

BERKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Report of the Council for the Year 1962

1. The President took the Chair at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society held in the Zoology Theatre at Reading University on Saturday, 28th April, 1962. The Annual Report and Accounts for 1961 were proposed and adopted, Dr. Slade, supported by Professor Stiles proposed the re-election of Mrs. Cotton as President, this motion being carried with applause. Mrs. Cotton thanked the company for their approbation, and in reading the names of the Vice-Presidents for re-election, Miss E. Carleton-Williams was added, as this year was the Jubilee of her joining the Society in 1912. The Editorial Committee were re-elected with the addition of Mr. John Wymer and Miss M. Wood. Mr. Gafford proposed the re-election of the Librarian, and the President the re-election of Miss Swadling as Excursion Secretary. The other officers were duly proposed and re-elected. The retiring members of the Council—Mr. Le Sueur and Mr. S. Collier were re-elected with the addition of Miss M. Wood on the proposition of Mr. Pulsford. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 22nd April, 1961, having been circulated, were adopted. The President, Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton then delivered her annual address.

2. MEMBERSHIP	Honorary	Ordinary
31 Dec. 1961	8	448
31 Dec. 1962	1	68
	—	—
	9	516
	—	—
<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Resigned</i>	<i>Total</i>
—	—	456
6	29	+ 34
—	—	—
6	29	490
—	—	—

The death of the following members was noted with regret: Mr. W. J. Barkus (1945), Miss H. Masters, B.Sc. (1949), Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Sharman, (1950), Mr. A. G. Shirreff (1946), Mr. P. J. H. Stent (1958).

A note on some of these late members will be found in Section 10 of this Report.

3. PROGRESS OF THE SOCIETY: Continued progress and activity can be reported. There has been a further welcome increase in membership, we have enjoyed the support of many of our established officers, Vice-Presidents and members of long standing. All our Meetings and Excursions have been well attended. In the field, many of our members have supported the activities of the Research Group whose investigations may be summarised briefly as follows:

Paleolithic: Mr. Wymer cut sections through the Lynch Hill terrace deposits at Remenham, finding over 350 flakes and cores. Continued observation has been made by Mr. Copsey and others on the terrace at Butts Hill, Woodley, various artifacts being recovered.

Mesolithic: Finds of Microliths etc. were reported from Welford and Bray.

Neolithic: Dr. C. F. Slade concluded his excavations of the sub-rectangular enclosure in Straighthanger Field, Sonning, and communicated some of the results to the Society on 13th October. The Ministry of Works important investigation of Wayland's Smithy on the Downs under the direction of Professors Piggott and Atkinson were visited by the Society on July 17. Mr. Wymer took an active part in these excavations.

Bronze-Iron Age: Mr. Crampton cut a further section across the flat-bottomed ditch close to the find-spot of the Moulsoford gold torc. The main excavation of the Research Group was made at Ufton Nervet from 25 Aug.—20th Sept.; this will be fully reported upon in the Journal.

Roman: Mrs. Graham excavated a rubbish-pit at Bray; Dr. Fletcher reported the discovery of a substantial Roman building at Sutton Courtenay. Mr. D. B. Connah with the boys of St. Bartholomew Grammar School Archaeological Society continued excavating the kiln sites at Hamstead Marshall, resulting in the identification of a T-shaped corn-drying kiln and other remains. They also rendered valuable assistance to Dr. Slade at Sonning.

Medieval: Mrs. G. Pike investigated a medieval cemetery at Mackney Farm, near Brightwell.

Miss Swadling directed the Annual Congress of the Society at Ross-on-Wye and the Welsh border country. Notes on the places visited were contributed by Dr. M. Kaines-Thomas, Miss Carleton-Williams. Lt. Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore was also present. Miss Swadling arranged and directed other excursions of the Society during the summer months as enumerated in Section 8.

PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS: The Council were occupied very largely with the fate of further old buildings in the County. We were consulted on many occasions by the County Planning Dept. and other bodies. We were unsuccessful in our extended efforts to preserve No. 22, The Forbury, Reading, and Greyfriars' Vicarage has also been pulled down against our protests. A great success is to be reported from Steventon, where the interesting cruck range, Nos. 39-41-43, The Causeway has been saved and was undergoing repair when visited by the Society on 8th September. Buildings at Caversham, Reading, Wantage, Abingdon, Newbury Wokingham and Windsor have been under observation.

4. FINANCE: This has not been an easy year and our formerly successful efforts in pegging expenditure were defeated by rising prices, notably in general

printing, stationery and postages. To some extent these rises reflect the increasing membership and activity of the Society, our income from Subscriptions and Donations rose by ten per cent. Once again we were greatly assisted by a substantial contribution from the Excursion and Congress Funds and we have been fortunate in securing grants towards the cost of printing special papers in the Journal. Many members played their part in dispensing with acknowledgments of their subscriptions and by paying promptly, thus obviating the expense of reminders and other superfluous correspondence. As a result we were able to make substantial contributions towards excavations and to maintain our reserves at a healthy level to ensure the continuance of our activities in all fields.

