

'My Dearest Ben...Thea van Dam's work on Disraeli's personal letters now re-published in book form



Many BAS members will have a copy of the original 'Bucks Paper' which the society published in 2008, but Thea van Dam's 'intimate glimpse into the world of Benjamin Disraeli, his family and the women in his life' has now been produced as a paperback book. Additions to this second edition include a complete index of people and places, a Disraeli family tree and a map showing the Buckinghamshire houses where the Disraeli family lived. Ben Disraeli first came to Buckinghamshire in 1825 for a family holiday at Hyde House near Chesham, and died here at his own great house of Hughenden in 1881. The new edition includes a full chronology of events in his life as a schoolboy, law student, author, politician and prime minister.

Copies of the new edition will be available at the society's meetings, from the shop at the County Museum in Aylesbury, and by post:

- MY DEAREST BEN, by Thea Van Dam, 208 pages paperback with 18 illustrations. £4.50 plus £1.50 post and packing from BAS Library, County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2QP.
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