

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 24th, 1943, at 3.0 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 16th, 1942, were read and confirmed.
2. The Report of the Council for 1942-3 and the Statement of Accounts for 1942 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 RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF READING.

THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE REV. CANON S. L. OLLARD, M.A.

THE REV. CANON R. WICKHAM LEGG, M.A.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD MESTON.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE, K.B.

SIR EDWARD BARRY, BT.

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 :

C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.	}	Retire in 1944.
MISS E. CARLETON-WILLIAMS, M.A.		
E. W. DORMER, F.R.Hist.S.		
THE REV. B. S. SPENCER, M.A.		
MISS L. F. CHITTY, F.S.A.	}	Retire in 1945.
P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A. (<i>Chairman</i>)		
H. G. GRAYSON, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.		
J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.		
A. T. HEELAS	}	Retire in 1946.
MRS. E. HOLDEN		
MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE		
E. T. LONG, F.S.A.		
MISS E. BEACH	}	Retire in 1947.
COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE		
MISS M. M. SWADLING		
C. H. INGE		
COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.	}	
THE REV. S. E. CHAVASSE, M.A.		

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

E. CLIVE ROUSE, Esq., F.S.A.

on

“THE PENN DOOM AND OTHER PAINTED TYMPANA IN ENGLAND.”

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1942-3.

I. MEMBERSHIP.	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Total</i>
March 30th, 1942	I	I	340	342
March 31st, 1943	I	2	313	316

2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the deaths of the following members:—Rev. T. Adams, Miss Fryer, Mr. A. E. Preston, Mrs. Pountney, Mr. J. Rain, Rev. W. F. Wood, The Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee, Dr. Laurence Binyon, Mr. Ll. Treacher, Dr. C. J. Girling.

3. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 18th, 1942. Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore presided.

The Report and Balance Sheet were approved and adopted.

4. The following Officers were re-elected :—

<i>President :</i>	Mr. A. T. Loyd, O.B.E., J.P., Lord Lieutenant of the County.
<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mr. F. M. Underhill.
<i>Acting Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Miss M. M. Swadling.
<i>Hon. Librarian :</i>	Mr. F. M. Bunce.
<i>Hon. Editor :</i>	Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A.
<i>Hon. Acting Editor :</i>	Mr. P. S. Spokes, F.S.A.
<i>Hon. Secretary :</i>	Mr. H. T. Morley, F.S.A., Scot., J.P.

5. On the proposition of Miss Baily the following members of the Council were re-elected :

Mrs. E. Holden.
Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore.
Mrs. Rivers-Moore.
Miss E. Beach.
Mr. E. T. Long.

6. On the proposition of Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore, the Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

7. FINANCIAL POSITION.

During the year our income from Subscriptions has fallen by £27 and our expenses have been considerable, mainly owing to increased printing costs, so that it was not found possible to pay off all outstanding bills on the Journal account out of income before the close of the year. It is pleasing to note, however, that the amount given in Donations exceeds the sum contributed during the previous year, and these generous gifts have been of the very greatest assistance. It is again hoped that members will pay their subscriptions early in the year, so that all commitments may be met out of income.

8. SUMMER MEETING.

Again owing to the War, the usual programme of Excursions (in normal times six or seven) could not be carried through, but on July 24th, a summer meeting was arranged, when about 40 members and friends travelled to Goring and Streatley by river on the Oxford & Kingston Steam Boat.

Miss Ethel Carleton-Williams, M.A., had arranged a very interesting itinerary. Proceeding to Goring Church (dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury) the Rev. R. Sherwood, gave the party a most cordial welcome, and Miss Carleton-Williams explained the many architectural changes which had taken place during the centuries from Norman times, and pointed out many interesting items, including the Brasses, 1401-1617 and one in Norman French 1375, and also some old encaustic tiles.

Walking over the Thames into Berkshire a visit was paid to St. Mary's Church at Streatley, where the Rev. J. Hughes gave a history of the Church and Village.

9. LECTURES.

The following lectures have been given during the Winter Session 1942-3 :—

1942

- April 18th. "*Notes on the names of the older Streets of Reading*"
by J. W. Dodgson, Esq., B.Sc.
Oct. 10th. "*The Towers and Spires of Sir Christopher Wren*"
by Gerald Cobb, Esq.
Nov. 14th. "*Archaeology and Museums*" by W. A. Small-
combe, Esq., B.Sc.
Dec. 12th. "*Some Berkshire Literary Figures*" by Ernest M.
Tull, Esq., F.S.I.

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- Jan. 9th. "*The Church of the Saxon Coronation at Kingston*"
by W. E. St. Lawrence Finny, Esq., F.S.A.,
M.D.
Feb. 27th. "*The Story of the Lamp*" by F. W. Robins, Esq.,
F.R.G.S.
Mar. 20th. "*The Sutton Hoo Ship Burial*" by C. W. Phillips,
Esq., F.S.A., M.A.

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

10. PRIZES FOR MEASURED DRAWINGS.

As buildings in this district are still liable to be damaged by enemy action, the Council venture to suggest that **many more students should endeavour to make drawings and records** of the Churches and Buildings which are of historic interest.

II. BERKSHIRE ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS COMMITTEE.

This Committee, our members will be glad to know, has made excellent progress and up to the end of the year had obtained 3374 photographs and other illustrations of Berkshire buildings, mostly in duplicate, and about 2500 negatives.

In the Committee's Annual Report special reference is made to and gratitude expressed for the assistance given by the Berkshire Archaeological Society to the Committee. Our gift of back numbers of the Journal helped considerably with the surveys of a number of churches and the donations sent by some of our members in response to the recent appeal were much appreciated.

More photographic helpers are urgently required, as there is a great deal of work waiting to be done and the Records Committee will be very glad of the assistance of any of our members who take photographs. Arrangements can be made with regard to materials.

12. THE JOURNAL.

The Council wish again to record their thanks to Mr. P. S. Spokes, who, as Hon. Acting Editor, produced (under difficult conditions) two numbers of the Journal comprising Vol. 46.

The following members are serving with H.M. Forces :—
Mr. L. V. Grinsell, Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A., Mr. Wilfred Seaby, Mr. Peter Seaby, Mr. C. Scott, Mr. P. D. R. Williams-Hunt, The Rev. R. A. Lowry, M.A., Mr. F. M. Underhill.
Mr. C. H. Inge is serving under the Colonial Office at Aden.
Mr. J. Wilson is a prisoner of war in Germany.

13. 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.

H. T. MORLEY,
Hon. Secretary.