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Records of Northampton Arts Association

ZB 83

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- 1 Agenda, notices, programmes &c. 1948-1960 (incomplete) with agendas for Northamptonshire Arts Council 1945-48, constitution, and statements of accounts for 1958/9 & 1959/60.
- 2 Minutes, 1960-68
- 3 Minutes, 1968-76
- 4 General file of papers, reports &c. 1973-76 (including Report on the Arts in Northampton, 1966; Leisure Centres by W Nicholson, 1975; Memorandum on Arts & Recreation in expanded Northampton by Civic Society, 1974; and Leisure & Recreation in expanded Northampton, 1974.)
- 5 File re winding up the Association, 1976-77
- 6 File re constitution 1965-74 (including Handbook of National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, 1966).
- 7 Membership lists &c. 1974-76
- 8 File of Journals of the Association 1948-68 (incomplete, includes the Arts Broadsheet 1-15, 17, 22, 23, 24?, 27, 29, 31, 32, 36-40; Facet 41-44); also Catalogues of exhibitions 1961-5, and Report on the Arts in Northampton, 1966.

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The records of the Northampton Arts Association, Literature Group, 1946-1969. The items listed below were deposited as 2 files each containing both filed and loose items. The filed papers retain their original order (ZB/365/1/1-278 and ZB/365/2/1-373); the loose papers have been arranged chronologically by years except where they were originally grouped together; numbers in brackets represent folio references. The correspondence is listed below and is followed by a list of financial, administrative and general papers which are to be found in their appropriate chronological positions within the original files and new folders. Minor items have not been listed.

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1/1-278	<u>1946</u>	1946
	Roy Walker, Hackleton; 14 Nov (14)	Feb. 14
		to
	H.E. Bates, Ashford, Kent; 30 Nov (18)	1948
		Jul. 8

1947

Elizabeth Bowen, London; 6 Jan (20), 15 Jan (25)  
31 Jan (33), 4 Feb (41)

J.B. Priestley, Chillerton, I.O.W.; 6 Jan (22)

W.A.R. Collins, London; 22 Jan (29), 4 Feb (38),  
14 Feb (47)

Mrs Sacheverell Sitwell, Towcester; 28 Jan (30),  
16 Mar (66)

H.P. Markham, Grendon; 30 Jan (32), 6 Feb (45)

W.J. Bassett-Lowke, Northampton; 28 Feb (54)

Roy Walker, Hackleton; 7 May (80), 18 Jul (83),  
28 Oct (103)

C. Day Lewis, Axminster; 18 Jul (86)

Margaret Irwin, Rye; 27 Sep (93)

Walter de la Mare; 26 Oct (100)

John Betjeman, Farnborough; 1 Nov (106)

1/1-278 1948

Walter de la Mare (per Florence Thompson),  
Penn, Bucks.; 12 Jan (117)

John Betjeman, Wantage; 16 Jan (119)

John Moore, Tewksbury ; 12 Jan (118), 26 Jan (128)  
9 April (215)

Roy Walker, Hackleton ; 6 Apr (213)

Marjorie Sotheby, Ecton Hall; 7 Apr (214)

J.W. Tibble, University of Leicester; 15 Apr (223).

2/1-373

Roy Walker, Hackleton; 2 Sep (46), 9 Nov (96),  
15 Nov (100), 18 Dec (130), 29 Dec (144)

1948  
Jul. 7  
to  
1952  
Apr. 7

J.W. Tibble, University of Leicester; 6 Sep (51),  
1 Nov (94)

W.J. Bassett-Lowke, Northampton; 15 Sep (55)

Rodney Stebbing, Northampton; 18 Sep (78)

John Moore, Tewksbury; 2 Oct (81), 25 Nov (113),  
16 Dec (129)

H.P. Markham, Grendon; 29 Nov (115)

C.S. Lewis, Magdalen College, Oxford; 13 Dec (131)

Gwendolen Murphy, Croydon; 18 Dec (132)

David Cecil, Oxford; 24 Dec (134)

1949

Phyllis Bentley, Halifax; 7 Jan (138)

Roy Walker, Hackleton; 13 Jan (139), 21 Sep (206),  
22 Dec (237)

Joan Wake, Lampport Hall; 21 Jan (141)

A.R. Humphries, Leicester; 20 Feb (161), 3 Oct (205).  
3 Nov (209)

John Moore, Tewksbury; 15 April (172)

L.A.G. Strong, Frensham; 23 Apr (173)

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2/1-373 Sacheverell Sitwell, Towcester; 5 Jun (193)  
W.J. Bassett Lowke, Northampton; 18 Nov (222)  
H.P. Markham, Grendon; 16 Nov (243)

