

Editorial

As Anthony Rossi retires after forty years as a Trustee of the Society, I am delighted to include in this volume an article on a subject he has taken almost as long to research – the Catholic chapels and places of worship in Norwich. Indeed, this is a good volume for those interested in chapels, because Roland Jeffery kindly agreed to contribute an article on the Historic Chapels Trust, of which he is the Director. The ecclesiastical theme is continued in Anthony Jennings' article on Victorian parsonage houses. It was heartening for the Editor to receive the offer of this article, as it came about as a result of my plea in the last volume for more material on things ecclesiastical. Proof that some people do actually read and respond to the Editorial: and there was more proof. My appeal for a volunteer to edit the Reviews resulted in our member, Graham Kent, kindly stepping into the breach. The fruits of his first season of reviews are to be seen at the back of the volume.

It is one of the fascinations of editing the *Transactions* that when a volume appears the Editor has no clear idea what the next one will contain. For Volume 58, the only relative certainty was the inclusion of the first part of the monumental survey of early buildings connected with the deer hunt, by John McCann and his co-authors: and I am pleased that it has materialised here. Then, late in the development of this volume, Caroline Stanway offered her paper on the Warren House on the Kimbolton estate so that, by pure coincidence, I am publishing two articles on estate buildings relating to game-keeping and hunting. It is especially appropriate that Caroline's article should be published in our *Transactions* because in 1985 the AMS lobbied successfully to save the Warren House from demolition, and it is fitting testimony to the benefits of the Society's casework that not only has the building now been rehabilitated, but that Caroline's research has shown it to be an early and rare building type.

You will also find in this volume a major paper by Malcolm Cooper on Gerald Baldwin Brown and his role in the conservation of Edinburgh Old Town. This is also an appropriate contribution to our *Transactions*, because it forms a prequel to David Walker's paper on the development of listing in Scotland, published by the Society exactly twenty years ago (Volume 38, 1994). The volume opens in customary fashion with the Anniversary Address – a splendidly illustrated piece on Birmingham Town Hall by the Society's Vice-Chairman, Anthony Peers, and coming on the back of his successful book on the same subject, published in 2012. The main contents of the volume are brought to a close by Matthew Saunders appreciation of Anthony Swaine, for very many years a Trustee of the Society, who died last year just short of his 100th birthday.

During the gestation and production of Volume 58, I am particularly grateful to Matthew Saunders for his unfailing support and good advice; to Graham Kent for commissioning and editing the reviews; and also to Murray Wallace of Direct Offset. As I say each year, the contents of your *Transactions* reflect the offerings I receive. I am always on the look-out for new articles, so keep sending me your ideas and manuscripts for consideration. My contact details are inside the back cover.

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