5. PUBLICATIONS: Two issues of the Journal were produced, Vols. 58 (March) and 59 (November), in the new format, which has been very well received. Vol. 60, which will bring our issues up to date, is expected to be released after Easter, 1963. Mention should be made of a book on the Ridgeway, published by our active member, Mr. P. H. Crampton which received wide notice and circulation in the County and beyond.

Our thanks are due to the Editorial Committee, in particular Mr. Wymer, for their exertions in producing our Journals.

6. DELEGATES FROM THE SOCIETY: We were ably represented at the London and provincial meetings of the Council for British Archaeology, the Watlington House Committee, the British Records Association and the Silchester Excavation Committee. The unveiling of a plaque at St. Mary Bourne (7th April) in memory of Dr. Joseph Stevens, the historian and first Curator of Reading Museum by our Hon. Member Professor H. L. Hawkins, F.R.S., was attended by several members. The Professor gave a memorable address with some of his recollections of the Doctor.

7. HOSPITALITY: We continue most happily to be indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University for their permission to use the University for our Meetings and the Buttery for our refreshment afterwards. The Director and Staff of Reading Museum arranged accommodation for us in the Town Hall buildings for meetings of the Council. Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Mary Freeman and the Hon. Secretary contributed with refreshments during Excursions.

8. LECTURES:

- 27 Jan. *Field Archaeology on the Berkshire and Marlborough Downs*, by our member Mr. Patrick Crampton.
- 24 Feb. *Excavation and Air Photography in Berkshire, 1961*, by Mr. John Wymer and Mr. W. H. Manning.
- 17 Mar. *The Iron Age Forts on Breedon Hill, Worcs.*, by Mr. Nicholas Thomas, M.A., F.S.A.
- 28 April *Berkshire Hill Forts: Presidential Address* by Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A.
- 13 Oct. *Excavations at Sonning, 1959-1962*, by Dr. C. F. Slade, F.R.Hist.S.

- 17 Nov. *Ashbury Manor House*, by Dr. Margaret Kaines-Thomas (Vice-President) and Mr. W. A. Pantin, F.B.A., F.S.A., (Vice-Provost of Oriel College, Oxford).
- 8 Dec. *Underwater Archaeology*, by Miss Joan du Plat Taylor, F.S.A., (Librarian to the London University Institute of Archaeology).

EXCURSIONS:

- 8 May Windsor, Datchet and Eton, Warfield and Binfield, arranged with the assistance of the Mayor of Windsor, the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Shorland and Mrs. Jacob.
- 28 May- Congress at Ross-on-Wye and the southern
- 1 June Marches of Wales (see separate report).
- 4 July Longford Castle and Breamore House.
- 17 July The Excavations at Waylands Smithy, by kind invitation of Professors Stuart Piggott and R. J. C. Atkinson.
- 25 Aug. West Wycombe Church and House.
- 8 Sept. Sutton Courtenay, Stevenon Priory and parsonage, Harwell, the Church, Wellshedd House and Middle Farm with descriptions by Mr. P. S. Spokes and Dr. Fletcher.

9. ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

- 1. Leicester University, Dept. of English Local History: Occasional Papers No. 14; *The Clerk of the Peace in Caroline Somerset*, by Thos. G. Barnes, D.Phil.
- No. 15, *Blackburnshire*, a study in early Lancashire History by R. B. Smith. (by purchase)
- 2. *Trabalhos Di Antropologia E Etnologia* Vol. XVIII Fare 3-4. Porto, 1961-62. Contains an illustrated article on small houses in Porto and Recife, also small houses in the Portuguese coastal region. Fernando Galbano contributes a well-illustrated article on basket-making in the Douro and Minto areas. (by exchange)
- 3. *Record Office Memorandum*—House of Lords:
 - No. 24 The Braye MS, bought by the Record Office, 26.1.61.
 - No. 25 The use of finding aids in the Record Office Search Room.
 - No. 26 Handlist of Paintings, Drawings and Engravings etc. of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, 1523-1900.
 - No. 27 Report for 1961. Presented by Maurice Bond, O.B.E., F.S.A.
- 4. *Ancient Fields*—a tentative analysis of vanishing earthworks and landscapes, by H. C. Bowen, British Association, 1962 (purchased).
- 5. *Town and Country Planning List of Buildings of special architectural or historical interest*, No. P.95.13. dated 6 February 1962. Rural District of Hungerford.
- 6. *Kentish Sources: aspects of agriculture and industry*. Ed. Eliz. Melling, B.A. Maidstone, Kent C.C. 1961. (purchased).
- 7. *The "Running Lottery" of the Virginia Company*, by P. Walne, off-print from: *The Virginia Magazine of History & Biography*, Vol. 70 No. 1. Jan. 1962. 5 pp. Presented by Mr. P. Walne.
- 8. *Encientes de l'Age du Fer au Pays des Lemovices*, par Mme. Aylwin Cotton et M. Sheppard Frere:

