

# BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CEMETERIES IN SOUTH ASIA



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The celebration of BACSA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 has led to a number of new initiatives, which I would like to share with you.

The first is the series of lectures which BACSA has sponsored at the Institute of Historical Research at London University. BACSA is greatly indebted to Valerie Haye and Rosemary Raza for organising them. The first two lectures have been a great success and bookings for the last three in the series suggest that it is an exercise worth repeating. So a second series later this year is planned. The last two lectures in the present series take place on 6 March and 10 April 2018. There is just time for those of you reading this letter to book tickets if you have not already done so.

The second initiative is that the Executive Committee is considering that BACSA's website be modernised and upgraded so as to provide a facility for paying on-line for membership, for second-hand books and for events. The new-look website would have greater capacity to display photographs and cemetery records, and would provide more information about ongoing projects. At the same time we are having all editions of *Chowkidar* converted to digital format and made accessible on the internet.

The third initiative remains the campaign to recruit new members, which I mentioned at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch last June and in my letter last autumn. The Executive Committee is recommending a revision of the categories of membership which would result in the re-introduction of Life Membership. It is considering the promotion of corporate membership to commercial organisations in South Asia with strong British links. Rest assured, however, that the subscription rate for annual membership rate is unchanged. The drive to recruit new and younger members has yet to produce results; but I very much hope it will do so as 2018 unfolds. I urge all members reading this letter to think of those in the next generation of their families who might be persuaded to take out membership or to whom they might give membership as a gift.

BACSA's involvement in restoration projects continues apace. The works to which BACSA is contributing or to which it expects to contribute in 2018 include those at the Scottish Cemetery in Calcutta, the cemetery at St Mary's Church in Madras, the Residency Cemetery in Hyderabad, the Fraser tomb at Skinner's Church in New Delhi and the Nicholson Cemetery nearby. We are indebted to Christopher Penn, our Projects Co-Ordinator, and to our Area Representatives for the considerable contribution they have made to the planning and implementation of these projects and to ensuring that BACSA's money has been well spent. Their task has not been made easier by the introduction by the Indian Government in 2017 of a new General Sales Tax which, subject to a few exceptions, now applies at 12% to the labour and materials involved.

The effort involved in bringing projects to fruition is a reminder that BACSA functions only by virtue of the commitment made by members of its Executive Committee. In the course of this year and next, BACSA will be looking to appoint a new Chairman and new members of the committee. Any member who believes that he or she may have something to offer in one of these roles should overcome their reticence.

Finally, many of you may already know that in May of this year the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force. BACSA, along with the thousands of other membership organisations which exist in the UK must comply with it. Compliance will not alter the way in which BACSA fulfils its charitable purposes, but it will require members to signify that they consent to receiving communications from BACSA which are a consequence of their

membership. So those of you whose relationship with BACSA has become distant over the years will be asked to re-connect with us at least to the extent of giving the consent required. The

GDPR is going to impose an administrative burden on the Executive Committee in the coming months: but the burden will have been worthwhile if it sparks fresh interest from our members in the work we do.

Mark Havelock-Allan

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2017

**Structure, Governance and Management:** Established in 1976, BACSA has an Executive Committee (ExCo) that meets five times a year. Its members are the trustees of BACSA supported by advice and help from the President and Vice-Presidents. ExCo monitors such ongoing risks as may arise. Two general meetings are held each year. BACSA has no paid staff and no office; all work is done by volunteers both in the UK and South Asia. The BACSA Archives are in the British Library and are open to the public. BACSA has a website: [www.bacsa.org.uk](http://www.bacsa.org.uk).

**Objects and Activities:** BACSA is an institution for the recording, preservation and conservation of former European cemeteries and isolated monuments in South Asia prior to 1947. It promotes education in the history of all places associated with European residence in the area from the Red Sea to the China coast – wherever the East India Company set foot. It is governed by its Constitution and Rules.

**Public Benefit:** to guide the public into researching and increasing its understanding of European lives and deaths in South Asia before 1947, through specialist help from BACSA members and others.

**Achievements and performance:** Grants were agreed or paid for 13 cemetery projects to a total value of £61,300, an increase of 160% over the 2016 figure. The Association's partnership with the Deccan Heritage Foundation (DHF) to conserve the graveyard of the former British Residency in Hyderabad progressed smoothly. The Delhi Chapter of the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH) joined BACSA in a project to conserve the Nicholson Cemetery in Delhi. The Association organised a series of lectures on the theme 'Reconsidering the Raj' in cooperation with the Institute for Historical Research, London. Members marked BACSA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a lunch at the Oriental Club, London. They visited the East India Club. The sale of second-hand books donated by generous members raised £3,163.

