

THE BERKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Summary of Report to the Council for 1972

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1972. The Annual Business Meeting was held at Reading University on 29th April, 1972. Dr Slade taking the Chair, supported by the Hon. Secretary. The Report and Accounts for 1971 were presented by the Chairman and adopted. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24th April, 1971 having been circulated were passed and signed. Mrs Feeney seconded by Miss Mason proposed the re-election of Dr Slade as President for the ensuing year; the proposal was adopted with acclamation. The re-election proceeded of the Vice-Presidents with the addition of Professor J. C. Holt, and the other Officers with the substitution of Miss D. Mason in place of Dr. Kemp as Deputy Hon. Sec. and Mr R. J. Lee as Hon. Librarian in place of Mr Horrocks; these proposals were made from the Chair and carried. Mr Bull proposed and Miss Few seconded the re-election of Mr C. J. Hayward as Hon. Auditor. For the Council the retiring members Mr Major, Dr Pike, Mr Rutland, Miss Green, Mr Connah and Mr Stanley were re-elected. Mr W. J. Smith was proposed and elected to fill a vacancy. Under any other business, it was proposed from the floor that the name of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr J. G. Gafford, should be displayed more prominently on the Society's notices. Miss Helen Jones and Mrs G. E. Morris were elected members of the Society. Dr Slade for his Presidential Address chose as his subject: *The Coinage of England*. (See also Section 9).

2. MEMBERSHIP

Hon.	Corporate	Ordinary	Deaths	Total
7	18	461	12	486

Thirty-nine new members joined the Society during the year. It is with regret that we record the deaths of the following: Mr H. V. Ballard (1961); Mrs Beatrice Butler (1958); Mrs E. M. Grigg (1953); Miss S. P. Harnett (1968); Mrs E. N. Langton (1954); Miss H. S. Liddiard (1968); Miss D. C. Read (1946); Mrs W. A. Swain (1950); Mr T. D. Tremlett (1951); His Grace the Duke of Wellington (Vice-President) (1946); Mr C. B. Willcocks (Vice-President) (1920); and Miss E. Carleton-Williams (Vice-President) (1912). (For some obituaries, see Section 9).

3. THE SOCIETY. All Meetings and Excursion, including a two-day visit to Sussex, were well supported. The Council met six times during the year.

4. FIELDWORK AND EXCAVATION. Dr Slade with Reading Museum on behalf of the Department of the Environment continued investigation of further parts at

the east end of Reading Abbey revealed during alterations to Reading Gaol. The Abingdon Excavation Committee was instituted during the year, two members of our Council being members. Our Society made a donation to their first year's expenses and the results of the investigations by their full-time archaeologist, Mr David Miles, have been summarised in the C.B.A. Group Newsletter no 3. From Maidenhead and district Mr L. J. Over reports further work on the Maglemosian site at Braywick, on a Mesolithic floor at Bisham (in advance of the M4/M40 link road); a new ditch found on the site of the Cox Green Roman villa and work took place at Spencer's Farm. Recording continued in the town of Maidenhead prior to the destruction of many buildings for the new ring road, a number of other buildings elsewhere in danger of demolition were investigated and recorded. Your Hon. Secretary continued photographing Listed Buildings in the County.

5. THE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP. In association with University and the W.E.A., courses have been held in Reading, Wokingham and Newbury. Members of the Group and Courses have visited Guildford and Godalming, Gloucester and Stroud, and London Dockland. Surveys have been proceeding to examine and record Berkshire Breweries, Gasworks and wind engines. A horse-wheel has been dismantled with its associated building for re-erection in due course at Greys Court. We should congratulate Mr F. C. Padley on the production of his booklet, *A Village in the Town*, which describes the small area to the north of the Berkshire Hospital in Reading. Kenneth Major has also produced a booklet, *Water raising by Animal Power*.

6. PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS. The Architectural sub-Committee again report a record number of cases for review. Twenty-four instances of Listed Buildings for demolition were received against which objection was lodged in respect of 12. Results from several objections are still pending but at least three have been successful. Our advice was sought in respect of 14 major developments of restorations, the most important being the medieval Bethlehem Chapel at East Hendred which is now being renovated for conversion to a library and museum. An unusual case was in respect of re-siting an old water-pump on the Bath Road at Calcot. Representations on your behalf were made at two Public Inquiries and plans were submitted from County Planning Department in connection with 75 buildings in the County on which we made comment. Three Village Plans were received.

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7. FINANCE. The income from subscriptions rose slightly and the many Members who included extra donations with their payments are thanked for their generosity. The general increase in income reflects one special gift of £20 and a legacy from a deceased Member brought in £100. In addition there were profits from Excursions and the sale of runs of the Journal which have enabled us to augment our income from investment, thus despite the general inflationary pressure of the times, our annual subscription has remained stable for the ninth year.

