

# British Printing Society



## Annual Report for 2013

All Officers (Executive and Non-executive), Branch Secretaries and Honorary Members were asked to provide a report.

All those received are included here.



# Executive Officers

## President

There seems to be little of note to report concerning the Society during the past year, which – I hasten to add – is good news, not bad!

We enjoyed a very well-planned Convention at Colchester and I was delighted to meet Kevin Thorp, who is responsible for organising and publishing the newsletter of the Overseas Branch. As the President, I receive a copy of this newsletter and it is always full of interest.

The Rosen Award was given – for the second year running – to Shropshire Branch for a piece of work that is, by any standards, a joy to look at. Although my own branch, Surrey & Sussex, did not enter for the Award in 2013 I am well aware how much commitment is needed for an entry to come to fruition. By the time you read this report, I shall know who has won and whether Shropshire has achieved a hat-trick – *you* will find out at the Convention!

The composition of the EC has continued, on the whole, unchanged for the past few years. This can be seen as a good thing – we know each other well and our meetings are more social gatherings than argumentative debates – but there is also a downside. This year, for the first time that I can recall, there were no nominations for Councillors. The Councillors are there to represent the views of the general membership and have an important role to play in the running of the Society. This subject will be raised at the AGM later this year.

*Chris Green (7614)*

## Vice President

During the past year, I have attended every Executive Council meeting and presented reports at every one. The position of Vice President does not have any definite duties, but I have continued to take an interest in the Branches of the BPS. I have regularly written to all new members of the Society and to renewing members at the end of their first year's membership, seeking to enable them to get the best out of the Society.

In the past year, I helped the Executive Council make some long overdue and permanent changes to Appendix H, the part of the Rule Book that deals with Branch membership. With clearer, unambiguous wording, Branches are now required to ensure that their members are also members of the Society, and this has strengthened the Branch system, as well as the Society itself.

I have also taken an interest in and been involved with a number of projects designed to make the Society more viable for the future. The BPS membership card has been completely re-designed and printed to a high standard. I have also supported the project for the BPS to have a stand at IPEX 2014 and endeavoured to involve some of our newest members.

*Bob Edwards (9527)*

## Secretary

I have attended all Executive Council meetings. I have undertaken administrative functions of the Society, preparing for Executive Council meetings, circulating agendas and Non-Executive reports and producing Minutes. I have also written letters on behalf of the Executive Council. I have also managed the tender process for the printing of *Small Printer*.

I have been able to attend most of the Surrey and Sussex Branch meetings, the Maidenhead Branch Open Day and the Convention.

*Peter Salisbury (5510)*

## Councillor

During the previous year I was part of the Essex Branch team that hosted the convention. The event was mentioned in the local press along with the fact that at Bournemouth we will be celebrating seventy years of the Society.

I have sent out BPS leaflets when requested and arranged stationery for new officers and branch representatives. I assisted the treasurer in preparing the specification for tenders to produce *Small Printer*.

*Len Friend (8988)*

## Publishing Group Councillor

As PG Councillor I attended all meetings of the Executive Council held during the year. We have had another successful year with the PG Bundles which I mail out to PG members. 52 items were produced which were mailed out in 6 Bundles. The 'Publishing Group Annual 2013', formerly 'Small Printing', was also produced with the subject of 'Printing in Miniature'. This had 26 pages contributed by 13 members with a fantastic cover once again printed by Bob Richardson. Thanks go to all those who contributed to the PG Bundle and PG Annual with a special thanks to our Chairman, Ron Prosser, for producing 'PG Record' for each bundle. This year we lost two members, but gained two new ones so we still have 21 members plus the Honorary Executive Council members.

*Ron Rookes (4682)*

# Non-Executive Officers

## Advertising

We have lost 3 advertisers and gained one over the past year. I am still waiting for a replacement to be appointed.

*Tony Jewell (5219)*

## Editor

This report is after I have been editor of some fourteen issues of *Small Printer*, starting with the January 2013 issue. This is the first time that the magazine has been produced by an editorial team of three persons: myself, Tim Honnor, as Editor; Giles Edwards as Design and Production Editor; and Kim Lowe as Assistant Editor.

