

The HWS Collection

AS YOU MAY KNOW, Fr Brocard Sewell's generous collection of Henry Williamson's books is now deposited in the library of Exeter University. Under the terms of our arrangements with the library, any Society member is free to use the collection for research. The books can't be removed, of course, but study space will be available there. If you think you want to use the collection, perhaps you would get in touch with me in the first instance, and I'll make the necessary arrangements. Alternatively you can contact Mr John Stirling, Librarian of Exeter University, and give him notice that you want to use the books.

The Society must comprise the fullest and widest collection of knowledge about Williamson and his books, and I would like your help in making this available to anyone who needs it, either other Society members or those outside. Should I be contacted by anyone with a special topic of research or interest, it would be very helpful for me if I knew of anyone in the Society who has a particular interest or specialisation themselves. I would like, therefore, to ask anyone who feels they might have something to offer to get in touch with me. Any kind of specialisation is going to be valuable: it might be a knowledge of a particular period of Williamson's life; a letter or two from him; researches undertaken in any of the areas connected with him, or anything that throws light on that long and complex writing career. If you think you can help, please let me know, so that I can begin to build up an index of our resources. Again, if you have any written material which you would like to add to our collection in Exeter, whether on loan or as a gift, that would be very helpful indeed. Anything added to the collection would be well cared for and confined to the library at Exeter.

Please get in touch if you feel you can be of assistance.

David Hoyle