



# Suffolk Records Society

Registered Charity No 1084279

You are warmly invited to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Society and celebrate the launch of the 59<sup>th</sup> volume which will be introduced by the editor, Dr Francis Young, on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Crypt of St Edmund's Catholic Church, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds IP33 IQG.



ROOKWOOD FAMILY PAPERS 1606-1761 edited by Dr Francis Young The Rookwoods of Coldham Hall in Stanningfield, Suffolk, were Roman Catholic recusants whose notoriety rests on Ambrose Rookwood's involvement in the Gunpowder Plot. In 1606 he was hanged, drawn and quartered for treason for supplying the plotters with horses. A century later another Ambrose Rookwood suffered the same fate for conspiring to assassinate William III. Tainted by treason, the Rookwood family nevertheless managed to hold on to their estates in Suffolk and Essex, in spite of their royalist sympathies in the Civil War, the recklessness of individual members, and later adherence to the Jacobite cause. The documents in this volume tell a remarkable story of resilience, survival and reinvention, underlining the Rookwoods' profound Catholic faith, their patronage of the Jesuits, and their cultural and literary interests.

Dr Francis Young is Volumes Editor of the Catholic Records Society. He obtained his PhD from the University of Cambridge in 2014, and is the author of a number of other books, including *The Gages of Hengrave and Suffolk Catholicism, 1640-1767* (CRS Monograph 8, 2015). He has published many articles in *Recusant History* and other journals. He is Head of Sixth Form at a public school in East Anglia.

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.

If you elected to download the AGM papers from the website [www.suffolkrecordssocietv.com](http://www.suffolkrecordssocietv.com) you should also receive an email containing this invitation. As this is the first year of electronic communication, this is my failsafe device to make sure you receive this invitation and that I have used your correct email address!

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

Please detach and return the slip below to me, or ring my mobile: 07876 496065, or email me at [claire@eibarker.co.uk](mailto:claire@eibarker.co.uk)

Claire Barker, Hon Secretary, Westhorpe Lodge, Westhorpe, Stowmarket, IP14 4TA

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I am/We are\* able/unable\* to attend the AGM at St Edmund's Catholic Church, Bury St Edmunds on Thursday 12th May 2016

Name(s).....

I/WE\* WILL BE BRINGING AGUEST YES/NO\*

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The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk Records Society will be held in the Crypt, St Edmund's Catholic Church, 21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds IP33 IQG on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm

Claire Barker  
Hon Secretary

## AGENDA

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (attached)
2. Trustees' Report for the year 2015-2016 (attached)
3. Financial Statements for 2014-2015 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      Hon Co-ordinating Editor: Mr David Sherlock  
Hon Secretary: Mrs Claire Barker      Hon 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

8. Election of Independent Examiner:

Mrs Rosemary Unthank is proposed as Independent Examiner

9. Votes of thanks

10. Volume 59: ROOKWOOD FAMILY PAPERS 1606-1761 will be introduced by the editor, Dr Francis Young.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE MEETING

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## MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK RECORDS SOCIETY IN THE WATERFRONT AUDITORIUM OF UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUFFOLK ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM

The Chairman welcomed all members of the Society and its guests: Marion Allen, the editor of Volume 58, Dr Lisa Wade, Head of the Humanities Department, UCS, Adrian Evans, the son of the late Nesta Evans, and his wife Jo and Brian Seward of Playford.

Apologies had been received from the Rev Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Dr Nicholas Karn, and 89 members of the Society.

### 1436 Minutes

The minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at Clare, which had already been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

### 1437 Trustees' Report for the year 2014-2015

The Chairman introduced the Report which had previously been circulated. Membership was marginally down, finances were very healthy and there was a strong queue of excellent proposed volumes in the pipeline. There were no questions on the Report.

### 1438 Financial Statement

The Treasurer introduced the Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 September 2014. These had previously been circulated and had been audited by Mrs Rosemary Unthank. Grants of E250 each had again been received from the Gibson-Wynes Trust and from Suffolk County Council. The main fund had a reserve of f5000 and two legacies amounting to E1500 had been received. Royalties were good, some of them were the result of the selling of old stock. The payment to Boydells was for volume 57. E953 had been received as a donation in memory of Nesta Evans and this had been put towards the publishing costs of volume 58. For the Charters Series, although the E3 per month payment from Miss Begum had been resolved with the bank and a repayment had been made, the payments were still continuing. The Treasurer proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Nick Amor, carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his continuing valuable work protecting the finances of the Society and actively increasing them through wise and informed investments.

### 1439 Report on volumes in progress

David Sherlock, the Co-ordinating Editor, announced that Volume 59 would be Rookwood Family Papers, 1606-1761 edited by Dr Francis Young. Dr Young's other volume, published by the Catholic Record Society, The Gages of Hengrave and Suffolk Catholicism, 1640-1767, would be launched on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Farmers' Club in Bury St Edmunds and all members were invited. The situation with proposed volumes was buoyant. Mr Sherlock was thanked by the Chairman for overseeing another excellent book for the Society and for continuing to supervise an impressive line of proposed volumes.

### 1440 Election of Chairman

Eric Maule proposed Victor Gray as Chairman, seconded by John Blatchly and carried unanimously.

### 1441 Election of Officers

The Chairman thanked all the officers of the Society for their hard work and support, particularly Mrs Tanya Christian for overseeing the creation and launch of the Society's website [www.suffolkrecordsociety.com](http://www.suffolkrecordsociety.com), which he hoped members had all had a chance to look at. He read a list of Officers prepared to stand for re-election:

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

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

## 1442 Election of Council Members

The Chairman thanked all the members of Council for their support and assistance over the year particularly for their guidance and consideration of proposed volumes. He 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, the Rev Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Dr Harvey Osborne, Ms Kate Chantry.