8. PERSONAL. Mrs Shelagh Bond published *The Building and Repair of Datchet, Iwer and Langley Churches*; Miss V. F. M. Garlick *Newbury Charities and Gifts*; Mrs Howse Pusey *A Parish Record*; Mr Kenneth Major *England and Wales' Contribution to the Molinological Map and The Horse-driven Corn-mill in England*; and Mr F. Sharpe *The Church Bells of Herefordshire*, Volume IV.

9. LECTURES

22nd January

Mr H. Godwin Arnold on *Steeple House and Meeting House, 1650-1800*.

19th February

Miss Angela Green on *The Stevens Family of Bradfield*.

18th March

Mr Kenneth Major on *Horse Engines*.

29th April

(Annual General Meeting). Dr C. F. Slade on *The Coinage of England*.

28th October

Professor J. E. Gordon on *Ancient Warships*.

18th November

Mr David Spiers on *Cotswold Morris Dances and Related Customs* (illustrated by the Whiteknights Morris Men).

9th December

Mr George Holleyman on *Roman Spain*.

10. EXCURSIONS

19th/20th April

Two day visit to Sussex (see separate report section 14).

6th May

Visit to London including the Houses of Parliament and the British Transport Museum.

3rd June

Caerleon, Caerwent and Tintern Abbey.

22nd June

Shalford Mill, Loseley House and Wisley Gardens.

15th July

The Source of the Thames, Cirencester Roman Museum, Fairford Church, Shellingford Church and Milton House.

All the excursions (excepting the two-day event) were organised and directed by Mrs Slade.

II. OBITUARIES

Mr T. D. Tremlett, M.A., F.S.A., died at Maidenhead on 5th November. An Oriel scholar, he became a master at Bruton and later Tutor at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He edited a new edition of *Papworth's Ordinary of Arms* sponsored by the Society of Antiquaries and was for some time Asst. Secretary of that Society. He had lectured to our Society on Berkshire Seals and was a good friend and adviser on many problems both administrative as well as historical. (See *The Times*, 8th December, 1972).

The Seventh Duke of Wellington, K.G., F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., died on 4th January; a very distinguished scholar and antiquary, he had been one of our Vice-Presidents since 1946. He was continuously interested in all our activities and would have accepted the office of President at one time had not his appointment as Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire brought other calls on his time. (See *The Times*, 5th, 6th and 8th January, 1972).

Mr C. B. Willcocks, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., died on 25th December. Born at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, he was educated at Reading School and as an architect he practised in Reading all his life. Hon. Sec. of the *Berks. Soc. of Architects* in 1920, he became their Chairman in 1928, he was also one of the founders of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Architectural Association. In 1922 he founded the Local History Recording Scheme, later known as the Local History Committee, which has been continuously active ever since; the scheme was copied by many other counties. In 1929 he was instrumental in preserving Watlington House, used today as a Social Service centre. He was elected to the executive council of the Thames Valley Branch of the C.P.R.E. in 1939. In August, 1940 Mr Willcocks made proposals to Lord Esher which led to the formation of the National Buildings Record. In Berkshire 60 local photographers were enrolled and during the first year nearly 4,000 photographs of Berkshire buildings were collected, these with further additions now form part of the National Monuments Record at 23 Savile Row, London. He served for many years as an active member of our Society's Council and was elected a Vice-President in 1954.

Miss Ethel Carleton-Williams, M.A., F.S.A., died on 15th September. A member of our Society from 1912 she had lectured to us many times on medieval wall paintings and other subjects. Miss Carleton-Williams was a very successful author of travel books and historical biographies, these included *Companion into Derbyshire*, *Companion into Oxfordshire*, *The Lure of Castile*; *Dorothy Vernon* in 1960 was one of that year's "best-sellers"; *Bess of Hardwick* (1959) and *My Lord of Bedford* (1963). Her guides to local churches included *Goring-on-Thames* and *Warfield*. Elected a Vice-President in 1962, Miss Carleton-Williams regularly attended our meetings almost to her final year.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1972

