

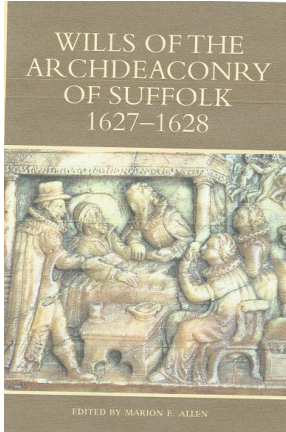


Suffolk Records Society



Registered Charity No 1084279

You are warmly invited to attend the 53rd AGM of the Society and celebrate the launch of the 58th volume which will be introduced by the General Editor, Professor John Blatchly, Honorary Wolsey Professor of History on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Waterfront Auditorium at University Campus, Suffolk.



WILLS OF THE SUFFOLK ARCHDEACONRY 1627-1628 edited by Marion Allen, General Editor Professor John Blatchly

This volume completes the coverage of wills of the 1620s and 1630s. It contains abstracts of 286 wills proved in the court of the archdeacon of Suffolk. The court was the place to prove the third and humblest category of wills of testators whose real estate was situated in only one parish. The court's jurisdiction covered the eastern half of the county, an extensive and rich area of farming and industrial parishes, market towns, coastal ports and the large town of Ipswich.

Marion Allen gained an MA from the University of Wales for a study of Aldeburgh between 1547 and 1660. She was formerly assistant archivist at the then Ipswich and East Suffolk Record Office.

Wine and light refreshments will be served and members are welcome to bring a guest

RSVP If you are coming to the AGM you may collect your book then; if you are unable to attend, it will be posted to you. Unless you already pay by Standing Order, members may pay their annual subscription at the AGM or post it to the SRS Membership Secretary, 8 Orchid Way, Needham Market, Ipswich, IP6 8JQ.

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THE SOCIETY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF ITS NEW, INDEPENDENT WEBSITE

www.suffolkrecordssociety.com

This exciting new development will move the Society forward and improve our interaction with members and the wider academic world on the internet. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have and we are all easy to contact via the email addresses on the 'Contact Us' page.

From 2016 the society will post the AGM papers: Agenda, the previous year's minutes, Trustees' Report and Accounts on the website. Members will only receive notification of the AGM and an invitation to the launch of the next volume by post. This will save a great deal on postage and printing costs. So please ensure we have your most up to date email address.

However we do not wish to alienate members who do not to use the internet and prefer to receive their papers by post. If you wish to continue receiving the AGM papers we would be very grateful if you would indicate this below. This also will provide us with an excellent opportunity to update our membership database.

While we may occasionally send you information or offers that might interest you, our database is strictly private. The details are not used for any other purpose than the administration of the Society and its members and are never passed on to any third parties.

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The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk Records Society will be held in the The Auditorium, UCS Waterfront Building, Ipswich on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7.30pm

Claire Barker

Hon Secretary

A G E N D A

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting (attached)
2. Trustees' Report for the year 2014-2015 (attached)
3. Financial Statements for 2013-2014 and Independent Examiner's Report (attached)
4. Report on volumes in progress
5. Election of Chairman: *Mr Victor Gray*
6. Election of Officers: the following are eligible for re-election:

Hon Membership Secretary: *Mrs Tanya Christian*

Hon Treasurer: *Mr Eric Maule*

Co-ordinating Editor: *Mr David Sherlock*

Hon Secretary: *Mrs Claire Barker*

Charter Series Editor: *Dr Nicholas Karn*

7. Election of Council Members: the following are eligible for re-election:

Dr David Dymond [President]

Rev Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Kt

Dr David Allen

Dr Jane Fiske

Dr Nicholas Amor

Mr Bob Malster

Ms Kate Chantry

Professor Richard Wilson

Dr Harvey Osborne

Professor John Blatchly

8. Election of Independent Examiner:

Mrs Rosemary Unthank is proposed as Independent Examiner

9. Votes of thanks

10. Volume 58: **WILLS OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SUFFOLK, 1627-1628** edited by **Marion Allen**, will be introduced by the General Editor, Professor John Blatchly, Honorary Wolsey Professor of History.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK RECORDS SOCIETY IN ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH, CLARE ON THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM

The Chairman welcomed everyone and the Society's guests: Revd Stuart Mitchell, Professors Richard and Peggy Smith of Clare Historical Society and Clare Ancient House Museum respectively, Mrs Rohais Haughton of Boydell & Brewer, (a descendant of Elizabeth de Burgh's sister), Neil Wiffen from Essex Record Office, Dr Chris Thornton of Essex Victoria County History, Dr Robert Athol, archivist of Clare College who was also representing the Master of the College and Paul Fincham, partner and friend of Norman Scarfe who had died recently.

