject of the first representation of 2018 when Broxtowe Borough Council signalled its intention to dispose of the building. It was considered that this handsome building could support any number of community events and facilities which would be most welcome to residents of Beeston and district and that the building itself was well worthy of retention in its current form as an example of a particular period and style of municipal building. The matter is still not resolved and the outcome of an offer for the building is awaited.

Following the long-standing consultations on the former Robin Hood Hotel in Newark, it was concluded that the most recent planning and listed building consent applications were as satisfactory as could be expected and had gone a long way to ensure that this important part of Newark's built history was retained as much as could be then expected. The Society's representation added the expectation that the planning authority would ensure that the work to the remaining listed parts was carefully conditioned to make sure that they were fully protected and secured during the work on the new build and that the parts to be retained were not compromised during construction work nor the planning provisions changed in the course of construction. It does not appear that the work is yet underway.

This Society also sent representations to the City Council on its plans for the new Central Library which is to be part of the Broadmarsh redevelopment, stressing especially that the valued services of the Local Studies Department should be maintained and developed.

Finally this year, the proposal of the Crown Estate to sell the village of Laxton has been carefully monitored by the Society's Council, not with the intention to oppose the sale as such, but to make sure that the terms and conditions ensured the survival of the historic features of the village and its farming system. Several expressions of interest have been received and we await the outcome.

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

Barbara Cast, Coordinator, Response Group

GEOFFREY BOND AND THOROTON RESEARCH AWARD

The Geoffrey Bond Research Award has now been active for four 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 2018 be made to three applicants. Bassetlaw Christian Heritage was awarded £1000 to continue its project to identify, research and document information on the unique part the Bassetlaw

area played in Christian history, archaeologist Tom Keyworth received the sum of £635 for a non-invasive investigation at Lodge Farm, Burton Joyce and to Jenny Sissons received £350 for research into the county's mediaeval monastic sites.

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 RESEARCH GROUP

The Thoroton Research Group was set up to encourage members of the Society to carry out research into local history and to disseminate their findings. Two meetings were held in 2018 at which Research Group members described their current studies. Topics discussed included:

- Data protection and copyright issues for members publishing their work.
- An unusual sundial, the Benoy Sundial, an example of which is in the grounds of the British Horological Institute at Upton. The Benoy dial has a fluid-filled tube instead of a standard gnomon. The time is read by the focussing of a beam of light onto the dial.
- The continuing story of the PoW camp at Sutton Bonington and the escape of German prisoners of war from the camp in September 1917.
- Emigration of people from Nottingham to Canada in the 1880s, and the reasons for this.
- The survey of the cottages of Wollaton Village was being continued and extended.

We also noted and discussed the following local issues:

- Further studies carried out on Francis, Viscount Lovell, although it had not been possible to make a positive identification of the memorial stone in Gedling Church as that of Lovell, as a photographic survey of the putative tomb had been inconclusive.
- 2018, the centenary of the publication of the first book on birth control by Marie Stopes. Studies had begun into early local birth control clinics in Nottingham.
- 2018, the centenary of the explosion at the National Shell Filling Station at Chilwell. Around 130 people had been killed. The explosion took place at 7.12pm on 1st July 1918, a hot, sultry day. Various commemorations of the event would be taking place. There had been rumours that people had been urged to leave their homes quickly and move away, possibly because of chemical weapons in the munitions that exploded. The Met. Office Archives were to be contacted for information on the weather conditions that day.
- Further research being carried out on the gardens at Newstead Abbey; in particular the Fern Garden which has a wall, now Grade II listed, that contains a number of recessed terra-cotta bricks. These are Watsonian Patent Fern Bricks,

very rare, which were used for growing and displaying specimen ferns in ceramic dishes.

- Celebrations planned for the forthcoming bicentenary of the Mansfield and Pinxton Railway in 2019. This is the oldest railway in continuous use in England. The present Robin Hood Line lies close to the original track route. The history of the line was to be brought up to date. An archaeological survey was to be carried out in an area of Portland Park in Kirkby-in-Ashfield, to check the site of the line through there and to determine the nature of the substrate and the original structure of the line. The groups involved with the railway had been awarded a Heritage Lottery grant of £89,600 for the bicentenary work. The award was one of only three successful bids out of thirty-five submissions.
- The Women's History Group carried out a re-enactment of the 1913 Pilgrimage for Women's Suffrage, organised by the Suffragists, to London. The re-enactment took place at Pleasley Hill, assisted by 150 children from the Farmilo School. In addition, the Group had obtained permission for a plaque to accompany the juniper tree planted in the Arboretum as a memorial to the suffragette Helen Kirkpatrick Watts.
- A study being carried out on the street names of Cotgrave. Many of the names were derived from old field names. One of particular interest was Dial Close. John Field, in both his 'History' and 'Dictionary' of field names, mentions such a name in other areas, referring to a sundial 'cut into the grass'. These were not uncommon and so there could well have been such a sundial.

John Wilson, Coordinator, Research Group

THE THOROTON SOCIETY WEBSITE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BIBLIOGRAPHY ONLINE

Website statistics for 2018 show that every month an average of 1,957 unique visitors viewed 9,737 pages. The most viewed sections of the website continue to be 'Events', 'About us' and 'Publications'. Most people found the website by searching with Google. Some of the more unusual search phrases used last year were 'tornadoes in west bridgford' (have there been any?), 'scaffolding in southwell notts' and 'which year was the civic society formed at the st barnabas cathedral notts'.

