



### **Summary of activity by the Surtees Society 2016**

The Surtees Society published in 2016 *Northallerton wills and inventories, 1666-1719*, edited by Dorothy Edwards and Christine Newman, the 220<sup>th</sup> volume in the series. This edits 153 wills and inventories from the Durham Probate Records, almost entirely records of the probate administration of the dean and chapter of Durham's peculiar Allertonshire that are now held at Durham University Library Archives and Special Collections (reference DPR I/6). The transcriptions were done by volunteers: Dorothy Edwards, Stephen Hague, Phoebe Newton, George Sutton and Jean Thompson. Their work was then edited by Christine Newman, with an introduction setting the material in the urban context of 17<sup>th</sup> century Northallerton.

*Morpeth Electoral Correspondence, 1766-76*, edited by Dr Joseph Fewster is with the publishers and will be volume 221

Through the efforts of Angus Winchester, the Society has been developing a symposium with the Regional Heritage Centre at Lancaster University to be held on 23 April 2016 under the title "The Raw Materials of History: Publishing Historical Records". in memory of Constance Fraser. The day will explore the principles and practice of publishing scholarly editions of original historical records. Proved an effective way of bringing together people with similar interests who don't usually meet.

Membership of the Society currently stands at 183 of which 59 are individuals and 124 are institutions.