



THE BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Patron :

H.M. THE KING.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Berkshire Archaeological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 26th, 1941, at 3.0 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 6th, 1940, were read and confirmed.
2. The Report of the Council for 1940-41 and Statement of Accounts for 1940 were adopted.
3. Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected :—

President :

A. T. LOYD, O.B.E., J.P., LORD LIEUTENANT OF BERKSHIRE.

Vice-Presidents :

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON OF BERKSHIRE.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE.

SIR EDWARD BARRY, BT.

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

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

MISS A. BAILY, F.Z.S.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF READING UNIVERSITY.

Hon. Secretary :

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

Hon. Treasurer :
F. M. UNDERHILL.

Hon. Editor :
STUART PIGGOTT, F.S.A.

Hon. Acting Editor :
P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A.

Hon. Librarian :
F. M. BUNCE.

Council :

MRS. E. HOLDEN	}	Retire in 1942.
MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE		
MISS E. BEACH		
COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE		
E. T. LONG, F.S.A.	}	Retire in 1943.
MISS M. M. SWADLING		
LL. TREACHER, F.G.S.		
A. T. MARCON		
C. H. INGE	}	Retire in 1944.
COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.		
L. BINYON, C.H.		
C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.		
MISS E. CARLETON WILLIAMS, M.A.	}	Retire in 1945.
E. W. DORMER, F.R.Hist.S.		
REV. W. F. WOOD, M.A.		
MISS L. F. CHITTY, F.S.A.		
P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A. (<i>Chairman</i>)	}	
H. G. GRAYSON, F.R.I.B.A., M.A.		
J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.		
A. T. HEELAS		

After the business of the Annual General Meeting had been concluded a LECTURE was given by

MRS. KATHARINE A. ESDAILE

on

"SOME ENGLISH SCULPTORS FROM JAMES I TO GEORGE I."

SYNOPSIS.

The Great Anglo Flemings—A provincial Sculptor, Robert Smithson—Gerard Christmas and his sons—Epiphanius Evesham—William Wright—The Marshalls—The Stantons—John Bushnell—Francis Byrd—Scheemaker—Rysbrack—etc.

After the Lecture, Tea was provided in the Buttery by kind invitation of Col. and Mrs. C. J. West.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1940-41.

1. MEMBERSHIP.		<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Total</i>
March 30th, 1940	..	I	I	395	397
March 31st, 1941	..	I	I	345	347

2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the deaths of the following members :—Mr. Gordon Borland, Dr. Boodle, Dr. W. Bradbrooke, Mrs. Salway, Mrs. Dewe.

3. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 6th, 1940. The President, Mr. A. T. Loyd, presided over a large gathering.

The Report and Statement of Accounts were approved and adopted.

Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore proposed and Mr. C. B. Willcocks seconded the re-election of the President, Mr. A. T. Loyd, O.B.E., J.P., Lord Lieutenant of the County. Carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. W. Dodgson proposed the re-election of the Officers of the Society :

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. F. M. Underhill.

Hon. Librarian : Mr. F. M. Bunce.

Hon. Editors : Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A. and Mrs. C. M. Piggott.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. H. T. Morley, F.S.A., Scot., F.R. Hist., S. J.P.

On the proposition of Miss Baily the following members of the Council were re-elected : Mr. C. B. Willcocks, F.S.A., Miss Carleton Williams, M.A., Rev. W. F. Wood, M.A., Mr. Laurence Binyon, C.H., Mr. E. W. Dormer, F.R. Hist. S.

On the proposition of Col. C. J. West, the Vice-Presidents were also re-elected.

4. FINANCIAL POSITION.

We anticipated in the 1939-40 Report that the revenue of the Society would show a marked decline owing to the necessary curtailment of our activities through the war. Subscriptions show a decline of £26 on the previous year, and many of our expenses have correspondingly increased. We have been able, however, to produce two numbers of the Journal during the year, but the higher costs of printing have been a drain on our resources. The Council appeals to members who do not subscribe to the Journal to do so, and help the continuance of our publication. It will be

of great assistance if all subscriptions are paid early in the year. £100 of Reserve has been invested in 3% Defence Bonds. We acknowledge most gratefully donations from members and other sources totalling £5 6s. 6d.

5. Owing to the War, the usual Summer Excursions had to be abandoned, except for one half day visit to Reading on May 15th, when the following programme, arranged by the Hon. Secretary, was carried out, over 80 members and friends taking part.

2.30 p.m. Assemble in St. Laurence Church.

Described by Mr. C. R. Dowsett.

3.35 p.m. A Tour of the Abbey Ruins.

3.10 p.m. Inspect the Original Norman Arches, etc., at the Abbey Mill.

4.0 p.m. Assemble at the Abbey Gateway.

Reception by

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF READING

(Councillor W. E. McIlroy).

Exhibition of some of the Charters of the Borough, described by

Mr. A. W. Smith. Illuminated

Manuscripts, &c. and Large Antiphonal.

Singing of the celebrated 13th century Canon

"Sumer is icumen in."

Explanation of the Abbey Pictures.

by the Hon. Secretary.

Tea, kindly provided by The Mayor.

6. LECTURES.

The following Lectures were given during the Winter Session :

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Oct. 12th. "*The Lost Atalantis*" by Col. C. J. West, O.B.E., M.D.

Nov. 9th. "*The Excavations at Silchester 1938-39*" by Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton, M.B., B.S.

Dec. 7th. "*Some Old London Memorials*" by W. J. Roberts, Esq.

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Jan. 11th. "*The Road System of Mediaeval England*" by Prof. F. M. Stenton, M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A., etc.

Feb. 15th. "*Some Berkshire Bells and Bell Founders*" by Frederick Sharpe, Esq.

Mar. 15th. "*Berkshire Poets*" by Dr. Laurence Binyon, C.H.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Branch of the Local History Recording Scheme was also held on this date.

7. PRIZES FOR MEASURED DRAWINGS.

The prizes offered annually by the Society were awarded as follows :

- 1st Prize, 2 Guineas, to M. J. Garner for drawings of St. Nicholas Church, Hardenhuish, Wilts.
2nd Prize, 1 Guinea, divided (10/6 each) to J. Caudle for drawings of Watlington House, Reading, and W. C. Varnet for drawings of The Guildhall, Windsor.

8. THE JOURNAL.

During the year the Society has issued two numbers of the Journal comprising Volume 44. Part I. was produced under the editorship of Mrs. Piggott and Part II by Mr. Spokes, acting as editor in the absence of Mr. Piggott who is serving with H.M. Forces. The Council wish to record their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Piggott and to Mr. Spokes for their work in carrying on under most difficult conditions.

The following members are serving with H.M. Forces :—Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore, Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A., Mr. Wilfred Seaby, Mr. Peter Seaby, Mr. C. Scott, Mr. P. D. R. Williams-Hunt, Mr. J. Wilson,* The Rev. R. A. Lowry, M.A.

Mr. C. H. Inge is serving under the Colonial Office at Aden.

* A prisoner of war in Germany.

9. ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY.

The Society is greatly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University for the continued provision of accommodation for the meetings of the Society. Also to Col. and Mrs. Rivers-Moore, Miss A. Baily (2), Rev. Bernard S. Spencer, Miss R. Buchanan-Dunlop and Mr. F. E. Slocock for kindly providing tea after the Lectures.

H. T. MORLEY,
Hon. Secretary.