

## IN MEMORIAM

**Joyce Cherry**

1924-2008

Joyce Cherry, who died on 29 December 2008, will be remembered for her many contributions to the Society, as archaeologist, General Secretary, and (with Jim Cherry, q.v.) indexer extraordinaire of the *Transactions*.

Joyce was born on 17 January 1924 in San Francisco, California, and she remained a US citizen throughout her life. Her parents returned to England in about 1931 and the family settled in Blackpool, her father dying of pneumonia in 1933. She was educated at Blackpool Collegiate School for Girls and, after leaving there, became a scientific librarian at Sutcliffe Speakman. There she met Jim Cherry and they were married on 9 September 1944. At the end of World War II, they were both working at the UKAEA facility at Springfield, Preston. In 1950 her husband was transferred to Windscale, and he and Joyce went to live in Seascale. As Jim became increasingly fascinated by the pre-history archaeology of Cumbria, Joyce joined in the fieldwork, including flinting, for many years. Moreover, the whole Cherry family, including both children, were involved in the fieldwork that led to J. Cherry and P. J. Cherry, *Prehistoric Sites on the Limestone Uplands of Eastern Cumbria* (Kendal, CWAAS Research Series, Vol. ii, 1987), for which Joyce also typed the draft manuscript and compiled the index. Indeed, in 2007 she and Jim published a final joint article on the Seascale gasworks (Third Series, Vol. vii, 169-78).

Joyce undertook a long stint as General Secretary of the Society, from 1974-84. She took up the post at the end of a period when there had been successive changes in the post, and she quietly restored it to being the stable centre of the Society's work. Her minutes and correspondence were kept immaculately, and she was very much a members' officer, keen on the contributions of the independent amateur, and both knowledgeable about who was active in the Society as well as good at keeping in touch with those living away. She and Jim were an inseparable and enthusiastic part of the Society's identity for much of the 1970s and 1980s.

Her efficiency and sound organisation also made her an exceptionally good indexer. As early as 1962 the then Editor and President, Roy Hudleston, had invited her to compile an entirely new index to the Old Series of the *Transactions*, and this she completed, alongside secretarial and family duties, over the next decade or more. The Old Series index was published by the Society in 1981, and she and Jim then set about indexing the New Series, which they completed in 1992. More recently the Index has been brought to near-completion for the entire *Transactions* run since the Society began and is available to all who visit the Society's web site. Such a position could not have been reached without her indefatigable contributions to this invaluable research aid over three decades.

She and Jim moved on his retirement in 1980 to Kendal, and thence to Lichfield in 1999, where she continued to live until her death. She was predeceased by her husband earlier in 2008, and is survived by their two children, Peter and Barbara.

Marion McClintock

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**Thomas Clifford Mayho**

1920-2009

Thomas Clifford (Cliff) Mayho was born on 13 September 1920 at Blackburn, the son of Thomas Mayho, a butcher of that town. When he was about eleven years of age the family moved to Cleveleys on the Fylde and he attended Fleetwood Grammar School, eventually leaving to become an articled clerk. On the outbreak of war Cliff declared himself a conscientious objector and was summarily dismissed by his employer. The Tribunal established to examine conscientious objectors was satisfied with his reasons and he was assigned to work on a local farm and later a market garden. He had absolutely no experience of agricultural work but accepted it with good grace, becoming very close friends with one of his employers. Nor did he regard it as time wasted, for he continued studies which eventually paved the way to him becoming a chartered accountant.

At the end of the war he went to London, where he worked in a hospital for a short period before gaining a position as an accountant. In 1946 he married Eileen Stork, whom he had met on a walking holiday in Wales and shortly afterwards they set up home in Kent. But their hearts remained firmly in the North of England and in 1951 he was able to secure employment as an accountant in a Lancashire cotton mill, moving to live in Burnley. Sadly this period heralded a sharp decline in the Lancashire cotton trade and following a dispute with his employer, on a matter of principle, he was dismissed.

He soon secured a position with a firm of accountants in Bradford, where his worth was recognised and his career advanced rapidly, eventually becoming senior partner. Eager for intellectual satisfaction he took an external B.Sc. (Econ.) with London University and in 1975 completed an M.Phil. at the University of Sheffield – his thesis being ‘Building Societies in nineteenth century Bradford’, which fitted in with a long held interest in social history. For many years he had had a leaning towards Quakerism and during this time he became a committed member of the Society of Friends.

In 1976, shortly before retirement, he and Eileen moved to Arnside (required criteria for a home were ready rail access to London, close to water, and there had to be a bowling green!). They were soon persuaded that membership of the CWAAS was an essential expedient and joined that same year, throwing themselves into the many activities which the Society provided. Their dedication to the Society was absolute and they were generally at the hub of all the functions.

In 1985 he was elected Honorary Treasurer of the Society, a position he held until 1999, and his expertise was soon evident. He very quickly established clear rules for the management of our affairs and embarked on a programme of investment, which

was to consolidate and secure our financial position to the present day. His acute mind allowed him to cut through superfluous matters and focus on the essentials. He constantly reminded Council of the need to tailor expenditure to match income from subscriptions, the need to maintain realistic membership subscription levels and that, without sound investments we could not operate, particularly in the field of publications. I well remember, as Hon. Joint Editor of *Transactions*, being taken to task for not paying sufficient regard to the rising costs of printing and distribution. Indeed, it was largely a result of his prudence that we were able to unblock the log-jam and once again finance volumes other than *Transactions*. His contribution to the effective operation of our Society cannot be underestimated. His regular reports at the Council Meetings and the Annual General Meetings will long be remembered for his very wry sense of humour and his attention to detail – indeed, such was his particular fusion of brutal realism and quick wit that the members even voted for subscription increases with enthusiasm! But behind the humour was a man of very deep commitment and integrity, and a ‘no-nonsense’ negotiator. On his retirement from office in 1999 he was made an Honorary member of the Society.

About 2007 he suffered a number of strokes, which increasingly incapacitated and frustrated him. He was eventually hospitalised and died on 26 January 2009. Following a meeting at the Friends’ Meeting House, Yealand Conyers, he was cremated.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Eileen, his daughters Jean, Linda, Rosalyn and Helen, together with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and remain ever thankful for his wise counsel and expertise.

W. G. Wiseman