1950

Naomi Mitchison, Cambletown, Argyll; 6 Jan (230),  
17 Mar (248), 3 May (251), 8 June (259)  
Pamela Hansford Johnson, Chelsea; 18 Jan (231)  
H.P. Markham, Grendon; 24 Jan (234), 11 Sept (276)  
Roy Walker, London; 16 Feb (235)  
Lionel Hamilton, Northampton; 1 Jul (268)  
Sir Giles Isham, Lamport Hall; 16 Dec (290)

1951

Sir Giles Isham, Lamport Hall; 15 Jan (289)  
Lionel Hamilton, Northampton; 9 Jan (291), 15 Mar (322)  
Naomi Mitchison, Campbeltown, Argyll; 17 Jan (299),  
17 Jan (305), 29 Jan (306)  
Roy Walker, London; 5 Feb (302), 20 Mar (325),  
9 May (317), 28 Oct (357)  
J.C. Thornton, London; 3 Apr (316)  
Christopher Fry, London; 6 Mar (318)  
Kenneth Tynan, London; 19 Sep (360), 29 Sep (359)

1952

Kenneth Tynan, London; 29 Mar (368)  
Lionel Hamilton, Northampton; 11 Apr (369)

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1952

C. Dyson, Surbiton; (3)  
Kenneth Tynan, London; (4)

1952  
May 2  
to  
1954

1953

Marghanita Laski, Hampstead; 20 Feb (29)  
Harold Nicolson, London; 26 Feb (32)  
V.S. Pritchett, St Mary Bourn, Hants; 8 Mar (34)  
Arthur Calder Marshall, Cranleigh, Surrey; 28 Mar (43),  
12 May (57)  
H.E. Bates, Ashford, Kent; 5 May (48)

1954

John Betjeman, Wantage; 28 Jan (76)  
Rosamond Lehmann, London; 9 Feb (77)  
Mrs. C.S. Fraser, London; 5 Mar (78), 6 May (82),  
1 Jul (86)  
George Buchanan, London; 24 Jun (85)

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1955

John Betjeman, Wantage; 18 Feb (4) 1955  
C.V. Wedgewood, London; 2 Mar (6) to  
1957  
Elizabeth Bowen, Rome ; 17 Mar (9)  
Elizabeth Jenkins, London; 8 Apr (10), 19 Aug (20),  
22 Sep (23)  
Kenneth Snow, Northampton; 5 Jun (15)  
Neath: 24 Jul (17)

1956

L.P. Hartley, London; 28 Apr (30)  
Bathford, Somerset; 25 Jun (44)  
C.P. Snow, ? ; 15 May (32)  
Roy Walker, London; 29 May (33)  
Paul Casimir, Swindon; ? (45)  
Gordon Wharton, London; 17 Jul (51), 24 Jul (52)  
J.W. Tibble, University of Leicester; 15 Aug (47)  
Colin Wilson, London; 20 Jul (49), 30 Jul (54)

1957

J.W. Tibble, University of Leicester; 8 Jun (63)  
 Paul Casimir, Swindon; 22 Jun (69) ? (94) ? (110)  
 Rayner Hepenstall, London; 19 Jul (80), 23 Jul (85),  
 6 Sep (95), 12 Oct (113)  
 John Braine, Wakefield; 25 Jul (86)  
 Kenneth Snow, Northampton; 8 Sep (97)  
 John Silkin, London; ? (105)

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1958

1958  
to  
1959

John Braine, Bingley; 13 Jan (3), 14 Jan (4),  
 28 May (35)  
 Asa Briggs, University of Leeds; 27 Feb (10)  
 Walter Allen, Exmouth/London; 13 Feb (7), 9 Mar (17),  
 14 Aug (48), 20 Sep (63), 23 Sep (64), 28 Sep (66),  
 2 Oct (68), 3 Oct (69), 11 Oct (72), 11 Nov (79)  
 John Silkin, London; (14), ? (25)  
 H.P. Markham, Grendon; 10 Apr (23)  
 Douglas Brown, Cambridge; ? (24)  
 Marius Goring, London; 30 Aug (55), 5 Sep (57),  
 (per Arts Council) 31 Oct (75), 12 Nov (80)  
 Leila Blacking, London; 24 Sep (66)

1959

Walter Allen, Exmouth; 4 Apr (98), 10 Sep (135),  
 1 Oct (143)  
 Douglas Brown, Cambridge; ? (104), (105)  
 Stevie Smith, London; 23 May (113)  
 Rodney Stebbing, Pangbourne; 24 May (114)  
 John Press, Cambridge; 27 May (116), 25 Jun (122)  
 Richard Hoggart, University of Hull; 23 Jul (123)  
 A.E. Dyson, London; 10 Sep (134)

