

# **ARMY RECORDS SOCIETY**

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## **Annual General Meeting & Lecture by Prof. Alaric Searle**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
in the National Army Museum  
Commencing at 18.00

Please note, specialist tours of the newly refurbished NAM will be available from 17.00-18.00, please e-mail the Membership Secretary, Dr. William Butler:  
[w.m.butler@kent.ac.uk](mailto:w.m.butler@kent.ac.uk) to book a place

## **OBJECTS AND ORGANISATION OF THE SOCIETY**

As set out in the Society's constitution adopted in November 2002, the objects of the Army Records Society are to edit and publish manuscripts relating to the Army and to reprint works of military interest.

The Society is managed by a voluntary Council which meets twice a year.

## **SPONSORSHIPS & BEQUESTS**

Perhaps you would like to sponsor a volume under commission, or make a modest contribution to the overall cost? Maybe you would like to support a future publication related to a particular part of the army, historical period, or region? There might also be an organisation that you think would like to support us in this way? Or you might want to make a bequest to the society in your will?

All such contributions will be acknowledged, if you wish, within the relevant volume. If you can help us, please get in touch with the Secretary to discuss a way forward.

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## **ARMY RECORDS SOCIETY**

The Thirty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 18.00 in the National Army Museum

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Secretary & Membership Secretary Reports.
5. Accounts for 2016-17.
6. Election of Councillors.
7. The Society's Fellowship Scheme.
8. Any other business

The AGM will be preceded by a light buffet and will be followed by a lecture from Professor Alaric Searle, entitled,

‘The career of Major General J. F. C. Fuller’

His lecture will complement the publication of the society's thirty-seventh volume

## **Council for 2017-18**

### President

Professor Sir Michael Howard OM CH CBE MC DLitt FBA

### Vice-Presidents

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Professor John Gooch BA PhD FRHistS

Professor Ian Beckett BA PhD FRHistS

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Professor Matthew Hughes JP BA MSc PhD FRHistS (Chairman)

Lieutenant-General Sir Alistair Irwin KCB CBE MA

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Major-General John Sutherell CB CBE DL BA

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### Honorary Secretary

Timothy Bowman BA PhD FRHistS

### Honorary Treasurer

Timothy Halstead BA MA ACMA

### Membership Secretary

William Butler BA MA PhD

\* nominated by Council

## **MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at 18.00 on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at Senate House, University of London.

**1. Apologies.** Sixteen members attended the meeting with apologies received from another ten.

**2. Minutes of the Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting.** These were approved.

**3. Matters Arising.** The Chairman wished to express the sadness of the Society at the death of Professor Keith Jeffery. Keith was a founder member of the Society and served as an officer and Councillor for many years. He will be much missed.

**4. Secretary's Report.** The Secretary talked through the Society's planned publications. Council were pleased that volume 37 was on course for publication and would provide the Society with a very interesting and timely volume with relevance to the origins and early development of the tank within the British army. The Secretary wanted to thank his predecessor, Jim Beach, for his support and advice during the handover period.

The Membership Secretary then explained that numbers stood at 334, slightly down on this time last year, but with some renewals still expected. An online payment option will be added to the Society's website shortly. There has also been an advertising campaign in Military History Monthly over the last six months, which will be extended for another six months. Smaller membership campaigns have also been carried out on social media.

**5. Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer presented the annual accounts to the meeting. He reported that the Society's finances remain in a good condition, though the declining membership is a cause for concern. Reserves remain very strong.

### **6. Election of Councillors.**

On the nomination by Council, Major-General John Sutherell was elected to fill the unexpected vacancy caused by the death of Professor Keith Jeffery on the proposal of Colonel Hugh Boscawen, seconded by Professor David French. The Councillors nominated by Council were elected unanimously on the proposal of Professor Matthew Seligmann, seconded by Dr. Jim Beach.

**7. Any Other Business.** There was no other business to conduct at this meeting.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Recent Volume

This year members have received the following volume:

***The Military Papers of Major-General JFC Fuller, 1916-1933***  
***edited by Professor Alaric Searle***

### Forthcoming Volumes

The Council has decided that the 2018 volume will be:

<p><i>The Military Papers of The Duke of Cumberland, c. 1741-1757</i> edited by Dr. Alastair Massie and Dr. Jonathan Oates</p>
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The Society has the following volumes currently under commission:

*Jack Churchill, 1899-1919* edited by John Lee

*The Papers and Correspondence of Henry Spenser Wilkinson, 1881-1933*, edited by Paul Ramsey

*Lord Gorell and the Army Educational Corps, 1918-1920*, edited by Jim Beach

### Suspensions of Membership

The Council remains concerned that some members are taking a 'pick and mix' approach to their annual membership; in some years deciding not to renew and then re-joining a year later. The Council is saddened by this development. The society relies upon steady subscription income to fund our future publication programme. If all our members only 'bought in' occasionally, the society would cease to be viable. It is therefore hoped that members will keep up their subscriptions year-on-year and if they do not want to keep a particular volume, they will gift it to a friend or a library.

