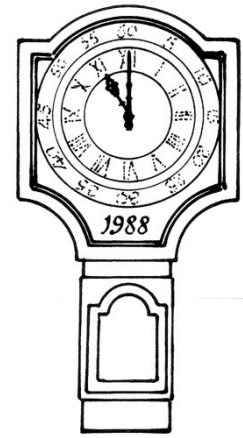


The Chapels Society



PRESIDENT: *Dr Tim Grass*
HON SECRETARY: *Mrs Moira Ackers*
EMAIL: *ChapelsSociety@gmail.com*

Newsletter Index

No 1 was edited by Richard Morris
Nos 2-10 were edited by Christopher Stell
Nos 11-30 were edited by Joy Rowe
Nos 31-36 were edited by Amanda Arrowsmith
Nos 37 onwards were edited by Chris Skidmore

From issue No 12 onwards the ISSN 1357-3276 appears on each issue

Newsletter 1, January 1989

The Chapels Society, by Christopher Stell
The Chapels Society: how it happened, by Richard Morris
Our hopes for the Chapels Society, by Kenneth Street
Chapels in Wales
What's in a name?
Chapel birth certificates, by Albert Cumberland
Success story: the chapel at Newbiggin-in-Teesdale

Newsletter 2, December 1989

The Holly and the Ivy
President's Notes, by H Godwin Arnold
Letter to the Editor
Book reviews: Sussex churches and chapels, by David Beevers, Richard Marks, and John Roles; The religious census of Sussex 1851, ed Dr John A Vickers
Funeral of William Huntington SS (Lewes, July 12 1813), by John Brick
Hidden Gems: RC Chapel, St Charles Borromeo, Weybridge, Surrey; Sandys Row Synagogue, Tower Hamlets

Newsletter 3, December 1990

Treasure upon earth
The old old story
Report on the two day meetings in March (24th, at Cheltenham) and July (7th, at Oxford) 1990, by H Godwin Arnold
Lake District weekend, 28-30th September 1990, report by David Butler
Book reviews: At Satan's throne: the story of Methodism in Bath over 250 years, ed Bruce Crofts, reviewed by Leslie E Gage; A charge to keep? A Methodist response to listed buildings and conservation, Methodist Church Property Division, reviewed by John A Vickers; Discovering chapels and meeting houses, by David Barton, reviewed by Christopher Stell
Hidden gems: The Royal Bavarian chapel, Warwick Street, London

Newsletter 4, June 1991

Where next?, by Ian Hume

The Ark of the Covenant (Stamford Hill), by H Godwin Arnold

The New Room (Bristol) Library, by C J Spittal

Spring meeting, Taunton, Somerset, 23rd March 1991, by Roger Thorne

Churches of Christ in the Wigan area, by Peter Ackers

Book reviews: English Baptist records, ed Roger Hayden, vol.2 Church book: St Andrew's Street Baptist church, Cambridge, 1720-1832, intro L E Addicott; vol.3 Association life of the Particular Baptists of Northern England, 1699-1732, by S L Copson, both reviewed by Ian Sellers; East Riding chapels and meeting houses, by David and Susan Neave, reviewed by David Barton; shorter notice

Hidden gems: The Baptist meeting-house at Monksthorpe, Great Steeping, Lincolnshire, by Christopher Stell

Newsletter 5, December 1991

Frank Cumbers, obituary notice by Laurie E Gage

The Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, Great Malvern, by Edward Peters

The Agapemonites, by Joshua J Schwieso

The Ark of the Covenant: the stained glass, by H Godwin Arnold

Planning a new chapel in the 1860s, by Ian Hume

Eseex chapels: the legacy of the dissenting fathers of 'Essex man', by John Howes

Book reviews: Marching to Zion: Radnorshire chapels, by J B Sinclair and R W D Fenn, reviewed by David Barton; Some rural Quakers, by Jack V Wood, and The silent stream: a history of Grisdale, 'the little Quaker dale', by John Banks, both reviewed by H Godwin Arnold

Newsletter 6, June 1992

Spring meeting in Macclesfield (Cheshire, 28th March 1992), H Godwin Arnold

Newbiggin-in-Teesdale

The organ in Central Methodist Church, York, by Nicholas Page

Book reviews: Nonconformist chapels and meeting-houses in south-west England, by Christopher Stell, reviewed by David Dawson; Lost churches and chapels of Hull, by David Neave, A Methodist guide to Bristol and the south-west, by John Edwards, Peter Gentry, and Roger Thorne, and ...to London and the south-east, by John Vickers and Betty Young, and Historic Churches Review No 1, Winter 1991-2, all reviewed by Christopher Stell

Newsletter 7, December 1992

Ecclesiastical Exemption: an outdated anachronism, by Christopher Stell

Ecclesiastical Exemption: the case for retention, by Kenneth Street

James Cubitt and Emmanuel Congregational Church, by Clyde Binfield

Book reviews: Islington chapels: an architectural guide to nonconformist and Roman Catholic places of worship..., by Philip Temple, reviewed by Jennifer M Freeman; Competing convictions, by Robin Gill, reviewed by Peter Catteral; Ashleyhay 1851-1992: an affectionate tribute to a small country chapel in Derbyshire, by Joe Gould, reviewed by David Barton; Our chapel, by Lloyd Langley with intro by Peter Lewis, reviewed by Christopher Stell

Newsletter 8, June 1993

Constitution, as at 27th June 1992

Ecclesiastical Exemption

Letter to the Editor, by John Vickers

Spring meeting in Darlington, 27th March 1993

Mortimer West End, Hampshire, by Brenda Ward

Book review: Religious dissent in East Anglia: historical perspectives, ed Norma Virgoe and Tom Williamson, reviewed by John Curtis