The Nottinghamshire Bibliography Online continues to increase in size and now holds around 12,200 entries (Michael Brook's original bibliography published in 2002 has around 8,700). New sources of material have been found: for example, the *Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives Newsletter* that last year featured a fascinating article by our Chair on the successful escape of German officers from the Prisoner of War camp at Sutton Bonington in 1917.

Andy Nicholson, Thoroton Society Webmaster

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HERITAGE GATEWAY

2018 saw two entries go on to the website; Weather Observing and Recording by John Wilson and West Bridgford by David Dunford and Sheila Leeds. Both these were in the pipeline for some time and they are both worthy of appearing on the website. West Bridgford because it concludes the major suburbs entries of Nottingham and the weather entry is a different aspect to many of the other entries under themes. It is also good that the writers of these two entries were new to the website. So if there is anyone who feels they have a Nottinghamshire story to tell please let me know.

As well as these two full entries the website has been regularly updated whenever new material is found.

There are two entries planned for 2019 but as yet no firm details are available.

Denise Amos, Heritage Gateway Coordinator

SOCIETY EVENTS IN 2018

Excursions

The Society has enjoyed another successful excursions programme year. People may sometimes ask “what purpose do the excursions serve the Society?” I would say that there are two reasons why the Society plans and runs four or five excursions each year. The first reason is, logically, to enable members to gain a wider knowledge and appreciation of the significant amount of historical information and enjoyment which there is within Nottinghamshire or a short distance from the county. The second reason, and to my mind a very important one, is to create the opportunity for members to have an enjoyable day out socially, with coach travel, food and arranged tours of buildings provided.

In 2018 we have enjoyed five outings, all well supported. The first, on 15th May, was to Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire, which dates from the 14th century and has been in the family of the Lords Saye and Sele for much of that time: Sir Richard Fiennes converted the building into a Tudor mansion in 1554. We had a guided tour from the Great Hall through the medieval passage to the dining room, the chapel, the Queen’s bedroom and the King’s Chamber and Great Parlour, all with moulded ceilings, antique furnishings and large windows looking out over the garden. The second part of the excursion was to the great Saxon Church of Earl’s Barton with its 15th century rood screen, Norman architecture and several other historic treasures.

Our outing on 14th June was to the area of Barton on Humber with the first stop the ruins of Thornton Abbey, its gatehouse still in fine condition both outside and inside. The beautiful church of Saint Peter in Barton itself, of Anglo-Saxon origins, is now in the care of English Heritage and no longer used for services. We had a special private tour of this magnificent building before moving to what is now the parish church of Saint Mary, parts of which date back to the twelfth century. The fact that Barton had two such large churches in the Middle Ages shows just how big the town originally was when it

was the main ferry port for crossing the Humber.

The excursion on 12th July, organised by Penny Messenger and Margaret Trueman, called first at Marston Hall, where we met Mr and Mrs John Thorold whose family connection with the Hall goes back several centuries. They are currently restoring the Hall and the gardens which suffered at the hands of Oliver Cromwell during the Civil War. From here we travelled to Brant Broughton to soak up the beauty of the church restored by G F Bodley in the nineteenth century to match the worship requirements of the Oxford movement of that time. In the village we were welcomed to the old Quaker Meeting House, where we had tea. On the return journey we called at the Saxon/Norman church of Stragglethorpe, with its box pews and two-decker pulpit.

In August members were invited by Dr David Knight to view again the development of the excavations in the Castle grounds during this year. This short visit saw what has been uncovered in the Brewhouse Yard area; here the river Leen once ran much closer to the castle buildings than now.

The last excursion for 2018 on 13th September was to Middleton Hall and Stoke Golding. Middleton's history spans over 900 years. In 1575 the heiress, Margaret de Freville, married Sir Hugh Willoughby of Wollaton Hall. The wealth of these families seriously dwindled until, in the 1920s, both properties had to be sold to pay death duties. Middleton Hall was left derelict until the 1980s when a Trust was formed and restoration begun. If what we saw on our tour around the buildings had been lost through decay, it would have been a great tragedy for the history of this fascinating site. From here we travelled to the church of Saint Margaret of Antioch at Stoke Golding, a Grade I listed building in decorated Gothic style with interesting features including an incised slab dated 1275, a double piscina, remnants of 14th century wall paintings, a font dated 1330 and a parish chest dated 1636.

I would like to record our sadness in having to record the deaths in the past year of two members who seldom missed an excursion and who were great assets to the social character of the Society – Claire Wells and Beth Tate: they will be genuinely missed.

Alan Langton, Honorary Excursions Secretary

Lectures and Presentations

We began our year with Valerie Wood celebrating the centenary of women being given the vote by presenting the Norah Witham Lecture. Valerie's presentation also focussed on the many attempts by women to be elected to represent constituencies in Nottinghamshire as well as the many activities of suffragists involved in the movements of the time. In February, Professor Michael Jones gave a presentation covering the forthcoming publication of the *White Book of Southwell*. Professor Jones, with the assistance of many scholars, had created the new publication from the original documents, once held in the archive at Southwell Minster, but now kept in the Nottinghamshire Archives. The winter season ended with the *Myles Thoroton Hildyard Lecture* as Dr David Crook told the story of the First Siege of Newark which happened

some 423 years before the English Civil War, two years after King John's death.

