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National Museum of Wales; Arthur MacGregor, Ashmolean Museum; Robert Moore, Northampton Museum; Miss S. J. Reed, Reading Museum; Robert Rutland, Leicester Museum; Mark Wingate, Winchester Museum.

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NOTES


ROOF TILES FROM MANCETTER, WARWICKSHIRE (Fig. 8)

During restoration to outbuildings at Mancetter Farm (SP 320 965), ten roof tiles were found with central ‘cart wheel’ stamps (Fig. 8), probably impressed while the tiles were still in their moulds. Similar stamps have been found on late 14th-early 15th-century pottery at the Nuneaton kiln complex, six miles away, but not on tiles. The Mancetter tiles are probably of similar date, reused on the outbuildings. The author would be grateful for information about comparable stamped tiles: address, 39 Nursery Road, Atherstone, CV9 1PN.

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FIG. 8

MANCETTER FARM, WARWICKSHIRE. Tile stamp. Scale 1:1

THE CARDIFF CONFERENCE 1983

The 26th Annual Conference of the Society was held in Cardiff from 8 to 11 April 1983 on the theme of 'The southern March and its castles'. The opening lecture on Friday, 8 April was given by David Walker on 'The early development of the March'. The excursion on Saturday visited Chepstow priory church and castle; Tintern Abbey; Trellech motte, church and deserted settlement; Raglan castle and Usk castle (by kind permission of the owners, Mr and Mrs R. Humphreys) under the guidance of John Kenyon, David Cathcart King, Jeremy Knight, and John Lewis. In the evening the Society was given a reception in the Great Hall of Caerphilly castle, hosted by the Wales Tourist Board, at which there was also an opportunity to explore the castle. The following lectures were held on Sunday: 'Earthwork castles and rural settlements' (John Spurgeon), 'Rumney castle excavations' (Ken Lightfoot), 'Stone castles' (Jeremy Knight), 'Laugharne castle excavations' (Richard Avent), 'Dryslwyn castle excavations' (Peter Webster), 'Ecclesiastical sites' (John Lewis), 'Towns' (David Robinson), and 'Changing patterns in the later medieval March' (Rees Davies). The conference dinner was held in the evening. A full-day excursion took place on Monday, 11 April to
Castell Coch, Ewenny Priory, Ogmore castle, Margam Abbey, orangery and stones museum, and Neath Abbey. The guides for these sites were Richard Avent, Lawrence Butler, Jeremy Knight, Sian Rees and Mike Thompson, and the Society was welcomed to Margam Park by the Deputy Chairman of West Glamorgan County County who kindly provided us with a lunch-time sherry reception.

The Society is extremely grateful to all those who helped to make the conference such a resounding success. Our particular thanks must go to Richard Avent whose work as local secretary was responsible for making this one of the Society’s most enjoyable and memorable occasions.

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