

in the autumn of 1972 on a full time basis.

On most of these stretches of motorway, continual observation is all that remains possible, along with the excavation of any new sites found in drain cutting and general earth removal.

The rest of both motorways has not yet been started and much of the land is still in private hands. In some places the route has not yet been finalised. Where the route is known, however, a programme of field walking at an early stage with local groups is being organised. The local groups will trial excavate any sites that are found and will also do documentary work.

Hopefully, then, much of the work will be carried out by the local groups well in advance of

motorway construction. Major sites can be excavated on a full time basis, using the central group, with local help where possible. Once construction work begins, the full time mobile observers will take over and will probably be responsible for the excavation of any sites found at this stage.

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## The Stow Commemoration Service

FOR MANY YEARS it has been a tradition to hold this Service in the presence of the Lord Mayor at the Church of St. Andrew Undershaft, St. Mary Axe in the City, in commemoration of John Stow (1525-1605) who was buried in the church on 8th April, 1605. The service is sponsored by the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.

Stow was born in the City of London and earned his meagre living as a tailor, though he was never admitted to the Guild of Merchant Taylors. He dedicated most of his life to the writing of topographical and historical works. Stow is probably best remembered for his *Survey of London* (1598) in which he describes the City of London ward by ward at a time when many of the medieval buildings, especially those belonging to the monasteries, were being pulled down.

In connection with the Service, an essay competition has been held annually since 1939 for pupils attending secondary and grammar schools in London and Middlesex. This now includes such schools in the Inner London Education Authority and those connected with the City of London. The subject of the essay has to deal with some aspect of the City's long and varied history.

This year the winner was Daphne Russell of the Lady Eleanor Holles School for Girls at Hampton, whose essay was called "Londinium." In addition to a book prize she received an Honorary Student Membership of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.



The Lord Mayor, presenting Daphne Russell with her prize in the church of St. Andrew Undershaft.

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