6/1-139	<u>1960</u>	1960 to 1961
	Kenneth Tynan, London; 2 Feb (2)	
	Richard Hoggart, University of Leicester; 14 Mar (7)	
	Stevie Smith, London; 5 Apr (14)	
	J.B. Priestley, Stratford on Avon; 5 Apr (15)	
	C.P. Snow, London; 13 Apr (18)	
	Alan Silitoe, London; 16 Apr (21)	
	F.R. Leavis, Downing College, Cambridge; 22 Apr (25)	
	H.E. Bates, Ashford, Kent; 20 May (36)	
	L.P. Hartley, Avondale, Somerset; 21 May (37)	
	London ; 30 May (41)	
	Clocheen, Tipperary ; 26 Sep (54)	
	Dame Edith Sitwell, London; 24 Jun (47)	
	Iris Murdoch, Oxford; ? (50)	
	Richard Hoggart, University of Leicester; 17 Sep (51), ? (53)	
	<u>1961</u>	
	C.P. Snow, London; 17 Jan (62)	
	Helen Gardner, St. Hilda's College, Oxford; 27 Feb (76)	
	Naomi Mitchison, London; 2 Mar (80)	
	Robert Graves, Mallorca, Spain; 2 Mar (81)	
	Enid Starkie, Oxford; 7 Mar (84)	
	Colin MacInnes, London; 23 Mar (98)	
	Lettice Cooper, London; 26 Mar (100)	
	A.R. Humphries, University of Leicester; ? (101)	
	Roy Walker, Northampton; 6 Apr (109)	
	Richard Hoggart, University of Leicester; ? (126)	



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to  
1964

Lettice Cooper, London; 18 Jan (3), 22 Feb (7)

Helen Gardner, St. Hilda's College, Oxford; 26 Feb (8)

Richard Hoggart, University of Leicester; 26 Feb (9)

A.R. Humphreys, University of Leicester; 13 Mar (16),  
9 Apr (22), 29 May (31), 4 Jun (33)

John Wain, London; 13 Apr (23)

J.I.M. Stewart, Oxford; 19 Apr (24), 22 May (28),  
21 Sep (1)

Frank Griffin, for John Betjeman, London; 8 May (26)

Gwyn Thomas, Barry, Glamorgan; 12 Jun (36)

Roy Walker, Boughton; 1 Sept (40)

1963

A.R. Humphreys, University of Leicester; 19 Feb (46)

Alfred Duggan, Ross on Wye; 17 Mar (50), 5 Apr (53),  
23 Sep (67), 20 Oct (70)

Cecil Woodham Smith, London; 10 Apr (55)

C.V. Wedgewood, London; 11 Apr (56)

Sid Chaplin, Newcastle; 14 Apr (57)

David Storey, London; 15 Apr (58)

Laurie Lee, Stroud; 19 Apr (59)

Stan Barstow, Ossett, Yorks; 21 Apr (60), 30 Apr (63)

Phoebe Latham, London; 23 Apr (61), 26 Apr (62), 6 Aug (65)

1964

Phoebe Latham, Stanstead, Suffolk; 31 Jan (73)

Stan Barstow, Ossett, Yorks; 20 Feb (79)

Alan Moorehead, Adelaide, Australia; 17 Mar (82)

Earl Spencer, Althorp; 1 Apr (83), 14 May (93), 31 Aug (111)

Gerald Durrell, Jersey; 10 Apr (85)

Graham Greene, London; 22 Apr (88)  
 Mrs J.B. Priestley, Stratford on Avon; 28 Apr (90)  
 Robert Robinson, London; 2 May (91)  
 Peter Fleming, Henley on Thames; 10 Apr (86), 14 May (94)  
 Edmund Crispin, Dartington, Devon; 6 Jun (103)  
 Gwyn Thomas, Ogmore by Sea, Glamorgan; 17 Jun (105)  
 Enid Starkie, Somerville College, Oxford; 22 Jun (106)  
 Elizabeth Ayrton, Toppesfield, Essex; 1 Jul (108)  
 John Wyndham, Petersfield, Hants; 28 Jul (109)