Initially it is fair to say that the task was harder than expected by us all. Not only had we got to learn to work with each other, but we had also to understand that extra time was needed to produce a publication where three persons had their say and responsibilities. It became apparent that we could not wait in the hope that copy would arrive in time, but had to start planning well in advance and have a bank of articles 'on the shelf' to allow us that vital window to proof and make final alterations. With two of the editorial team having very full-time jobs, and myself a very full and varied life too, there has been some 'cox and box' to save last-minute panics and enable us to get the magazine off to the printers on time each month. (In this, as I am sure Giles will agree, we are still not wholly successful!)

It is my intention to make the magazine not only more interesting, but also more relevant to the needs of the members of the society. In treading this path it has to combine the aspects of a newsletter with information on printing and articles of general interest; but not try to subsume the position of the Monotype *Recorders* of past years. We have also tried to vary designs, typefaces and layout to introduce a more 'modern' look, without disbanding the classical rules of good typography. The editorial team is very aware that *Small Printer* is the glue that holds members together and is the medium for members to get in touch with the society, to air their views and offer their experience. In this area we must still have more activity.

I also believe that the more relevance the magazine has to those starting up in print, then the more we will entice new members into our society. So do not be shy of sending in your hints and tips and note of current or past printing experience. There will be someone out there who will be most grateful for your input. We are very excited about the future printing of

*Small Printer* in full colour. This will allow us more flexibility of design and layout and created more visual and general interest.

Finally, I can speak for the whole team in saying that whilst there have been some 'moments', we have all enjoyed the privilege and responsibility of producing *Small Printer* each month. And of course we welcome discussion and comment from you all.

*Tim Honnor (5578)*

## Enquiries Officer

Enquiries continue to pop up occasionally, but not in any quantity, so I think the service is still of some use, and does not require any cost or great effort. The online Forum should gradually make the office redundant.

*John Easson (2959)*

## Librarian

Over the past twelve months thirteen library books have been loaned to seven different members. We have purchased *Type: A Visual History of Typefaces and Graphic Styles* (in two volumes) and *The Handy Book of Artistic Printing: Artistic Printing and the Ethics of Ornament* which fill a gap in the library and one of which is currently out on loan.

There have been eight requests for machine manuals, only two of which were from BPS members. The other six came from the USA, Spain, Nigeria and the Philippines, Cambridgeshire and Slough. I respond to all requests, saying to non-members that the library is for the use of BPS members only and directing them to the website suggesting they may like to join.

I am pleased to be able to report that the library is being used more these days than in recent years.

*Libby Green (7614)*

## Mailer

It has been a fairly uneventful year this year for the Mailer, *Small Printer* arrived on time most months and the magazines were usually in the hands of Royal Mail by the end of the month. Even though we only use 2<sup>nd</sup> Class mail many members have reported receiving their magazines the next day.

I would like to thank the members who submitted bundle items during the past year, I am sure all their hard work and effort was much appreciated by the membership.

*Ron Rookes (4682)*

## Membership Secretary

Another year has passed and I feel that I have now fully settled into my post as Membership Secretary. Dealing with renewal payments coming in from three different sources can sometimes be quite a challenge, particularly when these are made without either the renewal form or the requested identifiers for electronic payments.

On December 31st 2013 the active membership of the Society numbered 319, which is 11 less than at the end of 2012. During 2013 the Society gained 43 new members, 36 of these joined directly via the Society's website, paying online via PayPal. During the same period the Society lost a total of 46 members, one of whom had died. Donations were received from 41 members during last year. Once again members' use of electronic payment systems continues to grow, with PayPal being the most popular method although some members are using bank transfers.

I continue to supply details of new members and updates to the Editorial Team by email for monthly publication in *Small Printer*. I have liaised with members of the Executive Council, also UK and Overseas Branches to provide updated membership details whenever requested. I have dealt with many emails from members on a variety of subjects and would like to thank everyone for their patience and support when I have been unable to reply promptly for personal reasons.

*Margaret Rookes (10701)*

**Publicity** — *see the report of Len Friend as Councillor.*

## Webmaster

All the pages on the website have now been updated to reflect the corporate identity of the Society. This year has seen the addition of a 'Members Only' area which includes a Diary of Events, links to other Members' web presence and the Library Catalogues. Log in details can be found on page 2 of the current Membership List, this will be changed annually each time a new Membership List is published. The Forum currently has 50 registered members but posting by them is sparse. There is a total of 175 posts on 86 topics several of which have been viewed over 1000 times and some over 2000. The most viewers online at one time was 292 on Monday 11th November 2013 at 8.12 p.m. We now have 101 followers (Likes) on Facebook and 245 followers on Twitter of whom 25 are BPS Members. As a direct result of the Society being on Twitter we have gained some new members.

