

Henry Bradshaw Society

Annual Reports for 2025

ANNUAL MEETING
24th April 2026

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1. Notice of Annual Meeting and Lecture

The one hundred and twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday 24 April 2026 at 2 p.m. in the Redman Room, Trinity College, Cambridge CB2 1TQ. Members are invited to assemble at 1.15 at the Great Gate of Trinity to find their way to the room and for a light lunch before the meeting.

Members are also welcome to join the meeting on Zoom, using the following link, available from 1.50 p.m.: https://trin-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/96634313209.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Society's Council, which members will also be welcome to observe should they wish.

Following the Council meeting the **Henry Bradshaw Society Lecture 2026** will be held in the Winstanley Lecture Theatre, Trinity College, Cambridge, at **5 p.m.** We are delighted that

Professor Peter Jeffery,
Professor of Musicology and Ethnomusicology Emeritus, University of Notre Dame, and Scheide Professor of Music History Emeritus, Princeton University,
will be joining us to speak on the subject of
The Oldest Text of the Latin Mass: A New Reading of Ordo Romanus I
This lecture will also be livestreamed on Zoom at the same link.

2. Agenda for Annual Meeting

1. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
To consider the election of a President for 2026–27. Professor Henry Mayr-Harting was elected President of the Society last year and is willing to stand for re-election.

2. APOLOGIES
To receive apologies for absence.

3. COMMEMORATIONS
To commemorate departed members of the Society.

4. MINUTES
To receive the Minutes of the one hundred and twenty-second Annual Meeting.

5. STATEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT
To receive the Report of the Secretary.

7. TREASURER'S RERPORT
To receive the Report of the Treasurer.

8. ACCOUNTS
To receive and accept the Accounts for 2025.

9. ELECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
To report that the Officers of the Council for 2025–26 elected by the 2025 Annual Meeting were as follows:
Chairman Professor Susan Rankin
General Secretary Dr Nicolas Bell
Publications Secretary Professor Rosalind Love
Treasurer Dr Bernard Moreton
To consider the election of Officers for 2026–27.

10. ELECTION OF COUNCIL
To report that the membership of Council is as follows:
— The Administrative Officers of Council
— Additional elected members, as follows:
(a) *elected 2023, to serve until 2026*: Dr Daniel DiCenso, Dr Helen Gittos, Dr Anthony Harris, Dr Henry Parkes
(b) *elected 2024, to serve until 2027*: Professor Katy Cubitt, Professor Sarah Hamilton, Professor Tessa Webber
(c) *elected 2025, to serve until 2028*: Dr Eleanor Giraud, Professor John Harper, the Rev'd Dr Michael Lang, Dr Alan Thacker, Dr Arthur Westwell
The additional members elected under (a) above now retire, and are eligible for re-election.
To consider the election of members of Council.
(Will members of the Society note that under item 21 of the Constitution nominations for new members of Council must be made in writing to the Secretary. Members wishing to make nomination should ensure that their candidate is willing to stand, and that the nomination is received by the General Secretary on or before Monday 19 April 2026.)

11. ELECTION OF ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

To report that the Annual Meeting of 2025 resolved to invite Mr Patrick Clinton to undertake the duties of Independent Accounts Examiner for the year, and that Mr Clinton subsequently agreed.
To consider the appointment of the Independent Accounts Examiner for the year 2026.

12. ANNUAL MEETING 2027

To consider the date and location of the one hundred and twenty-fourth Annual Meeting.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3. Minutes of the one hundred and twenty-second Annual Meeting, Friday 2 May 2025.

The one hundred and twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Friday 2 May 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in the Collier Room, Regents Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford.

Those present were Dr Nicolas Bell (General Secretary), Dr Helen Gittos, Professor Sarah Hamilton, Dr Henry Parkes, Professor Susan Rankin (Chairman of the Council), Professor Alan Thacker, Professor Tessa Webber, and Professor David Ganz (Vice-President). Professor Katy Cubitt, Dr Daniel DiCenso, Dr Eleanor Giraud, Professor John Harper, Dr Bernard Moreton (Treasurer) and Dr Arthur Westwell also joined the meeting online via Zoom.

1. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
Professor Henry Mayr-Harting was re-elected as President of the Society. He had sent his apologies for not being present in person, and had asked that the Chairman of Council chair the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from the Rev'd Dr Uwe Michael Lang, Dr Anthony Harris, Professor Rosalind Love (Publications Secretary), Professor Elizabeth Teviotdale, Fr Michael G. Witczak and Dom Alcuin Reid.

3. COMMEMORATIONS
The Chair reported that no commemorations were necessary this year.

4. MINUTES
The minutes of the one hundred and twenty-first meeting were received as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of Council.

5. STATEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR
There were none.

6. BUSINESS
A proposal to amend the Constitution of the Society in order to reduce the number of Trustees had been circulated to members of the Society on 31 March 2025, allowing 28 days' notice of the proposed amendment. It was unanimously agreed that paragraph 18 of the Constitution be amended, from "the Council acting as Trustees." to "five Trustees who shall normally be the Chairman of Council, the Honorary General Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, and two other members of Council, elected annually by the Council by majority vote. They shall administer the property of the Society in accordance with the directions of the Council. All decisions of the Trustees must be approved by at least three of the five members.", and that paragraph 19 be amended, (a) to change "The Council acting as Trustees" to "The Trustees", in all three instances, and (b) to remove the phrase "and the scale of reasonable charges therefor". The General Secretary undertook to inform the Charity Commission of the changes to the Constitution.

7. REPORTS
The reports of the General Secretary and Treasurer had been circulated prior to the meeting in a booklet.

8. ACCOUNTS
The Treasurer presented the Accounts, which had been examined by the Independent Examiner. The meeting accepted and formally approved the accounts. The Treasurer commented on fluctuations in

the investments because of recent global events and noted that the subsidy to the IHR's Liturgy Seminar of £600 from the Burr Fund had been paid in early 2025 and therefore would appear in next year's Accounts. It was unanimously agreed that these payments should be attributed to the Burr Fund, now and in future. The meeting agreed that the General Secretary should send a letter of thanks to the Society's Independent Examiner of Accounts (Patrick Clinton) and would file the accounts with the Charity Commission.

The meeting expressed its profound gratitude to the Treasurer for his careful and patient work for the Society.

9. ELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
The following were re-elected as Officers of the Council for 2025–2026 (proposed by Dr Parkes and seconded by Dr Gittos):
Chairman: Professor Susan Rankin
General Secretary: Dr Nicolas Bell
Publications Secretary: Professor Rosalind Love
Treasurer: Dr Bernard Moreton

10. ELECTION OF COUNCIL
The meeting considered the membership of the Council. The Honorary Secretary corrected two errors in the agenda of the Meeting. Under 10(b) he noted that Dr Frank Lawrence had resigned from the Council at last year's meeting and that his name should have been removed from the circulated list. Second, although Dr Arthur Westwell had been nominated to serve on the Council, his name had been accidentally omitted from the circulated list, as also from the list of Trustees sent to the Charity Commission. For that reason, he could be regarded as not having served, and should now be elected to the Council to serve for a period of three years until the Annual Meeting of 2028. This was unanimously agreed, with Professor Rankin proposing and Professor Ganz seconding.

Dr Eleanor Giraud, Professor John Harper, the Rev'd Dr Michael Lang, and Dr Alan Thacker were also re-elected for a further period of three years, to serve until the Annual Meeting in 2028.

Shortly after the meeting, Dr David Pelteret tendered his resignation from the Council, having previously been appointed to serve until 2027.

11. ELECTION OF ACCOUNTS EXAMINER
The meeting considered the appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2025. The Treasurer reported that Mr Patrick Clinton had offered to serve in this capacity once again, and the meeting agreed unanimously to accept his kind offer.

12. ANNUAL MEETING 2026
It was agreed that the one hundred and twenty-third Annual Meeting would be held in Cambridge on Friday 24 April 2026.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
At the end of the meeting, noting that the newly adopted changes to the Constitution limited the number of Trustees to five, all members of Council agreed to resign as Trustees unless reappointed at the Council meeting immediately following.

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 2.23 p.m.

