

Access to the archive

The Bodleian Library in the centre of Oxford is, as you might expect, very well organised when it comes to taking care of archives of all kinds and making them accessible to researchers. It has special areas for confidential material and for personal detail lists. Researchers are brought the material to a special research room as required and *by prior arrangement*. As well as the archives of the the Shap Working Party, those of the British Association for The Study of Religions, which began in 1959, are now lodged there and each will be added to annually with the minutes of meetings and details of publications, conferences etc. from that year.

Anyone who is interested in researching the history and work of Shap and its place within educational history at large should write to the Department of Special Collections and Western Manuscripts, Bodleian Library, Oxford OX1 3BG giving full professional details, the project they are researching and the times that they can be in Oxford. The e-mail address is western.manuscripts@bodley.ox.ac.uk.

**Shap Archive: List of folders handed to the Bodleian Library
November 2004**

This list indicates the broad areas where we have collected archive material to date and prepared folders to hand over to the Bodleian Library. The materials will be further sorted and listed by their archivist in due course. Materials containing members' addresses will be subject to the library's 50 year rule. We have included a folder of members listed simply with name and institution and/or place for those years for which we know membership.

A. Files of minutes/agendas and related papers [6]

1. 1982 - 1989
2. 1990 - 1991
3. 1992
4. 1993
5. 1994 - 1999
6. 2000 - 2003

*NB: We cannot guarantee these are full sets of papers. Some papers for earlier, missing years may exist in files under **K** below. We shall need to make sure that papers are deposited annually with the Bodleian from now onwards.*

B. 'Shap Mailing'/World Religions in Education [10]

1. Mailing for 1976, 1997, 1998, 1979. (this was preceded by 'Shap News')
2. All copies for 1980s (1980-1985 = 'Shap Mailing', thereafter 'World Religions in Education')
3. 'World Religions in Education': All copies for 1990s.
4. 'World Religions in Education': 2000/01; 2002/02; 2002/03; 2003/04; 2004/05.

C. Shap Calendar [3]

1. Supplements 1-3 ; then 1973 through to 1980 *except 1978/79*; 1980s
2. 1990s through to present – all copies.
3. Pictorial calendars for 2004 and 2005, plus fliers.

D. Publications [7]

1. (First) Shap Handbook 1972: 1 copy
 2. (Second Shap Handbook) – 3 issues – 1976, 1977, 1980 reprint; 1982 Supplement.
 3. 1987 Shap Handbook (2 copies)
 4. Teaching World Religions (Heinemann) (2 copies)
 5. Festivals in World Religions (Longman) – first edition, hardback. *We need other editions and latest(RMEP) version too.*
 6. Freedom and Authority in Religion and in Religious Education (Cassell) – 20th Anniversary volume.
 7. Religions and Education :Shap Working Party 1969-1989 ed. A. Wood
- NB. There are other items we need here: eg Comparative Religion in Education ed Hinnells; Hinduism ed Sharpe & Hinnells.*

E. Conferences [11]

1. South Coast Shap: papers from 1980 – 1993 *We should like to obtain reports – especially the publication on Buddhist Belief & Practice c. 1985.*
2. York Shap: 1983 1991: Publicity Leaflets/Programmes/Letters of thanks.
3. York Shap 1983 -1991: response Evaluations forms; evaluations summaries.
4. York Shap Conference Reports 1983-1986
5. York Shap Conference Reports 1987-1988
6. York Shap Conference Reports 1989 - 1991.
7. York Shap: one participant's papers/notes (Cherry Gould)
8. Various' Conferences/Day Courses: Oxford 1994/95; Southern Shap 1972/ 197?; North West Shap 1978/1979/ 1984; Shap Wells 1874/1977; Manchester 1972(?). *Plus Conference Reflection documents/discussions: undated & 1983/84*
9. Conference Planning – events which didn't occur: 1992: Can we study religion? 2003: Philosophy of Religion: a World Perspective.
10. York Shap in Europe (proposed study tour – didn't occur...)
11. Shap 20th Anniversary Conference: St Martin's College Lancaster/ Shap Wells. 1989.

NB. There is probably earlier material also among some of the files listed under K. below. Material related to Shap tours abroad would also be welcome here.

F. Chichester Project [3]

1. Papers relating to meetings.
NB. Very few at present... more welcome.
2. Christianity books (Secondary), Nos 1-4 & 5-7.
NB. We still need 8 & 9 (Christian Ethics; The Eucharist); also P.Curtis: Christianity for middle years. Additionally the 2 editions of the book for teachers, Teaching Christianity still needed.
3. Primary project: RE Topics across the Curriculum
NB. RE Topics for Primary Schools still needed.

G. EAWRE [2]

1. File of European Calendars /Reports.
2. 1998 Conference File.
Many more materials needed here.

H. Scottish Working Party [1]

1. File containing: Newsletter 3rd edn Feb 1998 (2 copies); Journals fdate April 1991 & April 1993. *Many more materials needed here.*

I. Files on topics which may be cross-referenced to Minutes/Agendas [4]

1. Shap Award
2. Feasibility Study Report
3. Website
4. Shap Archive Proposal etc.

J. 'Other'/Miscellaneous [2]

1. Shap involvement with Government Agencies/ Exam Boards: includes – 16+ Joint Council for 16+ National certificate 1983; SEC Glossary; TTA Consultations of 1997 /1998 re standards for subject specialists and re. Lottery Funded ICT for secondary teachers respectively. QCA 2003: Consultation - Feasibility study re non-stutory national framework for RE.
2. Publicity pamphlets.

