

# The Berkshire Archæological Journal

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## Berkshire Archæological Society.

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Archæological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, the 27th April, 1935, when the Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee presided.

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

#### *Patron :*

H.M. THE KING.

#### *Vice-Patrons :*

A. T. LOYD, 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 VERY REV. W. R. INGE, D.D., K.C.V.O.

#### *Vice-Presidents :*

THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE VEN. THE ARCHDEACON OF BERKSHIRE.

THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF DOWNSHIRE.

*Vice-Presidents (contd.) :*

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD GERALD WELLESLEY.

SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bart.

A. E. PRESTON, Esq., F.S.A.

THE PROVOST OF ETON.

THE MASTER OF WELLINGTON.

THE REV. DR. B. H. B. ATTLEE.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :*

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

*Hon. Editor of the Society's Journal :*

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

*Hon. Librarian :*

FRANCIS M. BUNCE.

*Council :*

LIEUT.-COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.

REV. H. C. WILDER, M.A.

C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.R.I.B.A. F.S.A.

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.

J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.

A. T. HEELAS.

MRS. E. HOLDEN.

MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE.

MISS E. BEACH.

COL. C. NOEL RIVERS-MOORE.

BRIG.-GENERAL W. K. HARDY.

C. T. MARCON.

MISS M. SWADLING.

LL. TREACHER, F.G.S.

E. T. LONG.

F. M. UNDERHILL.

} Retire in 1936.

} Retire in 1937.

} Retire in 1938.

} Retire in 1939.

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1934-5.

## I. MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members shows an increase ; the figures being as follows :—

	<i>Honorary.</i>	<i>Life.</i>	<i>Ordinary.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
March 31st, 1934 ...	2	1	363	366
March 31st, 1935 ...	2	1	372	375
Lapses and Resignations ...			29	
Obituary ...			8	

## 2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the death of the following members :—

J. H. Benyon, Esq., Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire and a Vice-Patron of the Society, Mr. H. R. Beeton, the Rev. Dr. A. H. Cooke, Alderman E. O. Farrer, Miss E. Baird Johnstone, Miss J. Piper, the Rev. F. H. Wright and Mrs. Wyly.

## 3. OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee continued as President but he has intimated his inability to hold this office after April, 1935. Your Council have considered the question of his successor and have great pleasure in stating that the Very Rev. Dr. W. R. Inge, K.C.V.O., has consented to his name being put forward for election as President for 1935-6.

## 4. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on April 21st, 1934, Lieut.-Colonel C. J. West, O.B.E., M.D., presiding and there was a full attendance of members. The Report and Balance Sheet for 1933-34 were presented and adopted. The Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Society were re-elected. The following were elected Officers of the Society :—President, the Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee ; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. T. Morley, F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A., (Scot.) ; Hon. Editor, Mr. Ernest W. Dormer, F.R.Hist.S. ; Hon. Librarian, Mr. F. M. Bunce. The retiring members of the Council

were re-elected and two vacancies were filled by the election of Mr. C. T. Marcon and Mr. T. B. Russell, M.A. At the termination of the Annual Meeting, Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., read a paper, illustrated with slides, on "The Hobys of Bisham."

#### 5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Statement of Accounts for 1934 accompanies this Report. It will be seen that there is a deficit on the year of £7 19s. 9d., as against a balance in favour of £32 11s. 3d. for the year 1933. The deficit is chiefly due to an increase in the cost of printing and publishing the Journal.

#### 6. LECTURES.

The following Lectures were given during the year :—

##### 1934.

- October 20th. "Barrows, with special reference to those of Berkshire." Mr. L. V. Grinsell.  
 November 19th. "A 5,000 Miles Journey through Iraq and Persia." Mrs. E. Holden.  
 December 1st. "Systematic Archæological Research at Maiden Castle, Dorset." Colonel C. N. Rivers-Moore.

##### 1935.

- January 19th. "St. Mark's, Venice." Mr. G. J. B. Fox.  
 February 16th. "Some Castles and Manor-houses of Denmark." Miss E. Carleton Williams, M.A.  
 March 9th. "A Picture Book of St. Anthony, the Abbot, executed for the Monastery of St. Antoine de Viennois in 1426." Dr. Rose Graham, M.A., F.S.A.  
 April 6th. "The Civic Heraldry of Berkshire." Mr. P. S. Spokes, B.Sc., M.A.

Your Council are greatly indebted to the lecturers for their services.

#### 7. SUMMER MEETINGS.

The following visits to places of historic interest were undertaken during the year :—

##### 1934.

- May 23rd. Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

- July 3rd.                   Ewelme Church, Rycote Park and Chapel,  
                              Thame Church, Thame Park and Pyrton  
                              Manor.
- July 28th.                Blewbury Church, Blewburton Hill, North  
                              Moreton Church, Sinodun Hills. On this  
                              occasion tea was kindly provided by Dr.  
                              and Mrs. T. R. D. Webb at Haddon Close.
- September 18th.       Cholsey Church, Wallingford Town Hall and  
                              Castle, St. Leonard's Church, Dorchester  
                              Abbey, Dike Hills and Long Wittenham  
                              Church.

