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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1998-9

Subscriptions were due on 1st May. They remain at the following rates:

Ordinary membership	£11
Family membership	£15
Over 60	£7
Students	£7
Occasional guest	£2

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We give formal notice of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **BASINGSTOKE ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY** in the Conference Room at Queen Mary's Centre, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke on **Thursday 18th June 1998 at 7.30 pm**. Please bring this *Newsletter* with you.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome and apologies for absence.
- 2 Minutes of the 1997 AGM of BAHS (to be read by Hon. Sec.)
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 Chairman's report (page 11)
- 5 Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts
- 6 Election of Officers and Committee
- 7 Election of Auditor for 1998-9
- 8 Any other business

The present elected committee members are:

Chairman	Barbara Applin
Hon. Secretary	Tim Herrington
Hon. Treasurer	Peter Good
Membership	Julian Porter (co-opted)

Linda Chapman, Marta Cock, Margaret Porter, Les Fitzgerald, Marten Harris, Susan Strawson. Co-opted members are Mary Oliver and David Score.

All are willing to stand again, but Julian Porter wishes to withdraw as Membership Secretary, because of pressure of work, so there will be a vacancy for a further co-opted member. John Feuillade has kindly offered to take over the running of the membership database but does not wish to stand for Committee. We invite further nominations for officers and committee as listed above. Please obtain permission from any nominees and inform the Hon. Sec. in writing, preferably at least one week before the date of the AGM. Nominations may, of course, be taken at the meeting.

The AGM will be followed, not by Peter Heath's talk on his Mesolithic site, as given on the Programme card, but by **David Score's report on the Easter dig (page 5)**.

MEETING PLACE

After a great deal of discussion, your Committee has decided that we must reluctantly move from Queen Mary's Centre. We are sorry to break the links with friends there, but we have definitely outgrown the Conference Room and many people have found the Hall uninviting, despite all our efforts. Even more important, the cost has gone up, we can't always be sure of being able to book our regular nights, and on some occasions parking is difficult. We must say a big thank you to the technicians who have looked after us, and we shall miss their expertise.

Luckily, Church Cottage is available and the problems we had with audibility are being resolved. Parking is not ideal - there is only a little parking on site so many people will have to use the multi-storey (or pay for the Anvil parking). However, on the plus side it is very central, an attractive room and we particularly like being able to integrate the welcome table, book table etc into the lecture hall.

It has been very unsettling to move venue so often recently - amazing that more members didn't get lost! - and we feel that we really must settle for one site for the forthcoming year, beginning in September (the AGM in June 1998 being our last meeting at QMC).

A "straw poll" at the May meeting was largely in favour of Church Cottage but two further suggestions have been put forward: Viables or the new Eastrop Community Centre. We are looking into these - obviously the cost and availability are essential factors - and we will announce the final venue at the AGM.

BASINGSTOKE CANAL WALK

Saturday, 6th June *



We invite you to accompany us on a gentle perambulation of the Basingstoke Canal on **Saturday, 6th June, starting at 10.30 am at the Canal Wharf at Odiham**. From there, there will be a short drive to the Swing Bridge at North Warnborough and a leisurely walk to the canal tunnel at Greywell, passing the aqueduct over the River Whitewater and visiting the ruins of Odiham Castle en route.

Lunch at the Fox and Goose in Greywell, then a shuttle service of drivers back from the pub to regain the cars will be arranged - pure magic! In the afternoon, until about 3 pm, we will drive the short distance to Up Nateley to see the remains on the site of the brickyard and the arm of the canal to serve this venture. Finally we shall re-discover the canal tunnel ("the little tunnel") now hidden high and dry and note the end of the 'wet' canal nearby.

If you would like to come, ring **Tim Herrington on 01256 322090** as soon as possible. The cost will be £1.50 to cover expenses. It would help if you would indicate whether or not you will be partaking of a pub lunch.

To reach Odiham Wharf, enter Odiham from the west (Basingstoke end) and carry on through the main street to take the first left (which is London Road) signposted to Vine School and the Canal Wharf. Follow this dead-end road to the end, passing over the canal bridge and follow the sign to the wharf car park (grid ref. 747517).

