Durham 2004

and of the Prince Bishops, resting
place of the first English historian the
Venerable Bede, the location of Britain’s
favourite building (Durham Cathedral – BBC
Radio 4 poll), UNESCO World Heritage Site,
and now, home for four days to the British
Cartographic Society, convening for the 41st
Annual Symposium and Map Curators’ Group
Workshop at Collingwood College. University of
Durham, third oldest university in England.

Some members arrived on Wednesday
afternoon, wandering the ancient streets and
bridges of Durham, exploring the unique
atmosphere, the wooded banks of the River Wear
and up the sandstone hill to the magnificent
Norman castle and world famous cathedral on
the top, where some attended Evensong. For
those who knew Durham it was a welcome
return, for those for whom it was their first visit,
there were many promises to return.

Reveling in the wonderful historic setting and
the abundance of cartography, the Map Curators’
Group began the first day earlier than usual, with
a morning visit to the Special Collections of the
University Library, housed at Palace Green, just
by the Cathedral. We were transported back in
time to some of the original buildings of the
Bishop’s Palace, site of the Library, the Assizes
Court and the Bishops Fives Court, where we
poured over old land maps, 17th century atlases,
items from the collections of Bamburgh Castle
and maps of Sudan – a collection speciality.
On to the Cathedral for a chat with old friends
and colleagues, a tour of the Cathedral and a
cup of tea.

This year’s MCG Workshop theme, Acquisition,
gave a focused and fascinating insight into how
curators are working; from what exactly makes a
map collector (was sheer madness mentioned?)
the British Library on acquiring modern and
ancient mapping, OS mapping in a local
authority setting, what can be found on the
Internet and ending with the acquisition policies
of the MoD. However, the fun hadn’t finished;
the next day the MCG were off again in search
of more maps and more history (p6).

The Map Curators, for the most part, bade
goodbye to Durham on Friday afternoon and
into town rolled the cartographers. After lunch,
a relaxing walk, dramatically downhill (doesn’t
that mean steeply uphill on the way back?) with
beautiful views of the Cathedral, to the
Geography building, setting for the Symposium.
Cartographers! Exhibitors! Roll on the maps...

The formal Symposium Opening led straight into
Session One. Chaired by Giles Darkes, Children
and Cartography led us through a path of
discovery illustrating some of the common
Continued on page 4...
Welcome to our jam-packed December issue. Not only is it full to bursting, it is also 20 pages long! The past few months and the forthcoming months form a very busy period for BCS, including Council elections with a new President and Vice President, the Durham Symposium, IMTA returning to the UK and a very successful IGU in Glasgow. We report on the successful Durham Symposium and at the same time issue a Call for Papers for our next Symposium in Plymouth in September 2005 (p9). So much news, so much going on.

As some of you will be aware, the Society is trying to develop areas relating to Corporate Members. With this in mind, we have created a new regular feature Page 12. This new corporate page will be devoted to Corporate Members news and views. So if you have long serving staff retiring, new starters, a big project or just some general news you would like to share with us in the form of articles or even a letter to the Editors, please get in touch.

With so many official events going on it would be easy to forget that cartography and BCS have a fun and intriguing side to them too, so much that our activities can attract international attention! In this issue we have two particular articles one about a very special little boy in the US (p14) and a request for help for an especially intriguing map from Australia (p10) with which we hope you will be able to help.

Finally we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Chris Board on receiving the Society Medal at the Durham Symposium.

Lynda, Sheena & Martin

THANK YOU

The BCS Council and the Society would like to thank Ordinance Survey, Philip’s, Bartholomew Mapping Services, The Geoinformation Group and Cosmographics for their generous sponsorship of the Society’s Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation at this year’s Durham Symposium.

Dear Maplines Editors,

Does Maplines have something against Lewis Carroll? Among the excellent selection of map-related quotations included in the recent issue, two were not attributed to their correct author, nor each other, by Lewis Carroll. The Wonderland quotation is attributed to Alice who, although she undoubtedly inspired the two Alice stories, was not the actual author. Furthermore, I don’t believe that this is actually a quotation from either Alice book, although it does sound like one.

The verse attributed to ‘Anon’ is actually an accurate quotation from The Hunters of the Snark, by Lewis Carroll. It is an excellent absurd discussion of cartography, but it is a shame that you stopped short at this verse, as the next two verses go on to develop the idea amusingly (in the original edition this text is accompanied by an illustration by Henry Holiday of the blank map!): He had bought a large map representing the sea, Without the least vestige of land: And the crew were much pleased when they found it to be A map they could all understand.