Dr David Dymond, President of the Society, began by welcoming everyone to Clare and expressing his thanks to the officers of the Society for organising the event. He also welcomed Paul Fincham and went on to pay tribute to Norman Scarfe, a founder member of the society, General Editor of over 30 volumes and President from 2002 to 2008. [The full text of Dr Dymond's tribute is appended to these minutes]

Apologies had been received from Rev Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Dr Nicholas Karn, Dr Harvey Osborne, Dr John Blatchly and 100 members of the Society.

1425 Minutes

The minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2013 at Lowestoft, which had already been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

1426 Trustees' Report for the year 2013-2014

The Chairman introduced the Report which had previously been circulated. [It was noted that Mrs Tanya Christian, Membership Secretary, had been omitted from the list of Trustees and Council members.] There were no questions on the Report and it was received unanimously.

1427 Financial Statement

The Treasurer introduced the Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 September 2013. These had previously been circulated and had been audited by Mrs Rosemary Unthank. Grants of £250 each had again been received from the Gibson-Wynes Trust and from Suffolk County Council. Further donations had been received from the Port of Lowestoft towards last year's volume. This year's volume had received donations from Clare College, the Clare Historical Society, the Friends of the Ancient House Museum and £500 had been received from the Framsdon Fundraisers, where a member of this Society had given a talk and had asked for the money raised to be donated to the Society. The sum for the AGM was higher than usual because of the presentation to Dr Blatchly on his retirement as Chairman. Sundries contained two bills in the year from Boydells for storage. There was a surplus on the sale of investments of £4711. We now use Virgin Money as the deposit account as there is a better rate of interest and we now invest in M & G Charifund. For the Charter Series no volume was produced last year so expenses were low. The tax repayment was delayed by receiving Gift Aid online. Mrs Margaret Statham proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Tanya Christian, carried unanimously.

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1428 Resolution

The Chairman introduced the Resolution which had been circulated with the minutes, proposing that all overseas subscriptions be increased to £20 per annum and UK institutions to £17. The main reason behind this is the increasing postage costs as well as the production costs of each volume. He warned that members' subscriptions were likely to be increased in the future. The resolution was proposed by Robert Malster, seconded by Edward Martin and carried unanimously.

1429 Report on volumes in progress

David Sherlock announced that the next volume, *The Wills of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk, 1627-1628*, edited by Marion Allen, with Dr John Blatchly as General Editor, was with Boydells. It would be a fitting tribute to the late Nesta Evans and the monies donated in her memory would go towards the publishing costs.

1430 Election of Chairman

Eric Maule proposed Victor Gray as Chairman, seconded by Nick Amor and carried unanimously.

1431 Election of Officers

The Chairman read a list of Officers prepared to stand for re-election:

Treasurer: Mr Eric Maule; Secretary: Mrs Claire Barker; Membership Secretary: Mrs Tanya Christian; Co-ordinating Editor: Mr David Sherlock; Charters Series Editor: Dr Nicholas Karn.

Their election was proposed en bloc by Colin Spalding, seconded by Dr David Dymond and carried unanimously.

1432 Election of Council Members

The Chairman read a list of Council members prepared to stand for re-election: Dr David Allen, Dr Jane Fiske, Dr David Dymond, Dr Nick Amor, Professor Richard Wilson, Mr Robert Malster, Rev Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Dr Harvey Osborne, Ms Kate Chantry.

Their election was proposed en bloc by Nick Amor, seconded by Margaret Statham and carried unanimously.

1433 Election of Independent Examiner

Mrs Rosemary Unthank was proposed as Independent Examiner by Colin Spalding, seconded by Edward Martin and carried unanimously.

1434 Votes of thanks

The Chairman thanked Rev Stuart Mitchell, rector of St Peter and St Paul for allowing the Society to use the Church and for organising the microphones and sound system. He also thanked the Society's guests and those residents of Clare who had attended. He also thanked the officers and Council members of the Society for helping him through his first year as Chairman. Dr Nick Amor thanked Mr Gray on behalf of the Council and members of the Society.

1435 Volume 57

The Chairman introduced Dr Jennifer Ward, the Editor of volume 57: *Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare [1295-1360] – Household and other Records*. She began by giving a little of her own family history, explaining how she had come to be interested in Lady Elizabeth and Clare. She continued by describing the circumstances of Lady Elizabeth's life, and how she became such an influential

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and powerful woman, painting a vivid picture of daily life in Clare Castle and leaving a lasting legacy with the founding of Clare College, Cambridge.

Dr Ward was thanked by David Sherlock both for her talk and also for editing such an excellent volume which the Society was proud to add to its canon.