*Ron Rookes (4682)*

# Branches

## Dorset Branch

Number of meetings during the year. 12

Number of members. 10 plus spouses

Average attendance of each meeting 10

The membership of the branch has remained steady through the year, although attendance has fluctuated as members have moved home and others have been very busy with various activities.

The Dorset Branch have concentrated on the preparations for the 2014 convention throughout the year at their monthly meetings. We have allocated various items of printing to the members who offered to help. Even the new member Win, who joined us late in the year, is undertaking some of this work. At the time of writing this report, we have 46 booked to attend. Hopefully, when the last booking form appears in the February bundle, this will result in the numbers reaching the "norm" for attendance at Dorset conventions. The booking form also stresses the importance of finalising numbers with the hotel by the end of February.

We still have some of the printed items to complete, but we also have some new ideas to bring to fruition.

*Ron Watson (6955)*

## Essex Branch

Essex Branch had a full programme in 2013 as we hosted the Convention.

Several planning meetings were held in preparation for the Convention and we also had six Branch meetings at the workshops of members. Three days were spent at Roadshow events.

During the course of the year attendance of a good core of Essex members were augmented by visitors. All but one of these were BPS members and that one comes along with his son who is a member.

A letter was sent out to all Essex BPS members reminding them that they are welcome at any of the events we organise and this year we also sent this letter to Society members who live up the East Coast. From the replies received, we gather that those who do not attend a Branch have transport difficulties.

*Gwen Harper (5992)*

## Lincolnshire and District Branch

Number of meetings held: 8

Number of branch members, who are also British Printing Society members:  
6

With its seemingly endless winter, 2013 got off to a slow start for the Lincolnshire and District Branch. With some members having to make a four hour round trip along country roads to attend meetings it was inevitable that attendance would suffer until the weather picked up. In fact it wasn't until May (the week of the FA Cup final I think) that the branch finally got together for its 2012 Christmas dinner. This meeting was quite an important one for the branch, because one of the matters of business that we had to deal with was the future of the branch itself. One of our members had proposed that we close the branch, but fortunately when this was put to the vote, we decided with a resounding yes to carry on as a BPS branch.

We haven't looked back after that, and have had some of our most successful meeting yet this year. The trip to Malcolm Hull's Rotaset works in the summer was a great success, and the trip to Donna Nook to see the baby seals at the end of the year was another popular day out. The end of summer barbecue is another highlight of the branch's hectic social diary.

We have carried on with business pretty much as usual, and as usual ended the year by submitting another entry for the Rosen Award. This year has also seen us contributing to the *Small Printer* in the shape of regular branch reports.

*Mike Edwards (10374)*

## London Branch

London Branch still exists, although we have had no meetings in the past 18 months or so. An appeal for new members was published in "Small Printer" around two years ago, and although there were responses from a handful of people they did not attend the summer meeting which resulted from that article in SP.

The Branch is largely inactive. We keep in touch through occasional emails, and sometimes meet up at BPS Open Days arranged by other branches, but the distance between members, who live in Berkhamsted, Reading, Northolt, Ruislip and Edgware can be a daunting prospect when the weather is poor, the roads icy and the wintry evenings are drawing in. In recent years a few members have attended meetings organised by Maidenhead Branch and there was some casual discussion about a possible

merger at one stage, but the geographical area covered by members' homes is vast and this would not have been practical.

Our last well attended meeting, almost two years ago, was a very pleasant summer luncheon in the garden of Geoffrey Hulett, former sales manager for Stephenson Blake. We even cast some type in an ancient hand mould, but a later attempt to repeat this successful formula foundered (no pun intended) due to poor health and unforeseen transport problems.

Peter White and I are nominally the "committee" members but we would be happy to step down if an enthusiastic team wish to take over the London Branch reins in the future. It seems hard to believe that the capital does not have a vibrant, active Branch, but the sheer size of our city makes it problematic. Fifteen years ago we had members in Harrow, Shoreditch, Edgware, Hackney and Ealing. Transport rarely seemed to be a problem, as we'd travel in groups to far-flung suburbs, but as our members have got older the London Congestion Charge and prospect of such long journeys on dark evenings have lost their appeal.