** NB This is a week later than the date given at the May meeting!*

FARLEIGH HUNGERFORD CASTLE AND NORTON ST PHILIP Saturday 18th July

Marta Cock is organising a full-day visit to Farleigh Hungerford Castle and the village of Norton St Philip. Details are given on a separate sheet, with a tear-off slip for your reply. Please return this or ring Marta if you wish to come.

VISIT TO SILCHESTER Sunday 9th August

Amanda Clark has kindly agreed to show us round this year's excavations. **Meet at the Silchester car park at 2.30 pm.** Friends are welcome, but we do need to know numbers in advance, so please ring **Tim Herrington on 01256 322090** as soon as you can if you want to come. A charge of £2 will be made so that we can make a donation to the Silchester excavation funds.

VISIT TO CRANBORNE CHASE Saturday 19th September

Martin Green will be following his talk on 10th September by welcoming us to his Museum and excavated sites on his farm (charge including entrance fee £2.50) as well as other monuments on Cranborne Chase. Private cars. Picnic or Pub lunch. Again, we need to know numbers, so please ring **Tim Herrington on 01256 322090** if you wish to come.

VISIT TO GUILDFORD Sunday 18th October

Details of the afternoon walk are yet to be decided, but here is an advance date for your diary.

BASINGSTOKE TALKING HISTORY

Barbara Applin

There's plenty going on now in this Project - and we'd be very glad of more people to take part.

The book **Going Down Church Street to the Felgate Bookhop** is now at proof stage and we hope to announce the publication date shortly.

We are getting material together for a book to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Health Service - a kind of scrapbook compilation of memories - and would be glad to hear from anyone who has interesting stories of health matters before the NHS or in its early years. Please ring me on 01256 465439.

And we are also looking for memories from people who have worked at or been connected with Thornycrofts.

We have two cassette recorders on loan from the Wessex Film & Sound Archive, as well as having access to the Museum and Macmillan machines. We would like more people to help with recording, transcribing, and some associated research.

And have we a cartoonist in the Society? We'd very much like to have some cartoons in the National Health book. Would anyone be interested in doing them?

EASTER DIG 11th-13th April 1998

David Score

The Society excavation took place at Easter this year, and again the venue was the field off Church Lane in Worting belonging to Richenda Power. Richenda has now placed the field into the Countryside Stewardship Scheme which, amongst other things, means that we now have to submit our proposals for fieldwork to the County Archaeologist. Permission duly granted, we arranged to store our equipment in Richenda's stable building and transported it to the site the weekend before the dig to save having to ferry it backwards and forwards over the weekend.

Finally, after all the preparation, Good Friday arrived and we assembled at the site to be greeted by some of the worst Easter weather of recent years! Nevertheless we had a fantastic turnout in the pouring rain, with nearly 25 people putting in an appearance on the first day, and topsoil removal proceeded at a brisk pace. I think the cold weather encouraged everyone to work faster just to keep warm. By the end of the day we had removed the topsoil and trowelled the surface to reveal two substantial ditches.

The main objective of this year's dig was to ascertain the relationship between these ditches, which had both been seen in last year's excavation but unfortunately the

point where they crossed had been just outside the cleared area. This year, however, we were able to tell at an early stage which one of the ditches was the later one because we could see it clearly cutting across the other.

Rain continued into Saturday but members of the BAHS still turned up in impressive numbers. So we decided to clear a slightly larger area of topsoil rather than start the more delicate digging and recording which can be difficult in bad weather. This strategy really paid off as we discovered that one of the ditches came to an end 1½ metres outside our original area. We had suspected this, as a gap in the ditch line is shown on the aerial photograph we have of the site and it gave us a great opportunity to dig a ditch terminal. These often yield the most interesting finds, and indeed our two best pieces of pottery which fitted together to form the base of a pot came from this area. Mary was also able to take a group fieldwalking to complete the exercise started last year.