- reprint from GALLIA, Tome XIX 1961. *Regional Variations in British Hillfort structure*, by M. A. Cotton; offprint from Sonderdruck aus dem Bericht Über den V. Int. Kongress für Vor- und Frühgeschichte, Hamburg, 1958. (Presented by Mrs. M. A. Cotton).
9. *Report of the Society of the Friends of St. Georges and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter*, Vol. IV No. 2 for year ending 31 Dec. 1961.
 10. *Council for British Archaeology*, Report No. 12 for year ended 30th June 1962.
 11. *Essays in Memory of Sir Hilary Jenkinson*: Ed. for the Society of Archivists by A. E. J. Hollaender, 1962. Contains: The British Records Assn. and the modern archive movement, by Maurice F. Bond, and the Development of Local Archive Service in England by Dr. Felix Hull and Miss E. Ralph. (by purchase).
 12. *14th Annual Report of the County Archivist for the Royal County of Berkshire*.
 13. *English Parish Records*. B.R.A. Memorandum No. 17, (1962).
 14. *A Medieval Miscellany for Doris Mary Stenton*, general editors P. M. Barnes and Dr. C. F. Slade. Published by the Pipe Roll Soc. Vol. LXXVI. New Series Vol. XXXVI for the year 1960. Contains a portrait, a preface by the Editors, Whitley Deeds of the 12th century by C. F. Slade, Some Charters relating to the Honour of Bacton, ed. Barbara Dodwell, also a list of the published writings of Lady Stenton.
 15. *Middle Farm, Harwell*, by John M. Fletcher, M.A., Ph.D., (Reprint from Harlequin, Spring, 1962).
- Cruck Houses & Barns in England*, MS. with distribution map, by Dr. W. F. Libby & J. M. Fletcher. 25 July 1962. Presented by Dr. J. M. Fletcher.

10. OBITUARIES:

MR. W. J. BARKUS: A member of the Society from 1945, Mr. Barkus was active on our Council from 1947-1958. He took particular interest in the Excursions and Congresses of the Society and rendered sterling help to the organisers on all occasions.

MISS HELEN MASTERS: Introduced to the Society by Miss Baily in 1949, elected to the Council in 1957, being of great assistance to the Excursion Secretary. Miss Masters rarely missed a Meeting or excursion, and was a friend of the late Miss Margaret Curtis. They made many travels abroad together and attended Congresses of other Societies, gaining very considerable knowledge of home and foreign antiquities and how to see them to advantage. Miss Masters broke her leg outside Reading University on her way to attend a Council Meeting on Nov. 11th 1961. With her usual self-effacement, Miss Masters made light of this disaster, and members only heard about it several days later. After many months of illness, Miss Masters died on April 1.

MR. A. G. SHIRREFF: A member of a Berkshire family associated with Sparsholt, Mr. Shirreff joined the Society in 1946 during an excursion to that place by the Society, he having returned to his native village after a life-time of service in India. Elected to the Council in 1948, he was continuously active in west Berkshire, in campaigns for the restoring of

monuments and glass in Sparsholt church and the Norman church at East Shefford, also the Fettiplace monuments at Childrey. He explored and recorded Downland earthworks and barrows, and organised many excursions for us in his district. A student of Asiatic folklore he was a recognised authority in many fields of the Indian language and customs. He took a great interest in the Windsor Guildhall Exhibition and provided and arranged commemorative material for the centenary exhibition of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. He also promoted a remarkable local Exhibition at Sparsholt in 1958. He was an authority on the history and distribution of the game of Nine Men's Morris, discovering the game on a stone built into the north doorway of Sparsholt church. See also *The Times*, 6 September 1962.