Newsletter 9, December 1993

Annual meeting in Morley (W. Yorks, 26th June 1993) by Christopher Stell
Autumn meeting in Belper (Derbyshire, 18th September 1993) by Michael Brook
The Singer's pew, by Alan Beith
Mortimer West End, Hampshire, by H Godwin Arnold
Rook Lane Chapel, Frome (Somerset) by Christopher Stell
Archives, by Christina van Melzen
The Historic Chapels Trust
Book reviews: A history of the nonconformist churches of York, by William Ellerby and James Pigott Pritchett, ed Edward Royle, reviewed by Ian Sellers; Methodist church buildings: statistical returns... 1940, Methodist Publishing House, reviewed by John A Vickers; The church that would not die: the story of St. Mary's, Castle Street, Reading, 1798-1992, by John Dearing, reviewed by H Godwin Arnold; and shorter notices

Newsletter 10, June 1994

Laurie Gage, obituary by Roger Thorne
Spring meeting, 19 March 1994, in Bedfordshire and North Buckinghamshire, by Christopher Stell
A good Tea Meeting, verses written in 1890s by Katherine F Sainsbury of Duxford, Cambs.
Book reviews: Grants 1984-92, English Heritage, reviewed by Arnold H J Baines; The Dunstable Methodist Circuit: one hundred and fifty years of witness, 1843-1993, ed. Colin Bourne, reviewed by John A Vickers; Statistical returns 1990, Methodist Church Property Division, reviewed by Christopher Stell
Index to volume one, newsletters 1-10

Newsletter 11, December 1994

If you are interested in old buildings..., Nottingham visit 18 June 1994, by John Curtis
Churches in focus, by Jonathan Morgan
Ecclesiastical Exemption, by Matthew Saunders
The Chapels Society Bath study weekend, 23-5 September 1995, by Joy Rowe
Book reviews: An inventory of nonconformist chapels and meeting-houses in the north of England, by Christopher Stell, reviewed by Amanda Arrowsmith; Halls of Zion: chapels and meeting-houses in Norfolk, by Janet Ede, Norma Virgoe, and Tom Williamson, reviewed by Christopher Stell; Memorials by artists (2nd ed), by Harriet Frazer, reviewed by Mary Wolton; Salem: painting and chapel by Tai Williams, reviewed by A F Mortimer; Illustrated guide to the Catholic churches in the diocese of Plymouth, by Sally Woodhead, reviewed by Roger Thorne

Newsletter 12, June 1995

Warrington visit (1 April 1995), by Albert Cumberland
Recording places of worship, by Jane Robson
Chapel life in the thirties, by Bryan Eagles
Charles Wesley Heritage Centre
Congregational chapel at Beaminster, Dorset, by Marie Eedle
Hillside Methodist chapel, Mow Cop, Staffordshire, by John Anderson
Baptist church, Abbey Rd Malvern, by J E C Peters
The re-dedication of Raithby (Lincs) chapel, by J S English
Book reviews: A bibliography of Lincolnshire Methodism, by J S English, reviewed by Edward Royle; Chapels, their architecture and distribution: a preliminary bibliography, by Roger Thorne; 'Crown Him Lord of all' A history of Bassingbourn United Reformed church, 'His candlestick and a light among them' A history of Great Chrishill and Barley United Reformed Church, 'Convinced that these were God's people' A history of Melbourn United Reformed Church, all by Reginald Rooke, and Memorials of the Independent chapel at Rothwell (Northants), by G T Streather, reviewed by Colin Price; The French Protestant church of London and the Huguenots..., by Yves Jaulmes, Conservation and repair of ecclesiastical buildings: the Building Conservation Directory special report by Cathedral Communications, reviewed by Joy Rowe

Newsletter 13, December 1995

Ipswich Annual General meeting 1995 (and visit), by Christina van Melzen

London visit to the 'Strangers' churches in the City of London, 21 October 1995, by David M Butler

Tin tabernacles I: Market forces, by Albert Cumberland

Book reviews: The Family of Love in English Society, 1550-1630, by Christopher W Marsh, reviewed by Elisabeth Leedham-Green; The Building Conservation Directory special report (2nd ed) by Cathedral Communications, reviewed by J C Wolton; Belper Unitarian chapel (new ed), by Dr David Wykes, reviewed by Joy Rowe

Newsletter 14, May 1996

Albert Cumberland, 9 July 1922 - 21 February 1996, obituary by Clyde Binfield

Meeting at Bedford and Northampton, 4th May 1996, by Joy Rowe

Tin tabernacles and wooden huts, by D Colin Dews

Book reviews: The chapel and the nation: Nonconformity and the local historian, by Michael R Watts, and Mere Independents: a history of Fowlmere and Thriplow United Reformed Church, by Reginald Rooke, both reviewed by Janet Ede; Queen Street chapel and mission, Huddersfield, by Edward Royle, reviewed by Norma Virgoe; 'Our providential way': a bibliography of the history of dissent in Devon, and Buildings and Belief in Devon and Dorset, both by Roger Thorne, reviewed by Christopher Stell; Directory of British architects, 1834-1900, reviewed by David A Barton

Newsletter 15, December 1996

Hampstead Garden Suburb, 15th June; Visit to London Synagogues, 16th June, Visit to Preston, 14th September, by John Thompson