On Sunday and Monday our perseverance was rewarded as the skies cleared and the sun shone. We were able to dig three very useful sections which gave us profiles through the ditches and proved the relationship between them. We recovered a good haul of pottery and some struck flints, which indicate that we are dealing probably with the mid to late Iron Age period. Two teams learnt about surveying and transferred a Bench Mark from the nearby church to the site so that we could take levels on our features. Experience was gained in section drawing and planning, and we even managed to get some of the pottery washed on site. The chalky soils are also good for the preservation of microscopic snails so we took a series of samples from one of the ditches for analysis and we hope this will tell us about the ancient environment. We also had an informal visit from the County Archaeologist on our last day, who seemed very interested in what we had found. All we have to do now is write it all up and organise the records!

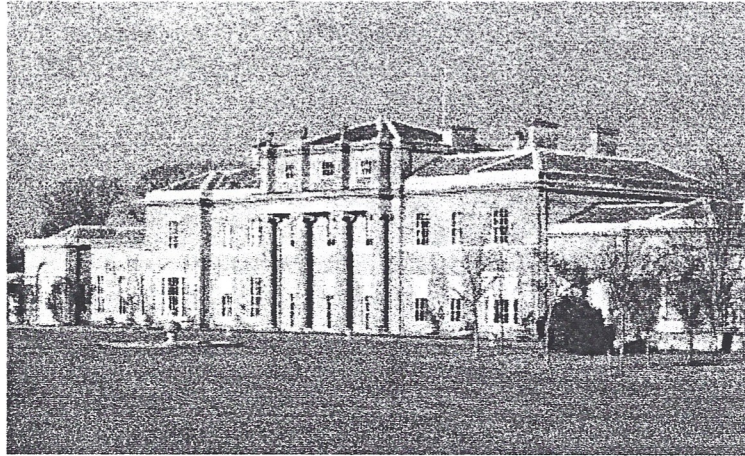
I shall be saying a few words about the dig at the AGM meeting in June and showing some of the slides, as well as part of a video made by Brian Archer which give a good flavour of what the excavation was like. Many thanks to all those who took part in the dig (over 30 of you in total!) who gave their time so enthusiastically and made the weekend so much fun!



Our leader in a bit of a hole! A big thank you to David for his leadership and clear explanation of techniques to new diggers!

BASINGSTOKE'S "SALE OF THE CENTURY"

Mary Oliver



Following the death of Lady Camrose, our local stately home, Hackwood House, was put on the market and the sale of its contents organised by Christie's for 20th-22nd April. I was unable to resist the temptation to go to the viewing prior to the sale, as it was such a wonderful opportunity to see the house at close quarters, never previously open to the public. I think that half Basingstoke felt the same - it was pretty crowded!

The house as it now stands owes much to the architect Lewis Wyatt, who was also architect of our Town Hall/Museum. Although fairly austere, it has some pleasing classical detailing, and the rooms are of gracious proportions. Much of the furniture, pictures and carpets were still in position which, with fires and flowers in most rooms, made it feel still like a home. With so many delights it is difficult to pick just a few for this note but, remembering my recent work on the "Grand Tour", I was thrilled to find the Piranesi portfolios of the Villa of Hadrian and the Ruins of Rome still in the library, presumably brought back from Italy by a Powlett Grand Tourist. And to handle them too! - though the purist in me felt that we should all have been handed white cotton gloves with our catalogues. The Villa of Hadrian went for £10,350 and the Ruins of Rome for £43,300. One of the pictures I would have liked to have taken home showed two connoisseurs looking at their prints and drawings - but it eventually sold for £36,700!

Some of the furniture was made for the house, beautiful sets of armchairs and some side tables, and it is sad to think that they are now dispersed. But most of the items had been collected by Viscount Camrose, whose interests were very wide, and they included Persian carpets, oriental ceramics, silver and glass as well as furniture and pictures. My favourite little item was a signed print of the first Duke of Bolton - after all, I do live opposite his pub - and so I found myself back there for the sale.

This was my first auction, and it was fascinating to watch the progress of the sale, the different bidders and their strategies and the drama of the rising prices. I'm afraid the little Bolton print went for five times its estimated price, but I did manage to raise my "paddle" once and enjoyed the whole experience. I longed to know the destination of some of the lots - the pretty Turner sketch, is it now in someone's home, or was it snapped up by dealers or maybe even a public gallery? I do hope the Duke of Bolton has remained in Basingstoke.