**Financial Review:** The detailed accounts for the year to 31 December 2017 are published later in this report. Provisional figures suggest that our income from subscriptions rose to £5,553 from £5,130 in 2016. Donations amounted to just £5,296 – sharply down on last year's donations of over £22,000. Other income streams including sales of dividends, second-hand books and publications remained steady. Unlike in recent years our expenditure exceeded our income by almost exactly £23,000 - this was partly the result of the drop in donations, but it also reflects the increasing costs of our projects in India. The investments held by BACSA were worth £272,246 at 31 December 2017 giving a capital return of 13.75% and this produced an income of £8,484 at a yield of 3.28%. During the year the Executive Committee decided to sell £20,000 of investments to support our ongoing expenditure on grants for the projects we support. BACSA faces very significant challenges financially in the years ahead due to a number of issues related to the costs of conservation of cemeteries in India. The significant drop in the value of the pound since the EU referendum in 2016 has resulted in our costs in India rising by 15-20%. Added to this are the introduction of a 12% general sales tax on most of the projects we are involved in, and the high inflation rate in India that is contributing to yet further significant increases in our project costs. The Association needs to find ways to raise significant additional funds to meet these demands. We have again had issues with Lloyds

Bank where our instructions have been neglected resulting in precious time being spent on rectifying the faults. We are keeping the situation under review.

**Plans:** To continue to support work at Calcutta's South Park Street Cemetery and the Kolkata Scottish Heritage Trust's restoration of the Scottish Cemetery Calcutta. Develop recording and conservation work in Burma. Maintain cooperation with the Families in British India Society. Maintain closer relations with the East India Charitable Trust. Develop contact with INTACH. Establish a BACSA presence on the Facebook social network. Digitize Chowkidar to make it freely available on the internet. Publish a leaflet for travellers to India using cemeteries as a way of increasing awareness of Britain's contribution to the sub-continent's heritage, and to raise BACSA's profile.

## PROJECTS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH ASIA 2017

### AFGHANISTAN

Mark Whitehouse reported that he had re-established contact with the British Embassy who confirmed that it coordinates the management and maintenance of the Kabul Cemetery. The Embassy was looking into the condition of the cemetery in Kandahar.

### PAKISTAN

Lahore, Mian Mir Cemetery. A second grant of Rs 126,900 (£950) to continue work on the boundary wall.

Multan, the old British Christian Cemetery. The Remedy, Welfare and Development Organisation (RWDO) received a grant of £4,357 towards repairs to the boundary wall and tombs.

### INDIA

Himachal Pradesh: St Patrick's RC Church, Dagshai. This project was completed.

Delhi (William Crawley)

Nicholson Cemetery. A grant of Rs 870,150 (£10,200) was made for phase one of a conservation project in association with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). Work is due to start shortly.

St James's Church, the tomb of William Fraser. A £190 grant towards restoration in association with the Fraser family.

The Gordon Highlanders' memorial at Badli-Si-Sarai: BACSA sought the support of INTACH and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to find a solution to protect the site. The British High Commission kept an eye on the site.

Rajasthan (Valerie Robinson).

Kotah Cemetery. The annual maintenance grant paid for labour and the repair of a monument crushed by a fallen tree.

Mount Abu Cemetery. A grant of £1,153 was withdrawn due to a lack of response from the applicant.

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Saugor (Sagar): Haig Road Cemetery. £5,000 were granted towards repairing the boundary wall. The parish had undertaken to raise the balance.

West Bengal, Calcutta.

The Scottish Cemetery. A grant of £5,000 was made to the Kolkata Scottish Heritage Trust for its continuing conservation work.

St. John's Church, Lady Canning's Memorial. A grant of £2,489 provided a bird-proof canopy to protect the memorial. BACSA will transcribe the church's burial registers.

Telangana and Andhra Pradesh (Tom Inglis)

Telangana, Hyderabad: the cemetery at the former British Residency. The first phase of the

project, for which £10,759 were granted to the Deccan Heritage Foundation, is complete. A grant of £13,092 has been agreed for the second phase to restore the cemetery wall and three particularly vulnerable graves. Work is proceeding well.