The *Spring Meeting* was held in the village of Calverton, this time on a cold and damp day. However, the village hall was very well appointed and the splendid tea made up for the dreary weather. The formal meeting was followed by a presentation given by Dr Tom Smith on the history of the village, detailing the many changes over the centuries. The day concluded with a visit to St Wilfrid's church with its many interesting carvings.

The new lecture season began with the 2018 *Nottinghamshire History Lecture*, given by Dr Amy Calladine of the University of Nottingham. Amy's presentation explored the ritual and ceremonial in the punishment of penance, with some very interesting examples taken from church archives. In November, our Annual Luncheon was held in the ballroom of the Council House in Nottingham where another excellent lunch was served to a record number of members. The lunch was followed by the Society President, Adrian Henstock, giving us a brief history of the site and the Society Chairman, Professor John Beckett, reprising the life of T Cecil Howitt, architect of the Council House and many other prominent buildings.

The *Maurice Barley Lecture* was given by Professor John Beckett on the eve of the Centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. John explored what happened in Nottinghamshire after the Armistice, with troops returning to a much changed home and work environment; also the growing movement to commemorate the sacrifices made by so many in the service of their country. In our final presentation of the year, I used the *Neville Hoskins Lecture* to mark the bicentenary of the Institution of Civil Engineers by highlighting the great range of work that has been carried out by civil engineers in Nottinghamshire. Using a range of illustrations of familiar locations, emphasis was made of how much of our lives is enabled by this work which is often unnoticed and frequently taken for granted by the general public.

David Hoskins, Honorary Lecture Secretary

ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE COUNTY

Highlights of Nottinghamshire Archaeology in 2018

Archaeologists have been active this year on a wide variety of sites in Nottinghamshire, ranging in date from the Late Upper Palaeolithic to the 20th century. Brief details of many of these investigations are provided in this report, which complements a summary of archaeological investigations in the City of Nottingham by Scott Lomax. It has been compiled in consultation with Ursilla Spence and Emily Gillott of Nottinghamshire County Council and Dr Christopher King, Honorary Editor (Archaeology) of the Society's Transactions. Further details of many of the projects listed below will be found in the summary of recent archaeological work in the forthcoming volume of the Society's Transactions.

Main Road, Barnstone

An archaeological evaluation by the University of Leicester Archaeological Services on

behalf of Grace Machin Planning & Property in advance of a housing development revealed a series of Iron Age field boundaries. These may be associated with a nearby cropmark enclosure.

Besthorpe Quarry: eastern extension

Trial trenching by Trent & Peak Archaeology on behalf of Tarmac (Central East) at this sand and gravel quarry revealed a thin scatter of undated linear gullies and pits and a sequence of ancient channels of the Trent. A wooden stake which might have been worked in antiquity was retrieved from organic-rich channel deposits. It is hoped that further work will shed further light upon the activities represented by these features, the extent to which additional features might be buried beneath alluvial or channel deposits, and the changing valley environment.

Moorbridge Road East, Bingham

Allen Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Rushcliffe Borough Council to undertake trial trenching in advance of a planning application for industrial development. Excavations focused upon potential archaeological features identified in a magnetometer survey, revealing a scatter of mainly undated pits and ditches. One ditch, correlating with a former field boundary, yielded 16th to 17th century pottery sherds.

Tinker Lane, Blyth

Three ditches, interpreted as elements of a Romano-British field system, were investigated during a watching brief by SLR Consulting on behalf of IGas Energy plc. No artefacts were recovered, but comparison with cropmark plots suggest that they formed elements of the Late Iron Age to Romano-British brickwork-plan field system that is known to have extended over this area.

Calverton Quarry, Arnold

A strip, map and record excavation by Trent & Peak Archaeology on behalf of Tarmac (Central East) ahead of sand and gravel extraction revealed truncated ditches, possibly of Iron Age date, which appear to form part of an extensive field system. Sparse but well-preserved plant macrofossils and charcoal suggest that oak and hazel were selected as fuel and that cereal processing was undertaken close to the site.

King's Clipstone

Mercian Archaeological Services CIC excavated a trench in the village's historic core as part of their annual training school. This revealed no archaeological features but yielded a wide range of finds, including pottery dated by the excavators from the Early Medieval to Modern periods, stone roof tiles and other building stone.

Clumber Park

Two trenches were excavated manually by Trent & Peak Archaeology on behalf of the National Trust on the site of the foundations of the demolished Clumber House. The trenches revealed kitchen foundations, servants' quarters, cellars and parts of the Yellow Drawing Room and Small Dining Room. Remnants of floor mosaics, fragments of intricate plasterwork and other artefacts were also recovered during excavation

Cromwell Quarry

An archaeological watching brief by Trent & Peak Archaeology on behalf of CEMEX UK in a northern extension to this quarry revealed five intact Romano-British pots in the fills of palaeochannels that were recorded during alluvial overburden removal and sand and gravel extraction. In addition, a borehole survey and extensive evaluation trenching were conducted by TPA in a proposed northern extension to the quarry, close to the Cromwell Romano-British villa. These boreholes identified Mesolithic to Middle Bronze Age organic palaeochannel sediments with significant potential for reconstructing the past valley environment. Archaeological features included a Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age ditch and Iron Age ditches that had formed part probably of a rectilinear enclosure. Environmental remains included cereal grains, weed seeds and hazelnuts, all indicative of settlement activity. No features of Romano-British date were encountered, despite the proximity of the villa complex.