'Improving' Basingstoke by Act of Parliament

Derek Spruce

A.J. Kellett, writing about railways, makes the following point about the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, "The greater part of Parliamentary time seems to have been taken up by legislation not to decide how the country should be governed but by whom it should be owned" and he cites the great number of enclosure and railway acts passed.

Certainly during the eighteen and nineteenth centuries the citizens of Basingstoke were affected by a number of local Acts which aimed to improve and regulate facilities in the town and many of these contained clauses allowing for the compulsory purchase or redistribution of land. Those passed in the period between 1737 and 1850 are listed below:

- **1737 - 1797 Turnpike trusts** Five acts were passed and, in some cases renewed. The last of these, the Basingstoke, Alton, Preston Candover Act was passed in 1795.
- **1786 Basingstoke Enclosure Act*** This authorised the enclosure and redistribution of the vast majority of the area of Basingstoke parish and borough which lay in six great open fields. It can be argued that this had the greatest impact on the landscape of the town prior to the post war town expansion scheme.
- **1815 Paving Act**
- **1829 Act for Enlarging the Market Place***
- **1834 (and 1837) London and Southampton Railway Acts***
- **1846 Hampshire and Berkshire Railway Act (Broad gauge to Reading)***
- **1846 Basingstoke, Andover and Salisbury Railway Act***

* All these acts allowed for the compulsory purchase of land.

The impact on Basingstoke of these Acts might be the subject of future notes (and the first of these, on the Paving Act, follows). A major proposed change to the extent of the borough came not in a local act but in a report which followed the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835. At a time when the creation of Poor Law Unions recognised the inter-relation of rural areas to market towns such as Basingstoke, the Municipal Corporation Boundaries Report of 1837 stressed the distinctiveness of the urban area. It advocated, in common with another 70 of 178 boroughs reported upon, a much smaller borough area for Basingstoke. This would have included the contiguous part of the then separate Eastrop parish but would have extended for less than a mile from the Market Square, separating the great part of the farmed area from the borough. This proposal was never implemented and a sound argument against it was, as the 1834 Poor Law Valuation survey shows, that the activities of the trades people in the town at that time were closely integrated with the land use of the rest of the parish. Today virtually the whole of the greater area of Basingstoke has been built over as the town has expanded in this century.

Part of this work was done in connection with my work as a tutor on an Open University course, Family and Community History in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. If anyone would like to know more about this course do phone me on 01256 702026.

Basingstoke Paving Act of 1815

Derek Spruce

Passed in the final year of the Napoleonic War, this was the first ad hoc local act to seek to improve the *urban* environment of Basingstoke. Its full title was: '*An Act for Paving the Footways and Crosspaths and otherwise improving the Streets, Lanes and other passages in the town of Basingstoke*'

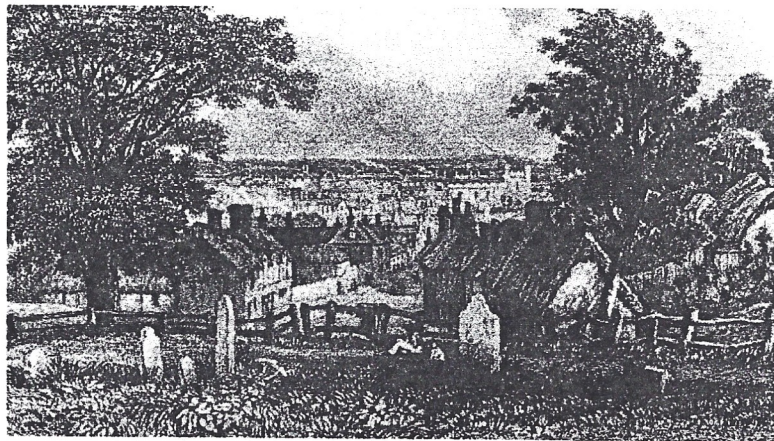
Names in the Act were 85 Commissioners who were mostly local business and professional men; they had to be men of some substance. Very few took an active part in meetings. The commissioners were independent of the Corporation who we might have expected, from a late twentieth century view point, to have undertaken the work although most of the Corporation's resident members were named among the Paving Commissioners.