Telangana, Trimulgherry: Mornington Road cemetery. Tom Inglis reported that the Indian army maintained the cemetery with the support of Trimulgherry Church.

Andhra Pradesh, Vizagapatam (Visakhapatnam): Regimental Lines (Mors Janua Vitae) cemetery.

Tom Inglis heard from INTACH's Vizag Chapter that vegetation had been cleared.

Karnataka, Bangalore (David Barnabas).

A grant of £6,254 paid for photographing the pre-1947 graves at the Hosur Road Cemeteries 1 and 2. The monumental inscriptions (MI) will be transcribed.

Tamil Nadu

The Baillie Memorial and the Garrison Cemetery at Seringapatam (Srirangapatna). Phillida Purvis reported that the local authority was asked to remove an unsightly wall recently built around the memorial and to consent to restoration work at the cemetery funded by the De Meuron family whose ancestors lie in the graveyard. A teacher and pupils from a nearby school were engaged in regular cleanup activities and were exploring ways to attract more visitors to the cemetery. A most welcome initiative.

Tamil Nadu, Nilgiris: The Lawrence School, Lovedale Cemetery.

A grant of £5,000 to the school for restoration supported by the Old Lawrencian Association.

Chillida Purvis reported that the aim was complete the project in the first half of 2018.

Tamil Nadu, Coonoor: All Saints' Church. A grant of £3,711 to conserve the Tiger Hill cemetery was rescinded because the parish could not provide a caretaker.

Tamil Nadu, Madras: St. Mary's Church (William Pettigrew). The executive committee was minded to grant up to £10,000 to match funds from other sources for a proposal to conserve the cemetery from the University of Kent. We hope that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will support the project.

Annual maintenance grants

In addition to Kotah, grants were made to cemeteries in Calcutta, Agra, Dehradun, Jhansi, and Meerut.

**BANGLADESH** (Waqar A Khan)

Chittagong: Protestant Cemetery. £552 were granted for boundary wall repairs.

**BURMA (MYANMAR)**

Rangoon (Yangon), Mingaladon: Yay Way Cemetery (Adam Foucar).

A grant of £4,500 was agreed to conserve the former Rangoon Cantonment graves at Yay Way. Adam Foucar was optimistic work would begin in 2018. There is an opportunity to conduct further work in St. Patrick's cemetery, Moulmein, to improve access to graves, and three potential projects awaited feasibility studies.

Note: BACSA pays the bank charges for the overseas transfers.

## Plans

### PAKISTAN

Punjab, Faisalabad: Gora Qabristan (Christian Cemetery). A grant to repair the boundary wall and entrance archway was under consideration.

Murree. BACSA is in touch with a local resident active in protecting cemeteries in the Murree hills.

### INDIA

South Park Street Cemetery, Calcutta. Maintaining BACSA's support for conserving monuments here, the executive committee identified two tombs to fulfill the terms of the Bishop Weekes legacy and three to be funded by the 'Calcutta Old Boys'. The Association for the Preservation of Historic Cemeteries in India (APHCI) will supervise the work.

**AREA REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Waqar A Khan took on Bangladesh as a whole. Dr William Pettigrew was appointed AR for Madras; Mrs Phillida Purvis for Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu; Dr Rosemary Raza for Pakistan and Mr Mark Whitehouse for Afghanistan.

The Executive Committee is grateful for the support of our volunteer area representatives.



Repairing the boundary wall of the  
Mian Mir cemetery, Lahore



Work on the gate to the cemetery at  
Dagshai, Himachal Pradesh





The Yay Way Cemetery, Rangoon Burma



The Nicholson or Kashmir Gate Cemetery, Delhi





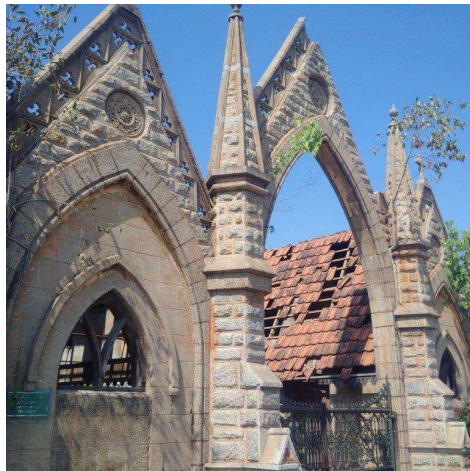
Lady Canning's monument, St John's Church, Calcutta