CONGRESS AT ROSS-ON-WYE AND THE MARCHES OF WALES

May 28th-June 1st,

directed by Miss M. M. Swadling

On May 28th some 50 members and friends set out for Ross-on-Wye and our headquarters at the Valley Hotel. Our first call of interest on the way was Tewkesbury Abbey, noting particularly its Norman nave, central tower and transepts. A brief journey, and we were at Deerhurst Church where so much of the original Saxon work remains; we also visited the small Saxon chapel which happily is to be restored. Passing through the Forest of Dean with its magnificent woodland and prospects of distant hills, we were glad to reach the Speech House, Coleford, now an hotel, where the Forest Courts are still held. After tea a pleasant run through the Forest brought us to our hotel at Ross. The next morning we set out down the Wye Valley, the more strenuous of the party visiting Goodrich Castle, first mentioned in A.D. 1101, and built to guard the ford over the Wye. A brief glimpse of Monmouth and its famous bridge over the Monnow and we were soon at Tintern Abbey, that most beautiful of monastic ruins, a Cistercian foundation dating from 1131. After lunch we set out for Chepstow, where some of our party visited the Castle which stands on a steep cliff overlooking the Wye. Mentioned in Domesday, this Castle was of the greatest importance until the close of the 17th century, and has many interesting features. The rest of the party meanwhile had proceeded to Caerleon-on-Usk, the fortress of the II Augustan Legion where, by a most remarkable chance, excavations had just recommenced under the direction of our friend, Mr. George Boon, formerly of Reading Museum who conducted us round the site. Both parties met again at Cefntilla Court, Usk, the residence of Lord Raglan. Built in 1616 but with earlier features, notably the famous painted heraldic carving of 1510 it formed an introduction to Raglan Castle, perhaps the most perfect of the 15th and 16th century fortified residences, now in the care of the Ministry of Works.

On Wednesday, passing by the way Grosmont Castle, one of the Tripartite Castles built to defend the Welsh Border, we visited Abbey Dore, formerly a 12th century Cistercian house, in use as a parish church since the 17th century. Proceeding up the

Golden Valley we came to Peterchurch, an interesting Norman foundation with an apse. We then made for Brecon, where at the Cathedral, the former Benedictine Priory Church, we were received by the Dean and shown the many features of the fine building. Later we visited Tretower Court, one of the most complete of the great fortified mediaeval houses of Wales, now being restored by the Ministry of Works. Making for Abergavenny, we much enjoyed a brief stay there, with a quick glimpse of the famous tomb in the Church. One of the highlights of the week was our journey up the remote Honddu valley to the ruined Llanthony Priory, an outstanding example of the late Romanesque style. Later one party visited Hereford Cathedral, while the other went to Weobley and to Leominster Priory Church, formerly a cell of Reading Abbey. The nave dates from 1130, and the windows of the 14th century south aisle are of interest for their lavish display of ballflower decoration. The parties were re-united at Ledbury and on their way back to Ross, viewed the ancient manor of Hellens at Much Marcle.

During our homeward journey on June 1st, we first visited Kempley Old Church of Norman date, with its unusual 12th century Chancel frescoes. After lunch at Cirencester we made our way to Chedworth Roman villa, which was the last visit of our tour, and with a brief halt at Cricklade for tea we set off for Reading.

Again this year we enjoyed the support of many of our old friends. On three evenings coloured slides of their world-wide travels were shown by Col. Rivers-Moore and Col. Martin, and slides of earlier Congresses and excursions by other members. We had great pleasure in entertaining guests at dinner, including Prebendary Stockley, who afterwards conducted us round his church at Ross, and the Rev. G. Webster, formerly of Berkshire, who arranged the most interesting visit to Hereford Cathedral which was so much enjoyed by all taking part. The Excursion Secretary was most grateful for the assistance given by Mrs. Margaret Jacob, who took charge of one of the coaches throughout the tour.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1962

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Excursion Account 1962

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance of Account at 1st January, 1962	6 14 0	Printing and Stationery	9 9 5
Excursions:		Postages and Telephone Calls	11 5 11
Windsor ..	13 9	Cheque Book	41 5 4
Longford ..	7 5 6	Contribution to General Account	5 0 0
Ashbury ..	2 18 0	Balance of Account at 31st December, 1962	
West Wycombe ..	4 17 9		
North Berks.	3 2 6		
	18 17 6		
Congress—Ross-on-Wye	39 19 11		
Bank Interest received	1 13 5		
	£67 4 10		

Excavation Fund Account 1962

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1962	45 17 4	Donation to Upton Nerve Excavation	20 0 0
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	20 0 0	Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1962	45 17 4
	£65 17 4		

Journal Fund Account 1962

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1962	674 16 5	Printing Volume 58	473 15 0
Sale of Journals	45 10 9	Postages and Telephone Calls	11 11 9
Grants:		Duplicating	1 0 10
Min. of Public Buildings (Cox Green)	99 0 0	Reproduction Fee	2 6
Min. of Public Buildings (Row Down)	27 0 0	Purchase of old Journals	1 10 0
Reading University (Perboro' Castle)	3 0 0	Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1962	601 7 1
	129 0 0		
Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	240 0 0		
	£1089 7 2		

