

## **Chairman's Report for the HADAS year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

It is that time of the year again – it comes around so quickly. 2017/18 was a successful year for HADAS tinged with sadness at the loss of some long-standing members. Your committee worked hard during the year carrying out their various honorary roles. But, as can be seen below, were also involved in all the key events and actions in the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee and other members for all their help during the year.

### **Key Events and actions**

- HADAS was involved in another excavation in conjunction with UCL at Hendon School. This kept the digging team under Bill Bass busy not just the excavation but the post-excavation analysis of artefacts and the report.
- The digging team went on to support the Battle of Barnet project by digging test pits in the grounds of Wrotham Estate. Little evidence of the Battle was found – maybe next time!
- Another aspect of HADAS is the Sunday morning gathering in the basement at Avenue House organised by Bill Bass. Here finds are processed, digs discussed, planning applications reviewed over coffee.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> June there was a successful “Bus Pass” outing initiated by Jo & Jim Nelhams to the Crossrail exhibition at Docklands Museum.
- Then in September we had the long HADAS trip to Frodsham successfully organised by Jim & Jo. These trips take a lot of hard work to organise – finding a suitable hotel, identifying what and where to visit, planning the coach routes and ensuring appropriate facilities, etc. This year's trip was particularly successful (see full reports from 18 members in HADAS newsletters).
- The HADAS “Finds Processing” Course ran successfully again this year tutored by Jacqui Pearce with 16 students. This was the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the course.
- In November, after a lot of work by Roger Chapman, a new HADAS web site was introduced and a successful transfer from our old difficult-to-maintain web site was achieved.
- In December we had the HADAS Christmas party put together by Jo and Jim with help from Vicki Baldwin and Liz Gapp. Although it was a successful event many people could not attend due to snow causing transport issues.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> of March we had a full-day practical archaeology training day for Birkbeck College Archaeology Society. This event was organised by Melvyn Dresner with help from many HADAS members. It was a very successful event with all the participants saying how much they enjoyed it.
- Throughout the year, Peter Pickering reviewed all the planning applications in the Borough of Barnet from an archaeological point of view and ensured that Historic England were informed if appropriate.
- The production of the newsletters was successfully supervised by Sue Willetts despite a number of difficulties.
- The winter lecture series with speakers arranged by Stephen Brunning was wellattended. Getting new and interesting speakers for our eight winter series lectures is a difficult and time-consuming task which Stephen, our honorary membership secretary, successfully achieves.
- A HADAS team took part in four of the “Avenue House” quizzes – winning some, losing some!

All-in-all the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was a successful year for HADAS.

**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. Mary Rawitzer has retired from looking after the production of the newsletters – we thank her for all her hard work. Vicki Baldwin is moving to Looe in Cornwall – we thank her for all she did for HADAS and wish her and Jon happy times. As a result, we have vacancies on our committee.**

**The issues going forward are succession planning for the honorary officers all of whom have now been doing the same job for more than 10 years and replacement of committee members who have retired or are moving far outside the area. I would ask all members to give serious consideration to taking on one of these roles so as to ensure the continuity of your society.**

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

I am sad to report the death of Dorothy Newbury, a major contributor to the success of HADAS (see her obituary in April 2018 newsletter) – RIP Dorothy. As in any year, other valued members, relatives of members and friends have died, our condolences to their families and friends. May they rest in peace.

Don Cooper

Chairman

31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### **Fieldwork report for HADAS AGM 2017/2018.**

Bill Bass (Field Officer).

#### **Hendon School**

**Golders Rise, Hendon, London, NW4 2HP.**

TQ 23610 89011

June 2017

HADAS/UCL (Institute of Archaeology)

Site Code: GDR17

HADAS and the UCL conducted an excavation and a program of activities to introduce archaeology to the pupils of Hendon School.