I am hopeful that we may be able to use the St Bride Foundation (Printing Library) as a venue occasionally if a new Branch management team can be found. My working days there are long, and I am often at the library in the evenings, so it may be possible to arrange two or three meetings a year in Fleet Street for a re-born London Branch. There's much to see at St Bride, so it may provide the impetus we require to fire everyone's enthusiasm again.

*Bob Richardson (9718)*

## Maidenhead Branch

Number of branch members: 12

Number of branch meetings in 2013: 10

This year has been quite an eventful year for the branch, in which we organised some activities that we had not tried for some time. We try to meet each month. The membership has remained stable at 12: two members resigned and we gained two new members. The year got off to a poor start as our annual branch dinner in January had to be cancelled due to snow, but we rapidly recovered in February with an Open Day at Fleet. The branch has not held an open day for a number of years and approached this with some trepidation, but it all turned out well on the day with most branch members participating, some stalls from other BPS members and Roy Caslon of Adana fame came and exhibited his products. The number of visitors (and their interest) exceeded our expectations and we hope to repeat the open day this autumn at a different venue. In March we met at

Dorothy Sydenham's, and in April at Janet Tweedy's at both to discuss printing in general. In April we met at David Lund's to have a post-conference round-up, share goody bags and to welcome the Sussex Cup back to the branch. In June we met At Richard Owen for more printing chat. The July meeting had to be cancelled due to illness but we met in August at Barry Gilbert's for the annual branch BBQ. In September we met at Paul Hatcher's where we tried arranging and printing Granjon arabesques. October saw the branch AGM, when Chris Daniells stepped down as Secretary. Chris has been Treasurer and then secretary of the branch for something like a quarter of a century and his rest is well-deserved. He was elected by acclaim as our first honorary branch member. In November we met at a pub on the outskirts of Reading for general discussion and the year ended with the December meeting at Sarah Battyl's where we exchanged Christmas cards and bound our Rosen Award entry.

*Paul Hatcher (10648)*

## Overseas Branch

The Overseas Branch of the BPS has now been on the go for over four years and the time seems to have flown since we were just a like-minded group individuals who decided to form our own BPS branch notwithstanding the fact that none of us had ever met each other.

Due to a miracle of modern Science called the internet not only have we kept in constant touch with fellow branch members from both hemispheres but over two thirds of our members have contributed articles for our Newsletter over the past twelve months.

We welcomed four new members this past year. They are Anett Junghardt , Adrian Hilton, Patrick Goossens and Frank Mattocks. Last April I had the great pleasure of meeting up for the first time in the flesh with another of our branch members at the BPS Annual Convention in Colchester.

It was Geoff Moor, a regular contributor to our Overseas Newsletter. He had recently arrived and met up en-route with Patrick Goossens in the Plantin Moretus Printing Museum in Antwerp.

I also met Len Friend, a member of the BPS Executive for the first time. It was Len, a stalwart from the Essex Branch of the Society, who facilitated the setting up of the Overseas Branch and who I had got to know so well from written and telephonic communication over the years.

As I have pointed out in previous reports there are some logistical problems with holding normal branch meetings in real time since our members live in at least 18 separate time zones.

The furthest away from me is Dennis Wild who lives in Tasmania with his wife, a pet kangaroo and assorted chickens and ducks. So far he has been one of the most prolific contributors to our Newsletter which normally is published just three times a year. He is a fervent supporter of the preservation of our natural heritage and played host to my nephew, Philip, a professional Zoologist when he dropped in to visit him last year. Dennis has recently been to visit the larger Australian island and was telling us about chasing down a number of printing machines being disposed of by a company which was closing down. There was a problem at the local waterhole as some jokers had apparently introduced a large crocodile into it. They must obviously have brought it there in a pick up truck from the coast.

Our other regular contributors from the southern hemisphere include Dr. John Holmes who takes time out from his medical pursuits to help organise the Otago Printers in Residence project in Dunedin, New Zealand. Another regular contributor from New Zealand is Ted White who, along with a group of enthusiasts is trying to set up a printing museum in Wellington but has encountered all sorts of obstacles, mostly to do with planning permission from the local authority. Meanwhile the group have a thriving typesetting operation going using a monotype caster, providing type to all parts of Down Under.