4. Secretary's Report for 2025

The past year has been marked by several successful events but has unfortunately been another year without a publication. Dr Helen Gittos gave a wonderfully wide-ranging lecture at the Annual Meeting, which was well attended both in person and online and generated an excellent range of questions. Meanwhile the seminar on the history of liturgy sponsored by the Society at the Institute of Historical Research has held several meetings, including a well-attended workshop on the day preceding the Annual Meeting. This year more substantial arrangements are being made for a Study Day on 'New Directions in the History of Liturgy' to be held in Cambridge on the day following the Annual Meeting (Saturday 25 April), for which further details are available on the Society's website.

Last year I reported that our next volume 'is in progress and should appear soon'. I regret to have to repeat the same statement, but can promise the appearance in the next few months of Nigel Morgan's edition of *English Benedictine Kalendars after 1100*, volume 3: *Norwich – York*. We hope that one or maybe even two other volumes will also appear before the year end.

In the course of the past year the Society has mourned the death in August of its former President, Miss Barbara Harvey, at the age of 97, and has welcomed nine new members:
Mr N. Chamberlain (London), Mr C. Chittom (Clinton, Mississippi), Prof. K. Desmond (Ballymore Eustace, co. Kildare), the Rev'd P. Keyser (Washington DC), Mr G. J. Kimaro (St Francis, Wisconsin), Mr W. Matthews (London), Dr N. Sakata (Shingawa City, Japan), the Rev'd Dr E. Smith (Halesworth) and Mr Z. Thomas (Swansea).

Nicolas Bell
Hon. General Secretary
8 April 2026

5. Treasurer's Report for 2025

The Independently Examined Accounts are set out below in the usual format. A statement of income and expenditure by volume will be available as usual at the Annual Meeting, together with the accounts to date for 2026.

As last year, a rounded sum representing part of the interest due at the closure of a 1-year deposit was posted to Bank Accruals, with a contra to Accruals Control. That was a temporary posting for the year-end, and will not appear in the 2026 accounts to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The full posting of that interest will be made on maturity in July 2026.

The finances of the Society remain healthy, and well-prepared to fund the volumes in preparation.

Bernard Moreton
Honorary Treasurer
15 January 2026

The Henry Bradshaw Society
Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

2024		**2025**	*2024*		**2025**
	ACCUMULATED FUND MOVEMENTS				
	Non-subscription publishing		*59.34*	Non-Attributable Subs	3.41
			858.68	General Royalty Income	1364.88
47.16	Reprint Program, Warehousing	20.16	*181.62*	Income Tax Repayments	154.37
2522.15	Notional Int.Tfr to Benefactions	-443.70	*1388.93*	Bank Interest	1531.86
			8092.18	Investment income tfr	-3272.74
2569.31	**(Subtotal)**	**-423.54**	*10580.75*	**(Subtotal)**	**-218.22**

8011.44	**Total movement**	**205.32**
103189.53	**Acc. Fund b/f**	**111200.97**
111200.97	**Acc. Fund c/f**	**111406.29**

BALANCE SHEET

2024		2025	2024		2025
	VOLUMES IN PROGRESS				
	Vol 126: English Benedictine Kalendars				
	Actual costs			**Revenue**	
-	General o/heads	352.24	-	Subs	9130.70
	Provisionals				
-	Printing (provisional)	7338.10			
-	Distribution (prov)	1850.50			
0.00	**(Subtotal)**	**9540.84**	*0.00*	**(Subtotal)**	**9130.70**
	WIP NOT YET ASSIGNED				
	Provisionals 2017				
203.86	O/heads 2017	-	*4574.70*	Subscriptions 2017	-
	Provisionals 2018				
148.38	O/heads 2018	-	*4515.00*	Subscriptions 2018	-
	Provisionals 2019				
112.85	O/heads 2019	112.85	*4343.50*	Subscriptions 2019	4343.50
	Provisionals 2020				
96.03	O/heads 2020	96.03	*4349.50*	Subscriptions 2020	4349.50
	Provisionals 2021				
173.19	O/heads 2021	173.19	*4208.50*	Subscriptions 2021	4208.50
	Provisionals 2022				
161.12	O/heads 2022	161.12	*4253.50*	Subscriptions 2022	4253.50
	Provisionals 2023				
154.82	Overheads 2023	154.82	*4062.50*	Subscriptions 2023	4124.00
	Provisionals 2024				
154.37	Overheads 2024	154.37	*3773.50*	Subscriptions 2024	3876.00
	Provisionals 2025				
-	Overheads 2025	198.90	*2073.00*	Subscriptions 2025	3573.50
	Provisionals 2026				
			-	Subscriptions 2026	1909.00
1204.62	**(Subtotal)**	**1051.28**	*36153.70*	**(Subtotal)**	**30637.50**