Berkshire Historic Buildings Fund Account 1962

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1962 55 16 5	Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1962 67 8 5
Bank Interest received 1 12 0		
Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account 10 0 0		
	<u>£67 8 5</u>		<u>£67 8 5</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1962

CAPITAL		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
General Fund:		Cash at Bank:	
As at 1st January, 1962 484 14 6	Thames Valley Trustee Savings Bank	.. 395 3 6
Excess of Income over Expenditure	Barclays Bank Ltd.	
General Account for the year ended 31.12.62	2 9 2	Current Account 216 9 2
	<u>487 3 8</u>	Deposit Account 232 18 5
Journal Fund 601 7 1	Excursion Account 5 0 0
Excavation Fund 45 17 4	Deposit Account (Berks. Historic Bldg. Fund) 67 8 5
Berks. Historic Building Fund 67 8 5		
Excursion Account 5 0 0		
	<u>£1206 16 6</u>		
		4½% Defence Bonds at cost	916 19 6
		£200 British Electricity (4½%) Guaranteed	100 0 0
		Stock 1967-69 at cost	189 17 0
			<u>£1206 16 6</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet which is in agreement with the books and vouchers produced to us.

48 MARKET PLACE,
READING, BERKS.
22nd February, 1963.

C. J. HAYWARD & Co.
Chartered Accountants.

BERKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Report of the Council for the Year 1963

1. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held in the Zoology Lecture Theatre at Reading University on Saturday, April 20th, 1963. The President, Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton occupied the Chair. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1962 were adopted. On the proposition of Mr. Connah, supported by Dr. Slade, Mrs. Cotton was unanimously re-elected President. The Vice-Presidents and other Officers were re-elected, a special Vote of Thanks being accorded (with applause) to Miss Swadling for her continued efforts as Excursion Secretary. Members of the Council retiring under Rule 5: Rev. S. E. Chavasse, Miss E. D. Amphlett, Dr. C. F. Slade and Mr. A. J. C. Neobard were re-elected. Dr. J. M. Fletcher, Mr. W. J. Smith, Mr. H. W. Copsey, Mr. L. O. Hunter and Mr. P. H. Crampton were elected to fill vacancies.

Alteration to the Rules: The following was adopted: That Educational establishments be invited to join the Society as Corporate Members. Corporate Membership will give one copy of the Journal and all Notices and will entitle up to four members of the institution to attend any meeting of the Society. The Corporate Subscription shall be fixed at £2.2. That a Member of the Council be appointed Liaison Officer for Corporate Members, to arrange such special Meetings of the Society in different parts of the County as these members may desire. Mrs. G. M. Feeney was unanimously elected to fill the new office of Liaison Officer.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 28th April, 1962 having been circulated, were confirmed. A number of new members were elected, the President then delivered her Annual Address (see Section 8).

2. MEMBERSHIP		Honorary	Corporate
31 Dec. 1962		9	—
31 Dec. 1963		—	6
		9	6
Ordinary	Deaths	Resigned	Total
481	—	—	490
73	8	14	57
554	8	14	547

The deaths of the following are noted with regret: Rev. R. Collins (1957); Miss N. M. Harris, O.B.E. (1955); Rev. Canon H. Wardley King (1954); J. R. Knox (1961); Lt. Col. J. Martin, M.C. (1948); Edmund Newberry (1945); W. Pulsford (1953); Miss M. Towne (1962). A note on some of these late members appears in Section 11.

3. PROGRESS OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE SOCIETY AND THE COUNTY: The year has produced a most welcome increase in our membership which has widened the field of our influence. In particular the introduction

of the corporate membership scheme aimed at bringing in schools and other educational institutions has made a most promising start. All our Meetings and excursions have been excellently supported, even a trial meeting held in inclement weather during January at Wantage, the first in that town for many years, was well attended. In the field, more of our members have supported the activities of the Research Group, work during the year may be briefly summarised:

Paleolithic: Mr. Wymer cut a section in the Lynch Hill terrace at Shiplake.

Mesolithic: Mr. Wymer reports the human arm bone found at Thatcham is now proved to have been deposited in the Borean period. It is the only human fragment in Britain so far discovered which can be definitely dated to this period.

Neolithic: The Ministry continued the investigation of the first or underbarrow at Wayland's Smithy, directed as before by Professors Stuart Piggott and R. J. C. Atkinson. The results have been widely publicised and a full report is awaited with interest. The Research Group completely excavated a circular ring-ditch at Englefield, finding Neolithic pottery of almost every British type. The work was directed by Mr. Paul Ashbee and Mr. J. J. Wymer. A similar ditch was partially examined at Beenham.