Born 1910 and still going strong, by Morris H Martin

Religious revival in an age of decline, by Edward Royle

Book reviews: Building Jerusalem: Jewish architecture in Britain, edited by Sharman Kadish, reviewed by Christopher Stell; Protestant Nonconformity and Roman Catholicism: a guide to sources in the Public Record Office, by David Shorney, reviewed by John Creasey; Lutyens and the Edwardians, by Jane Brown, reviewed by Alan Beith; The history of Beaminster Congregational Chapel, by Marie de G Eedle, reviewed by Helen S Harris; Treasures on Earth: a Good Housekeeping guide to churches and their contents, ed. Peter Burman, reviewed by Joy Rowe

Newsletter 16, May 1997

Chapels Society visits 1989-1997, mapped by Andrew Worth

Visit to Wakefield, by John Thompson

Book reviews: Religious dissent in East Anglia III, ed. David Chadd, reviewed by W M Jacob; and six shorter notices

Newsletter 17, December 1997

Shrewsbury visit, 14th June, by David Barton

Nonconformist Lewes, by Joy Rowe

Book reviews: Square Chapel, Halifax: the history and architecture, by Jessica Sutcliffe, reviewed by John Creasey; The Quakers: money and morals, by James Walvin, reviewed by David Barton; Three centuries of Quakers in Diss, from Christina van Melzen, reviewed by Jean Bullman; A History of Oldham churches, by John Beever, reviewed by Roger N Holden; and shorter notices

Newsletter 18, May 1998

An early use of glued laminated timber in buildings in Britain: Rushholme Road Congregational Sunday School, Manchester; 1864-1963, by Dr L G Booth, summarised by J. H. Thompson

Book reviews: Suffolk returns from the Census of religious worship of 1851, ed. T C B Timmins, and Religious worship in Norfolk: the 1851 Census of accommodation and attendance at worship, ed. Janet Ede and Norma Virgoe (Norfolk Record Society, vol.62) reviewed by John A Vickers; England's long reformation, 1500--1800, ed. Nicholas Tyacke, reviewed by Diarmaid MacCulloch; To fill his courts with songs of praise: the transformation of a chapel, 1897 by John B Edwards, reviewed by A R Percival

Newsletter 19, December 1998

Clyde Binfield, (President 1992-1998), by John Thompson
Penzance visit, 1-5 May 1998, by Michael Brook
Annual General Meeting, 4 July 1998
Norwich visit, 17 October 1998, by Robin Phillips
Historic chapels and meeting houses: the congregation's dilemma, by David Wykes
Early Wesleyan chapel architecture – a query, by Edward Royle
Whitefield Tabernacle & United Reformed church – Kingswood, by Ron Martindale
First national survey of Jewish Built Heritage, by Dr Sharman Kadish

Newsletter 20, May 1999

Chapels Society web-site?, by John Thompson
Spring visit 1999 – Dorset, by John Creasey
Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism, by D Colin Dews
Book reviews: The history of the Loughton Methodist church..., by C C Pond; Richard Gay of Haycombe, by Kerry Birch; and shorter notes.
Index to volume two, newsletters 11-20

Newsletter 21, December 1999

H Godwin Arnold (1920-1999). obituary notice by Clyde Binfield
Annual General Meeting, by Christina van Melzen
Autumn visit 1999 - Staffordshire/Cheshire border, by Andrew Worth
Walpole Chapel, Suffolk, 20 June 1999, 350th Anniversary service, by Alan Beith
The Brudenell Road Mission, Leeds, by D. Colin Dews
Book reviews: The Quaker meeting houses of Britain, by David M. Butler, reviewed by Elisabeth Leedham Green; 'Mine eyes unto the hills': Places of worship in Sedbergh and the surrounding dales, edited by Mary Gladstone, reviewed by John Hamilton; Chapels in Wales: conservation and conversion, by Cadw, and Faith's freer shrine: Methodism in Heighington, by John Quincy, both reviewed by Joy Rowe

Newsletter 22, May 2000

Spring visit 6 May 2000 - Reading, by Roger N Holden
Enjoy your visit, by Raymond Honey
The Weld chapel at Chideock, by John Tobias
Book reviews: The Georgian synagogue: an architectural history, by Edward Jamilly, reviewed by Christopher Stell; Chapels in Essex, by Rosalind Kaye, reviewed by John Howes, and shorter notes.

Newsletter 23, December 2000

Proceedings - Visit to York, 8 July 2000, by Bryan Eagles
Visit to Cardiff, 21 October 2000, by Robin Phillips
Chapels in Castle Street, Reading, by K W Allen
The search for the Appii Forum, by Ron Martindale
The Colman memorial windows at Corton Methodist church, by Christina van Melzen, with added note extracted from Clyde Binfield's Tercentenary sermon at Upper Chapel, Sheffield
Book reviews: A dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland, ed. John A. Vickers, reviewed by Edward Royle; The lost synagogues of London, by Peter Kenton, reviewed by Petra Laidlaw

Newsletter 24, May 2001

Notes and Queries

The Historic Chapels Trust, by Jennifer M. Freeman

Study Day, 12 May 2001, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Book reviews: David Brady and Fred J Evans, *Christian Brethren in Manchester and District: A history*, reviewed by Roger N Holden; *A Place Beautiful... the story of the rebuilding of Otley Congregational Church, 1897-1999*, by Andrew Howard, reviewed by D Colin Dews; *The story of Gwithian Chapel*, by Charles Thomas, reviewed by John Horner

Newsletter 25, Dec 2001

Notes and Queries

Proceedings: Visit to Highgate 7 July 2001, by Joy Rowe

Study Day in Essex 29 September 2001, by Cedric Hallam

What makes a good chapel? by Raymond Honey

Book reviews: John Handby Thompson, *Highgate Dissenters: their history since 1660*, reviewed by John Creasey; *The Diary of the Reverend Peter Walkden for 1733-1734*, Chipping Local History Society, reviewed by John Thompson; *A Public Meeting House in Sheffield: Upper Chapel (Unitarian) 1700-2000*, a meditation by Kenneth Patton and a lecture by Clyde Binfield, reviewed by Sophia Hankinson; *Bevis Marks Synagogue: 1701-2001: A short history of the building and an appreciation of its architecture*, text by Sharman Kadish, drawings by Barbara Bowman, photography by Derek Kendall, reviewed by Petra Laidlaw.