What’s the good of Mercator’s North Poles and Equators, Tropics, Zones, and Meridian Lines? So the Belman would cry, and the crew would reply “They are merely conventional signs!” Other maps are such shapes, with their islands and capes, But we’ve got our brave Captain to thank: (So the crew would protest) “that’s he who bought us the best— A perfect and absolute blank!”

Simon Ungar

Editor’s note: Thanks to Simon for pointing out our errors when transferring the correctly supplied quotes from the paper copy.

One of the benefits of a long journey home after the Symposium weekend is the chance to reflect on all that has happened. For me, of course, there was much to occupy my mind – the burden of responsibility, the weight of expectation.... However, I have to say that the enduring memory of Durham 2004 will be the look of total surprise and pleasure on the face of Chris Board as he realised it was he who was to be the recipient of the Society Medal. It is a richly deserved honour and we should all not only be thankful for Chris’ unending commitment to cartography but seek to learn from his wealth of experience.

Musing on this last point set me wondering - the Symposium was an excellent mix of young and old, experience and youth; full of keen and enthusiastic participants. Within the BCS there are so many people who have a lifetime of experience in the subject and have so much to pass on; a wealth of knowledge we must not lose. And yet many of the traditional mechanisms for this transfer of knowledge have almost faded away. The annual turnover of new recruits into the national mapping agencies has become sporadic at best and whole scale redundancies and early retirements have left the organisations bereft of much experience. Likewise the loss of higher education courses where the new generation benefited from the committed teachers and researchers means the experience pool has dwindled to a trickle.

There is an important role here for the BCS and in particular for the Symposium. We need to keep encouraging young and old alike to attend, to mingle and learn form each other; pass on experiences and share knowledge. It is a key part of stimulating the next generation of cartographers.

Over the next two years I hope that with the continuing support of Council, the BCS can move ahead on the objectives it set itself under the Strategic Review. As Frank spoke about at the Symposium, the industry Audit for the UK is well under way and we should be grateful to him for his tremendous efforts in pulling it all together.

We still have much to do on the marketing and PR front, and in particular on the issue of member benefits. Many or myself would be only too pleased to receive your comments and thoughts on this subject.

I am pleased to say that after an abortive attempt to bring in much needed support for Ken and Frank in this area, Giles Darke will take on the role approved by Council in the spring. I am sure you will hear more from him in due course.

Lastly the usual, but essential, plea for your continued support. There are lots of initiatives going on, events planned and work to do on the publications, all of which need members to come forward and play an active role, no matter how small. Our main area of concern is the Cartographic Journal. Peter has done a terrific job over the past 3 years but because of changing jobs has had to resign from the editorialship. We need a new editorial team to provide the academic and editorial support for the Journal, which is now such a vital income strand for the Society. Please consider what role you can play.

And finally, when I arrived home after the Symposium, President’s chain in hand, my two children (14 and 9) immediately brought me down to earth by calling it my ‘Bling, Bling’. Now, I have manfully tried to maintain at least a token link with youth culture, but this one passed straight over my head. “It’s what?” The explanation was something to do with the jewellery worn by a certain rap star...

Soppe Cassettari
**Durham 2004 continued...**

Continued from page 3... Learning difficulties. Learning bugs in cartography and GI Science. Suggesting what cartographers can do to support school students’ thinking with maps. The Durham County Council School Mapping Project showed us how GIS had been introduced into local schools. The session ending with the impact of the ongoing Ordnance Survey Free Maps for 11 year olds scheme.

The day continued with Tim Fearnside leading UK Cartographic education – state of play and the new game plan. Sandwiched into this session were the eye-opening Learning opportunity for young people and the work of the Learning Skills Council and Developing the learning structure for young people, a report on the Sector Skills Development Agency. Finally, complete with elephants, Susie Jones and e-learning techniques with a very easy to follow Engaging, Educational and E-daptable: ‘do try E-learning you will find it an excellent exercise’.

Onwards, ever onwards, to the Official Reception and Exhibition opening, by Professor A. Amin of the Geography Department. Delegates crowded into the exhibition room; exhibitors manned their stands; everyone milling round, chatting and enjoying the refreshments. The friendly company put us in a great frame of mind for the evening’s Quiz Night and Alan and Susie’s Design Group challenge, where the quirky minds of partying cartographers (ahem!) and their verbal, miming and artistic communication skills were tested!

Saturday dawned. After a late night, or in some cases, early morning, back to the Geography building for Session Three. Mapping Boundaries chair, Peter Vujakovic, Durham University being the home of IBRU, the International Boundaries Research Unit, their involvement in the Symposium was apt and very welcome. The IBRU papers, The role of maps and map-makers in boundary mapping highlighted some of the challenges that boundaries present to governments, suggesting ways that maps and map-makers can contribute to an effective boundary regime. They followed with an intriguing study of a section of boundary, which, even today, is still indistinct and undemarcated – Mweru to Tanganyika: a case of maps and problematic boundary making in colonial Africa. In a much smaller scale topic, Alison Ewington looked Behind the Lines The World Political Map to explore the trend of areas such as the EU to have soft internal boundaries with a hard outer shell, asking if cartographers are up to the challenge of accurately depicting the changing function of boundaries. Lastly, David Miller explained how National Geographic uses its local language partners in map-making policy when taking a fresh look at sovereignty issues – Drawing the line, the problems and promised international boundary resolutions.

