

## **Hendon and District Archaeological Society**

### **Chairman's Report 2016-2017**

To new members a very warm welcome. Do please join in our activities as much as you can, your participation will be appreciated.

Time passes and this is my 13<sup>th</sup> year as chairman. Highlights of the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2017 were: a successful excavation at Clitterhouse Farm, a great HADAS holiday at Bradford-on-Avon, and an excellent Christmas party. Our dwindling number of active committee members worked very hard to bring you these events as well as carrying out all the normal routine tasks.

The key activists were **Jo** and **Jim Nelhams** (Secretary and Treasurer respectively) who organised and ran the HADAS holiday at Bradford-on-Avon. They also ran the Christmas party with help from **Vicki Baldwin** and **Liz Gapp**, which this year featured a hot sit-down meal rather than a buffet as previously. **Bill Bass** managed the excavation side of HADAS's activities. The Sunday group, under Bill's supervision, ensure that we carry out the post-excavation work on our digs up to Museum of London standards. **Stephen Brunning** (Membership Secretary) organised an excellent series of lectures. **Roger Chapman** (Publicity) tackled the thorny problem of the HADAS web site and it is hoped to have a new site during 2017. **Peter Pickering** (Vice-chairman) checked Barnet planning applications for the need to apply archaeological conditions and passed any perceived requirements on to Historic England, he also kept me abreast of other heritage-relevant legislation. **Sue Willetts** and **Mary Rawitzer** ensured that the HADAS monthly newsletter was produced, printed and distributed on time. Each monthly newsletter is edited by a different HADAS member from articles submitted mainly by members. The members' articles are probably the main interaction they have with the Society. We are very grateful for their contributions. **Eric Morgan** kept us up-to-date on other societies' activities. My thanks are due to all of them for their hard work.

The HADAS Finds Course tutored by Jacqui Pierce had 15 members and this year started processing the finds from a Birkbeck excavation in 1999 at Lant Street in Southwark. The excavation was project managed by Harvey Sheldon, our President. The course is concentrating on identifying and recording the artefacts from the dig and re-labelling the packaging up to Museum of London standards before depositing them at the London Archive and Research Centre (LAARC). The project is expected to take a couple of years.

### **Chairman's Report (continued)**

All-in-all the HADAS year to the end of March 2017 was a successful one. I mentioned the dwindling number of activists above and they and I are getting older, it is important for the future of your society that more members participate in the running of the organisation. Please give serious thought as to how you might contribute.

Sadly we heard that Mary Phillips, Vice-President of HADAS and a former Barnet Councillor died (see the note in HADAS newsletter No. 552 March 2017) and, as in any year, other valued friends and members also died during the year, our condolences to their families and friends.

**Don Cooper**

### **Membership Secretary and Lecture Coordinator Report 2016-17**

## **Membership**

This report represents the membership year 01/04/16 to 31/03/17.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 HADAS has 147 members, 19 less than at this time last year. These break down as 127 individuals, with another 20 additional members with shared addresses. There are 7 life members, 3 students and 1 corporate member.

During the year HADAS has recruited only 4 new members. 14 resigned or did not respond to renewal reminders. 6 people were also removed as joint members.

We also reported the sad deaths of Desmond Collins, Dorothy Ravenswood and Mary Phillips. Our deepest sympathies go out to all their families.

## **Lectures**

The lecture series continues to be successful with a good mix of topics.

As stated elsewhere in this annual report, the officers & committee administer HADAS voluntarily on your behalf. We therefore need the input from you! If there are any topics you want us to cover in the lectures, or if you have come across a good speaker, please get in touch with me or another committee member. The main contacts are on the last page of each monthly newsletter.

**Stephen Brunning**

## **HADAS AGM Fieldwork Report 2016-2017**

### **Claremont School Assembly Talk**

On June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 members of the HADAS Fieldwork Team gave a talk to the gathered assembly of the school which is located opposite Clitterhouse Farm. The talk explained some of what archaeology was and how it related to the local area. A number of finds were passed around for inspection.

### **Clitterhouse Farm Excavation 2016**

This was held Weds 20<sup>th</sup> July to Weds 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Clitterhouse Farm, Claremont Road, Cricklewood, NW2 1PH

Site code: CTH16, NGR: TQ 23689 86819.

### **Fieldwork Report 2016-2017 (continued)**

Clitterhouse Farm, a moated manor site has a long documented history. Archaeological research work is being carried out to try and establish the possible Saxon/medieval and later layout of the site.

Following on from work here in 2015 HADAS members conducted a resistivity survey and a further 3 trenches were excavated outside the northern corner of the main building complex. In two of the trenches a pair of brick built wall foundations were seen and are thought to be possibly the 'wheat-barn' or 'cow-shed' originally erected c1600-1700 (seen on a map of 1715) and demolished c1900. Above this was much mixed clay and demolition rubble. Finds included a small amount of 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> century pottery through to 19<sup>th</sup> century material.

Also seen were accumulated build-up of gravel layers provisionally interpreted as the former farmyard make-up, containing ceramic and other finds from the former occupation of the site. Natural London Clay was reached in some of the excavation, elsewhere it had been truncated by the 'wheat-barn' construction described above. A report will appear in a forthcoming Newsletter.