Newsletter 26, May 2002

Notes and Queries

Proceedings: Cheshire borders visit 27 April 2002, by Colin Baxter

Visit to Manchester Jewish museum, 28 April 2002, by Mary Ede

Book reviews: Clyde Binfield, *The Contexting of a chapel architect: James Cubitt 1836--1912*, reviewed by Peter Howell; Jeremy Lake, Jo Cox, and Eric Berry, *Diversity and Vitality: The Methodist and nonconformist chapels of Cornwall*, reviewed by Charles Thomas; *Scottish Churches Scheme, Churches to visit in Scotland* illus. John R Hume; Lilian M Wildman, *Thurleigh Baptist Church 1807--1988*; John Dixon, *Look back in wonder*(Woodside Baptist Chapel, Croydon); Elizabeth Watthews and Janet Lumley, *The Story of ninety years: Methodism in the Ipswich Circuit 1909-98*; Mary Ede, *The Chapel in Argyle Street Bath 1789-1989*, all reviewed by Joy Rowe.

Newsletter 27, Dec 2002

Proceedings: AGM & Bristol visit 6 July 2002, by Joy Rowe

Mid-Wharfedale chapels tour, 5 October 2002, by Jean Stell

Notes & queries

Reconsidering purpose and style, AGM address, by Roger Hayden

Church and chapel: why such different buildings? by Raymond Honey

Book reviews: *Kensal Green Cemetery: the origins and development...1820-2001* ed. J S Curl, reviewed by Thomas Cocke; *Pear Tree Baptist church, Derby, 1870-2000* by Stephen Greasley, reviewed by Joy Rowe

Newsletter 28, May 2003

Proceedings: West Wiltshire Study Day 17 May 2003, by Raymond Honey

The Dissenters' silver in Barnstaple, by Mary Ede

From fields to concrete, from vision to reality: ecumenical pioneering in Milton Keynes, by Alan P E Sell

James Diggle Mould: a typical enigmatic provincial chapel architect, by D Colin Dews

Holly Mount Congregational chapel, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, by J E C Peters

Book reviews: Christopher Stell, *An Inventory of Nonconformist Chapels and Meeting-houses in Eastern England*, reviewed by Rod Ambler

Newsletter 29, Dec 2003

Proceedings: West End splendours & AGM, 12 July 2003, by John Creasey

North Lincolnshire Study Day, 4 October 2003, by Michael Brook

Notes & queries

Tolpuddle Old Methodist chapel, by David Wrighton

A tin tabernacle's travels, by John Ellis

Reviews: Grey Pastures, by William Haslam Mills, 2nd edn. E. Alan Rose & Edward Royle, reviewed by John Ede; Methodism in Wales: a short history of the Wesley tradition, ed. Lionel Madden, reviewed by Andrew Worth; The Light in their consciences: The early Quakers in Britain, 1646-1666, by Rosemary Moore, reviewed by Christina van Melzen; Churches to visit in Scotland, 10th edn; Our providential way: A bibliography of Dissent in Devon, by Roger Thorne; Recorded music: Recital on the organ of Harris-Manchester College, Oxford by Gerald Taylor, reviewed by Alan Rowe

Newsletter 30, May 2004

The Historic Chapels Trust

Notes & queries: Lost Nottinghamshire chapels; Dissent and the Gothic revival, by Richard Wallington;

Some Osgodby ramifications, by Clyde Binfield

Proceedings: Visit of 8 May 2004, Chapels of East Devon, by Celia Gibbs

Reviews: Protestant Nonconformity in the Twentieth century, ed. Alan P F Sell & Anthony R Cross, reviewed by David L. Wykes; Two classical nonconformist chapels in Norwich, by Vic Nierop-Reading (MPhil thesis); Dr Taylor of Norwich: Wesley's arch-heretic, by G T Eddy; The Octagon chapel Norwich, by Terry Friedman, in The Georgian Group Journal XIII (2003) pp.54-77; all reviewed by Sophia Hankinson

Newsletter 31, Dec 2004

Revd Philip Baker Morris: in memoriam

Proceedings: AGM and visit to Colchester, 17 July 2004, by Amanda Arrowsmith; Living chapels in Herefordshire, 4 September 2004, by John Ellis; Over the hills and far away: Visit to the Waldensian churches in Italy, 1-4 October 2004, by Roger Thorne

Salvation Army buildings; European day of Jewish culture and heritage, by Vivian Bello; Re-opening of St George's German Lutheran church, Whitechapel, London, E1, by Andrew Worth

Reviews: Tin tabernacles, corrugated iron mission halls, churches and chapels of Britain, by Ian Smith, Camrose Organisation, reviewed by Ian Hume; The bombing of Stowmarket Congregational church, by Steve Williams, reviewed by Jill Mortiboys