1971	EXPENDITURE		1971	INCOME	
	£	£.p	£		£.p
35	Printing and Stationery ...	...	502	Subscriptions ...	...
50	Postages and Telephones ...	...	15	Donations ...	...
6	Purchases of Publications ...	...		<i>Dividend:</i>	...
	<i>Subscriptions Paid:</i>	£.p	5	5½% National Development Bonds	...
	S.P.A.B. ...	2.10	134	Bank Interest (Gross) ...	...
	Friends of St. George's ...	0.50	41	Profit on Excursion transferred from Excursion Account	...
	Friends of Reading University ...	5.25	14	Sale of Publications (other than Journals)	...
	British Records Association ...	1.50	—	Legacy (Miss E. Carleton-Williams)	...
	C.B.A. 9th Regional Group ...	1.00	3	Profit on Centenary Dinner	...
	C.B.A. ...	7.50	2	Subscription cancelled	...
22	English Place-Name Society ...	4.50			...
			22.35		
20	Lecturers' Expenses ...	...		
6	Working Projector ...	...		
44	Rent of Room—Watlington House ...	...	£716		£926.87
11	Rent of Lecture Room—Reading University	...			
5	Insurance ...	...		
4	Gratuities ...	...		
5	Auditor's Fees ...	...		
—	Wreath ...	...		
—	Bank Charges ...	...		
2	Depreciation of Typewriter ...	...		
506	Balance Carried Down ...	...	506	Balance brought down ...	...
			£506		£688.60
£716		£926.87			
<i>Reserves approved by Council:</i>					
30	Berks Historic Buildings Fund ...	...		
25	Excavation Fund ...	...		
425	Printing Cost, Vol. 66 Journal (Reserve)	...			
	Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure and Reserves ...	...		
26		530.17			
£506		£688.60			

Excavation Fund Account

Grant: Abingdon Archaeological Appeal ...	£ p		£ p
Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1972 ...	15.00	Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1972 ...	130.87
	140.87	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account ...	25.00
	<u>£155.87</u>		<u>£155.87</u>

Excursion Account

Printing and Stationery ...	5.50	Profit on Excursions:	£ p
Postages and Telephone ...	5.18	Houses of Parliament ...	3.48
Subscriptions—National Trust ...	2.00	Caerleon ...	32.16
Profit transferred to General Account ...	67.12	Wisley ...	1.46
		Cirencester ...	2.15
		Sussex ...	40.55
	<u>£79.80</u>		<u>79.80</u>
			<u>£79.80</u>

Journal Account

Printing of Journal Vol. 65 ...	770.30	Balance of Account at 1st January, 1972 ...	1592.80
Postages ...	23.49	Sale of Journals ...	117.56
Purchase—Back Numbers of Journal ...	30.00	Provision for Printing Vol. 66 ...	113.43
Balance of Account at 31st December, 1972 ...	1000.00		
	<u>£1823.79</u>		<u>£1823.79</u>

Berkshire Historic Buildings Fund

Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1972 ...	215.19	Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1972 ...	181.59
		Bank Interest Received ...	13.60
		Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account ...	20.00
	<u>£215.19</u>		<u>£215.19</u>

Berkshire Field Research Group

Subscription: Berkshire Joint Committee for Archaeology ...	0.50	Balance in Hand at 1st January, 1972 ...	76.45
Balance in Hand at 31st December, 1972 ...	76.75	Subscriptions ...	0.80
	<u>£77.25</u>		<u>£77.25</u>

Silchester Excavation Committee Account

Balance of Account at 31st December, 1972 ...	336.47	Balance of Account at 1st January, 1972 ...	313.07
		Bank Interest Received ...	23.40
	<u>£336.47</u>		<u>£336.47</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1972

1971 £	£.p	1971 £	£.p
<i>General Fund:</i>			
	Balance as at 1st January, 1972 1154.10		
1154	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure and Reserves ... 530.17		
	<u>1684.27</u>		
	<i>Excavation Fund</i> ... 140.87		
312	<i>Berks Historic Buildings Fund</i> ... 215.19		
	<u>356.06</u>		
<i>Journal Account:</i>			
1593	Provision for printing Journal ...	72	
77	<i>Berks Field Research Group A/c:</i>		
	Balance of Account as at 31st December, 1972 ... 76.75	1742	
	Sundry Creditors ... 0.28		
	<u>77.03</u>		
<i>Silchester Excavation Committee Account:</i>			
313	Balance of Account as at 31st December, 1972 ...	77	
	<u>336.47</u>		
	<i>Investments:</i>		
	5½% National Development Bonds at cost (Market Value £100) ...	100	
	<i>Typewriter at Cost</i> ...		
	<i>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</i> ...	3	
	<u>24.37</u>		
	<i>Cash at Bank:</i>		
	Thames Valley Trustee Savings Bank ...		
	Thames Valley Trustee Special Investment ...		
	Barclays Bank Ltd.: Current Account ...		
	Deposit Account—Silchester Excavation Committee ...		
	National Westminster Bank Ltd.: Current Account (Berks Field Research Group) ...		
	<u>76.73</u>		
	<i>Cash in Hand:</i>		
	Excursion Secretary ...	1	
	Berks Field Research Group ...		
	<u>6.42</u>		
	<u>0.80</u>		
	<u>3346.61</u>		
	<u>£3449</u>		
	<u>£3453.83</u>		

We have prepared the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts from the books and papers produced to us, and the information and explanations given us, and WE CERTIFY the same to be in accordance therewith.

26 CROSS STREET, READING, BERKS.
14th March, 1973

C. J. HAYWARD AND COMPANY
Chartered Accountants