

## **Surtees Society Report 2009/10 for the Faculty of Arts**

The Surtees Society maintained its publication programme with an edition of *John Denton's History of Cumberland (c. 1600)* by Dr Angus Winchester, one of the Society's vice-presidents and senior lecturer in History at Lancaster University. This was published jointly with the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society by Boydell and Brewer in April as number 213 in the Surtees series. It was launched at a reception for CWAAS members at Hutton in the Forest Castle in June, which some of the Surtees officers attended. Forthcoming volumes include editions of *Sunderland Wills 1601-1650* by Dr John Smith and others, due for publication early in 2011, and *The Letters of George Davenport 1651-77* by Brenda Pask with Margaret Harvey, now with the publisher.

This is the first full year of the Society's administration being carried by the Arts Faculty office, principally through the good offices of Melanie Farrell, one of the faculty secretaries. The arrangement seems to be working smoothly for both parties with subscriptions being secured, chased and paid in as necessary, and queries being dealt with or forwarded as appropriate, including the occasional Robert Smith Surtees Society stray. The arrangement has also enabled the redevelopment of the Society's website with the assistance of Ken Jukes.

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