The Commissioners were empowered to create and enforce bye-laws relating to the following activities:

- paving of footways
- setting up of lights
- alteration of bow windows
- appointment of watchmen (whom victuallers were prohibited from allowing in their houses when on duty!)
- removal of slaughter houses if necessary
- prohibition of the erection of new thatched buildings with the town
- fining house owners who had a chimney fire.

The new body was not to prejudice the rights of the Lord of the Manor - the Corporation! The Commissioners were to finance their activities by levying a rate on all occupied property, and could borrow against this rate, but were specifically prohibited from charging tolls on movements in the town's streets.

In the following 60 years quite significant changes in the townscape were effected under the terms of this Act. This view of the town in a print of 1830 shows many cottages in Chapel Street with thatched roofs showing the importance of this as a local roofing material at the time. This was prohibited on new buildings after 1815.



In 1811 there were 531 houses in the borough; this had risen to 995 in 1861, and, allowing for the fact that some of the 531 had also been rebuilt, the appearance of the town must have been radically altered in a generation by the decline in the numbers of thatched cottages.

The Commissioners' Minute and Account Books which can be seen in the Hampshire Record Office (148M71/1/5/7 and 148M3/5/8) show that they were initially active in paving and installing guttering in the main thoroughfares of Winchester Street/London Road and Church Street. They also required the removal of a number of bow windows. Their powers to appoint watchmen resulted in the establishment of a town police force which operated alongside the county police service until the 1870s.

Later they improved the town's streets by laying local flints for the traffic to tread in and, in summer, the dust was kept down by the water cart. After a few years some feeble street lights were provided but these were improved in 1834 with the establishment of a Gas Company which provided gas lighting for the main streets and business premises.

The activities of the Paving Commissioners transformed the town's thoroughfares from muddy, potholed lands to paved lit streets. However they did not have the financial resources or sufficient borrowing powers to embark upon more ambitious projects and so the construction of a mains sewerage system had to await the 1870s when financially better equipped bodies were instituted to supersede this first instrument of urban planning.

“WITH ALL FLAGS FLYING”

Barbara Applin

We have very sad news of the recent death of Sarah Duckworth. Andrew and Sarah have been pillars of the Society, especially when Sarah was Treasurer and Andrew was Publicity Officer and provided many thoughtful well-written articles for our Newsletter. At South Wonston (a beautifully appropriate archaeological address in Longbarrow Close) they moved closer to family but have not managed to get to our meetings, but they have kept closely in touch with the Society and remained dear and valued friends.

As Treasurer, Sarah showed a sound business sense (and common sense) and kept our affairs in immaculate order, but she also had much to offer in other topics at Committee meetings - including a superb sense of humour.

Through their out-of-print book-finding service, Sen Books, Andrew and Sarah have located a tremendous variety of books, from rare and exotic tomes to everyday familiar friends that have gradually disappeared from bookshops. Their clients are world-wide. Building up this business has been a wonderful partnership. Andrew tells

me he is going to learn computer skills so that he can continue, as he knows Sarah would wish.

At South Wonston, Sarah and Andrew have been very involved with the Local History Society and with the Winchester Archaeological Rescue Group. Recently Sarah has spent a great deal of time at the Hampshire Record Office, researching material for a book about the village.



Various people have asked if Andrew would like donations to any charity in Sarah's memory, and he would welcome donations to Naomi House. The address is:

Wessex Children's Hospice Trust,
Naomi House,
Stockbridge Road
Sutton Scotney
Winchester SO21 3JE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1997-8

Barbara Applin

I am pleased to report a busy year in what continues to be a thriving, vibrant Society. This can be seen in announcements at meetings, when so many members come forward to talk of visits being arranged, appeals for help, fieldwork projects etc. Much of this originates from initiatives by our last Chairman, John Horrocks.

