

POSTSCRIPT

1963 - 1989

With the evacuation of the Society from Welwick House, my task is done. I have found much of the work of great interest and I enjoyed doing it, (mostly!).

There is a temptation to "peep over the page" to see what happened then - though a digest of the next fifty years must fall to someone else.

In the meantime the Society soldiered on, with quite a few members. Miss Sherman remained President till her death in 1979. Of course she grew older and gradually withdrew from meetings. Sadly this happens to us all. I never met her. The main supporters of the Society for a number of years (ten perhaps) were, in particular, Miss Howard the Secretary and Miss Swift the Treasurer. They kept the Society going, providing excellent Speakers for lectures, and some very pleasant Summer Outings. Mrs Bailey was the first Chairman I knew.

Then came the up-dating of the Constitution, suggested by Miss Stratford. The office of President was abolished and periods in office of the Committee were limited. Miss Stratford took the Chair in 1983, Miss Collison became an excellent Treasurer, and I, a very ignorant Secretary. I knew nothing at all of Committee work. I was, however, ably tutored by Miss Stratford and I would like to express my enormous appreciation and gratitude for all her help and guidance. She was responsible for the Scrap Book 1965 - 1983, and also guided members in the joint production of the Town Guide Book, (which boosted the Society's finances so splendidly).

Two young men, Chris Rhodes and Roger young, joined the Committee about that time. They did a great deal for the Society, including introducing the (at that time) new idea of Sponsorship. The extra money thus generated has helped to provide even better qualified Speakers for the Society's lectures. The Society is indebted to these and many other members who have brought their varied talents to the Committee. My personal thanks must go to the many kind friends who have helped me with memories and research, typing, and above all the Sponsorship which has enabled me to complete (however inadequately) my task.

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