Bronze Age: The Ordnance Survey Archaeology Branch re-surveyed the County during the year, receiving much assistance from our records. They noted for the first time the largest barrow in the County at Easthampstead. In this field of barrow-study, our Council member, Mr. H. W. Copsey made a useful survey in the "no-man's land" of the East Berks, Surrey and Hampshire borders, bringing records up to date.

Iron Age and Roman: Messrs. Crampton and Percival have dug an anomaly detected by Dr. Aitken with the proton gradiometer near the find-spot of the Moultsford torque. Four Roman coffined burials were found. Mr. Manning dug a further season at Ufton Nervet, and uncovered a large area of a Roman enclosure by novel mechanical methods. In the enclosure were some pits and traces of wooden buildings.

Mr. Connah and the St. Bartholomew's Grammar School Arch. Society continued their investigation of the Hamstead Marshall kilns.

Many other small sites were investigated, including two of the small mounds S.E. of Caesar's Camp, Easthampstead, which are now dated to the early 19th century. Watch was kept on gravel pits at Bray producing numerous finds from a Neolithic bone weaving comb to a mediaeval boot. Street excavations at Reading, Windsor and elsewhere were covered. *The Times* (27.12.63) published an article "New Digs in the Kennet Valley".

OTHER FIELD ACTIVITIES: Miss Swadling directed a most ambitious Congress in Cornwall which was well

supported. Other Excursions are mentioned in Section 8.

PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS: The Council were almost continuously engaged in recording and correspondence over the fate of many of the County's buildings. We were again frequently consulted by the County Planning Dept. and other Public bodies and were able to make suggestions and alterations to plans submitted which we think were to the advantage of both the developers and the buildings under development. The most serious loss was the final demolition of No. 22, The Forbury, Reading. Active recording work was carried out particularly by Messrs. Spokes, Fletcher and Sturdy, while at Windsor, a small local Committee was successful in getting 13 groups of buildings (including the Southern Railway Station—1851) added to the List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic interest under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY: Work on recording the surviving monuments has been slow from the lack of helpers. Mr. J. Kenneth Major has, however, completed a detailed survey of the County's water-mills. This is a valuable start to a special line of enquiry.

EXHIBITIONS: Special note should be made of the very successful **HERALDRY EXHIBITION** held in Reading Museum & Art Gallery in October and November which was declared open by Garter. Mr. Bond and your Secretary were again responsible for the 13th Windsor Guildhall Exhibition which ran from April until October.

4. **FINANCE:** This has proved a very expensive year for your Society, the production of two volumes of the Journal involved an outlay of over a thousand pounds on this one aspect of our activities alone. Our reserves were thereby severely depleted although substantial receipts from the sale of old Journals—here we would mention a valuable gift of Journals from our President—a Ministry Grant and a welcome surplus on the Congress and Excursion account restored the position to some extent. Modest grants were made to the Watlington House Appeal and to the cost of the Englefield Excavations, but it is again evident that our subscription income is inadequate to meet the demands of a Society of our status. As before, gratitude is due to all who made voluntary donations to our funds and to that majority of our Members whose prompt payment of subscription has saved us expense and labour in correspondence.

5. **PUBLICATIONS:** Volume 60 of the Journal was issued in June, being well received by all our members and subscribers further afield. Our next publication will be the long-delayed concluding part of Mr. F. Sharpe's work on *The Church Bells of Berkshire* which has been appearing by instalments in our Journal over many years. Our thanks are again due to the Editorial Committee for their further exertions in this section.

The Research Group have issued duplicated Reports, commencing with Bulletin No. 1 in March. This gives an up-to-date summary of work and sites under review and has done much to stimulate interest.

6. **DELEGATES FROM THE SOCIETY:** We have been ably represented at the London and Oxford Meetings of the Council for British Archaeology, the Watlington House Committee and the Heraldry Exhibition Committee, the Public Inquiry into the Reading Eldon St.-Kings Road Development proposals, also many conferences and similar functions outside the County were attended by our members.

7. **HONOURS:** Our congratulations go to Dr. C. F. Slade, Mr. J. J. Wymer and Mrs. J. C. Cole, all elected Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of London on January 10.