Our members from the Northern Hemisphere are found on both sides of the Atlantic. In the west we have had contributions from Lonnie Smith in Colorado, where I believe they make "Coors" ice-cold Rocky Mountain beer and from Paul Jay in Stittsville, Ontario. I believe Paul is involved in setting up a café where the real thing will be obtainable. He prints his own labels of course. Lonnie has been elected President of a Corporation which has been formed to oversee the erection and running of a new printing museum which will be sited in a former railroad depot in Colorado. Lonnie also wrote me a very interesting letter and sent information concerning the sale of the Kelmscott Press. This is destined for publication in the next issue of the Overseas Newsletter. Both Lonnie and Paul are presently hunkered down in temperatures well below zero.

Here in Europe we have had a smorgasbord of climatical lunacy this past year with hurricanes, tornados, mountainous seas, floods and sometimes winter weather so mild in Britain and Ireland that birds have started nesting three months ahead of normal. As I write this evening, the ferry boats on the Irish Sea have been confined to port as mountainous seas lash the coast. Our other branch member resident in Ireland, Fred Hems will have a

grandstand view of the sea tomorrow as the coast of Co. Clare where he lives welcomes in the Atlantic rollers, some higher than 18 metres (60 feet) Notwithstanding all that mayhem Dan Worley in France, Chris Bergthorson in Spain, Teresa St. Clair in Turkey, George Hamilton in Austria and Stephen Gill from the Isle of Arran have contributed reams of material for our Newsletter.

Chris Bergthorson wrote a very interesting article about how on a trip to a scrap yard in Wales he saw an old Alexandra Press which he got at scrap value and renovated like new as it had all its component parts still intact...sometimes you can get really lucky !

George Hamilton gave us a fascinating glimpse of how, in an earlier part of his life he designed and organised the setting up of the television service in a Middle Eastern state at a fraction of the cost it would otherwise have been and how the modus operandi of such an enterprise there differed so much from that in Western Europe.

Last but not least we have been entertained hugely by the humorous lifestyle and philosophical outlook of Stephen Gill, a Scotsman living on the Isle of Arran who somehow ended up on the Overseas Branch list since he is by any geographical definition "Overseas". The Isle of Arran which is stuck out in the Atlantic like a smaller version of Ireland appears to have a rich variety of inhabitants from red-haired kilt-wearing clones of Rob Roy, hanging out in the mountains with rusty claymores planning the decapitation of terrified Sassenach tourists, to pinstriped bowler-hatted stockbrokers, prodding the peasants out of the way with their rolled umbrellas on the wide boulevards of the capital, Brodick. I still haven't figured out which category Stephen belongs to . . . Stephen is currently working on an article for publication in the next issue of the Overseas Newsletter so I'd better stop pulling his leg or we're out of business.

*Kevin Thorp (10244)*

## Scottish Branch

The branch has not had meetings, but a small committee has been formed to organise the 2015 Convention, and has been trying to locate a suitable venue and get the financial arrangements in place. This was greatly delayed by the original choice being very slow at providing information, and apparently unwilling to commit because of questions over its future plans. However, we were finally able to find an alternative at the end of the year, and are very pleased with this new venue. Details will appear shortly.

*John Easson (2959)*

## Shropshire Branch

Meetings 2013. Nine

We held nine meetings in 2013, generally alternating between the Red Barn pub in Shrewsbury and visits to presses, both members' and otherwise. At our pub meetings we bring along printing and problems, and this year were pleased to welcome four new members of the society. We were also in a good place to celebrate having won the Rosen award for the second year. On three occasions we met at member's presses and also visited an old friend with a large letterpress works in Wolverhampton. A number of us also attended the second Book Arts Open Day at The Grange in Ellesmere. Come and join us sometime.

*Peter Criddle (6562)*

## South Wales Branch

We aim to meet on the last Thursday of every second month and as our area spreads from Chepstow on the East across to Pembroke on the West we aim to find venues along the M4 corridor.

*January 2013* - Our first meeting of 2013 at the Printheus in Cardiff fulfilled two purposes. It gave us the opportunity to review the donation of type, presses and ephemera donated by Mr Jim Denning of Dinas Powys. It also gave us the chance to discuss some future plans for the branch.