### **Hendon Baptist Church Display**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept HADAS took part in a day event on local history and archaeology in the Hendon area organised by Jacqui Pearce. HADAS members displayed various finds from our collection and gave some of the talks and presentations, others were on hand to chat with members of the public.

### **Clitterhouse Farm 'Fete'**

Held on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept in slightly windy conditions, HADAS members gave a display of recent work, finds and excavations conducted at the farm to members of the public.

### **RAF Museum, Hendon**

During Feb 2017 HADAS member Andy Simpson undertook some site watching at his place of employment. The museum is currently being partly redeveloped as part of a HLF funded project. A selection of Victorian and later finds were found and reported in the March 2017 HADAS Newsletter.

### **The Basement Room**

The nerve centre of the HADAS Fieldwork Team at Avenue/Stephens House continues to be used for processing finds, archiving material and drinking coffee (not always in that order), mostly on a Sunday morning. Currently finds from the latest Clitterhouse Farm dig are being washed, marked, identified and listed.

### **Planning Applications**

HADAS continue to monitor planning applications throughout the borough and comment on them where necessary. A meeting was held with Barnet Council to clarify procedures within the planning system.

### **Battle of Barnet**

Although HADAS are not directly involved, a large ranging metal-detecting survey led on the ground by Sam Wilson of Huddersfield University continued in summer 2016 on farmland to the west and north of Kitts End and Wrotham Park. A series of 'test-pits' were dug in the Kitts End area which found some medieval pottery. At some point there may be a dig to identify the location of the 'chantry' chapel which might indicate where burials from the battle are to be found.

The finds are being processed at Barnet Museum. There were a number of lectures related to the battle during the summer of 2016 and Sam is due to give a talk to HADAS later in 2017. The project appeared on a recent edition of the 'Digging for Britain' TV series.

### **LAMAS Conference 2017**

HADAS members attended the conference with this year's mixture of talks on recent archaeological work in London. HADAS had a table of books for sale along the work of other societies.

**Many thanks to the Fieldwork Team and members for their effort over the last year in these projects.**

**Bill Bass**

Treasurer's Report and accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

<b>INCOME</b>		£ (2017)	£ (2016)	<b>See Note</b>
	Subscriptions	1971.50	2321.02	1
	Outings	21420.00	11955.00	2
	Book and Mugs Sales	113.50	235.00	
	Bank Interest	1.58	3.18	3
	Donations	130.00	80.00	
	Course fees	4720.00	4900.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	28356.58	19494.20	

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
	Outings	19603.70	14108.46	2
	Newsletters	1264.87	1546.57	
	Admin/Printing	232.88	202.70	
	Excavations/Equipment	695.90	870.83	
	Lectures	1416.96	1100.00	4
	Rent	3360.00	3360.00	
	Society Subs	157.00	85.00	
	Insurance	246.38	773.15	5
	Party costs (net)	-309.90	186.40	
	Bank Charges	25.00	0.00	3
	Cost of courses	4425.00	5393.20	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	31117.79	27626.31	

Income	Less Expenditure	-2761.21	-8132.11	
Investments realised		6069.59	5390.39	6
Unrealised Gains	In Investments	9056.45	-7304.39	
Net Movement	Of funds	12364.83	-10046.11	

	Accumulated Fund b/f	102733.37	112779.48	
	Net Movement of funds	12364.83	-10046.11	
		115098.20	102733.37	
<b>Assets</b>				
	Balance at Banks	4403.19	1094.81	
	Investments - Charifund	110695.01	95735.63	
	Investments - Charibond	0.00	5902.93	
		115098.20	102733.37	

The Society is fortunate in the large legacy received from the late Ted Sammes. Some of this has been invested in charitable funds managed by Mercantile and General. It is understood that this should be used to continue Ted's work, in particular to document the digs which took place under his leadership.

These investments have performed well, and enabled us to maintain our reserves though we must understand the warning that "investments can fall as well as rise". Nevertheless, it must be repeated that our subscriptions do not cover our annual costs of newsletters, lectures and rents. Our net outlay of £2761 equates to around £18.50 per member.

As always, the annual accounts show a snapshot at a point in time. The receipts and payments show the movements since the previous snapshot. Thus what is included can depend very much on timing.

Notes on statement.

1. We have not yet claimed the Gift Aid for the previous year.
2. The bills and contributions for outings straddle the financial year end. Hotels are increasingly asking for early deposits on room bookings.
3. CAFBANK have found it necessary to impose a monthly charge of £5 since November 2016, since they are not making interest on our deposits. Effectively, we are now receiving a negative interest rate.
4. Lectures now cost us £110 for the room plus the lecturer's fee. We also required a new projector during the year.
5. We took advantage of a change with the insurance market breaking the previous monopoly to use a new insurer.
6. I have restructured the presentation of the sales of our investments. In 2016, the realisation of Charifund was shown under **income** rather than a transfer of assets.

At the time of writing, the accounts have not been inspected by our Independent Examiner, Stewart Wild, who kindly carries out this duty on behalf of the membership.

Jim Nelhams  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## **Examiners Report**

### **Basis of examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given out by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

1. which gives me reason to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - To keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
  - To prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and
  - To comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have been not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the charity's constitution have not been met.

Signed by Mr Stewart Wild.