Cuckney Castle

Mercian Archaeological Services CIC directed excavations of two trenches to the west of Cuckney Castle, as part of the Battlefield of Hatfield investigation Society's HLF-funded project 'Warriors through the Landscape'. Trench 1 revealed towards its base a layer incorporating pottery attributed exclusively to the late pre-Conquest and Norman periods, corroded iron and small quantities of metalworking slag and fired clay (possibly mould fragments); this sealed a cut feature of uncertain character. Trench 2 investigated a geophysical anomaly and a slight earthwork bank that, from discoveries of shell casings with 1940s dates, barbed wire and other material, could have been modified by military activity during World War II. The geophysical anomaly appeared to have been caused by a deposit of rounded quartzite cobbles overlying the fill of a ditch associated with the bank; neither feature could be firmly dated, but both could relate to activity associated with the medieval castle.

Norton Lane, Cuckney

The Battle of Hatfield Investigation Society undertook test-pitting between St Mary's Church and the modern village as part of their HLF-funded 'Warriors through the Landscape' project. Five 1x1m test pits were excavated under the supervision of staff from Mercian Archaeological Services CIC. Finds included small quantities of pottery sherds of late Saxon to late medieval date, probably deriving from manuring of the settlement's cultivated land. In addition, one pit revealed part of U-shaped ditch, interpreted as possibly a boundary, while another revealed a modern brick wall on a stone foundation.

Cuckney Water Meadow System

A topographic and lidar survey of a well-preserved system of water meadows constructed between 1849 and 1850 for the Duke of Portland was undertaken by Mercian Archaeological Services CIC as part of the HLF-funded 'Warriors through the Landscape' project. This permitted construction of a 3D model of the water meadow system and elucidated its relationship to water management features along the River Poulter between Langwith and Carburton.

East Leake Quarry

Trent & Peak Archaeology undertook a watching brief and excavation on behalf of CEMEX UK in advance of sand and gravel extraction. Key discoveries included a cluster of Late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age pits associated with Beaker pottery, a later Iron Age subrectangular ditched enclosure and a variety of other features yielding Iron Age pottery and heat-affected stones. Sparse but important evidence of Early Medieval settlement was also recorded, including a possible sunken-featured building associated with pottery, glass beads and an unfired loom-weight.

Thoresby Colliery, Edwinstowe

Allen Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Prospect Archaeology Ltd on behalf of Harworth Estates to undertake trial trenching in advance of a planning application for a mixed-use development. 36 trenches were excavated, targeting geophysical anomalies and apparently blank areas. This revealed five ditches, apparently of modern date, a pit containing possible hearth waste and two Romano-British greyware sherds that might be residual from earlier activity.

Fosse Way, Farndon

A fieldwalking survey was undertaken by Allen Archaeology Ltd for B E Design on behalf of Harlaxton Estates of a roughly triangular area of agricultural land immediately east of the Fosse Way and west of the A46 dual carriageway, within an area of known Late Upper Palaeolithic activity. A scatter of 40 lithic artefacts ranging in date from the Later Upper Palaeolithic to the Bronze Age and eight burnt flints were collected during the survey, but no obvious concentrations of artefacts were recorded.

St James' Chapel, Haughton

Trent & Peak Archaeology was commissioned by the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham to undertake an archaeological survey prior to repair and stabilisation of the building fabric. The earliest extant phase of the church was found to comprise a nave and a chancel of 12th century date. Major phases of alteration were recorded during the 14th and 16th centuries. The church was in a ruinous state by the late 18th century, although much of the walling remained intact into the 20th century.

Platt Lane, Keyworth

A geophysical survey by Magnitude Surveys and excavations by Wessex Archaeology were commissioned by CgMs Heritage in advance of housing development by Miller Homes. Geophysical survey identified a cluster of curvilinear and rectilinear anomalies which, following evaluation trenching, provided the focus of a strip, map and sample excavation. These more extensive excavations revealed a co-axial field system and structural remains associated with Iron Age settlement. The latter included two curvilinear gullies that might mark the locations of roundhouses, together with a scatter of pits and post-holes. Associated artefacts include Middle to Late Iron Age pottery, worked flint, animal bones and heat-affected stones. A copper alloy object, forming part of a possible brooch fastener, was also recovered.

Langford Quarry

An archaeological watching brief was carried out by Trent & Peak Archaeology for Tarmac (Central East) during the removal of alluvium and gravels in a southern extension of the quarry. A copper alloy palstave, socketed axe and spearhead of Middle to Late Bronze Age date were recovered from the conveyor belt, together with two human skulls. A palaeochannel yielding mollusc-rich organic sediments, a worked stake and animal bones was also recorded; its contents are currently being analysed as part of a programme of palaeoenvironmental assessment and dating.