Newsletter 32, June 2005

Proceedings: Tolerance in Bury St Edmunds, 30 April 2005, by John Ellis

Reviews: An annotated anthology of hymns, ed. J. R. Watson, reviewed by Joy Rowe; Some hymn-writers connected with Reading, by John Dearing, reviewed by Joy Rowe; The Heritage Dynamo: how the voluntary sector drives regeneration, by Christopher Catling, reviewed by Sophia Hankinson; Not St Edmund's men: being an account of the places and events of Jewish interest in medieval Bury St Edmunds, by Robert Charles Butterworth, reviewed by Esther Bartlett

Newsletter 33, December 2005

Proceedings: AGM & visit to Chapels in the Calder Valley, 9 July 2005, by Celia Gibbs

Rawtenstall and environs, 1 October 2005, by Andrew Worth

Conservation and Renovation: New life for old chapels, by Edward Royle

Brief Notes: A Gazetteer of Catholic Apostolic churches (project), Roger Thorne; S. Gloucestershire Nonconformist Heritage trail, by Ron Martindale

Review: Philosophy, Dissent and Nonconformity, 1689-1920, by Alan P F Sell, reviewed by John Thompson

Newsletter 34, August 2006

Proceedings: Visit to Nottingham and environs, 13 May 2006, by John Ellis

AGM & visit to Soho, St Giles and Covent Garden, 1 July 2006, by Robin Phillips and Jill Mortiboys

Church and Chapel: revisited, by Raymond Honey

Jordans Friends Meeting House, by David M Butler

Reviews: Sacred silver and stained glass, (exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum) reviewed by

Sophia Hankinson; The Taunton Dissenting Academy, by Brian Kirk, reviewed by John Thompson;

'Changes and Chances': the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust, 1955-2005, ed. Christine North and

Joanna Mattingly, reviewed by Edward Royle; The Romanesque revival: Religion, Politics, and

Transnational exchange, by Kathleen Curran, reviewed by J A Hilton

Newsletter 35, December 2006

Proceedings: Visit to Winchester and the New Forest, 7 October 2006, by John Creasey

The London Oratory, by Giles Heather

Preserve your chapel!, by Peter Hoare

The Association of Denominational Historical Societies and Cognate Libraries, AGM, report by John Thompson

Reviews: Byzantium rediscovered, by JB Bullen, reviewed by JA Hilton; The Unitarians: a short history, by Leonard Smith, reviewed by Celia Gibbs and Rosemary Arthur

Newsletter 36, June 2007

Collection of chapel crockery comes to Little Baddow URC in Essex, by Sir Alastair Stewart, Bt

The Future Protection of our Heritage, report by Robin Phillips

Reviews: Spaces speak: are you listening? experiencing aural architecture, by Barry Blesser and Linda-

Ruth Salter, reviewed by Raymond Honey; Sacred Heart Church, North Gosforth: a brief history, by

Robin Gard, reviewed by Jill Mortiboys; Two-hundred and fifty years of Methodism in Woodhouse,

Leeds, 1756-2006, by D Colin Dews, reviewed by Amanda Arrowsmith

Newsletter 37, December 2007

Proceedings: Visit to Sheffield, 12 May 2007, by Chris Skidmore; Watery Worcester, 30 June 2007, by John Ellis; Hull, Hedon and Holderness, 6 October 2007, by Andrew Worth;

Articles: The Wesleyan Chapel, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, by J E C Peters; Five years of visiting churches and chapels, by Paul Gardner;

Book reviews: Jewish heritage in England, and Jewish heritage in Gibraltar, both by Sharman Kadish, both reviewed by Paul Gardner.

Newsletter 38, May 2008

Past Masters: Puritan Architecture and its future, (1946) by Martin S Briggs, reviewed by Raymond Honey (an occasional series reviewing significant books from the past)

Faith in Maintenance by Sara Crofts, Project Director

Wanted – an Ambitious Spider, by Robin Phillips

Swedish Seamen's Church (Liverpool) under threat

Thomas Huxley, Wheelwright and Chapel Builder, by Nigel Lemon

Obituary: Michael Brook, 1926–2008, by Robin Phillips

Book reviews: Dissent and the Gothic Revival, ed. Bridget Cherry, reviewed by Paul Gardner;

Biographical Dictionary of British Quakers in Commerce and Industry 1775–1920, by Edward Milligan;

Who they were in the Reformed Churches of England and Wales 1901–2000, ed. John Taylor and Clyde

Binfield; Congregational Members of Parliament in the Nineteenth Century, by David W Bebbington; all reviewed by Edward Royle.

Newsletter 39, October 2008

Proceedings: Visit to London (Sloane Square to Kensington) 26 April 2008, by Paul Gardner; Visit to Huddersfield, 21 June 2008, by Roger Thorne;

Punshon Memorial Methodist Church, Bournemouth;

Rededication for community use: St James' URC, Alnwick, by Raymond Honey;

Editorial; Casework report; News

Book reviews: The English country house chapel: building a protestant tradition, by Annabel Ricketts, reviewed by Joy Rowe; The Artifice of eternity: the Byzantine-Romanesque revival in Catholic Lancashire, by J A Hilton, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling; Dissenters all!: the story of the nonconformist churches of the Malverns, by R A Ellis, reviewed by J E C Peters; Bradshaw Gass & Hope: The story of an architectural practice – the first one hundred years 1862–1962, by Jane and Timothy Lingard, reviewed by Roger N Holden; Cote Baptist Chapel: a history & guide, by Kate Tiller, reviewed by Stephen Page.

Newsletter 40, January 2009

Proceedings: Visit to Canterbury 4 October 2008, by Andrew Worth; Postscript; Future visits.

The Seven Tin Tabernacles of Neasden, by Andrew Worth.