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

2024		2025	2024		2025
	ASSETS			**LIABILITIES**	
48926.24	Bank Accounts	54073.95	*92.36*	Prepaid subs suspense	90.11
435.00	Accruals: Bank Interest	360.00	*435.00*	Accruals Control	360.00
	Investments		-	WIP accruals	9188.60
150319.14	CCLA Investment	147046.40		**Benefactions**	
			53002.97	Martin Burr Legacy	51259.27
200885.00	**BALANCE SHEET DB**	**212072.47**	*89684.03*	**BALANCE SHEET CR**	**100666.18**
				REPRESENTING	
			103189.53	**Acc. Fund b/f**	**111200.97**
			8011.44	**Transfer to Acc. Fund**	**205.32**
111200.97	**NETT ASSETS**	**111406.29**	*111200.97*	**Acc. Fund c/f**	**111406.29**

CASH MOVEMENTS

2024		**2025**	*2024*		**2025**
94.37	Stationery, Internet, etc	88.90	*3460.33*	Subscriptions	3615.66
-	Nett cost of lunch	50.00			
60.00	Bank Charges	60.00	*1388.93*	Bank Interest	1531.86
			8092.18	Investment Valuation Change	-3272.74
-	Benefactions - Expenditure	1300.00	*181.62*	Income Tax Repayments	154.37
47.16	Warehousing	20.16	*858.68*	Royalties	1364.88
201.53	**(Subtotal)**	**1519.06**	*13981.74*	**(Subtotal)**	**3394.03**
	Postings Contra			**Postings contra**	
-47.16	Accumulated Funds	-20.16	*-10580.75*	Accumulated Funds	218.22
-154.37	Wip Overhead Accounts	-198.90	*-3479.00*	Wip Revenue Accounts	-3614.50
-	Assets/Liabilities	-1300.00	*78.01*	Assets/Liabilities	2.25
0.00	**(Totals)**	**0.00**	*0.00*	**(Totals)**	**0.00**

Signed on behalf of all the trustees :

(signed) M.B.Moreton *Honorary Treasurer*	*Date:* 15 January 2026

Independent examiner's report on the accounts for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

To the Officers of the Henry Bradshaw Society:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Treasurer and a comparison of the banking accounts and either source documents, or copies of same, with those records. The examination also gave consideration as to unusual items or disclosures in the accounts.

My queries and clarifications were resolved by the Treasurer and all evidence provided enabled satisfactory completion of my review and there were no unusual items or disclosures identified.

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 accounts.

I have concluded that the accounts placed before you represent a fair and accurate record of the financial position of the Charity.

(signed) P.L.Clinton *Independent Examiner*	*Date:* 24 January 2026

Statement on Reserves, approved by Council at its meeting on 26 April 2016

The Society holds no permanent endowment, and all its funds are expendable. Trustees regularly review the level of reserves required to meet the Charity's commitments to subscribers, for subscriptions received, and to editors, for volumes in various stages of preparation, and consider the consequences of a major reduction in income or increase in expenditure. Since the Society has generally issued publications in arrears to members paying subscriptions, it has been protected from the risk of amounting debts by allowing major expenditure only to follow accrual of income. The Trustees consider this policy to be sufficiently prudent in the circumstances.

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The object of the Society is the advancement of religion and to educate the public in religious knowledge in particular by undertaking liturgical study and research and publishing the useful results thereof; in furtherance of these objects but no further or otherwise:

(a) to print and publish facsimiles documents rare editions and manuscripts and such other works as may be deemed desirable;

(b) to promote lectures and meetings;

(c) to acquire receive and administer any copyrights and rights in the nature of copyrights relating to the foregoing objects.

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