*March 2013* - At our Meeting in March 2013 a small number of members visited the Cardiff University Library to see some of the rare books in their Special Collection. The Cardiff Rare Books Collection is an exceptionally rich and varied collection of over 14,000 books ranging from 15th century incunabula to 20th century fine press books and was purchased a few years ago for £1.2m. The visit was a real treat and Cardiff Uni were very hospitable providing publications from Kelmscott, Ashendene, Doves Press, Cuala Press and kindly blogged about our visit afterwards.

*May 2013* - At our Meeting in May 2013 a small number of members visited The Westdale Press in Cardiff. BPS member Alan Padbury (9811) showed us around his impressive 30,000 square foot commercial printing factory. His £20m turnover company has been in operation for over 25 years and prints and binds some very high profile magazines and catalogues. With the World's first Heidelberg 12 colour XL 105-P sheet fed press alongside a 10 Colour Heidelberg 102 and Goss M600 16-page Web press, offering 5-colour printing with in-line sheeting, folding, spine-gluing and rotary-trimming, with closed-loop colour control, auto-register, Eco cool drying and alcohol-free printing the number of

printed sheets produced every day is truly mind boggling.

[www.westdale.co.uk](http://www.westdale.co.uk)

*September/October 2013* – Planning meeting for 2014 held in Newport. Thank you to the branch members able to make the October planning meeting that was originally scheduled for September!

All in all it was a very successful meeting attended by Ron, Richard, Peter and myself. Apologies were received from Steph, Alan, Andreas, Malin and Robert. Ron supplied coffee and biscuits as well as a lovely venue so my thanks to him. Via email Steph had supplied various suggestions for future meetings which were well received by all present.

*November 2013* – Our visit to Cranfield Inks was attended by Steph, Ron, Peter, Malin, Noah and I. Michael Craine's tour was well organised and informative and the mystical art of ink making opened up to us all. It was of particular interest to note (ssssh!) that most of the inks bought under well-known brand names are actually made by Michael and his staff in Cwmbran. Who would have known it? After coffee, biscuits and a factory tour we were given some free sample inks to try out on our presses.

*Dom Hartley (10627)*

## Surrey and Sussex Branch

The Surrey and Sussex Branch remain a small group of six dedicated Society members who meet as friends several times a year. We share in interest in printing and related crafts, hold our Annual Open Day and most of us attend the Convention each year, giving us the opportunity to meet and talk with of the members of the Society. We are very aware how important it is for us to recruit new members to the branch but our efforts so far have failed. We hope during 2014 we will be more successful. If there is anyone out there who would like to come along to one of our meetings you are welcome to do so. Please look in *Small Printer* or contact the Branch Secretary for details of meetings.

*Peter Scarratt (5028)*

## Honorary Members

### Colin Angior (4219)

2013 has positively hurtled by. Ros and I have been decluttering and preparing to downsize from our home of the last 19 years, and at the Convention we were able to shift many cubic feet of redundant stationery products. We covered two tabletops and plenty more besides with 'stuff', and found many willing buyers. I also sold an almost new Adana 85, and

was able, with Ron Prosser's help to find a good home for all the publishing Group's mailings during my many years on the Executive Council. I hope that Paul Hatcher is finding them useful!

Also I was privileged to once again join Ron Prosser in judging and writing an article about the Rosen Award. I haven't seen or heard any criticism about the result, so I'm assuming it was about right. Likewise, I wrote an item about the Convention itself. As always, it was a most enjoyable occasion, but being tied up with our sales effort, found we missed a few good talks and demonstrations. 2014 will be different! I wrote a short item about a mystery piece of equipment, which has yet to be published, but I live in hope.

Our aim in 2014 will be perhaps to attend a branch meeting or two. We hope to see many Society friends at Convention in Dorset. Be there if you can!

John Easson (2959)

I have no specific duties to report on, but of course continue to promote the Society through my contacts with visitors to my workshop, etc.

Dorothy Sydenham (6838)

It has been a good year as I have managed to do more printing on my Adana 8 x 5 than during previous years. The Convention in Colchester was very enjoyable and it was great to meet new and old friends. I do manage to keep in touch with my fellow Maidenhead Branch members and we had our AGM here in October. I'm now looking forward to Tim Honour's talk in February which is also here.

Ron Watson [6955]

Another year passes and my involvement in the Society continues as chairman of the Dorset Branch. The year has been a challenging one, with another convention to organise. The members continue to provide their support for the ideas that are put forward and the various items to be printed.