8. LECTURES:

- 12 Jan. Members afternoon presided over by Prof. Stiles: contributions were made by Mr. P. Crampton *Moulsford Excavations 1962*; Mr. D. B. Connah *The Hamstead Marshall Kiln Sites 1959-62*; Mrs. G. Pike *Excavations at Mackney, 1962*; Hon. Sec. a tape-recording of Mrs. Cotton with the Dorset Society, October 1962; Prof. Stiles, Miss I. G. Halley and Miss Lindley, photographs taken during Excursions; Mrs. Mary Freeman *The Antonia Pavement, Jerusalem*.
- 26 Jan. (At Icknield School, Wantage—arranged by Mrs. Feeney). J. J. Wymer and W. H. Manning on *Excavation & Survey in Berkshire, 1962*.
- 23 Feb. Mr. Rex Wailes, F.S.A. on *The Recording & Preservation of Industrial Monuments*.
- 16 Mar. Mr. H. H. Coghlan, F.S.A., F.R.A.I., *Pre-History Metallurgy*.
- 20 April Presidential Address by Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A.: *New York University's Excavations of Two Late Republican Roman Villas at Francolise in Campania, Italy*.
- 26 Oct. Mr. Brian Spencer, F.S.A., *Medieval Pilgrim's Badges*.
- 16 Nov. Mr. Paul Ashbee, F.S.A., *Long & Round Barrow Excavations—Some Problems Involved*.
- 14 Dec. Mr. David Sturdy, B.A., *Farmhouses in North Berkshire & District*.

EXCURSIONS:

- 13-18 May **ANNUAL CONGRESS**, directed by Miss Swadling, with headquarters at Newquay, Cornwall.
- 26 June Steeple Aston Church, Rousham House and Chacombe Priory, arranged and conducted by Miss Swadling.
- 20 July Berkshire itinerary arranged with assistance from Mr. P. S. Spokes; Lyford Grange, Fyfield White Hart; Marcham Priory; Appleton Church and Manor (by permission of Mrs. Stubbins), the restorations of Nos. 38-42 The Causeway, Stevenon.
- 17 Aug. By invitation of Professors S. Piggott and R. J. C. Atkinson, the second season's Excavations at Wayland's Smithy, also Purley Hall (by invitation of Major & Mrs. Bradley who entertained the Party with refreshments).

- 12 Sept. Coventry Cathedral, with Kenilworth Castle, arranged by Miss Swadling with assistance from Mr. Cyril J. Scott, F.M.A. and our member Mr. Harold Sale.

9. ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

1. *The Archaeological Soc. of St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury; Progress Report, Hamstead Marshall, 1962.* (Re-printed from *The Newburian, 1962*) gift of D. B. Connah, M.A.
2. *The Somersetshire Arch. & Natural History Soc. Proceedings, 1961-2.* Vol. 106. (By exchange).
3. The Record Office, House of Lords, *Report for 1962.*
The Record Office, House of Lords, *Memorandum No. 28.*
Gift of M. F. Bond, O.B.E., M.A., F.S.A.
4. *The Excavations of the Maglemosian site at Thatcham, Berks,* by J. J. Wymer; from P.P.S. Vol. XXVIII, 1962. Gift of J. J. Wymer, F.S.A.
5. *A collection of postcard views of English Churches and other antiquities* by the late J. W. Dodgson, gift of Mrs. P. Dodgson.
6. List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest issued under the Town & Country Planning Act, 1947. Ref. No. 2062/II/A. Feb. 1963. R.D.C. of Easthampstead.
7. *Report of the Society of the Friends of St. George's and the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter.* Vol. IV No. 3. Dec. 1962.
8. *Trabalhos di Ant. E. Etnologia,* Vol. XIX fasc. I. Porto, Portugal, 1963. (By exchange).
9. *St. Matthew's Harwell—a Guide to the Church* by J. M. Fletcher & P. S. Spokes. Abbey Press, Abingdon, Lent, 1963. Gift of Dr. J. M. Fletcher.
10. *A History of St. Saviour's Church, Mortimer West End, Hants, 1856-1958,* by E. M. Grigg. Parnell, Printer, Reading. Gift of Mrs. E. M. Grigg.
11. *Archives 1956-60.* Published by The Library Association, Section VII. per The British Record Society.
12. *15th Annual Report of the County Archivist, Royal County of Berkshire.* Gift of W. J. Smith, M.A.
13. *Transactions of the London & Middlesex Archaeological Society,* Vol. 21. Part 1. 1963. (By exchange).
14. *Council for British Archaeology,* Report No. 13 for year ended 30 June, 1963. (By purchase).
15. *Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, Proceedings,* Vol. 40. Part 1. 1962-3. (By gift).

10. HOSPITALITY: We express our thanks to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University for continued use of the University buildings for our Meetings, and to the Buttery for refreshment afterwards. To the Director and Staff of Reading Museum and to Mr. Gafford for accommodation at Council and sub-Committee Meetings, and to many others for hospitality during Excursions.

11. OBITUARIES: THE REV. CANON H. WARDLEY KING was curate of Hungerford and at St. Peter's Earley, appointed Vicar of Hungerford 1924-1953. Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, 1952. His associations were mainly with Hungerford where he was interested in church and local history, and he became well known to many of us for a long period. He joined the Society on coming to live in Reading in

1954, and was a most welcome and regular supporter of all our Meetings and Excursions.