The Committee have made several administrative decisions which have been mentioned in *Newsletters*. We felt that the reference in the Constitution to reduced subscription rates for retired members needed clarification; our interpretation is that these now apply to all members over 60 years of age. After discussion at the last AGM we assimilated the Publications Fund and the Excavations Fund into one Projects Fund. We decided to appoint informal Working Groups rather than formal Sub-Committees for Publicity, Oral History and Fieldwork. And we decided to have a

regular "time slot" for most Society visits: the Saturday/Sunday 9/10 days after a meeting.

A lot of thought has been given to the question of our meeting place, since Queen Mary Hall is not always available and the cost is likely to go up - and several members feel that it does not look as welcoming as we would like. This report covers the subscription year from 1st April, but the May Newsletter gives an update and an announcement will be made at the AGM.

The Committee have been very busy, as always. Although I shall mention some work done by individuals, all were fully involved in the planning or organising of our activities - there may be logistical problems in having a large committee but it does give us the opportunity to have a wider-based exchange of views.

On the Society's behalf I wrote a letter to *The Independent* on the subject of charges for entry to Museums & Art Galleries. Although it was not published, I had sent copies to Andrew Hunter, MP, Stephen Locke (Hampshire Museums Service) and Chris Smith (Minister for Heritage, who sent an acknowledgement). I have also dealt with enquiries about the Basingstoke photographer Terry Hunt and the 19th century Basingstoke Literary Institute.

Tim Herrington has been a stalwart Secretary, keeping our records in order and providing imaginative and practical solutions to problems that turn up. As joint Editor of the *Newsletter* he has provided a good amount of "copy" as well as many illustrations. Since Queen Mary College found themselves unable to house the Society library, Tim has given it a temporary home and is making a database so that loans can be arranged at meetings. He also arranged some memorable society visits.

Peter Good has kept a tight control on our finances, including the applications for grants for the oral history project. His photographic competition was again very successful.

Mary Oliver has found us a wonderful array of speakers; this year ranging from our own member, Marta Cock, to David Christian coming from Australia with news of Big History. When Tim Allen was taken ill and unable to give his talk on the Eton Rowing Lake, we were very fortunate that our member Ed Wilson was able to step in and give his talk on Excavations at the Vyne somewhat ahead of schedule. The Society was delighted to support the day conference by Mary Oliver, Jane Baker and Jeremy Pearson on The Grand Tour (in aid of St Michael's Church) and to join with the South of England Costume Society for the day Marta Cock arranged on Ancient Textiles and Clothing in Europe. Our social events too - the Christmas Party and the Annual Dinner - have been very enjoyable.

Julian Porter was kept busy as Membership Secretary, as numbers continued to rise. He has evolved an efficient membership database and has been assiduous in manning the Welcome table, with some help from others, including his son Nicholas.

Margaret Porter has had plenty to do too as leader of the Publicity Working Group, and has produced some striking posters. It is thanks to her persuasive tongue that the paper and printing for our *Newsletters* have been supplied this year by Arjo Wiggins. We are most grateful to them.

Mary Oliver and David Score have led a full programme of fieldwork, with members helping on projects like Bramley Frith, the Loddon Survey, the Vyne and continuing our own programme of fieldwalking and the resulting pot washing. Work is under way

in making our own resistivity meter. We have received some documents on Health & Safety which are kept on file for reference by the fieldworking group. The Easter training dig at Worting was professionally led by David Score, attracting a record number of volunteers, and we look forward to David's report after the AGM.

Marten Harris has taken over the running of the bookstall and care of the projector at meetings. Les Fitzgerald has continued his "front of house manager" function, making sure that seats and equipment are ready for lectures. Marta Cock organised the day on Ancient Textiles and Clothing in Europe just mentioned and is planning a full-day trip. Susan Strawson took on the task of organising coffee at meetings. She has also deputised for Tim in taking Committee minutes. Linda Chapman has no formal "job" but has contributed to committee discussions and given solid support.

We are always glad when non-Committee members volunteer to do things. Anne Hawker and Beryl Kay have taken several turns at coffee making, and we hope other members will come forward to do their bit. Joy Needham, a past Chairman, organised an informative visit to Basingstoke Library. And Derek Spruce led a walk round Odiham. We are delighted when members support the various Working Groups and also when they send in articles for the Newsletter.