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I inside, Session Four was underway, the first of two sessions devoted to historical and modern military mapping. Yolande H. Hodson chairing Historical Military Mapping gave Francis Herbert an opportunity to explore A Crimean War triptych; John Arrowsmith’s cartographic response in 1854. Chris Board continued with Military Maps of the Cape Colony, South Africa issued during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902; recent discoveries. John Peaty gave the photographers amongst us an opportunity to test our camera skills by displaying one of Haig’s Relief Maps a unique collection of 3-D maps made for the General during WW1, which the MoD are actively involved in conserving. Finally, Peter Collier took us through The work of the Air Survey Committee and its impact on mapping in the Second World War.

Then to Session Five! Contemporary Military Mapping, with David Fairbarn as chair, covered Geographic Support for Contemporary Military Operations, giving an insight into Cartographic training for the army. The session was rounded out by Mapping responsibilities within Defence Estates, as the land owned by the MoD contains many SSIs, archaeological sites and scheduled monuments as well as military facilities.

In the last session of the day M’ick Adworth gave his Presidential Address But Is It… Cartography? exploring how modern art has incorporated cartographic images to fascinating and intriguing effect. Final business of the day...

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...gannin the toon!

T ryng hard not to get confused with the coach that regularly picked up the Saga divers, we scrambled aboard the 'Safari' coach heading off toward Newcastle. The Map Curators’ Group had a choice of two trips—one to Alan Godfrey M aps in Leadgate and the other to the North of England M aping Institute in Newcastle upon Y te.

I was venturing as far as N ewcastle a place I had never been, and one I was about to see for more than I expected. The safari began at Leadgate when the coach driver gave us a tour of the town whilst trying to find the former school in which Alan Godfrey M aps are based. We went past numerous schools and over many a sleeping policeman in our efforts to find the correct location. Eventually we dropped off the visiting group and carried on our way.

H aving reached the outskirts of N ewcastle the coach driver announced that he didn’t like driving in the city as he wasn’t sure of the road layout and often got lost. H ow it is that coaches full of school children and deep-sea divers, we scrambled aboard the ‘Safari’ coach that regularly picked up the Saga players and their friends, and eventually we found the correct address.

Out of the Coach the group walked into what was the former O pening, we were treated to a tour of the school and introduced to the headmaster, who showed us one of the main gateways and the showing us a section of the great walls, telling us about the castle and its history, of the city and showing us a section of the great walls, telling us about the castle and its history, of the city showing us a section of the great walls, telling us about the castle and its history, of the city showing us a section of the great walls, telling us about the castle and its history.

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In to the breach
leapt our very own David Watt.

Editors’ note
We understand that the Mining Institute were unable to host the visit due to personal and unavoidable circumstances. H appily there will be an opportunity for the Map Curators to visit the Institute in the future.

The Society Medal

This is the highest honour the Society can bestow. It is awarded for:

• Exceptional contributions to cartography, in particular through active leadership in the development of cartographic theory or practice by original, substantial and continuing contributions to research.

• The promotion and maintenance of high cartographic standards at the administrative level or through substantial personal productivity.

• The development of cartographic education at all levels, local and international.

• The promotion of mutual understanding amongst cartographers and between cartographers and other related disciplines at an international level.

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IGU Glasgow

In August, the 30th International Congress of the IGU took place in Glasgow. Held at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, the event attracted around 1,800 delegates from over 80 countries. Thirty of the thirty-three International Geographical Union Commissions took part in the event, which also incorporated amongst others, meetings of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) and the Joint International Geomorphology Conference.

This was a huge undertaking, you only had to look at the size of the delegate programme to appreciate that! There were delegates from all over the world and a vast selection of sessions for them to attend, not to mention the excursions and trips that had also been arranged. Of the 23 RGS–IBG research groups, 22 were present at the Congress and 75% of those organised joint sessions with the IGU Commissions. Generous sponsorship was received for the event from Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow, Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, the event attracted 75% of those organised joint sessions with the IGU Commissions.

The IGU set up a Commission on toponomy. Dr Munro was also invited to participate in seven radio programmes, to discuss aspects of geographical names, including Brian H ayer’s late-night show on London’s LBC 97.3, where the importance of the subject was brought to a whole new unsuspecting but intrigued audience. The success of this BCS session has led to the suggestion that the IGU set up a Commission on toponomy. Dr Munro will be making a formal application to the IGU to do this.