Following on from previous community work at the school between 2006 and 2012 where finds from the Roman to Modern periods were found, a further a 6 x 2m trench was excavated in June 2017 along the northern boundary of the playing field adjacent to the tall chain-link ‘catch fencing’, a further two small test-pits were excavated just to the west of the main trench.

The natural London Clay was overlain by a disturbed plough soil containing a smattering of degraded Roman pottery, an amount of medieval pottery and examples of building material, clay-pipe, pottery etc from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The topsoil produced a similar material with modern coinage, glass and so forth.

Although the results were mixed, it showed the continuing presence of archaeology and gave the pupils a flavour of what local-history and field-archaeology is about.

## **Battle of Barnet Survey**

Wrotham Park, Barnet, Herts

TQ 524813 198577

2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Huddersfield University/ Barnet Museum

Site Code: BOB17

As members may be aware there has been a wide ranging archaeological survey and small-scale test-pitting excavation over the last couple of years to test the theory that the Battle of Barnet took place further north than the accepted area of Hadley Green. The survey is being undertaken by Glenn Foard of Huddersfield University and Sam Wilson of Cotswold Archaeology with Barnet Museum organisation and volunteers. Part of that search is to try and locate the Chantry Chapel said to have been built after the conflict possibly over or nearby burial pits containing the dead.

The 2017 campaign included a further metal-detecting survey and a range of test-pits over the possible site of the chapel. This area has been previously surveyed with geophysics but this had been inconclusive, the land had also been built over by subsequent owners perhaps masking earlier archaeology. On this occasion HADAS were involved by supplying volunteers from our Fieldwork Team together with digging tools, volunteers from Barnet Museum were also involved, all overseen by battlefield specialist Sam Wilson

A total of 16 1x1m test-pits were dug within the moated area, most of the finds were post-medieval brick and tile demolition rubble, a substantial brick built 'culvert' was seen at the bottom of one trench. There were some finds that may indicate some earlier occupation but it is inconclusive at the moment. So unfortunately as yet no real sign of the chapel foundation and not much late medieval material (so far) but the finds will undergo cleaning and processing at Barnet Museum which may reveal further evidence.

## **Birkbeck Archaeological Society (BAS) Training Day**

Stephens House and Gardens in Finchley, East End Road, London N3 3QE

24<sup>th</sup> March

HADAS

On the 24<sup>th</sup> March HADAS conducted a 'Training Day' on behalf of BAS, the idea being that not all students attending Birkbeck courses get a lot of 'hands on' experience of fieldwork, planning in 'Archaeological Priority Areas', finds processing and so on. As HADAS has a certain amount of experience in the above matters it was thought a good idea to arrange a day where students could partake in and gain an insight in these various projects.

The Dining Room was used for a PowerPoint presentation and talks on various methods and practice in the planning process and the differences between professional and volunteer archaeology, also the archaeological archive and books. The HADAS Basement was used for finds processing e.g. washing, marking, recording and packaging of finds, also a display of a couple of past HADAS

digs. The garden found itself being the base for practicing 'Resistivity', the laying out of base and grid lines, the methods of 'levelling' with the use of a 'dumpy level', finding benchmarks, mapping and so forth.

Initial feedback appears to indicate that it was a worthwhile exercise for the students who could apply some 'hands on' knowledge to their classes or further afield with several joining the ranks of HADAS membership.

## **Clitterhouse Farm**

The report from the August 2016 dig was published in the July 2017 HADAS Newsletter.

## **The Basement Room**

The room continues to hold its Sunday sessions in processing the finds from digs, organising the archive and the planning of future projects. The finds from the 'Evening Class' Lant Street site is also held here for the Wednesday classes. The room contains our library, finds, documents and Newsletter archive.

## **Planning**

Planning applications have been monitored over the year with an eye being kept on those which fall within 'Archaeological Priority Areas'. These are referred to Barnet Council and English Heritage GLAAS (Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service), sometimes we will approach the developers/owners ourselves if the site is small or not of enough interest to GLAAS. A member continued his watching-brief at the ever changing RAF Museum, Hendon. Usually though sites of interest are tackled by professional units, a number of areas have been inspected over the year.

