

# The Berkshire Archæological Journal

---

## Berkshire Archæological Society.

---

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Berkshire Archæological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, the 21st April, 1934, when Lt.-Col. C. J. West, O.B.E., M.D., in the absence of the President, presided.

The following members and officers of the Council of the Society were elected :—

#### *Patron :*

H.M. THE KING.

#### *Vice-Patrons :*

J. H. BENYON, Esq., LORD LIEUTENANT OF BERKSHIRE.

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ALDENHAM.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD WYFOLD.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD MESTON OF AGRA.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD MAYO.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF READING UNIVERSITY.

#### *President :*

THE REV. B. H. B. ATTLEE, D.D., F.R.Hist.S.

#### *Vice-Presidents :*

THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE VEN. THE ARCHDEACON OF BERKSHIRE.

THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF DOWNSHIRE.

## BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

*Vice-Presidents (contd.):*

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE.  
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD GERALD WELLESLEY.  
 SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bart., F.S.A.  
 A. E. PRESTON, Esq., F.S.A.  
 THE PROVOST OF ETON.  
 THE MASTER OF WELLINGTON.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :*

H. T. MORLEY, F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A. (Scot.)

*Editor of the Society's Journal :*

ERNEST W. DORMER, F.R.Hist.S.

*Hon. Librarian :*

FRANCIS M. BUNCE.

*Council :*

C. T. MARCON.	
MISS M. SWADLING.	
LL. TREACHER, F.G.S.	} Retire in 1935.
FREDERIC TURNER.	
F. M. UNDERHILL.	
LIEUT.-COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.	
REV. H. C. WILDER, M.A.	
C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.R.I.B.A.	} Retire in 1936.
MISS E. CARLETON WILLIAMS, M.A.	
T. B. RUSSELL M.A.	
P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A. (Chairman).	
MISS A. BAILY.	
J. HAUTENVILLE COPE, F.R.Hist.S.	} Retire in 1937.
J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.	
A. T. HEELAS.	
MRS. E. HOLDEN.	
MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE.	
EDWIN PLOMER.	} Retire in 1938.
COL. C. NOEL RIVERS-MOORE.	
WILFRED A. SEABY.	

The Council presented the following report :—

During the year a memorial to the Society's late President, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, M.A., F.S.A., was erected in Barkham Church. It took the form of a new altar and reredos of English oak and bears the words " Sic Deus Dilexit Mundum " (God so loved the world). It was designed and carried out under the superintendence of Mr. Thomas Laurence Dale, F.R.I.B.A. of Oxford. On the south wall is carved the following inscription : " In honoured memory of Peter Hampson Ditchfield, M.A., F.S.A., Rector of this Parish 1886-1930. The reredos and panelling of this sanctuary were given by his fellow members of the Berkshire Archaeological Society and other friends in the year 1933." On the 21st September, 1933, in the presence of a large assembly, the Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee, your President, performed the dedication service, and until time and fate otherwise determine, the memorial will endure as a token of esteem and regard for one who endeared himself to a circle far beyond the limits of the county in which he laboured so zealously for over forty years.

In December last it was decided to appoint a Committee of seven members, with power to add to their number, " to report on the present position regarding the collection and safe custody of Berkshire County records, and, if considered advisable, to make proposals for a scheme for the co-ordination and future development of the work of the various interested bodies." Mr. J. Hautenville Cope, F.R.Hist.S. has been appointed Chairman of this Committee and Mr. P. S. Spokes, M.A., its Hon. Secretary, and a report with their recommendations, which will be awaited with interest, will be presented to you in due course.

Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore and Mrs. Rivers-Moore have continued their excavations at Ladye Place, Hurley, and an interim report of their progress appears in the present number of the *Journal*. Mr. W. A. Seaby and Lt. Commander Pollen also, in the present number, continue their account of the uncovering of the foundations of the Romano-British building at Canhurst Farm, Knowl Hill. The labour involved in this type of archaeological research is considerable and as a Society we are indebted to

those who give the time and energy to it. Much more in this direction needs to be accomplished.