Newark Sewerage and Clean Water infrastructure

Archaeological investigations were undertaken by Trent & Peak Archaeology on behalf of Severn Trent Water prior to the replacement of sewers in the town centre. Deep shaft excavations exposed the edge of a substantial ditch near the Castle, interpreted as part of its 12th century moat, and to the north of Queens Road a deep 6m-wide ditch interpreted as part of Newark's Civil War defences. Work prior to replacing a freshwater pipeline between Newark and Balderton revealed features indicating occupation between the Bronze Age and Early Medieval periods; these included a large pit lined by timber stakes, radiocarbon-dated to the Middle Bronze Age, and another wickerwork-lined pit radiocarbon-dated to the Anglo-Saxon period. An unexpected cluster of Late Iron Age settlement features, including a possible roundhouse and enclosure ditches, was revealed in pipeline excavations along Barnby Road.

St Mary Magdalene Churchyard, Newark

Trent & Peak Archaeology was commissioned by Newark Town Council to monitor groundworks in the churchyard. Work during construction of a new path revealed a curved brick wall interpreted as most probably evidence of a brick burial shaft or a chamber designed to hold a single-break coffin. A second brick wall could signify another burial structure, while one of several test-pits revealed stone edging thought to signify another path or a grave marker.

Shelford Road, Radcliffe-On-Trent

Trent & Peak Archaeology was commissioned by Lanpro Services Ltd to undertake a programme of archaeological investigations on behalf of their client William Davis Ltd. Excavations revealed extensive evidence for late Iron Age and early Romano-British settlement, including a complex of rectilinear ditched enclosures, two round houses and a small hearth. A large oval pit contained in its lower fill a row of five cattle skulls that appear to have been deliberately placed above deposits incorporating early Roman pottery: a rare find for the County that may signify intentional placement for ritual purposes.

Sherwood Forest Country Park, Edwinstowe

Trent & Peak Archaeology was commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council to undertake an archaeological survey of the Country Park as part of a Conservation Management Plan. Existing survey and lidar data were combined to create detailed bare-earth models of the ground surface and a GIS linked to a gazetteer recording the location, extent, character, condition and vulnerability of surviving archaeological

features. This created 487 records, including the earthwork remains of field systems, holloways and features associated with use of the woodland during World War II for ammunition depots. One of the most extraordinary discoveries to emerge from lidar survey of the woodlands is the survival of denuded linear earthworks that appear to represent a continuation of late Iron Age and Romano-British brickwork-plan field boundaries that in cultivated land register only as crop- or soilmarks.

Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve: archaeological survey

Mercian Archaeological Services CIC began the first phase of 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 and ground survey of extant earthworks. Investigations this year have identified a wide range of surviving archaeological remains, including holloways, ridge and furrow, linear earthworks and a wide range of features associated with 20th-century military activity.

Southwell

Southwell Community Archaeology has been involved in a wide range of projects in the town's historic core with financial assistance from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Thoroton Society (Geoffrey Bond research grant) and Nottingham Lions, and in collaboration with Nottinghamshire County Council, University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University and Southwell Minster. Recent work has included excavations in the garden of 2 Vicars Court, a geophysical survey by SUMO in the garden of The Residence (identifying potential Roman features), the identification and recording of architectural stonework in the gardens of The Residence and Vicars Court, and research into the Saracen's Head Elizabethan wall paintings.

David Knight, Archaeology Rapporteur

ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE CITY

Major redevelopment in Nottingham city centre contributed to an unprecedented amount of archaeological fieldwork in 2018. In total twenty archaeological investigations were carried out by six archaeology organisations and a geotechnical contractor. In a number of cases remains of archaeological interest were not encountered. Sites with important discoveries are outlined below. Post-excavation analysis is ongoing and so more detailed interpretations are pending. Further details will be presented in the next volume of Transactions.

Broadmarsh Bus Station

Archaeological evaluation consisting of three trenches revealed well-preserved remains of a substantial sandstone wall. The wall has been interpreted as being the precinct wall of the Greyfriar's Friary (founded in the early 13th century). Documentary evidence indicates the wall was still standing during the 17th century. Evidence of post-medieval

industry, which possibly included tanning, was found. A later geophysical survey revealed that the wall extended across much of the site. The wall will be preserved in situ and further archaeological monitoring during groundworks will ensure it is protected. Monitoring may reveal further remains of interest.

Nottingham Castle Service Courtyard

Excavation in advance of the construction of the new Robin Hood Gallery at Nottingham Castle revealed remains dating from the medieval period through to the modern day. The earliest feature on site was a small length of the rock-cut inner defensive ditch. This is believed to originally date to the castle's construction in 1068, although modifications to the profile of the ditch would have taken place during its use. A length of stone wall, which corresponds with part of a ramp shown on John Smythson's plan (1617) was also revealed. A number of later surfaces and brick and stone walls were encountered. One of these is believed to date to the 18th century but contained reused medieval stone, including a fragment of a pre-Norman Conquest grave marker or cross. All significant remains will be preserved in situ.

Nottingham Castle Visitor Centre

Excavation in advance of the construction of the new Visitor Centre at Nottingham Castle revealed deposits dating back to the medieval period. The excavation extended to a maximum depth of approximately 6m below ground level. The excavation was completed in December 2018 and it is too early to make meaningful interpretations, with scientific dating yet to be completed.

The former Fruitmarket site, Bedford Row/Brook Street

Excavation in advance of a housing development on the former Fruitmarket site revealed two lengths of ditch. These had previously been identified through evaluation in 2017 and were found to be well-preserved despite previous development on the site. It is hoped that analysis of environmental samples taken from fills of the ditches will give an indication of when they were in use. Analysis of samples taken from the evaluation suggested an early medieval date.