Suffolk Records Society, AGM (1 May, 2014)

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to make 3 points:

First, to welcome you, the membership, and thank you for your support in maintaining our tradition of combining an AGM with the launch of a new volume. We try to do this every year in an historically important building, and on a 'beautiful sunny evening'.

Second, on your behalf, I would like to thank the six voluntary officers and the members of Council, for maintaining the work - continuing to produce excellent books, on time and at a modest price. This is no easy task in these days of generally declining memberships, falling incomes and rising costs.

Third, I must remind you of sad death (on 2 March 2014) of our former president Norman Scarfe, and convey our deepest sympathy to his long-standing partner Paul Fincham, who is with us tonight. I think that Norman last attended the AGM in 2011, when we met at Mildenhall.

Over the years his devotion to this society has been astonishing. Norman was one of the founders of this society in 1957-8; he was general editor of more than 30 volumes in our General Series, including the 8 volumes of the Constable Correspondence; from 1998 he was vice-president; and from 2002 president.

Norman's own publishing record was impressive and varied. Like all good local historians, he refused to be tied to any particular theme, particular place or particular period. His achievements included *The Frenchman's Year* (published by this society, and one of its most acclaimed volumes), *The Making of the Suffolk Landscape* (in the Hoskins series) and his three *Shell Guides* to Essex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk (masterpieces of acute observation and economy of language).

Norman was scholarly, cultured, kind and generous. He will be greatly missed.

Dr David P Dymond
President



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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

1. Trustees and Council members for the year were Mr Victor Gray (Chairman), Dr David Allen, Dr Nicholas Amor, Mrs Claire Barker, Professor John M Blatchly (co-opted 2013), Ms Kate Chantry, Mrs Tanya Christian, Dr David Dymond, Dr Jane Fiske, Dr Nicholas Karn, Revd Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Mr Robert Malster, Mr Eric Maule, Dr Harvey Osborne, Mr David Sherlock, Professor Richard Wilson. Council consisted of six Honorary Officers, nine elected and one co-opted members.
2. At the 2014 AGM, held in St Peter and St Paul Church, Clare on 1 May 2014, Volume 57, *Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare (1295-1360) – Household and other Records* was launched with an introductory talk by the Editor, Dr Jennifer Ward.
3. MEMBERSHIP: As of 1 January 2015 there are 291 individual members (including 4 life members) and 78 institutional members. This is a slight reduction on the previous year, echoing the experience of other records societies. Council members are actively seeking to reverse the trend.
4. FINANCE: This year just over £5,000 has been added to our reserves which strengthens our financial position. A legacy, a special donation in memory of Norman Scarfe and royalties received from clearing excess stock all contributed to this. There was no publication in the Charters series and the surplus has been accumulated. Over many years, we have been receiving a monthly credit into our bank and eventually we thought that this was sorted by a refund. However, it has continued!
5. As in previous years, Council registers its gratitude to Suffolk County Council and to the Gibson-Wynes Charitable Trust for their grants towards the Society's publication costs.
6. WEBSITE: Council appointed Mr Trevor Ashwin to build a new, independent website for the Society, which was completed in January 2015. The site has a more up-to-date look and feel and allows the Society a new, more interactive platform with which to engage with its membership – www.suffolkrecordsociety.com.
7. GENERAL SERIES: Proposals for new volumes continue at a promising level and several volumes are in an advanced stage of preparation. The next to appear is likely to be 'Rookwood Family Papers, 1606-1761', edited by Dr Francis Young under the general editorship of Mrs Joy Rowe. This will be an important contribution on a significant Suffolk Catholic family. During the year, the Council accepted a proposal for one further volume, 'Collett's Diary, Suffolk Yeomanry 1794-1818' to be edited by Dr Margaret Thomas
8. CHARTERS SERIES: Good progress is being made on Dr David Allen's forthcoming edition of the charters of the Priory of St Peter and St Paul in Ipswich, the work of transcription and dating being virtually complete. Equally, Dr Vivien Brown's work on the charters of the town of Bury St Edmunds is nearing completion, while the General Editor of the Charters Series, Dr Nicholas Karn, is hopeful of early completion of an edition of the charters of Rumburgh Priory.
9. The Society meets on Thursday 21 May 2015 in the Waterfront Auditorium of University Campus Suffolk for the AGM, at which we shall launch volume 58, 'Wills of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk 1627-1628', edited by Marion Allen under the general editorship of Professor John Blatchly.

Victor Gray
Chairman March 2015

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK RECORDS SOCIETY

I report on the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 30 September 2014.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 accounts, 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 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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

Rosemary Unthank

Chartered Accountant
Felixstowe

17 February 2015