

## **Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society Annual report for 2017**

2017 saw the publication of Volume 110 of the Transactions, thanks to Steve Collins it is the usual varied and informative collection of articles and reviews. Articles for Volume 111 are in hand.

Morris Garratt has taken over the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary and has devoted an enormous amount of time to sorting out the finances. He now has a completely up to date list of individual members, with current addresses, and has started on updating the details for institutional members. He is compiling a list of email addresses which will make communicating with members much easier. We are grateful to Morris for this hard work.

David French has done an excellent job of keeping the website up to date and there are more links to past volumes of Transactions which are available through [archive.org](http://archive.org). It is now possible to pay for offprints and subscriptions through Paypal and there has been a steady stream of orders. The website also features notifications of new books, not published by the Society, relevant to our area.

Unfortunately the only event planned for 2017, a visit to Bramall Hall, had to be cancelled because of a low response, but our new President, Diana Winterbotham, has arranged a day school on recent work in industrial archaeology for May 2018 which we hope will attract a good attendance. If not we may have to re-think the Society's priorities and perhaps concentrate on publication of the Transactions rather than day schools and visits.

Charles Walker has started work on revising the catalogue of the Society's library (held at Manchester Central Library). Once this has been updated it should be possible to increase access to the collection for Society members.

We have been very lucky for the past few years in having access to the Salford Diocesan Record Office for meetings and storage of offprints, but the space will no longer be available so we are searching for a new venue.