Scott Lomax, Nottingham City Archaeologist

NOTTINGHAM HERITAGE PANEL

The Heritage Strategy has now been operating for three years and continues to make steady progress, not least through projects being developed via the externally-funded Heritage Action Zone. A good example of the work being enabled by this resource is the conservation of the Birkin Building in Broadway. Plans for the development of a City Building Preservation Trust are advancing, with a funding bid having been submitted before Christmas 2018 to enable work in this area. Thoroton continues to work with the Civic Society in holding the City Council to account whenever the aims of the strategy run at variance with planning decisions (for example, in respect of the

approval of high-rise buildings which impact upon the city's heritage). We continue to support the aims of the strategy and work to make its ambitions a reality.

The City Council has now introduced a Local List of Heritage Assets, something positive which is happening in the city. The Local List is only in its infancy but will be developed over the coming months. There is a selection panel in place consisting of Alice Ullathorne, Tom Street, City Conservation Officer, Ian Wells of the Civic Society and Scott Lomax, City Archaeologist.

Richard A Gaunt, NHP Representative

NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

The Civic Society has supported a number of ongoing projects with grants, including the new Nottinghamshire war memorial (which is being planned with cooperation between the City and County Councils). The Civic Society has also been active in the commemoration of a number of anniversaries during 2018, with a plaque unveiled on the 200th anniversary of the Nottingham canal side explosion (following an event at Nottinghamshire Archives) and restoration work undertaken on the grave of the Daft Family in the Church (Rock) Cemetery. Two members of the Daft family were killed during the First World War, after a U-boat sank the Royal Mail Steamship 'Leinster' a month before the armistice was signed. The grave was restored for the centenary, with a re-dedication service attended by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and conducted by the Bishop of Nottingham on 10 October 2018. In addition to the Daft family, three other Nottinghamshire victims were commemorated at this service: Private William Herbert Hutchinson, Alfred Ford, and Lieutenant Thomas Walter Harrison, as well as the U-boat soldiers who died on their return trip home. The Civic Society continues to run a successful programme of heritage walks each summer, with talks and members' events run at The Mechanics from autumn to spring. The society also makes robust representations about issues of planning and design within the city, and supports the promotion and celebration of heritage and civic culture more generally. It would be pleasing to see more Thoroton members taking up membership of the Civic Society, which remains excellent value for money.

Richard A Gaunt, Nottingham Civic Society Representative

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

The Castle site was officially closed to visitors in spring 2018 and, after the decanting of all the objects to a new off-site store, the building was transferred to the Transformation Project for conservation and restoration work to commence. The newly transformed Castle is scheduled for re-opening in the late-spring or early-summer of 2020. The project continues to be featured regularly in regional news and media outlets and a monthly newsletter is issued, to which anyone can subscribe for free: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNCC/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKNCC_70

Richard A Gaunt, Nottingham Castle Project Representative

VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

During the year a small group of volunteers has continued to work on VCH histories of several parishes in the south of the county. The draft text will form a full-length volume on the Rushcliffe Wapentake Southern Division. This will be the third volume in the Nottinghamshire VCH series and the first to be published since 1910. This text requires final editing before being accepted for publication and work towards this is ongoing.

Philip Riden, County Editor, VCH

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

NLHA has been very active during 2018. There were two Day Schools on specific themes: on 24th March, *1918 and its Legacy*: this focused on contributions from local groups who had been working on the effect of World War One on their community. Presentations included films/slide shows; talks on Albert Ball, those who returned, plans for village trails and commemorations and soldiers' letters and there were many small exhibition stalls as well. It was very well attended. And on 20th October, *In Sickness and in Health*; this comprised Dr David Appleby and Paul Carter as well as local historians, including John Wilson of Thoroton, and some community displays.

The 2017-18 Angel Row Forums (Local Studies Library, Angel Row) are becoming increasingly well supported. The first in the season on Nottingham Trams attracted an audience of 60 and the last about The Robin Hood Line, by David Amos, welcomed 106 people.

The monthly newsletter continues to be circulated by email (and is included in Thoroton eBulletin) and *The Nottingham Historian* is published twice a year. To attract a broader audience, during 2018, NLHA created a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NottsLocalHistory/> which (at time of writing) had 1000+ 'likes' and 300+ contacts.

NLHA supports and promotes local history through small grants, mainly for publication but also for other history-related activities including World War I commemorative events and a small grant to support conference attendance. Since 2012 NLHA has made grants of £6500 in total to groups and individuals, members and non-members.

Judith Mills, NLHA representative

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST

Established in 1967, NBPT had a fairly quiet year in 2018, but nevertheless was active in a number of areas. The story of the Robin Hood Hotel in Newark rumbles on, with the planned public enquiry cancelled at a late date as the applicant finally withdrew its

planning application and then resubmitted a revised proposal. Despite promises of a start on site in 2018 we have yet to see any progress on the ground.

The biennial Harry Johnson Award was again held, with the winner in the conservation category being the housing development on the House of Correction site on the Burgage in Southwell and the winner in the new-build category being another residential development of eight houses in East Markham. 2019 will mark forty years since the first awards were presented.