The BCS also held a session entitled The Nature of Modern Cartography and Geographic Information. This session, chaired by M lck Ashworth, BCS President, too large to be held all at once, was split into three parts over the day. You will find a full listing of the speakers and topics for this session in your August Maplines issue.

Meanwhile back in the Exhibition Hall, stands from 50 exhibitors were on display. The OS, HarperCollins, the XYZ Digital Map Company and ESRI, were amongst the UK cartographic industry’s representatives. BCS, with Mary Spence, David Fairbairn, Mick Ashworth and Sippo Cassetari manning the stand, joined geographical societies from around the world, including Institute of Australian Geographers – New Zealand Geographical Society, The Saudi Geographical Society, The Korean Geographical Society and the Societa Geografica Italiana plus many commercial companies to offer the delegates the chance to peruse a wide range of exciting and interesting displays as they took their coffee break or stopped for a snack. The BCS booklet Maps as Mazes, went down particularly well. Designed specially for Glasgow 2004 to help promote the work of BCS, it was part of the delegate pack as it was at our own symposium in Durham. We hope that it will encourage more new members to join us. Fingers crossed!

In addition to the papers presented, nine field trips a little closer to home, walking tours of Glasgow and Edinburgh to study the historical geography. But never think the delegates missed out on the delights of the Scottish scenery–oh no! Trips arranged to the Cairngorms, Loch Lomond, Glen Coe and Glen Roy as well as the Dornoch and Moray Firths, amongst other places, allowed delegates to appreciate some of the scenic delights of Scotland and to study environmental change at the same time.

The Glasgow Congress saw the first International Poster Competition for school-children. Hosted by the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers on behalf of the UK Geography Education Commission of the BCS, it was part of the delegate pack as it was at our own symposium in Durham. We hope that it will encourage more new members to join us. Fingers crossed!

Next year will see the nation celebrating SeaBritain 2005 and appropriately our Annual Symposium and Map Curators’ Group Workshop will be held at University of Plymouth. However, due to circumstances beyond our control it will be a little earlier than usual, beginning on the 1st September and closing on the 4th September.

Close to the city centre and a short walk to the Hoe, the University offers good conference facilities and the Programme Committee set about working on a programme that would achieve a balanced symposium. Submissions should include the following:

\[ \text{Title of presentation} \]
\[ \text{Name of author(s) and organisation to which they belong} \]
\[ \text{Abstract (no more than 250 words)} \]

A draft programme has already been drawn up to include the following topics:

- The Helen Wallis Memorial Lecture
- UK Geoforum
- Trafalgar and Historical Naval Mapping
- Contemporary Marine Charting
- Tourist and Travel Mapping
- Map Design/ Data Visualisation

Please send in your abstracts by 1 February 2005.

Finally, from all on the Programme Committee, have a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.
Dom Sturiale, an amateur cartographer from Australia, would like to ask BCS for some help. In his spare time, Dom has worked on his map World Dreaming for twenty years, during which time he has also taught himself to draw. He has researched many dead or dying civilizations and cultures, studying their cultural and spiritual beliefs, archaeology, anthropology, psychology and mythology. He is now looking to finish his map. In order to do this he is seeking the help of artists to colour it and make it presentable for publication. He is also would like to hear from anyone interested in publishing it.

The map’s name is influenced by the Aboriginal legends of the Dreamtime where features of the land, sea and sky came about through the Creation acts of Great Ancestral Spirits.

Dom’s interest in ancient art and its background in mythological legends inspired the map’s imagery. He is particularly interested in ancient Egyptian and Mayan artists’ use of anthropomorphic and zoomorphic imagery to represent conceptual thoughts. This he has used this as the map’s foundation.

Dom describes the broad outline of the map’s conception by way of the following two different viewpoints:

A) Envisage the map is divided vertically into four general regions. Now each of the four regions has a title as follows:

Region 1: The Americas
‘The Setting Sun’
Region 2: Oceania
‘The Starry Night’
Region 3: Australia/Asia/India
‘The Rising Sun’
Region 4: Europe/Middle East/Africa
‘The Beautiful Day’

B) Envisage that regions 2 and 3 from above are now one single large region. Now each of the three regions has a new title as follows:

Region 4: Europe/Middle East/Africa
‘Life’
Region 1: The Americas
‘Death’
Regions 2+3: Australia/Asia/India
‘Rebirth’

There is a chance to see the map in full on the BCS website Maplines page at www.cartography.org.uk. If you would like to know more about the map or are interested in helping Dom with the artwork or publishing, please contact the Editors (Lynda) and we will happily forward all correspondence to Dom.

