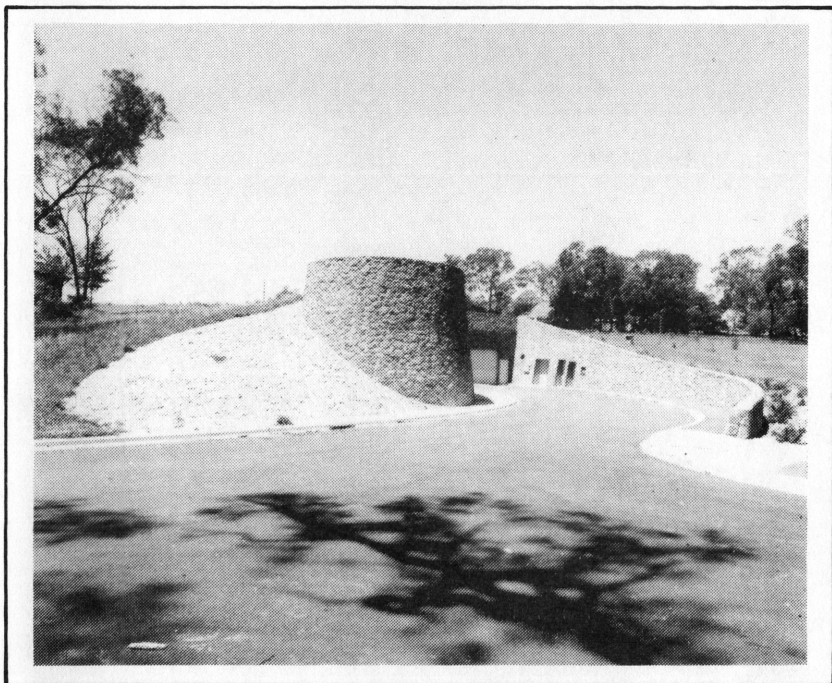


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Entrance to Acton Underhill: More like a Norman Keep than an underground carpark, which is the purpose for which this structure was built during the 'seventies. Formal possession of the specially build offices and repository within was taken on 1 April 1981 by MJ Saclier and company.



Archives as yet defying description: over a year's backlog awaits attention in the 'concrete-beamed, ventilated repository, indicating that the collecting programme has taken off again since the move to the new premises.



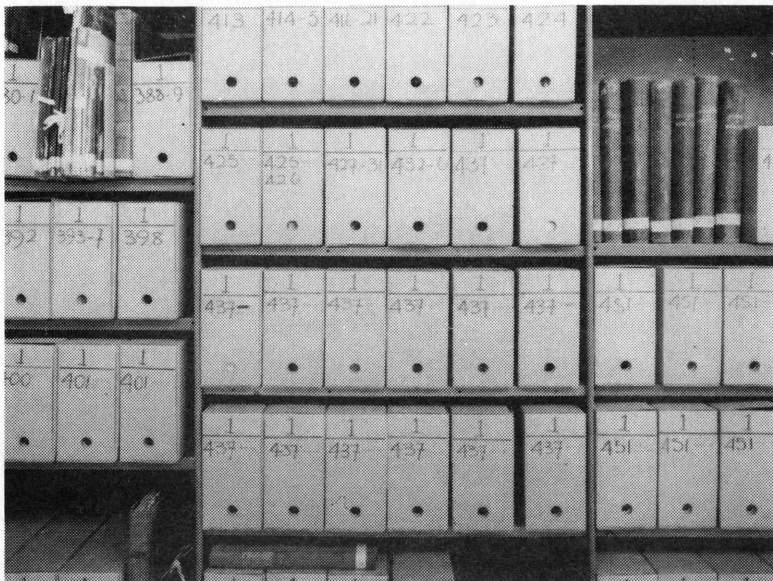
Self-identifying records: a recent depositor's archives were copiously labelled with an array of polychromatic-alphanumeric tags — all of which were checked during processing, nevertheless.



Processing: although the descriptive lists have a uniform format these days, a variety of working methods is employed on the wide range of record types which has been deposited.



Special collections facilities: a massive map table is supported by parts of the map cabinetry where also are housed posters, advertising broadsheets and other outside paper items. Even larger items may be suspended from rails beyond; and further in the distance is part of the newspaper collection. Photographic storage is nearby.



The Stacks: steel shelving keeps over five kilometres of archives looking orderly, a mute reflection of the intellectual control which is exercised through descriptive lists held in the Reference area.



Technocracy, wizardry: the Joint Schools' computer at the Coombs Building is available on tap [&*@%/\$ illegal command], and it is used daily — to update our oft-published *List of holdings*, to supervise access arrangements with readers, or to develop a map catalogue.