NBPT was involved in the fate of Auld Cottage in Norwell, providing professional guidance and a loan to the local group there. Although the local group eventually decided that they could no longer carry on, a working group formed with the help of a group of volunteers from the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) were able to secure and weatherproof the roof over two days before the coming winter and, as a further result of their intervention, the property may be purchased by a local family. NBPT continues to monitor the future of Ollerton Hall, but this rests very much in the hands of Newark and Sherwood District Council.

A new presence on social media in the form of a Facebook page "Nottinghamshire Then and Now" was started and new ideas are being pursued for the NBPT website. On the legal side the new GDPR Regulations occupied much time for NBPT.

Again, 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.

Work continued with volunteers from three local villages on the update of the Vernacular Building Study, and an HLF grant application is being put together for submission in 2019 towards the cost of broadening this out to all the villages in the county.

NBPT always welcomes new friends and supporters and offers advice in connection with the Nottinghamshire heritage and buildings.

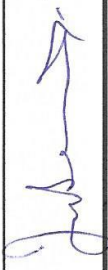
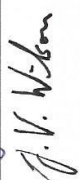

Alan Wahlers, NBPT Trustee and NBPT Representative

THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Charity number 237755
Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

Receipts	General Fund	Records Section	Total	2017	Payments	General Fund	Records Section	Total	2017
Subscriptions 2018	8,318.00	1,202.00	9,520.00	8,629	Printing - Transactions	5,884.38		5,884.38	6,162
Next year's subs in advance	1,128.00	569.00	1,697.00	2,745	Printing - Newsletter	2,177.00		2,177.00	2,240
Sales - Record Series		1,620.50	1,620.50	2,415	Printing - other and stationery	389.72		389.72	347
Sales - Bookstall	148.10		148.10	114	Printing - Annual Report +AGM	371.20		371.20	288
Sales - Transactions	283.50		283.50	394	Record Series expenses		2,190.00	2,190.00	9,647
Sales - other	58.00		58.00	134	Cost of Lectures	434.00		434.00	746
Excursions	5,596.00		5,596.00	4,405	Cost of Thoroton Excursions	5,325.90		5,325.90	3,443
Special Lecture Carenza Lewis			-	1,192	Bookings for next year			-	81
Geoffrey Bond Research Award	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000	Cost of Spring Meeting and AGM	517.00		517.00	577
Legacy				1,000	Cost of Annual Luncheon	2,852.83		2,852.83	1,104
Spring Meeting and AGM	514.50		514.50	481	Special Lecture Carenza Lewis			-	598
Annual Luncheon	2,620.00		2,620.00	1,058	Geoffrey Bond Research Award *			-	2,000
Interest on NS&I account	160.90	267.02	427.92	292	Postage &c	4,347.57		4,347.57	5,445
Gift-Aid	1,287.96		1,287.96	1,253	Website, NHG, Online Bibliography	297.77		297.77	286
PLS fees	66.74		66.74	62	Authors' Book Royalties (bookstall)	17.00		17.00	-
Publication grants	186.90		186.90	-	Research Group	78.00		78.00	76
Miscellaneous incl. donations	55.60		55.60	35	Sponsorship EMHH **	500.00		500.00	-
Totals	21,424.20	3,658.52	25,082.72	25,209	Honoraria			-	50
					BALH including Insurance	75.00		75.00	75
					Membership fees other bodies	25.00		25.00	75
					Misc incl bank charges	45.00		45.00	138
					Refunds of subscriptions	385.00		385.00	-
					Totals	23,722.37	2,190.00	25,912.37	33,378

* Geoffrey Bond Research Awards totalling £2,000 to be paid out in 2019

** includes 2017 and 2018 sponsorship (£250 per annum)

Chairman JV Beckett	
Dated 15.2.19	
Treasurer JV Wilson	
Dated 15.2.2019	
Independent Examiner	
Dated 22.2.2019	

**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 2018.

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: 22 February 2019

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

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 such fund are 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.

	2018	
2017		
Sales	£	
£		
Record Series	1,621	2,415
<i>Transactions</i>	284	394
Other sales	58	
134		
Bookstall (net)	131	114
	<u>2,093</u>	<u>3,056</u>

Grants	2018	
2017		
Page grant for papers in <i>Transactions</i>	187	-

Excursions and other functions	£	£	£
	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>Surplus/deficit</u>			
2017 Excursions and other functions	5,944	5,124	820
Excursions	5,596	5,326	270
Spring Meeting and AGM	515	517	-2
Annual Luncheon	<u>2,620</u>	<u>2,853</u>	<u>-233</u>
	<u>8,731</u>	<u>8,696</u>	<u>35</u>

	2018	
2017		
Management and Administration	£	
£		
Printing and stationery	390	347
Newsletter	2,177	
2,240		
Annual Report	371	
288		
Postage and other Admin.	4,348	
5,445		
Insurance	75	
75		
Honoraria	-	
50		
Membership fees	25	
75		
Sundry expenses	45	
<u>138</u>		
	<u>7,430</u>	
<u>8,658</u>		

Trustees' Remuneration

Three Trustees were reimbursed an amount of £461 (2017 - £741) in respect of expenses that they paid out on behalf of the Society. These expenses consisted of postage, stationery, Record Section, Excursions and miscellaneous expenses.

Records Section

	£
Balance at 1 January 2018	<u>41,051</u>
Incoming resources	3,695
Outgoing resources	<u>2,190</u>
Balance at 31 December 2018	42,520

Records Section funds are used to print original historic materials, records and manuscripts.