A useful article 'Protecting, Conserving and Understanding Barnet's Archaeology' was published in the August 2017 HADAS Newsletter.

Barnet Council have been reviewing their 'Schedule of Buildings of Local Architectural or Historic Interest'. Several HADAS members and other members of the public were involved checking existing entries and proposing newer ones.

**As ever, many thanks to the Fieldwork Team and those who help in organising, publishing, excavating, finds processing and all the other aspects of fieldwork we undertake.**

## **Membership Secretary and Lecture Coordinator Report**

This report represents the membership year 01/04/17 to 31/03/18.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 HADAS has 140 members, a slight loss of 7 from last year. These break down as 122 applications, with another 18 additional members with shared addresses. Included within these totals are 5 life members, 2 students and 1 corporate member.

We also had reported to us the sad deaths of Joanna Corden, Phyllis Fletcher, Erna Karton, Jean Lamont and Dorothy Newbury. Our deepest sympathies go out to all their families.

## **Lectures**

The lecture series continues to be very popular with a good mix of topics again this year.

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 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  
Honorary Membership Secretary

## **HADAS Accounts – year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

<b>INCOME</b>		£ (2018)	£ (2017)	<b>See Note</b>
	Subscriptions	2747.93	1971.50	<b>1</b>
	Outings	21963.00	21420.00	<b>2</b>
	Miscellaneous cash	47.00	113.50	
	Bank Interest	0.68	1.58	
	Donations	200.00	130.00	<b>3</b>
	Course fees	4570.00	4720.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	29528.61	28356.58	

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
	Outings	16686.70	19603.70	<b>2</b>
	Newsletters	1188.00	1264.87	
	Admin/Printing	2411.60	232.88	<b>4</b>
	Excavations/Equipment	424.85	695.90	<b>3</b>
	Lectures	1110.00	1416.96	
	Rent	3360.00	3360.00	
	Society Subs	127.00	157.00	
	Insurance	247.50	246.38	
	Party costs (net)	-197.00	-309.90	<b>5</b>
	Bank Charges	65.00	25.00	
	Coffee	-173.49	0.00	<b>6</b>
	Cost of courses	4130.00	4425.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	29380.16	31117.79	

Income	Less Expenditure	148.45	-2761.21	
Investments realised		0.00	6069.59	
Unrealised Gains	In Investments	2930.43	9056.45	
Net Movement	Of funds	3078.88	12364.83	

	Accumulated Fund b/f	115098.20	102733.37	
	Net Movement of funds	3078.88	12364.83	
		118177.08	115098.20	
<b>Assets</b>				
	Balance at Banks	4551.64	4403.19	
	Investments - Charifund	113625.44	110695.01	
		118177.08	115098.20	

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 enabling us to maintain our reserves though we must understand the warning that "investments can fall as well as rise". During the period between mid-January and the end of March, the investment value fell by about £8,000. Nevertheless, it must be repeated that our subscriptions do not cover our annual costs of newsletters, lectures and rents. Our rent alone (£3360) equates to around £22.40 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. Includes Giftaid for 2 years.
2. The bills and contributions for outings straddle the financial year end. Hotels are increasingly asking for early deposits on room bookings. The figures include deposits for September 2018 totaling over £5000.
3. This donation was used to purchase a Planning Frame.
4. The AGM cost £200. The balance is the cost of designing and setting up our new website.
5. We try to break even on the Party and outings, though an accurate budget is not possible. We do not seek to profit from the misfortunes of our members. With the weather disrupting the Christmas party, we were able to negotiate a refund for those who were unable to attend and did not have any food. This allowed us to offer a partial refund to those involved.
6. Avenue House have declined to accept any payments in cash, including for coffee. We therefore must bank the cash received and wait for an invoice.

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  
11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **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.