

HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE PLYMOUTH ATHENAEUM SINCE 1812

1812 – 13	G. Eastlake, Jun.
1813 – 14	H. Welsford
1814 – 15	R.W. Fox
1815 – 16	W. Prance
1816 – 21	H. Gandy
1821 – 28	S. Rowe (Became Rev. S. Rowe, B.A. in 1926)
1828 – 31	R. Coryndon
1831 – 46	Dr. E. Moore, M.D., F.L.S.
1846 – 48	W.H. Prance
1848 – 51	Dr. E. Moore, M.D., F.L.S.

From June 1851, following the merger of the Plymouth Institution and the Devon and Cornwall Natural History Society, two Honorary Secretaries were appointed each year, apart from 1942 – 1943. The first named seems to have taken on the main secretarial tasks, while the second named seems to have been increasingly responsible for arranging the Thursday Lectures.

1851 – 54	Dr. E. Moore, M.D., F.L.S.	E. Lane
1854 – 55	Dr. E. Moore, M.D., F.L.S.	C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., F.L.S. etc.
1855 – 56	Rev. Dr. P. Holmes, M.A., F.R.A.S.	C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., F.L.S. etc.
1856 – 57	C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., F.L.S., etc.	Rev. Dr. P. Holmes, M.A., F.R.A.S.
1857 – 58	C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., F.L.S., etc.	S. Cater
1858 – 61	C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., F.L.S., etc.	H. Whiteford
1861 – 62	H. Whiteford	F.P. Balkwill, M.P.S.
1862 – 64	J. Brooking Rowe, F.S.A., F.L.S.	Rev. J. Erskine Risk, M.A.
1864 – 67	J. Brooking Rowe, F.S.A., F.L.S.	J. Shelley
1867 – 68	J. Shelley	T.R.A. Briggs, F.L.S.
1868 – 71	Rev. F.E. Anthony, M.A.	Dr. C.A. Hingston, B.Sc.
1871 – 72	Rev. F.E. Anthony, M.A.	W. Adams
1872 – 73	W. Adams	F.H. Balkwill
1873 – 75	W. Adams	W. Beer
1875 – 77	W. Adams	W. Square, Jun, F.R.S., F.R.G.S.
1877 – 78	F. Brent, F.R.H.S., F.S.A.	
1878 – 83	F. Brent, F.R.H.S., F.S.A.	J.C. Inglis, C.E.
1883 – 85	J.C. Inglis, F.R.H.S., F.S.A.	A.J. Jewers, F.S.A.
1885 – 90	J.C. Inglis, F.R.H.S., F.S.A.	H. Penrose Prance
1890 – 94	H. Penrose Prance	J. Y. Woollcombe
1894 – 1913	H. Penrose Prance	W.C. Wade
1913 – 21	H. Penrose Prance	C.W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.
1921 – 22	C.W. Bracken, B.A., F.E.S.	A.L. Strachan, B.A.

1922 – 28	A.L. Strachan, B.A.	F.S. Blight
1928 – 41	F.S. Blight	F.J. Dymond, B.Sc., A.I.C. F.C.S.
1941 – 42	F.S. Blight	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.
1942 – 43	F.S. Blight	
1943 – 47	F.S. Blight	J.S. Fergie, B.A.
1947 – 48	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.	J.S. Fergie, B.A.
1948 – 51	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.	R.J.T. Baskerville, F.R.I.C.
1951 – 55	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.	R.D. Luscombe, LL.B.
1955 – 56	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.	D. Thomson

From June 1956 the roles of the General and the Lecture Secretaries were more clearly defined.

1956 – 57	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.	D. Thomson
1957 – 59	E.R. Harris, B.Sc.	J.W. Dawe, F.B.O.A.
1959 – 60	S.H. Crimp	J.W. Dawe, F.B.O.A.
1960 – 61	J.S. Allanach	J.W. Dawe, F.B.O.A.

From June 1961 the two Secretaries were given individual titles - Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Lecture Secretary (see Honorary Lecture Secretaries section).

Honorary General Secretaries

1961 – 63	J.S. Allanach
1963 – 67	C.R. Bullocke
1967 – 68	Inst. Capt. R.G. Cross, B.A., F.I.M.A., R.N. (Ret).
1968 – 69	C.R. Bullocke
1969 – 71	J.W. Dawe, F.B.O.A.
1971 – 73	E.A. Hosking
1973 – 79	J.A. Young
1979 – 82	J.W. Dawe F.B.O.A.
1982 – 88	Sq. Ldr. P.G.T. Halfacree, M.B.I.M., R.A.F. (Rtd.)
1988 – 93	P. Smith
1993 – 98	J.R. Arnaud, D.F.C.
1998 – 2014	M. Scoble
2014 – 18	O. Ryles M.B.A., B.A., F.R.S.A., F.L.S., F.Z.S.

From September 2018 the position was re-named Company Secretary and is a non-Trustee role.

Company Secretaries

2018 –	O. Ryles M.B.A., B.A., F.R.S.A., F.L.S., F.Z.S.
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