The Mid-Nineteenth Century Anglo-Jewish Community: a database project;

Editorial; Casework; Notes and Queries;

Book reviews: Religion and Place: Liverpool's historic places of worship, by Sarah Brown and Peter de Figueiredo, reviewed by Christopher Stell; Salem Chapel: A History and Guide, by Victoria Nutt; reviewed by Bridget Cherry; Cornubia's Son: A life of Mark Guy Pearse, by Derek R Williams, reviewed by Ian Haile; Beautiful the Landscape: the story of Church Planting from St Mary's Castle Street Reading, by John Dearing, reviewed by Chris Skidmore; A century of the Unitarian Women's League (British League of Unitarian & other Liberal Christian Women) 1908–2008: a selection from the League Newsletter, edited by Judy Hague, reviewed by Gil Skidmore.

Newsletter 41, May 2009

The Germantown (Philadelphia) Mennonite Meetinghouse, by Keith Sprunger;

Listed institutional chapels and Heritage Protection legislation;

Methodists appoint Heritage officer;

Churches and faith buildings: realising the potential;

Notes and Queries;

What is the name of this house?, by Edwin Rose;

Primitive Methodism and the gothic revival, by John H Anderson;

More on Methodism: Itinerant temples – Tent Methodism 1814-1842, by John K Lander, and Primitive Methodism, by Geoffrey Milburn, both reviewed by Paul Gardner;

News: Chapel trails; Catholic chapels in the care of Historic Chapels Trust; Gwithian Methodist Chapel; Wesleyan Methodist New Church, Highgate;

Forthcoming books: The London Friends' Meetings, by William Beck and T Frederick Ball; John Wesley's Preachers: a social and statistical analysis of the British and Irish preachers who entered the Methodist itinerancy before 1791, by John Lenton;

Book reviews: A View from the North: life, politics and faith seen from England's northernmost constituency by Alan Beith, reviewed by Winifred Stokes; Faith, Hope and Love: 120 years of Methodism in West Bridgford, ed by Hinrich Siefken and Stuart Mason; reviewed by David R Watts.

Newsletter 42, September 2009

Proceedings: Visit to Abingdon, Wallingford and the Vale of White Horse, 16 May 2009, by Tim Grass;
Visit to Oakham and Rutland, 4 July 2009, by Joy Rowe;
Report of the 21st Annual General Meeting, by Sara Crofts;
The Congregational chapel, Cowleigh Rd, Malvern, Worcs., by J E C Peters;
Inspired or Uninspired? Does English Heritage understand nonconformist chapels? by D Colin Dews;
News: Our next publication – Miscellany 2;
Notes and Queries;
Book reviews: An Account of the Baptist churches of Shropshire..., by Michael Collis, reviewed by David R Watts; Powerhouses of provincial architecture 1837–1914, by Kathryn Ferry, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling; Religion and place in Leeds, by John Minnis with Trevor Mitchell, reviewed by Alan Rose.

Newsletter 43, January 2010

Proceedings: Visit to Newcastle upon Tyne, 10 October 2009, by Edward Royle;
A little bit of Switzerland in Endell Street, by Tony Redman;
Worship spaces focus on light, by Chris Skidmore;
Inspired or Uninspired, a comment by Ian Serjeant;
Book reviews: The London Friends' Meetings..., by William Beck and T. Frederick Ball, 2009 reprint of 1869 edn, new introduction by Simon Dixon and Peter Daniels, reviewed by Christopher Stell; John Wesley's Preachers: a social and statistical analysis of the British and Irish preachers who entered the Methodist itinerancy before 1791, by John Lenton, reviewed by John A Hargreaves.

Newsletter 44, May 2010

A meetinghouse on the American Great Plains, by Keith Sprunger;
Two Cumbrian cottage chapels, by Chris Skidmore;
Book reviews: A Glimpse of heaven: Catholic churches of England and Wales, by Christopher Martin, photographs by Alan Ramsay, reviewed by Amanda Arrowsmith and Jill Mortiboys; Churches of Mann: Isle of Man churches, chapels and keeills explored in words and music, by Jonathan Kewley and others, reviewed by Tim Grass; Bedford St Luke's: a bit of church history, by David Bunney, reviewed by David R Watts; Bethesda Methodist chapel, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent: a history and guide, by Judith Leigh, John H Anderson and John S Booth, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling.

Newsletter 45, September 2010

Proceedings: Visit to South Buckinghamshire, 17 April 2010, by John Thompson;
Visit to Notting Hill (London) 3 July 2010, by Alan Petford;
Report of the 22nd Annual General Meeting, by Sara Crofts;
The Baptist Lights of Shrewton, by Alison Light;
A conservative take on conservation, by Clyde Binfield;
Book review: Chapels and Chapel People: Miscellany 2, ed. Chris Skidmore, reviewed by Leonard Smith

Newsletter 45, September 2010

Proceedings: Visit to South Buckinghamshire, 17 April 2010, by John Thompson;
Visit to Notting Hill (London) 3 July 2010, by Alan Petford;
Report of the 22nd Annual General Meeting, by Sara Crofts;
The Baptist Lights of Shrewton, by Alison Light;
A conservative take on conservation, by Clyde Binfield;
Book review: Chapels and Chapel People: Miscellany 2, ed. Chris Skidmore, reviewed by Leonard Smith.