Please contact: lynda.bailey@fco.gov.uk
Welcome to PAGE 12, the first corporate members’ page – pages to be featured henceforth in each edition of Maplines for and about corporate members. Thanks to Lynda, Martin and Sheena, Maplines Editors, for the opportunity to enhance the corporate member profile. All corporate members are invited to contribute, whether by a ‘Letter to the Editors’ expressing your views or a more formal company profile. It is not intended that this be a blatant advertising forum but please write in and tell us about yourselves. What are you up to, news of latest products, new staff, interesting experiences, technological developments, etc – anything that you think BCS members might be interested to read about.

I shall continue to offer snippets of information on what is happening in the world of corporate members but we also need lots of input from you. These will be your pages and it is your choice as to what we do with them. So please make your contributions for the next edition. If not, I fear that PAGE 12 may be filled with photographs of us all instead. Did you notice that the Maplines Editors were all bearing cameras at Durham? I did. So, let us be very nice to the Editors and give them lots of copy.

CORPORATE MEMBERS FORUM

Thank you to all the corporate members who attended the Corporate Members Forum at Durham. Despite an unfortunate clash with restricted and valuable exhibition time we had a great turnout for a short but purposeful gathering. Lots of helpful suggestions were made as to how we could enhance benefits for corporate members and we shall be discussing how best to progress these at our next Executive meeting. Go to PAGE 12 in the next issue of Maplines for an update. Meanwhile, please send any further thoughts you have to maryspence@mac.com.

CORPORATE MEMBER ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Congratulations to Alan Grimwade of Cosmographics on his recent election to Council. He joins the merry band of corporate members representing the commercial side of the discipline. His experience in the commercial world and his involvement with IMTA will bring a valued contribution to our discussions.

CORPORATE MEMBERS AT IGU GLASGOW

The 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union was held in Glasgow at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre from 15th to 20th August 2004. BCS shared a stand with the International Map Trade Association and Maney, publishers of the Cartographic Journal. Caitlin Meadows of Maney kindly supplied the display boards and set up for us. Susie Jones prepared the BCS posters, Liz Manterfield and Peter Jolly represented IMTA, and for BCS there was myself, Mick Ashworth, Seppe Cassettari and David Forrest as well as the occasional passer-by who lent a hand.

Apart from the Society stand numerous corporate members were exhibiting including Ordnance Survey with their virtual walk exhibit, ESRI, Collins Bartholomew, Intergraph and The XYZ Digital Map Company. The British Cartographic Society organized a session of papers on aspects of cartography and Vanessa Lawrence of OS presented several papers on mapping and geography. Cartography was certainly well represented at this conference. Well done everyone.

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The next IMTA (Europe, Africa and Middle East) Conference and Trade Show is returning to the UK for 2005. This, the very first IMTA (EAME) conference in London, will be taking place in the Business Design Centre in Islington on 11th and 12th February. It is hoped it will attract many serious industry professionals as well as a large number of retail visitors along with the usual IMTA attendees.

The seminar programme includes a Friday session, with Richard Parry of UK Trade and Investment, entitled Exposure, Exhibit, Export, showing how your business can benefit from the financial support of UK Trade and Investment. This will be followed by a Government Agencies Forum. On the Saturday in Display it, Sell it, Jeremy McNair Clark will be sharing the secrets of selling more maps and travel related goods.

The Gala banquet on the Saturday will be held at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall, not far from St James’ Palace, where a traditional English toastmaster will conduct the evening programme in the exclusive surroundings of the Club. There is a limit on numbers at the Club so make sure you book in plenty of time.

Book your stand, conference registration, hotel and trade show advertising by contacting John Whitby on 01548 857310 or john@johnwhitby.co.uk. There will be day tickets available for members at £25, and non-members at £35. Appropriate students may apply for free entry while exhibitors may invite trade guests at a £10 day rate. Special corporate tickets will be issued for VIP shop chains and travel firms.

For further details and booking forms log on to www.maptrade.org
**Letter from America**

*In July, Maplines received a late entry, from USA, for our December 2003 country outline quiz. Yes, July from December is very late indeed, but when we found out that the quiz entrant was a young man called Sam, whose Mum only wanted to know how he had done in answering the questions, we were happy to help. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that five-year-old Sam had completed the quiz in approximately 5 minutes, scoring an incredible 9 out of 10! His only difficulty had been with identifying Q's Mum, which had proved tricky enough for a lot of our adult entrants.*

Sam's Mum told us – Sam is 5 years old; since the age of two he has loved maps. It started with a simple atlas that I showed him because he really liked odd shapes and was good with puzzles. I immediately became his favourite book, because it was his favourite page for the longest time. He would point at the countries over and over and make us say what they were; he didn't speak himself till two and a half. He loved for us to ask where a certain country was and H E D E point to it.