We have to record with regret the loss by death of the following members of the Society:—Mr. A. L. Canning, Mr. F. E. Pollard, Mr. J. Catley, Mr. T. E. Hewett, Dr. J. E. Morris, Mrs. Payne, Mr. J. H. H. Wenn, Miss Mello, Mr. C. J. Soltan, and Mr. W. J. Fryer, C.B.E. Mr. Fryer will be remembered for his generous hospitality on the occasion of the members' visit to Holme Park, Sonning, in September, 1932, and for his keen interest in the foundations of the Manor House of the Bishops of Sarum which remain upon his estate. It had been Mr. Fryer's intention to continue the excavations begun there by the late Mr. C. E. Keyser during the great war, but death has prevented, at least temporarily, the completion of the undertaking.

The following lectures, for which the Society are grateful, have been given during the year. Our thanks are also due to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly provided tea on the occasion of the lectures.

#### LECTURES.

##### 1933.

- October 14. "A Tour in Sweden." Mrs. E. Holden.  
 November 18. "Neolithic Berkshire." Mr. Stuart Piggott.  
 December 16. "The Lost Histories of America." Lt.-Col. C. J. West, O.B.E., M.D.

##### 1934.

- January 13. "The Art of the Viking." Prof. Allen W. Seaby.  
 February 3. "The Legends of St. Maurice." Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore.  
 March 10. "Wall Paintings in the Oxford Diocese." Mr. Edward T. Long.  
 March 24. "Bucklebury: The making of a Berkshire Parish History." Mr. Arthur L. Humphreys, F.S.A., F.R.G.S.  
 April 21. ANNUAL MEETING.  
 "The Hobys of Bisham." Mr. E. A. Barnard, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.

## TEAS.

Miss A. Baily, Mrs. Bentall, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. J. West, Mrs. Penyston and Miss Lockhart, Mrs. Halley, Mrs. Wyly and Mrs. Newman, Miss Amphlett, Mrs. Holden and Miss Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Marcon.

## EXCURSIONS.

The following Excursions were undertaken during the year :—

1933.

- May 23. To Waltham St. Lawrence, the Excavations at Knowl Hill, Maidenhead Thicket, Hurley Church and Excavations at Ladye Place.
- June 29. To Warfield, Bray Church and Jesus Hospital, Ockwells Manor House.
- July 25. To Bucklebury, Chaddleworth, Grimsbury Camp, Seven Barrows, Blowing Stone, Kingstone Lisle, Hardwell Camp, Compton Beauchamp.
- September 11—12. Two days' Excursion to St. Albans. Gorham-bury was visited by kind permission of Lord and Lady Verulam.

## ARCHITECTURAL PRIZES.

In accordance with its customary practice the Society have presented the usual prizes to architectural students. The first prize of £2 2s. was awarded to Mr. B. A. Elam for drawings of Hardwick House, Oxon; the second prize of £1 1s. to Mr. E. F. Schofield for drawings of 19, Castle Street, Reading.

## BALANCE SHEET.

The balance sheet is submitted for your approval. There is a slight deficit of a few shillings on the year's working, without encroaching further upon the deposit account which now stands at £30. The financial position may, therefore, be regarded as fairly satisfactory, as in the present year there have been items of expenditure which will not recur. The present membership of the Society is 366. We are greatly indebted to our Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the able way in which he

continues, with unfailing energy and courtesy, to look after the Society's interests.

#### THE PRESIDENCY.

On 3rd February, 1934, the Rev. Dr. Attlee expressed a desire to resign from the office of President of the Society ; but your Council are gratified to be able to report that he has agreed to continue in his office for at least another year. At the same time, in deference to his wishes, your Council have appointed a Chairman who will relieve the President of some the duties which have hitherto fallen upon him.

#### ACCOMMODATION.

As a Society we continue to be indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and the Council of Reading University for accommodation and we have conveyed our thanks for this privilege to Dr. Sibly accordingly.

(Signed) C. J. West, In the Chair.

The Report of the Council and the Balance Sheet were approved and adopted and Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, F.S.A., F.R. Hist.S. then gave his lecture on " The Hobys of Bisham."