#### 8. FIELD WORK.

Excavation on the site of the Priory of St. Mary, Hurley, has progressed slowly, partly owing to the absence of the owners, Colonel and Mrs. Rivers-Moore, during the summer of 1934. The north wall and north-east corner of the north aisle has been fixed and walls extending further northwards are now appearing. A good flint wall has been discovered under the mediæval floor of the north aisle which is possibly part of the Saxon church, the floor of which seems to be about eighteen inches below the level of the Norman church. Numerous interments have come to light but very little subsidiary evidence is available to help in dating these. One burial was below the early flint wall and had cement adhering to the skull and other bones. One wall of the Chapter House has been found with some of the encaustic tiles still in position at its base. This wall was plastered on the inside with decorative lines of black and red. Two thin leaden discs, with bevelled edges, and a rough bone needle or peg, apparently unfinished, were found in the Norman floor level. The discs may have been some form of counters or perhaps blanks for pilgrim badges. What are considered to be Roman bricks have also been found near the Chapter House together with fragments of pottery and encaustic tiles.

#### 9. RECORDS COMMITTEE.

This Committee, the formation of which was reported last year, has forwarded the following resolution to the Berkshire County Council:—"That this Committee desires to enquire

whether the Berkshire County Council would be prepared to consider the possibility of establishing a Record Room at the Shire Hall in which records and documents of historical interest relating to the County of Berkshire could be preserved and made available to students." In an accompanying memorandum it was stated that a muniment room established for County Records in the strict sense of the words could also be made available for the reception of any documents relating to the history of the County which interested Persons or Institutions might wish to deposit there either by gift or on loan. In no case would the ownership of any documents be transferred to the County Council without the consent of the existing owner. In this connexion the Committee recognises that certain Persons and Institutions in the County are statutably responsible for the safe custody of their own archives and it is fully realised that these must remain in their possession. It is believed that, if a County Record Room is established by the County Council, a scheme will be devised to bring all those interested in records into co-operation for the adequate preservation and accessibility of the muniments relating to the County of Berkshire.

#### 10. BERKSHIRE CHURCH GUIDES.

A Committee, under the chairmanship of the President, has been set up to carry out the publication of well-written and well-produced guides for churches of architectural interest in the County. The scheme provides for the editing by the Society for the Parochial Church Councils, and with the approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Advisory Committee, of a series of guides of the same size and format throughout. Mr. E. T. Long has undertaken the general editorial work in connexion with the scheme.

#### 11. BI-CENTENARY OF THOMAS HEARNE.

Thomas Hearne, the antiquary, was born at Littlefield Green in 1678 and was educated at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford; he was second keeper of the Bodleian Library of which post he was deprived as a non-juror in 1716; he published editions of Leland's "Itinerary" and "Collectanea," Camden's "Annales" and

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## BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

### Account of Receipts and Payments for 1934.

		RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from 1933	...	...	32 11 3	...	26 16 8
" Subscriptions	...	...	148 7 0	...	...
" Affiliation Fee:	...	...	...	...	...
Windsor and Eton Archaeological and Scientific Society	...	...	10 0	...	144 10 8
" Donations:	...	...	...	...	...
Miss M. Spokes	...	...	10 0	...	3 14 9
Miss Barnett	...	...	4 0	...	10 0
Contributions towards cost of Teas:	...	...	14 0	...	4 17 6
Mrs. Peniston and Miss Lockhart	...	...	...	...	...
Mrs. Halcy	...	...	2 12 6	...	3 3 0
Mrs. W. Vyly and Mrs. Newman	...	...	2 12 6	...	10 6
Mrs. Holden, Misses Amphlett and Walter	...	...	5 5 0	...	...
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Marcon	...	...	2 12 6	...	...
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cook	...	...	2 12 6	...	...
" Field meetings, sale of tickets:	...	...	18 7 6	...	9 11 6
Greenwich	...	...	9 17 0	...	8 15 2
Ewelme, etc.	...	...	36 19 0	...	33 19 3
Blewbury, etc.	...	...	12 2 0	...	10 6 0
Cholsey, etc.	...	...	19 10 6	...	17 3 6
Contributions towards Sir Flinders Petrie Memorial Fund	...	...	...	...	...
" Sale of Journals	...	...	3 1 6	...	70 4 5
" Interest on Deposit Account	...	...	6 11 3	...	25 12 9
" Balance carried to Balance Sheet ...	...	...	289 0 0	...	2 16 6
			7 19 9		3 1 6
			£296 19 9		3 1 6

Examined with books and vouchers and found to be correct.

20th March, 1935.

R. GORDON BORLAND, Hon. Auditor.

### Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1934.

		LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from Receipts and Payments Account,	...	...	...	...	...
being:	...	...	...	...	...
Bank Overdraft	...	...	7 7 4	...	...
Owing to Hon. Treasurer	...	...	12 5	...	...
BALANCE	...	...	7 19 9	...	...
			22 0 3	...	...
			£30 0 0	...	...
			£30 0 0	...	...

Cash, on deposit at Barclays Bank, Ltd.

£296 19 9

£30 0 0