We were amazed. His enthusiasm has barely waned since. Since then, he has wanted to know more and more countries, then oceans, then capitals, then flags, it goes on and on. He has now three large children's atlases, a large world wall map in his room and at his Grandmother's. He sleeps with a stuffed animal and a model helicopter, and we have to find the maps for him. He never leaves our house without at least one map in his bag...

He is a curious child. When he found out about the project, the managers made the pencils in the evenings and at weekends. The tissue paper maps were rolled around a soft wire, which was folded over at the top to keep it secure and tied with cotton to keep it tightly rolled. There were 4 maps in all, inserted into pencils labelled 101-104. Pencil 101 contained a general map of Germany; the other three, larger scale maps of different sections of the country. The maps were slipped into the specially prepared pencils, the metal ferrule was added and the compass inserted before the rubber was glued back on top; the pencil looked just as it had before. As the pencil was used in navigation, this was the ideal place to hide such useful items, the Cumberland name being so well known that it would arouse no suspicion if the wrong people found it.

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A fond farewell

Arthur H. Robinson 1915-2004

Arthur Robinson, who died in October, was a renowned, world-class cartographer. In describing the occasion of presenting him with the British Cartographic Society’s silver medal in October 1991, Barbara Bond wrote that the inscription on the medal ‘For services to Cartography’ was probably the understatement of all time.

With a PhD from Ohio State University (1947) Arthur Robinson took up a teaching post at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1946. By the early 1960s Robinson, and others, were establishing vigorous clusters of postgraduate students working on many aspects of the science and art of mapping. Many of the Masters and Doctorate theses completed in Madison have appeared as articles in our Cartographic Journal, which Robinson had admitted had set a standard he followed when founding the American Cartographer in 1974.

No account of Robinson’s career would be complete without a mention of his role in the ICA. In 1972 he was elected President and re-elected for the Moscow conference in 1976. He retired formally in 1980, but in 1981 received the Carl Mannerfelt Medal awarded by the Italian Cartographic Commission. In 1983 he received his second RGS Gold Medal and in 1984 the American Society for Information Science’s Dorothy Y. Washburne Award for Research. In 1985 he was elected (p 13). Social highlight of the week, the AGM, saw the new Council members duly elected. The election included made (p 13). Social highlight of the week, the AGM, saw the new Council members duly elected. The election included

David A. Woodward 1942-2004

David Woodward, who died in August, was a great servant to the history of cartography. In a recent posthumous citation for its Centenary Medal, the RGS notes that while carrying out research into Italian maps, David came to the National Library of Scotland. There he was shown the earliest printed map of Scotland, lost, dating from about 1560. He was immediately able to identify it as the work of the Italian engraver Paolo Forlani and as a memento proudly left with a sweatshirt, supplied by Margaret Wilkes and Dina Webster, with the map image printed on it.

However David Woodward will be long remembered for his conception along with J. B. Harley of Exeter University the idea of a six-volume global history of cartography. The volumes so far published have been described as ‘a staggering achievement of scholarship’ for which David Woodward deserves the greatest praise for his leadership.

To Durham and back

Cathy Tunks, Ken Atherton and I decided against hiring a car to take us to Durham for this year’s BCS Symposium. We are all getting older, it would be a long and tedious journey, why not let the train take the strain? So Cathy purchased tickets at the bargain price of £39 each, but only singles as the return leg had not yet been released by Virgin. However, we were promised the tickets would be available in a few days time.

Every day thereafter Cathy travelled to the station hoping to book our return. The tickets just were not available. So, last ditch effort, we arranged to arrive at the station at 10.45 on the day of departure determined to buy tickets as we set out. No problem, just frustrating and time consuming. As luck had it, Ken and I met in the car park. Time, 10.40. Excellent.

We entered the train at Durham. Cathy meanwhile was back for more. In Session Six, Bob Lilley was chairing a session. “Bob, that’s a staggering achievement of scholarship…” Cathy called, “...for services to Cartography was probably the understatement of all time.”

We were ushered into coach F. It was a sun-drenched space with nothing to see but the wall. I turned round and saw the train arriving and feeling reckless with the panic button under the counter before she had left the room. Whatever had caused her to leave, the result was three tickets, Durham to Taunton, reserved seats plus table in coach D, £38 each. Eстатic, we ventured back into the city to see the sights.

On the Sunday afternoon, we caught the train to see the sights. It arrived on time but with a minor hiccup. So, we were ushered into coach F. It was a ‘Quiet’ coach, however, the baby in seat 15 didn’t realise that and neither did the child behind us. By the time she left the train at Weymouth we knew what she was having for tea, the measurement of her inside leg and the string of her bobby’s mule. She was lucky not to be strangled.