Their election was proposed en bloc by Dr Sushil Soni, seconded by Mr William Serjeant and carried unanimously.

## 1443 Election of Independent Examiner

Mrs Rosemary Unthank was proposed as Independent Examiner by Professor John Blatchly, seconded by Dr Nick Amor and carried unanimously.

## 1444 Second Wheeler Conference — SIAH

Dr Nick Amor, Chairman of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History stated that the second Wheeler conference would take place on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the Waterfront Building, University Campus Suffolk. It was entitled 'Suffolk and Liberty' and covered subjects ranging from Magna Carta to the Garrett dynasty and featured Professor Mark Bailey as one of the speakers.

## 1445 Votes of thanks

The Chairman expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the Society to Dr Harvey Osborne and the staff of the History Department at University Campus Suffolk, which continued to grow in reputation and standing throughout the county and beyond as a hub for discussion and scholarship. He thanked the Society's guests for attending, particularly Dr Lisa Wade, Head of Humanities at the University, and said the Society would be glad to continue the developing relationship.

## 1446 Volume 58

The Chairman introduced the General Editor of Volume 58, Dr John Blatchly, Honorary Wolsey Professor of History at University Campus Suffolk, saying that it was due to Dr Blatchly's recognition of the need to fill this final gap in a series started by the Society more than thirty years ago and his persistence with the technical issues involved in converting outdated computer discs, that the work of transcription by Marion Allen was at last being published. The volume was a tribute not only to her work but to that of her fellowtranscriber for the series, Nesta Evans, to whose memory the volume was dedicated. Dr Blatchly exhibited the evening's piece de resistance - the early seventeenth-century silver-gilt standing cup referred to in Will 68. It is now a communion cup belonging to St Marvs Church, Playford and was kindly brought to the meeting by Mr Brian Seward.

## 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.

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2. At the 2015 AGM, held in the Waterfront Auditorium, University Campus Suffolk in Ipswich on 21 May 2015, Volume 58, Wills Of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk 1627-1628, edited by Marion Allen under the general editorship of Prof. John Blatchly was launched with an introductory talk by the General Editor.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** As of 1 January 2016 there were 285 individual members (including 4 life members) and 78 institutional members. This is, once again, a slight reduction on the previous year, though it echoes the experience of other records societies. Efforts continue to be made to halt the trend.
4. **FINANCE:** The Society recorded a surplus for the year of £1,043 after using the fund received in memory of Nesta Evans towards the cost of the volume published in her memory. The cost of setting up the new website was £772 and the new leaflets for publicising the Society and to encourage new members £367. No volume was published for Charters and all the income less a small amount of expense was accumulated.  
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.
5. **GENERAL SERIES:** Proposals for new volumes continue at a promising level and several volumes are in an advanced stage of preparation. Next to appear will be The Restoration of Blythburgh Church 1881-1906, edited by Dr Alan Mackley under the general editorship of Richard Halsey. This will be of widespread interest, involving, as it does, a significant early campaign by William Morris and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Monuments. During the year, the Council accepted a proposal for two further volumes: poor law records of the Loes and Wilford Incorporated Hundreds, 1765—1826, edited by Dr John Shaw; and manorial records of Monks Eleigh, 1380-1684, edited by Vivienne Aldous.
6. **CHARTERS SERIES:** Work is in progress on the introduction to Dr David Allen's forthcoming edition of the charters of the Priory of St Peter and St Paul in Ipswich and on Dr Vivien Brown's work on the Bury St Edmunds town charters. It is hoped to restart work on an edition of the Great Bricett charters.
7. The Society meets on Thursday 12 May 2016 in the Crypt of St Edmunds Catholic Church in Bury St Edmunds for the AGM, at which we shall launch volume 59, Rookwood Family Papers, 1606-1761 by Dr Francis Young.
8. During the year, the Council of the Society, recognising the key importance of the Suffolk Record Office to its work, committed a sum of £5,000 in support of the proposed development of a new Record Office building in Ipswich.
9. Council noted with great sadness the death on 3 September 2015 of Professor John Blatchly, a Council member for nearly forty years and the Society's Chairman from 1988-2013.

Victor Gray  
Chairman April 2016

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		CHARTERS SERIES					
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015							
		2014				2014	
SUBSCRIPTIONS		518	550	BOYDELL & BREWER LTD		0	0
SALES		18	20	MEETING		0	0
INTEREST		380	495	EDITOR'S EXPENSES		53	0
ROYALTIES		215	306	SUNDRIES		0	0
INCOME TAX REPAYMENT		83	113	DONATION REPAYMENT		0	393
DONATION		36	9	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		1,197	1,100
		1,250	1,493			1,250	1,493
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS		1,197	1,100				
INCREASE IN VALUATION		374	650	SURPLUS		1,571	1,750
		1,571	1,750			1,571	1,750
<b>BALANCE SHEET 30 SEPTEMBER 2015</b>							
			<b>2014</b>				<b>2014</b>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		16,996	15,246	CASH AT BANK		13,091	11,894
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		1,571	1,750	INVESTMENT		5,476	5,102
		18,567	16,996			18,567	16,996

## 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<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### 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.

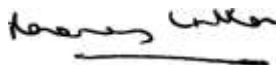
### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

- 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 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.



Rosemary Unthank

Chartered Accountant  
Felixstowe

20<sup>th</sup> February 2016