SPRING MEETING AND AGM

Caunton Community Hall, Dean Hole School, Caunton, NG23 6AD, on
Saturday, 27th April 2019, 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 Dean Samuel Reynolds Hole of Caunton, talk on the eminent
cleric and rose grower by His Honour J V Machin

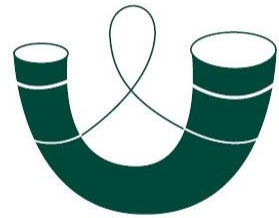
3.45pm Tea

4.45pm Visit to St Andrew's Church (Grade I listed) by courtesy of
Canon Mark Adams and the Churchwardens

6.00pm Visit and meeting concludes

The Transactions will be available before the meeting

Barbara Cast, Honorary Secretary



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 122nd Annual General Meeting of the Society, as part of the Society's Spring Meeting, to be held at Caunton Community Hall on Saturday, 27th April 2019, commencing at 2.00pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome by our President, Adrian Henstock
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 121st AGM held at Calverton Village Hall on 28th April 2018
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2018, 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 2020
7. Chair's remarks
8. To elect officers of the Society and members of Council
9. Other business

THOROTON SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 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 2019-2020 the following officers:-

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

Council nominates the following for election to Council for the year 2019-2020:-
Paul Baker, David Crook, Trevor Foulds, Penelope Messenger, Judith Mills,
Margaret Trueman

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

**MINUTES OF THE 121st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THOROTON
SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HELD AT CALVERTON VILLAGE HALL ON
SATURDAY 28th APRIL 2018 AT 2pm**

PRESENT 67 members

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The President, Adrian Henstock, welcomed members to Calverton and, as had become his custom, said a few words on the place in which the meeting was held, focusing this year on the Seely family and their contribution to Calverton. The family's wealth was founded on coal-mining and it included three Members of Parliament, a substantial benefactor and renowned soldier.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from 19 members.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the 120th AGM held at Kingston on Soar Village Hall on 27th April 2017, 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 demonstrated the wide range of activities in which Thoroton was engaged.

John Wilson, the Honorary Treasurer, went through the accounts included in the annual report, explaining the items listed. He commented on a number of items which included the income from Record Series and other book sales, and a substantial excess from the Special Lecture by Carenza Lewis. He also explained that although the cost of mailing had increased it was easing the workload of officers.

Professor Beckett thanked Mr Wilson for his thorough oversight of the Society's accounts throughout the year. He also thanked Martin Shaw, the Society's Independent Examiner. The President moved the adoption of the Annual Report.

IT WAS AGREED that the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2017 be adopted and that Martin Shaw be appointed the Independent Examiner for 2018/19.

6. SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The Honorary Treasurer recommended that there be no increase in subscriptions in 2019.

This was accepted by the meeting.

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Professor John Beckett, the Chair, invited Stef Mastoris to speak about the most recent volume in the Record Series, the Welbeck Atlas, which had been a work of many years but had at last been published in May 2017 and was very soon reprinted due to demand. Mr Mastoris thanked those who had been instrumental in ensuring that the Atlas was successfully produced, especially the late Eric Coddington whose generous donation to the Society funded its publication, Derek Adlard, Honorary Curator at Welbeck Abbey, Lady Bentinck, David Crook for his help with the text and Andy Nicholson for his digital transcription of the maps and the production of the CD which went with the book. Adrian Henstock was especially thanked for his many hours of editing and ensuring that the final production was of the highest standard possible.

The Chair then explained that, although John Wilson had stated that he was retiring as Treasurer from the end of 2017, he was still in post due to the tasks of Treasurer and Membership Secretary having been reorganised so as to make the role less onerous.

Professor Beckett went on to note events which the Society would be involved in: the Lowdham Book Fair in June at which Stef Mastoris would be talking about the Welbeck Atlas; the launch of the publication of the White Book of Southwell, to which David Crook had contributed; the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair in May and the Annual Lunch which was to be held in Nottingham Council House this year in honour of its architect, T Cecil Howitt.

He then thanked Ceril Little, who was retiring from Council, for her service over a number of years, including representing the Society on the NBPT. This year Council had nominated three new potential members of Council: these were Scott Lomax, the newly confirmed City Archaeologist, Ruth Strong and James Wright, another experienced archaeologist.

Professor Beckett welcomed the provision of Society pin-badges which were available to purchase. The Editors of the Transactions were congratulated on producing another attractive edition which he was looking forward to reading.

The Chair then asked Judith Mills, the Membership Secretary, to explain how the Society was addressing the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

The Geoffrey Bond Research Awards, the amount now augmented with Society funds, had once again received a number of interesting applications this year. Finally Professor Beckett reminded members of the number of resources and activities provided by the Society.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The following were elected:-

- President - Adrian Henstock
- Vice-Presidents - Rosalys Coope, 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 - John Wilson
- Honorary Distribution and Sales Secretary - Robert James
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- Honorary Membership Secretary - Judith Mills

John Beckett was re-elected and Scott Lomax, Ruth Strong and James Wright elected to Council.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Annual General Meeting ended at 3pm and was followed by a most interesting century by century history of Calverton illustrated with many maps, historic and modern. It was given by local member Dr Tom Smith.

After tea members were invited to visit St Wilfrid's Church, a Grade II* listed building with an unusual layout and containing some interesting early carvings.



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