Newsletter 46, January 2011

Proceedings: Visit to Rugby & Northamptonshire, 2 October 2010 by Peter Ackers;
Obituary: Jonathan Christopher Morgan (1943-2010);
Cokelers – the gentle sect by Stella Bond;
Searching for Lollards and the Green Chapel – Ludchurch in North Staffordshire by Andrew Worth;
Casework report by Sara Crofts;
Book reviews: The Church with a Mission: Oxford Place Methodist Chapel, Leeds by D. Colin Dews, reviewed by David A. Quick; Tin Tabernacles: Postcard Album by Ian Smith, reviewed by Tim Grass;
Watts Chapel: A Guide to the Symbols of Mary Watts's Arts and Crafts Masterpiece by Mark Bills, reviewed by Sara Crofts; London's 100 Best Churches: An Illustrated Guide by Leigh Hatts, reviewed by Andrew Worth.

Newsletter 47, May 2011

Edward Jeffreys, evangelist of the Black Country: his Ministry and its impact by David Watts;
Membership matters by Robin Phillips;
Book reviews: Designs for Churches and Chapels by W.F. Pocock, reviewed by D. Colin Dews;
West End Methodism – The Story of Hinde Street by Alan Brooks, reviewed by Paul Gardner;
Deep Roots Living Branches: a history of Baptists in the English Western Midlands by the Revd Alan Betteridge, reviewed by David R. Watts; Friends Meeting Houses, an occasional magazine by John Hall, reviewed by David M. Butler.

Newsletter 48, September 2011

Proceedings: Visit to the Isle of Man, 29 April – 2 May 2011 by Rod Ambler and David S. Knight; Visit to Exeter, 9 July 2011 by Paul Gardner;
23rd Annual General Meeting 2011 by Sara Crofts;
War Memorials Trust and In Memoriam by Frances Moreton;
Website update by Sara Crofts;
Book review: E. Royle, From Philistines to Goths: Nonconformist Chapel Styles in Victorian England in C.Dyer, A. Hopper, E. Lord and N. Tringham (eds.) New Directions in Local History Since Hoskins, reviewed by Alan Petford.

Newsletter 49, January 2012

Proceedings: Visit to Henley and the South Chilterns, 1 October 2011 by John Anderson;
Travelling with the Chapels Society by Keith and Aldine Sprunger;
Gospel Hall, Cowleigh Road, Malvern, Worcs by J.E.C. Peters;
Book reviews: The Synagogues of Britain and Ireland by Sharman Kadish, reviewed by Petra Laidlaw;
The Eighteenth-Century Church in Britain by Terry Friedman, reviewed by W.M. Jacob; A History of Trinity Church, Sutton 1907–2007 by Colin Howard, reviewed by Stephen Page; Spires and Meeting Houses: A History of the Origins, Growth and Development of Congregationalism in and around Oxford by Michael Hopkins, reviewed by Martin Wellings; Rutland In Dissent by Pauline Collett, reviewed by Anthony Earl; Battle Abbey & Battle Churches since 1066 by Keith D. Foord, reviewed by Stephen Page.

Newsletter 50, May 2012

Proceedings: Conference on 'Sitting in Chapel' by Rosalind Kaye;
A pew mystery;
Return to Ranelagh – William Fuller Peacock and the Sloane Terrace and Ranelagh Chapels by Clyde Binfield;
Chapel beginnings of a secular architect: the case of Edwin Lutyens by Chris Skidmore;
Visits by Christopher Wakeling
Book reviews: The Diaries of Cornelius Ashworth, 1782–1816, edited by Richard Davies, Alan Petford and Janet Senior, reviewed by Edward Royle; Churches 1870–1914, edited by Teresa Sladen and Andrew Saint, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling; To The Glory of God by Ray Oakley, reviewed by A. J. Petford.

Newsletter 51, September 2012

Personalia: Rod Ambler;

Proceedings: Visit to Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourbridge 14 April 2012 by Rod Ambler; Visit to Hampstead, 7 July 2012 by Chris Skidmore;

Annual General meeting by Sara Crofts;

Membership matters by Paul Gardner;

Jobson centenary by Christopher Wakeling;

Book review: Houses with Private Chapels in the Heart of England by John Kinross, reviewed by Sara Crofts.

Newsletter 52, January 2013

Proceedings: Visit to Harrogate and Nidderdale, 22 September 2012 by Judith Bartlett;

Membership matters;

The former Friends meeting House, Stockton-on-Tees by Michael Atkinson

From synagogue to Church by John Dearing;

Book reviews: Capeli/Chapels by Tim Rushton, reviewed by Chris Skidmore; The Autobiography of James Gregson. Actor, Playwright, Broadcaster, Journalist edited by Barry D. Smith, reviewed by Tony Stoller.

Newsletter 53, May 2013

Proceedings: Visit to Stowmarket, Suffolk, and surrounding area by Tony Coates;

Membership matters;

Equal in death: the Moravian burial ground by Gillian Darley;

A chapel reordering;

Book reviews: 'There my friends and kindred dwell' — The Strict Baptist Chapels of Suffolk and Norfolk by Tim Grass, reviewed by Paul Gardner; Yorkshire Methodism: Essays to Commemorate the Jubilee Year of the Wesley Historical Society (Yorkshire) edited by Edward Royle, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling; Whitchurch Methodists: the story so far by Alison M. Deveson, reviewed by John Anderson; The Chapels of Wales by D. Huw Owen, reviewed by Chris Skidmore.

Newsletter 54, September 2013

Proceedings: Visit to Liverpool, 13 July 2013 by Stuart Leadley;

Report of the 25th Annual General Meeting, by Sara Crofts;

Personalia: Tim Grass; Jenny Freeman and Peter Ackers;

The Countess of Huntingdon Chapel, Cradley, Herefordshire by Edward Peters;

Brethren and their buildings by Tim Grass;

Book review: Building a great Victorian City: Leeds Architects and Architecture 1790-1914 ed. Christopher Webster, reviewed by David Quick.

