

Report of the Archives Team for 2018-19

The Society has welcomed Carol Vielba and Stewart Wild to the Archive team this year, alongside stalwarts Derek and Barbara Warren, all of whom work tirelessly on archives activities.

This year has been one of consolidation. The contents of each of our boxes are being catalogued and we continue to answer queries via the web site.

The Society continues to receive a trickle of accessions – of note this year is a 1920s commercial booklet of photographic views of Finchley (described as new and old!), alternating with contemporary advertisements, and also the Finchley YHA Group logbook of the 1950s and 1960s

The Archives have received a brand-new computer, thanks to the donation of the family of our late Hon. Secretary, Robert Winton, and the assistance of our Chairman Mick Crick.

The Society decided that providing the archive room with a broadband link could not be justified and instead, with the active assistance of Stephen Yeo, we are trialling a connection via a mobile phone network. This enables email enquiries to be received and responded to directly from the archive room, and for Society documents to be downloaded for storage. We plan to investigate the possibility of scanning and sending documents to the Finchley Society cloud.

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