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1965

1965  
 to  
 1966

William Golding, Bower Chalke, Wilts;  
 3 Feb (2)  
 John Hall, Newport Pagnell; 7 Feb (3), 5 Jul (32)  
 Doris Lessing, London; 17 Feb (5)  
 Margaret Rutherford, (per J.B. Stringer Davis);  
 21 Feb (6)  
 Enid Starkie, Somerville College, Oxford; 22 Feb (7)  
 F.R. Leavis, Cambridge; 8 Mar (9)  
 Angus Wilson, Bury St Edmunds; 18 Mar (10)  
 Anthony Burgess, Chiswick; 18 Mar (11)  
 David Daiches, University of Sussex; 31 Mar (14)  
 Jon Silkin, Leeds; 22 Apr (18)  
 Kathleen Tillotson, University of London; 18 May (24)  
 Arthur Pollard, Congleton, Cheshire; 26 May (25).  
 2 Jun (27), 23 Oct (39)

1966

P.H. Newby, Chalfont St. Giles; 6 Jan (43)  
 Henry Treece, Barton on Humber, Lincs; 8 Jan (44),  
 17 Jan (50), 22 Jan (52)  
 Dilys Powell, London; 10 Jan (45)

Elizabeth Ayrton, Toppefield, Essex; 21 Jan (51)  
 Edmund Blunden, Long Melford, Suffolk; 9 Mar (55),  
 19 May (68)  
 Nevill Coghill, Merton College, Oxford; 22 Mar (56)  
 Bernard Bergonzi, Manchester; 3 Apr (60), 13 Jul (69), (71)  
 Margaret Drabble, London; 5 Apr (61)  
 Phoebe Latham, Stanstead; 14 Jul (70)

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1967

1967  
 to  
 1969

Edmund Blunden, Long Melford; 5 Jan (1),  
 7 Feb (3a), 22 Feb (3b), 8 Mar (6)  
 Anne Tibble, ; (2)  
 Nevill Coghill, Aylburton, Glos; 13 Mar (7)  
 A.E. Rodway, University of Nottingham; 4 Apr (8),  
 23 May (17), 25 Oct (33)  
 N.J.R. Compton, Radcliffe on Trent; 3 May (16),  
 2 Jun (18), 5 Jul (19), 28 Sep (29)  
 B.S. Johnson, London; 22 Jul (20)  
 John Greaves, Sudbury on Thames; 7 Sep (28),  
 6 Oct (31)

1968

B.S. Johnson, Paris; 21 Jan (37)  
 C. Day Lewis, London; 19 Feb (40)  
 Lord Snow, London; 19 Mar (42)  
 Anthony Burgess, London; (43), 28 Mar (45),  
 24 Jul (56)  
 Marghanita Laski, London; 27 Mar (44)  
 Anne Ridler, Oxford; 12 Apr (46)  
 Anthony Thwaite, Richmond, 28 Apr (47), 8 May (48),  
 24 Jul (55)  
 V.S. Pritchett, London; 25 May (50), 30 May (51),,  
 20 Jun (52)  
 Kathleen Raine, London; 5 Jul (53)  
 John Wain, Oxford; 10 July (54), 10 Aug (57), 16 Sep (62)

1969

Anthony Thwaite, Richmond; 28 Jan (64)

Lord Snow, London; 5 Feb (66)

Kathleen Raine, London; 14 Feb (67)

Margaret Drabble, London; 23 Feb (69), 7 May (80),  
1 Nov (84)

Anne Ridler, Oxford; 27 Feb (70)

P.J. Kavanagh, Cheltenham; 12 Mar (71), 25 Apr (78)

Howard Sergeant, Walton on Thames; 13 Mar (72),  
28 Apr (79), 24 Jun (82), 24 Dec (85).

Financial, administrative and general papers

(to be found in the preceding groups of papers in chronological order)

Account Balance Sheets: 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 (for Kenneth Tynan  
lecture 24 May)

Statements of Accounts: 1948-9, 1950, 1951, 1958

Estimated Budgets : 1949-50, 1969-70  
Secretary's expenses, 24 July to 8 Nov. 1949  
Hotel bill for Marius Goring, 1 Dec. 1958

List of committee members 1952-3

Committee meeting agendas: 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952

Extract from minutes of executive committee meeting, 3 March 1946

List of members, 1948, 1956

List of proposed speakers, 1948

Programmes: 1954, 1956-7

Leaflets re: courses and events: Nov. 1954, Sep. 1957, Winter 1957-8

Literary competitions:

short story, Feb. 1947 - details

poetry, 1948 - list of entrants. results, comments on winning poems

drama, Jan. 1955 - details

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Newspaper cuttings re visit of W.A.R. Collins March 1947

Three anonymous poems, 1948

Leaflets re: Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, 1958  
South West Arts Association  
Transition Press, 1948  
Arts Council Autumn Poetry Tour, 1959  
Society of Barrow Poets, Oct. 1960  
John Greaves, 1967  
Maurice Frost lecture agency, 26 Apr. 1967.

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