

Thank you, Marian

Marian Miller retired as the society's Librarian and Archivist in May 2016, after three years of service. Because the society lacked an active Honorary Secretary after May 2015, Marian also fielded much of that work too – as all members who received her regular e-mails about historical and archaeological events throughout the county. In the process she has also dragged the society into the 21st century by publicising our events on Twitter.

As Librarian, Marian has been responsible for significant improvements within the Library, including a much needed simplification of the Library Catalogue database. The cataloguing of the 'pamphlet boxes', classified by parish has made these more accessible for local-history researchers.

As Archivist Marian has presided over the reorganisation of the society's Muniment Room, with the cataloguing of research papers deposited by past society members and the clearance of excess back numbers of Records of Bucks to make space for the future.

This was all done, of course, with the help and support of those members of the society who act as 'Library Volunteers'. The crowning glory of this work has been the recent 'Historic Prints of Buckinghamshire' exhibition in the county museum, which was put together by Jeremy Howarth with Marian's constant organisational support.

No one should have to shoulder the three burdens of Librarian, Archivist and Secretary, and the society owes Marian a big vote of thanks for doing this during the past year. If anyone needs proof of Marian's contribution, please note that it has taken three people to succeed her!

Thank you, Marian.

Peter Marsden
BAS Chair