Newsletter 55, January 2014

Proceedings: Visit to Mid-Somerset, 28 September 2013 by Ian Serjeant;

Casework Notes by Michael Atkinson;

Memorializing war in non-Anglican places of worship by Tim Grass;

First find your barn: Instructions for holding Quaker meetings in temporary premises by Chris Skidmore;

Some Chapels in New South Wales from correspondence with Graham Johnson;

Book review: Hitting the buffers: Samuel Morton Peto, 1809-1889, railway builder extraordinaire by Douglas C Sparkes, reviewed by Jenny Freeman.

Newsletter 56, May 2014

Christopher Fyson Stell (1929-2014): Christopher Stell and the 'Mutton Chops' Affair by Christopher Wakeling; Remembering Christopher by Richard Morris; The Origins of The Chapels Society by Roger Thorne; Other Recollections by Clyde Binfield and David Butler

Changes at Long Crendon Baptist Church by Sarah Rothwell

Chapel Notice Boards by Tim Grass

Membership matters by Paul Gardner

Book reviews: The History of Welsh Calvinistic Methodism III by John Gwynfor Jones, reviewed by Tim Grass; Circle of Time: A history of Bethania Chapel, Waterloo... by John P Lyons, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling; Valley of A Hundred Chapels by Amy Binns, reviewed by Peter Ackers; Two Centuries of Baptists in Guernsey by Tim Grass, reviewed by Paul Gardner

Newsletter 57, September 2014

Andrew Worth (1962-2014) by Christopher Wakeling and Chris Skidmore;

Proceedings: Visit to Maidstone, 26 April 2014 by Stephen Page; Report of Annual General Meeting by Sara Crofts; Visits to Clerkenwell and Finsbury, 12 July 2014 by Roger Thorne and Tim Grass

Village Chapels connected with the Congregational Chapel in Malvern Worcestershire by Edward Peters; George and Reginald Palmer Baines FFRIBA: an update by Stuart Leadley

Book reviews: The Arts and Crafts Movement in the North East of England: A Handbook by Barrie and Wendy Armstrong, reviewed by Michael Atkinson; The Arts and Crafts Movement in Yorkshire: A Handbook by Barrie and Wendy Armstrong, reviewed by D A Quick

Newsletter 58, January 2015

Proceedings: Visit to Bowland and Pendle, 13 September 2014 by Delia Garratt; Conference on the Twentieth –Century Chapel, 8 November 2014 by Michael Atkinson; News from the Council – charges for non-members; Membership matters by Paul Gardner

Casework Notes by Michael Atkinson

Book review: City Mission: the story of London's Welsh chapels by Huw Edwards, reviewed by Chris Skidmore

Newsletter 59, May 2015

Alan J Petford (1953-2015) by John A Hargreaves

Architecture and the Catholic Apostolic Church by Tim Grass

Newsletter 60, September 2015

Proceedings: Visit to Edinburgh, 2-4 May 2015 by Ian Holland; Visit to Loughborough and Charnwood, 27 June by Roger Holden; Annual General meeting Report by Sara Crofts; The Society's Officers by Tim Grass

Book review: Stained Glass in Welsh Churches by Martin Crampin, reviewed by Sarah Brown

CD review: Chapel! A celebration of the Bible Christians of Devon by Roger Thorne and James Petherick, reviewed by Albert Taylor

Newsletter 61, January 2016

Proceedings: Visit to Cleethorpes and Grimsby, 12 September 2015 by Edward Royle; Membership matters by Paul Gardner

The Bicentenary of the Bible Christians (1815-1907) by Roger Thorne

First Presbyterian Church, Newry by Angus McCormick

Book review: A History of the Non-Conformist churches in Burnley, Vols 1 and 2 by Stephen Child, reviewed by Roger Holden

Newsletter 62, May 2016

Proceedings: Proposed changes to the Constitution; Member ship matters; E. Alan Rose by Roger Thorne; Alan P. F. Sell

The Quaker meeting House Heritage Survey by Neil Burton

Book review: Fred Rowntree, Architect by Peter Robson, reviewed by Christopher Wakeling

Newsletter 63, September 2016

Proceedings: Visit to North Cumbria: from Carlisle to Cockermouth – 23 April 2016 by Roger Holden; Visit to Bloomsbury – 16 July 2016 by Stuart Leadley; Report of the twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting by Chris Skidmore.

Book reviews: Dictionary of Dublin Dissent: Dublin's Protestant Meeting Houses 1660-1920 by Steven C. Smyrl, reviewed by Roger Holden; The Origins of Primitive Methodism by Sandy Calder, reviewed by Kate Tiller.

Newsletter 64, January 2017

Proceedings: Visit to Leicester – 8 October 2016 by John Dearing; Conference hosted by the Association of Denominational Historical Societies and Cognate Libraries together with The Chapels Society – 16 & 17 September 2017 – 'Nonconformist attitudes to war and peace in the long twentieth century' by Pauline Johns; Membership report.

Architects of the Presbyterian Church of England by Christopher Buckwell; A Tale of Two Chapels: One being saved and the other still in purgatory by John French: The Organ of Abbey Lane URC, Saffron Walden by Stephen Rapkin; Communities of Dissent: A new research project for family and community historians by Kate Tiller.

Book review: Mary Green, Bespoke Tailoress: Culture, Craft and Non-Conformity in an Industrial Textile Town of North West England, 1880-1920 by Mary Cunningham, reviewed by Moira Ackers.