The lack of coach D meant that the train rapidly filled, with bodies in the aisles and blocking access to the toilets. We were then delayed by a goods train moving at the speed of light and further down the line we had to wait behind a stationary train which had, apparently, hit a signal on the side of the track. Taking all of this into account, we were only 15 minutes late arriving in Taunton. As all good cartographers know, it is downhill all the way from Durham to Taunton and so once we had jettisoned some of the passengers and the driver was able to get some speed up it was plain sailing.

Between trips, the three of us thoroughly enjoyed our time at the Symposium. We enjoyed the networking, the lectures we were able to attend, the accommodation, the food and the friendship. Next year Plymouth, only an hour and a half on the motorway. Or shall we take the train?
BCS Administration Report

Subscriptions for 2004. Final reminders have been sent and the names of all those members who have not paid their 2004 subscription by the end of the year will be removed from the mailing list.

Subscriptions for 2005. Membership renewal forms accompany this issue of Maplines. Please ignore the form if you pay your subscription by Standing Order. Membership subscription rates for 2005 remain at:

- Corporate Member: £165.00
- Fellow: £35.00
- Ordinary Member: £25.00
- Associate Member: £10.00

Optional air-mail supplement: £5.00 (UK Members)

Optional air-mail supplement: £10.00 (Overseas members)

Members have a choice of three methods of payment: Personal cheque payable to The British Cartographic Society (or for overseas members a Sterling Draft payable in London); Visa/Access credit card; Standing Order (Forms are available from the Administration Office.)

Receipts will be sent out as usual but please note that your current membership card is permanent and will not normally be replaced unless it has been lost or damaged.

New members: The Society has pleasure in welcoming the following new members who have taken out membership after the publication of the August 2004 edition of Maplines.

- Corporate Member: The Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales
- UK Members: Mrs H Anderson, Mr W J Barnes, Miss D L Brough, Mrs M K Chan, Mrs Y L Clark, Mr P R Duncan, Miss R Edson, Mrs S Farmer, Mr E Fleury, Mr A Foy, Mr A Gerrard, Miss J Hodgson, Mr P D Johnson, Mr N J Kent, Mrs K C Kowal, Mrs D Middleditch, Mrs L F Neal, Mr P Sickler, Miss A M Taylor, Mr O N Venendaal, Mr S P Willis, Mrs C Winfield

Overseas Members: Prof. N A Kanas (USA), Ms D Rutherford (Australia), Ms D Rutherford (Australia), Prof. F J Ormeling (The Netherlands), Mr F MacLennan, Mr S Nakamura (Japan), Mr F MacLennan, Mr S Nakamura (Japan), Ms K C Kowal, Mrs D Middleditch, Mr P D Johnson, Mr N J Kent, Mrs S Farmer, Mr E Fleury, Mr A Foy, Mr A Gerrard, Miss J Hodgson, Mr P D Johnson, Mr N J Kent, Mrs K C Kowal, Mrs D Middleditch, Mrs L F Neal, Mr P Sickler, Miss A M Taylor, Mr O N Venendaal, Mr S P Willis, Mrs C Winfield

UK Associate Members: Miss S Marsh, Mr B Morris

New Fellows: At the meetings of Council held in June, September and November Fellowship status was awarded to Mr. P. Adams, Dr R M Baber (USA), Mrs K Christensen, Dr P Collier, Mr B J Ganan, Mr F C Herbert, Mr D R Horn (Australia), Mr K G A (els), Mr K Kanazawa (Japan), Mr F MacLennan, Miss M B McHugh, Mr D B Miller (USA), Miss M A Murdoch, Mr S Nakamura (Japan), Mr M Nongate, Mr C I M O’Brien, Prof. P. J Ormeling (The Netherlands), Mrs D M A Thornton, Dr A S Walker (USA), Mr D A Wallis, Mr R S Waters, Mr A Whittaker, Mr R J Yonge.

Have you considered applying to become a Fellow of the British Cartographic Society? Contact the BCS Administration Office for further information, the address is given at the end of this report.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid brings added income to the Society at no cost to the individual member. For every pound of your subscription the Society can claim 28p in Gift Aid tax relief. To date 230 members have signed and the total of tax relief received since Gift Aid was introduced is over £6000. This money is being used to fund additional services to members without an increase in membership fees. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not completed a Gift Aid declaration write or e-mail the BCS Administration Office using the words: “I am a UK taxpayer. I would like the Society to treat all membership subscriptions I have made from 6 April 2000 as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.” If you are unsure whether your subscriptions qualify for Gift Aid tax relief call the BCS Administration Office. Gift Aid costs you nothing so please book early to ensure a place.