Dr Timothy Bowman  
Honorary Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

#### **PROFIT AND LOSS**

Overall income rose by £3.1k (from £13.4k to £16.5k).

Subscriptions (which constitute over half of our income) rose by £1,775. This is mainly a result of the fundamental review by the Treasurer last year of the way cash not received is accounted for. As a result of this, the more prudent approach adopted last year meant that the previous more optimistic estimates reversed out of the accounts last year led to last year's figures being depressed by this adjustment. Book sales rose by £1,130, which is a far more encouraging performance than last year; by their nature book sales are volatile and there is no obvious reason why this year's performance should have been so much better. Dividends rose by £191, the result of increased dividends from the funds the Society has invested in. There were no sales or disposals of investments during the year.

Costs rose by £1,941 compared to last year. The main factors in this were increased publication expenses, marketing costs, web expenses and postage and packing. Publication expenses included £1.1k for the travel cost of Elizabeth Greenhalgh who came from Australia to deliver her address. Web expenses have increased as a result of the work to develop an online payment facility on the Society's website. Postage and packing has increased as a consequence of the improved sales this year. Finally, the Council continued the series of advertisements in *Military History Monthly* to recruit new members and reverse the recent decline in the number of members. This series of advertisements has now ended.

Profit/Loss for the Year (called 'Net Incoming Resources before revaluation of Investments' these days) was a loss of £2,313, compared with a loss of £3,457 in the previous year. However, this net outgoing was eliminated by a £3,094 increase in the value of investments. The funds of the Society therefore have increased by £781.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

The Barclays bank account shows a balance of £9,139, with a further £4,715 in our Savings account, giving a total cash balance of £13,854 compared to £14,071 last year. The value of the investments is £135,363 compared with £132,269 last year. As reported above this is accounted for by an increase of £3,094 on the value of the Society's investments. Creditors and pre-paid income have increased from £12.3k to £14.4k over the year. The net result is an Accumulated Fund of £134,806, a small rise from last year.

#### **INVESTMENTS**

All the Society's investments remain in common investment funds regulated by the Charities Act. Members will see from the schedule of investments that the market value of the investments on the balance sheet is greater than original cost. The M&G Charifund has risen in value by £5,427 over the year which reflects equity market conditions and the Blackrock Charinco which invests in fixed income has declined in value by £2,333 in value over the year.

#### **STOCK**

The Society holds a stock of books to service the demand for back volumes, which is an important part of its role in bringing records to the public. The cost of books is written off as incurred, and therefore no value is carried on the Balance Sheet.

#### **THE CHARITIES ACT**

The Charities Act 1993 provides that charities with income or expenditure between £10,000 and £250,000 must have either an audit or an independent examination. An independent examination is a less onerous form of scrutiny than an audit and provides less assurance. However the Councillors believe that the Society's affairs are so

straightforward that an independent examination provides Councillors and Members with sufficient comfort on the Charity's financial affairs. This work continues to be carried out by Lesley Pasricha FCA.

Tim Halstead ACMA  
Honorary Treasurer  
10 October 2017

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ARMY RECORDS SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2017 which are set out on the attached schedules.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 in the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement:

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (a) to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Lesley Pasricha FCA  
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19 October 2017



## THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Editor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1	1985	<i>The Military Correspondence of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, 1918-1922</i>	Dr Keith Jeffery	£5
2	1986	<i>The Army and the Curragh Incident, 1914</i>	Dr Ian Beckett	£10
3	1987	<i>The Napoleonic War Journal of Captain Thomas Henry Browne, 1807-1816</i>	Professor Roger Buckley	£10
4	1988	<i>An Eighteenth-Century Secretary at War: The Papers of William, Viscount Barrington</i>	Dr Tony Hayter	£5
5	1989	<i>The Military Correspondence of Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, 1915-1918</i>	Professor David Woodward	£20
6	1990	<i>Colonel Samuel Bagshawe and the Army of King George II, 1731-1762</i>	Dr Alan Guy	£10
7	1991	<i>Montgomery and the Eighth Army</i>	Stephen Brooks	£5
8	1992	<i>The British Army and Signals Intelligence during the First World War</i> <b>SOLD OUT – NO LONGER AVAILABLE</b>	Dr John Ferris	-
9	1993	<i>Roberts in India: The Military Papers of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, 1876-1893</i>	Brian Robson	£20
10	1994	<i>Lord Chelmsford's Zululand Campaign, 1878-1879</i> <b>SOLD OUT – NO LONGER AVAILABLE</b>	Professor John Laband	-
11	1995	<i>Letters of a Victorian Army Officer: Edward Wellesley, 1840-1854</i>	Field Marshal Lord Carver	£5
12	1996	<i>Military Miscellany I:</i>  <i>George Durant's Journal of the Expedition to Martinique and Guadeloupe, 1758-1759;</i>  <i>Daniel Robinson: Letters from India, 1845-1849</i>  <i>The Reverend George Duncan at GHQ, 1916-1918</i>	Dr Alan Guy  Dr Robin Thomas  Dr Gerard DeGroot	£20
13	1997	<i>John Peebles' American War, 1776-1782</i>	Professor Ira Gruber	£20
14	1998	<i>The Maratha War Papers of Arthur Wellesley, January to December 1803</i>	Anthony Bennell	£20
15	1999	<i>The Letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles à Court Repington CMG, Military Correspondent of The Times, 1903-1918</i>	Professor AJA Morris	£10
16	2000	<i>Sir Hugh Rose and the Central India Campaign, 1858</i>	Brian Robson	£20
17	2000	<i>Lord Roberts and the War in South Africa, 1899-1902</i>	Professor André Wessels	£10
18	2001	<i>The Journal of Corporal William Todd, 1745-1762</i>	Andrew Cormack & Alan Jones	£20
19	2002	<i>Rawlinson in India</i>	Dr Mark Jacobsen	£10

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20	2002	<i>Amherst and the Conquest of Canada</i>	Dr Richard Middleton	£10
21	2003	<i>At Wellington's Right Hand: The Letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Alexander Gordon, 1808-1815</i>	Dr Rory Muir	£20
22	2004	<i>Allenby in Palestine: The Middle East Correspondence of Field Marshal Viscount Allenby</i>	Dr Matthew Hughes	£20
23	2005	<i>Military Miscellany II:</i> <i>The Journal of Sergeant John Wilson, 1694-1727</i> <i>Captain the Hon William Leslie (1751-1777), His Life, Letters and Commemoration</i> <i>Diary of Private Robert Cross, 1899-1901</i>	Dr David Chandler with Christopher Scott Dr Marianne Gilchrist Robin Jenkins	£20
24	2006	<i>Romaine's Crimean War: The Letters and Journal of William Govett Romaine</i>	Major Colin Robins OBE	£10
25	2006	<i>Lord Kitchener and the War in South Africa, 1899-1902</i>	Professor André Wessels	£5
26	2007	<i>Major-General Oliver Nugent and the Ulster Division, 1915-1918.</i>	Nicholas Perry	£10
27	2008	<i>Montgomery and the Battle of Normandy</i>	Stephen Brooks	£10
28	2009	<i>Wolseley in Ashanti: The Asante War Journal of Major-General Sir Garnet Wolseley, 1873-1874</i>	Professor Ian Beckett	£20
29	2009	<i>The First World War Letters of General Lord Horne</i>	Dr Simon Robbins	£20
30	2010	<i>The Military Papers of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Cuthbert Headlam, 1910-1942</i>	Dr Jim Beach	£20
31	2011	<i>Crimean Cavalry Letters</i>	Glenn Fisher	£20
32	2012	<i>The Military Papers of Lieutenant-General Frederick Stanley Maude, 1914-1917</i>	Dr Andrew Syk	£20
33	2013	<i>The Kenya Papers of General Sir George Erskine, 1953-1955</i>	Dr Huw Bennett & Professor David French	£20
34	2014	<i>Military Intelligence from Germany, 1906-1914</i>	Dr Matthew Seligmann	£20
35	2015	<i>The Diary of Corporal Vince Schürhoff, 1914-1918</i>	Dr Jim Beach	£20
36	2016	<i>Liaison: General Pierre des Vallières At British General Headquarters, 1916-1917</i>	Dr. Elizabeth Greenhalgh	£20
37	2017	<i>The Military Papers and correspondence of Major-General J. F. C. Fuller, 1916-1933</i>	Professor Alaric Searle	£20

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