Our Society sends representatives to various other bodies: the Hampshire Field Club (Mary Oliver and Paulline Williams are developing a reputation for their high standard in Cheese & Wine parties) and the Hampshire Archaeological Committee. We have recently joined the Oral History Society and the Council for Independent Archaeology.

One important development this year has been the growth of our oral history project, now called BASINGSTOKE TALKING HISTORY. As I write, I have just checked proofs of the first book in this series: **Going Down Church Street to the Felgate Bookshop** and we are working on a new book of Basingstoke memories to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Health Service. The BASINGSTOKE TALKING HISTORY group is lively and constantly growing and we will welcome anyone else - member or not - who wishes to help with interviewing/recording, making synopses or transcriptions, doing associated research or writing. Here again Tim Herrington is setting up a database! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Willis Museum at 7.30 pm. As well as putting in some money from our Projects fund, we have succeeded in attracting grants for the project, which will cover the publication of the first book so that proceeds from sales can go into a rolling fund: heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the Willis Museum, the Borough of Basingstoke & Deane, Hampshire County Council and Macmillans.

Finally, we have been sad to note the deaths of two members. Shirley Whatmore had given so much to the Friends of the Willis Museum during her stint as their Secretary and Sarah Duckworth had done excellent work as our Treasurer for many years. They will both be very much missed.

CALENDAR

Sat Sun 6 th June	Basingstoke Canal Walk	BAHS
Tues 2 & 9 June	Evening tours of Southampton City Vaults 7.30 Numbers limited	HFC
Sat 6 June	Day visit to Hurst Castle	HFC
Thurs 18 June	AGM & WORTING DIG David Score NB Conference Room, Queen Mary's Centre	BAHS
Sun 28 June	17th Century Living History Basing House	FBH
Wed 1 July	Basingstoke Talking History meeting 7.30 Willis Museum	BAHS
Sat 4 July	Children's Day; Gilbert & Sullivan evening for St Michael's Hospice	FBH
Sat 11 July	Day visit to Alresford & Tichbourne Numbers limited	HFC
Sat/Sun 11/12 July	Conquest (10th & 11th century life) Basing House	FBH
Sat 18 July	Visit to Farleigh Hungerford Castle & Norton St Philip	BAHS
Sat/Sun 8/9 Aug	17TH Century Living History Basing House	FBH
Sun 9 Aug	Visit to Silchester	BAHS
Wed 19 Aug	Evening visit to Prof. Barry Cunliffe's excavation, Grately Roman villa 6.30	HFC
Thurs 10 Sept	EXPLORING THE RITUAL LANDSCAPE OF CRANBORNE CHASE Martin Green	BAHS*
Sat/Sun 12/13th	Heritage Open Days Basing House	FBH
Sun 13th Sept	The Grand Alliance with the Monmouth Rebellion	FBH
Thurs 17 Sept	Two Centuries of Hampshire Gerald Ponting	FWM
Sat 19 Sept	Visit to Cranborne Chase	BAHS
Fri 25 Sept	Cheese & Wine at Willis Museum 6.30	HFC
Sat 27 Sept	Guided Tour Basing House	FBH
Thurs 8 Oct	TO TALK OF MANY THINGS, OF SHOES AND SHIPS AND SEALING WAX: Gleanings from our Underwater Heritage Margaret Rule	BAHS*
Thurs 15 Oct	AGM & Milestones Update Tim Evans	FWM
Sun 18 Oct	Visit to Guildford	BAHS
Thurs 12 Nov	ETON ROWING LAKE: a Prehistoric Landcape by the Thames Tim Allen, Oxford Archaeological Unit	BAHS*
Thurs 19 Nov	Another evening with John & Tony	FWM
Sat 21 Nov	To be announced	BAHS
Thurs 10 Dec	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING	BAHS*

BAHS our society * Venue to be confirmed
HFC Hampshire Field Club
FWM Friends of the Willis Museum, Willis Museum, 7.30 pm
FBH Friends of Basing House