And finally… By the time you read this report the festive Season will have arrived. May you all, wherever you may be, have a peaceful and prosperous 2005.

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E-mail addresses: In the last issue of Maplines I appealed to overseas members to send me their e-mail addresses. A database of e-mail addresses would enable the BCS to communicate more effectively with overseas members and reduce the cost of posting flyers, notices etc. Thank you to the four members who bothered to respond!

Advance Notice

The 9th Annual Fellowship Evening

The Annual Fellowship Evening will be held on the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR, on Thursday 10th February 2005. The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Dorothea McEwan, The Warburg Institute, University of London, UK. For more information contact t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk

31st January 2005

Ptolemy's Terra Incognita: knowledge and history in fifteenth-century cartography, Alfred Haft, Department of History of Art, Cambridge University, UK. For more info contact tpc2@cam.ac.uk

10th February 2005

The 9th Annual Fellowship Evening

Advance notice, see page 18

10th February 2005

The Non-Existent Islands of the Antarctic on Maps, Ancient and Modern, Robert Headland, The Warburg Institute, University of London, UK. For more info contact t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk

10th March 2005

The Map in Book History, Dr Moya Carey, Star Maps for Ibn al-Sul’s poem (Baghdad, 1125), Hilary Hunt The Map of ‘The Seven Churches of Rome’ (1575) in Travel Guides, Dr Stephanie Coane A Map from the Published Account of La Pérouse’s Expedition around New Holland, 1786-1788, Surekha Call for papers 2005

13th November 2004 – 31st January 2005


20th January 2005

Maps and Society, Dots and Lines: Mapping the Diffusion of Astronomical Motifs in Art History, Dr Dorothea McEwan, The Warburg Institute, University of London, UK. For more info contact t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk

29th March – 1st April 2005

GEOFORM Exhibition, Moscow, Russia

For more info visit: www.geoexpo.ru

5th – 9th April 2005

101st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver Colorado. Call for Papers

6th – 8th April 2005

GISRUK 2005, University of Glasgow, Kennedy Conference Centre. For more information visit: http://web.geog.gla.ac.uk/GISRUK/GISRUK.htm

14th April 2005

The Map of ‘The Giant and Other Stories: First Steps among the Monstrous Peoples on Maps of America c. 1506-1848, Surekha Davies, The Warburg Institute, University of London, UK. For more info contact: t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk

13th March 2005

Purpose determines placement: the Hereford map as teaching tool, Dan Terkla. The Hereford Mappamundi and the 21st-century pilgrim, Dominic Harbour, Department of History of Art, Cambridge University, UK. For more info contact: tpc2@cam.ac.uk

18th – 23rd March 2005

AutoCarto 2005, a Research Symposium, at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Organized by the Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CGIS), in conjunction with the ACSM CLSA-NALSWPS Conference and Technology Exhibition For more information visit: www.acsm.net/cgis/carto2005

5th May 2005

Maps and Education in Georgian England, Professor Stephen Daniels The Warburg Institute, University of London, UK. For more info contact: t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk

9th May 2005

Mapping in mosaic: geographical imagery in the medieval ecclesiastical floor mosaics of northern Italy, Lucy Donkin. 23rd May 2005

Maps and bodies, Marcia Kupfer Cambridge History of Cartography Seminars, 2004-5, Department of History of Art, Cambridge University, UK. For more info contact: tpc2@cam.ac.uk

26th May 2005

A portion of our country comparatively unknown, Lindsay Braun. The Zoutpansberg, and the Cartography of the Transvaal, 1867-1899, Fred jepe. The Warburg Institute, University of London, UK. For more info contact Mary Spence of the library, British Library, Euston Rd, London, UK.

- A one day seminar to help small publishers understand the whole procedure and keep on the right side of the law, British Library, Euston Rd, London, UK For further info contact Mary Spence at maryspence@mac.com

5th May 2005

Calendar

1st – 4th September 2005

BCS Symposium 2005, University of Plymouth, UK. For more info contact: Bob Liley@ordinancesurvey.co.uk Call for papers, see page 9
Name the countries

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Our prize for this quiz is Above the Battle, D-Day: The Lost Evidence by C. Going and A. Jones. Published by The GeoInformation Group, this tells the story of D-Day using aerial photographs. There will also be a facsimile copy of Evidence in Camera March 1945, a summary of the use of aerial images for photographic intelligence during the war.

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or by email to
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Closing date for
entries is Tuesday
8 February 2005.

August’s winner
was Jennie Hodson,
DGC, MoD.

August’s answers were:
1 The Southern
Uplands, Scotland
2 North Wales
3 Kintyre and the
Isle of Arran
4 Lake District,
Northern Pennines and
the Forest of Bowland
5 The Downs