K. 'Foundation' and early documents/activities. [19]

1. Foundation documents c.1969– various papers & from various sources.
2. & 3. Files of early Shap correspondence (given by Peter Woodward)
- 4 & 5. Two further files of correspondence (also from PW)
- 6-12. Seven folders of early Shap papers (from PW)
13. A Ringbinder of SWP Sub Group Documents.
14. SWP. Midland Subgroup papers.
15. Booklists file – some very early lists.
16. Parsee/Zoroastrian materials related to Shap; September 1973 'Learning for Living'.
17. Material from Donald Butler
18. Shap & Schools Council General Studies Project (materials from Donald Butler and Trevor Shannon).
19. Shap and Learning for Living/BJRE – list of references + 2 Journals
More copies of journals needed.

L. Membership [2]

1. Lists of members from around 1970 (some years missing)
2. Lists of members minus addresses.

TOTAL folders of materials at 29 November 2004 = 70 *approx*

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From the Shap Archive: Conferences 1969 -1995

This is probably not a complete list! It is simply based on materials discovered as we collected them for the archive. We shall be glad to have any further information members may have/know!

Shap Wells Hotel

1969: Comparative Religion in Education [from which Shap emerged!]

1970: Hinduism

1971: Islam

1973: Christianity

1974: The Comparative Study of World religions in Education: An Introduction to Myth

1977: The Comparative Study of World religions in Education: Prejudice and Tolerance in Religion

University of Manchester

December 1972?: Shap Course on Sikhs & Parsees

University of Stirling

January 1973: General Introduction to World religions and to Hinduism & Islam

North West Shap [St. Martin's College, Lancaster]

December 1978: Christ and Buddha in History, Art & Ethics

December 1979: Jesus, Muhammad & Marx in Conflict and Congruence

December 1980: Woman and Religion

1984: Telling and hearing Stories from World Religions

Summer 1989: Freedom & Authority in Religion and Religious Education [20th Anniversary Conference at St.Martin's and Shap Wells]

Southern Shap [Goldsmiths College]

1972: The Hindu Tradition

1973: The Jewish Tradition

South Coast Shap [Bishop Otter College/WSIHE; King Alfred's Winchester [W]]

1980: Aspects of Islam

1981: Shabbat Shalom

1983: Understanding Hinduism

1984: Christ and Christian Worship

1985: Buddhism: Belief & Practice

1986: Islam

1988: World religions Perspectives on personal & Social Education

1989: Exploring Christianity [W]

1990: Transforming the World: Christian and Buddhist Approaches

Contd

- 1991: Half the World: Women and Religion across the curriculum
1992: Religion and Culture: with special reference to some African & Caribbean Religions
1993 Religions in the Experience of Children & Young People

Oxford

- May 1994: Study day: Living as a Buddhist
May 1995: Study day: Living as a Buddhist

York: in collaboration with York RE Centre

- 1983: Shabbat Shalom
1984: Dar al Islam
1985: Understanding Hinduism
1986: Approaching the Christian Tradition
1987: Sikhism
1988: Experiencing Buddhism
1989: Judaism: Community & Continuity
1990: Christianity in World Perspective
1991: Learning to See

Shap Tours

- 1981: Study Tour to Israel & Egypt
1983: Study Tour to Yugoslavia
1984: Study Tour of Israel for Passover & Easter

It is interesting to note the point in time – v-a-v changes in education - that conferences ceased to recruit and /or be viable! Shap made a number of plans which didn't come to fruition in the 1990s, and more recently the conference very carefully planned on 'Philosophy of Religion: Developing a World Perspective' in 2003.

MH/PM. December 2004

**From the Shap Archive: List of Journal Themes
1980 -2005**

Themes took shape from 1981 onwards. Before this time what was simply called the 'Shap Mailing' brought together articles on a variety of matters, with reviews and sometimes book/AVA lists on particular subjects [Before the 'Mailing' there had been 'Shap News']. The earliest 'Mailings' included calendar dates. By 1973 the calendar of festival dates had become a separate booklet – and has never looked back! The emergent journal remained 'Shap Mailing', taking on its present title 'World Religions in Education' in 1986.

The list of themes below is interesting in its range, but also because it shows that Shap addressed many issues, eg. values, truth, identity, death, before they became common currency in RE.

The list may be useful as we look to future themes for the Journal.

Year	Theme
1980	<i>No specific theme</i>
1981	Rites of Passage [in part]
1982	Death
1983	Pilgrimage
1984	Sacred Writings
1985	Worship in World Faiths
1986	Religions in Britain
1987	Festivals
1988	Women in Religion
1989	Humankind and the Environment
1990/91	Religion and Story
1991/92	Religion and Creative Expression
1992/93	Religion and Truth
1993/94	Exploring Journeys
1994/95	Exploring Loss, Grief and Change
1995/96	From Syllabuses to Schemes – Planning and Teaching Religious Education
1996/97	Exploring Conflict & Reconciliation: Issues for RE
1997/98	Who Am I? The Search for Individual and Group Identity
1998/99	Faith & Values in RE
1999/2000	Can I Teach Your Religion?
2000/01	Time
2001/02	Living Community
2002/03	Religion: the Problem or the Answer?
2003/04	Wealth and Poverty
2004/05	Shaping the Future