The Residency Cemetery, Hyderabad: work in progress



Dr Palash Santra and pupils at the Garrison Cemetery, Seringapatna



Gateway to St Mary's Church Cemetery, Madras

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## Statement of Financial Activities Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

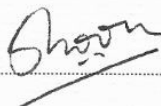
	Note	Year Ended 31/12/17 Total Funds £	Year Ended 31/12/16 Total Funds £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>From Voluntary Sources</b>			
Subscriptions		5,554	5,357
Donations and legacies		7,367	19,235
Net Sales of donated second-hand books		2,487	3,414
Tax claims – Gift Aid		1,673	1,206
Bank Compensation		578	-
<b>From Assets</b>			
Dividends on investments less brokers' fees	4	8,678	7,600
<b>From Charitable Activity</b>			
Net sales of publications		561	865
Meetings and Events		5,312	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>32,210</b>	<b>37,677</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Charitable Activity</b>			
Cemetery works in South Asia	5	40,537	23,240
Record books and <i>Chowkidar</i>		2,446	1,643
Website and advertising		177	105
<b>Administration Costs</b>			
Printing, stationery and postage to members		2,546	2,003
Insurance		498	438
Miscellaneous administration costs		635	748
<b>Governance Costs</b>			
Independent Examiner's fee		1,300	700
Other professional fees and subscriptions		-	100
Meetings		5,768	2,492
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>53,907</b>	<b>31,469</b>
<b>Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources</b>		<b>(21,697)</b>	<b>6,208</b>
<b>Other Recognised Gains &amp; Losses</b>			
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets		2,755	(2,867)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets		27,916	33,391
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>8,974</b>	<b>36,732</b>
Total funds brought forward		289,588	252,856
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>298,562</b>	<b>289,588</b>

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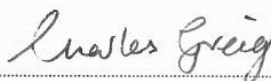
## Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
		£	£
<b>Investment Assets</b>			
Investment at market value	3	270,906	260,879
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Bank account		33,493	34,076
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accruals		(900)	-
Conditional legacies and payments	6	(4,937)	(5,367)
		(5,837)	(5,367)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		27,656	28,709
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>298,562</u>	<u>289,588</u>
<b>Charity Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		298,562	289,588
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>298,562</u>	<u>289,588</u>

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



Hon Secretary



Hon Treasurer

## DONATIONS IN 2017

BACSA receives generous donations every year, both financial and in kind. The majority are from members, but non-members also contribute. We receive reports and photographs of cemeteries visited, and donations for help in locating a relative's grave. Each issue of *Chowkidar* carries reviews of books, some of whose authors have donated amounts to BACSA for every copy of their book sold. Some donations are in kind, where people have given their time to do a particular task for the Association, for example reviewing a book for *Chowkidar*. Although not all donors can be listed, every donation is received with gratitude to further BACSA's work. Among the donors in 2017 were:

### Financial donations

Friends of the late Henry Brownrigg  
The Inchcape Foundation  
Mr Alan Tritton

Mr Robert E Ronus  
The late Lt Col Ian Hywel-Jones

### Second-hand books

Ms M Adams  
Mr & Mrs David Bradley  
The late Henry Brownrigg  
Mr & Mrs Simon Davidson  
The late Lt Col Ian Hywel-Jones

Mr J Losty  
Dr Rosie Llewellyn-Jones  
Mrs Marjorie Pett  
Mrs Valerie Robinson  
Mrs J Underwood  
Mr A Whitehead

### Cemetery and visit reports and photographs

Dr William Crawley	Delhi
Mr Charles Greig	Calcutta
Sir Mark Havelock-Allan	Delhi
Ms Valerie Haye	Madras; Hyderabad
Dr Rosie Llewellyn-Jones	Calcutta
Dr William Pettigrew	Madras
Mrs H Powell	Benares
Mr Andrew Whitehead	Srinagar

Mrs Phillida Purvis	Seringapatam; Nilgiris
Mr Brian Russell	Himachal Pradesh
Mr Michael Stanley	Gangiri, Aligarh
Mrs Cynthia Versaci-Lloyd	Delhi; Jhansi; Agra
Mr Michael Way	Delhi; Meerut; Agra; Darjeeling

### Donations in kind

ASA & Associates LLP,  
Chartered Accountants  
Book reviewers for 'Chowkidar'  
Col Michael Dudding for his talk at the  
General Meeting in October

Ms Victoria Herrenschmidt  
Mr Stephen McClarence  
Mr John Randall  
Miss Sandra Seager

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