LT. COL. JASPER MARTIN, M.C., lived for many years at Nutcroft, Warfield and was for some time an active member of our Council. He undertook investigations into the history of his parish and church, and carried out minor excavations locally, the results of some being published in our Journal (Vol. 55). With his late wife, he was a most constant supporter of all our activities, he always had a contribution to make, and is greatly missed.

EDMUND NEWBERRY was a member of the local family who claimed descent from John Newbery, the 18th century proprietor of *The Reading Mercury*. Mr. Newbery, although living in Sussex, carried on an active correspondence with the Society throughout his membership. He published some notes on his family history, a copy being donated to our Library (see Report, 1960).

W. PULSFORD, a Brother of the Hospital of St. Cross, Winchester, joined us in 1953 and became a picturesque and very popular figure whenever he appeared at Meetings and Excursions. He had many interests, including Broadcasting, and died following an accident while travelling back to Winchester from a visit to Broadcasting House during the severe weather of January.

CONGRESS IN CORNWALL

May 13-18, 1963

On a May morning some 50 members and friends set off for Newquay, the headquarters for the 1963 Congress. The journey was pleasant and uneventful, the run over Dartmoor much enjoyed with a welcome tea break at Moretonhampstead. Our quarters at the Bay Hotel overlooked the famous Fistral Bay.

During the next few days we visited a number of Cornwall's historic churches, of which perhaps the finest is St. Mary Magdalene, Launceston, next to it being Mullion, containing wonderful carved bench-ends.

Among the houses seen were Trerice Manor (1571) with elaborate plaster ceilings and impressive fireplaces; Cotebele House, Calstock, a medieval structure with fine armour, furniture and tapestries; Penfound Manor, Poundstock, easily the favourite among members of all the houses we visited, a manor earlier than Domesday which had belonged to Edith, wife of Edward the Confessor. Our afternoon at Tintagel was unfortunately very wet, King Arthur's Castle could therefore not be visited. The old "Post Office", once a 14th century manor, gives an excellent impression of what local building was like during medieval and Tudor times. A short visit to the modern King Arthur's Hall proved of unexpected interest, as much material of note relating to the Knights of the Round Table had been collected there.

A highlight of the week was a drive along the coast from St. Ives to Land's End, passing many archaeological sites on the way; later the same day the more energetic of the party climbed the rocky slopes of St. Michael's Mount, well rewarded for their efforts by the windswept medieval home of the St. Levan family.

As a complete contrast to all these ancient splendours, we had, on our way to the Lizard, an excellent

view of the Telstar building on Goonhilly Down. Our visits to Bodmin and Lostwithiel, each with a magnificent font in the church, were memorable. Near Lostwithiel, on a spur of high ground west of the river Fowey, stands Restormel Castle, a ruin dating from about 1100. A brief visit here, and our tour of the Duchy was over, for on the following day we returned to Berkshire by the North Devon route,

crossing Bideford Bridge.

Members of the Newquay Old Cornwall Society were most helpful during our visit. Their Secretary assisted with many of our arrangements, and the Chairman, Mr. Charles Woolf (Bard of the Cornish Garsedd) gave us an impressive lecture entitled "Cornish Panorama", illustrated with his own colour slides.

Berkshire Historic Buildings Fund Account 1963

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1963	67 8 5	Donation to Watlington House	10 10 0
Donations from Members	8 17 0	Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1963	82 3 5
Bank Interest received	1 8 0		
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	15 0 0		
	£92 13 5		£92 13 5

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1963

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1962 General Fund:		Investments:	
Balance as on 1st January 1963	487 3 8	4½% Defence Bonds at cost (Market Value 100)	100 0 0
Add: Amount written back re purchase of Typewriter (1962)	24 7 6	£200 4½% British Electricity Guaranteed Stock 1967-69 at cost (Market Value 200)	189 17 0
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	511 11 2	Typewriter—at cost	24 7 6
	11 19 0	Less: Provision for Depreciation	2 7 6
487 Excavation Fund:	499 12 2		22 0 0
46 Balance as on 31st December, 1963	45 17 4	Cash at Banks:	
Berks. Historic Buildings Fund:		Thames Valley Trustees Savings Bank	50 14 2
Balance as on 31st December, 1963	82 3 5	Barclays Bank Limited:	
	128 0 9	Current Account	263 6 11
Excursion Account:		Deposit Account	151 14 10
5 Balance as on 31st December, 1963	5 0 0	Excursion Account	5 0 0
Journal Account:			470 15 11
601 Provision for Printing of Journal	150 0 0		
	£782 12 11		£782 12 11
£1207			

We have examined the above Balance Sheet which is in agreement with the books and vouchers produced to us.

48 MARKET PLACE,
READING, BERKS.
16th March, 1964.

C. J. HAYWARD & Co.
Chartered Accountants.