

# The Berkshire Archæological Journal

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## Berkshire Archæological Society.

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Archæological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, the 25th April, 1936, when P. S. Spokes, Esq., B.Sc., M.A., Chairman of the Council, presided.

The following members and officers of the Council of the Society were elected :—

*Patron :*

H.M. THE KING.

*Vice-Patrons :*

A. T. LOYD, ESQ., LORD LIEUTENANT OF BERKSHIRE.

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD WYFOLD.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD MESTON OF AGRA.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD MAYO.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF READING UNIVERSITY.

*President :*

THE VERY REV. W. R. INGE, D.D., K.C.V.O.

*Vice-Presidents :*

THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE VEN. THE ARCHDEACON OF BERKSHIRE.

THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF DOWNSHIRE.

## BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

*Vice-Presidents (contd.) :*

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE.  
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD GERALD WELLESLEY.  
 SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bart.  
 A. E. PRESTON, Esq., F.S.A.  
 THE PROVOST OF ETON.  
 THE MASTER OF WELLINGTON.  
 THE REV. DR. B. H. B. ATTLEE.  
 MISS A. BAILY.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :*

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

*Hon. Editor of the Society's Journal :*

ERNEST W. DORMER, F.R.Hist.S.

*Hon. Librarian :*

FRANCIS M. BUNCE.

*Council :*

P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A. (Chairman).	} Retire in 1937.
H. GRAYSON, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.	
J. HAUTENVILLE COPE, F.R.Hist.S.	
J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.	
A. T. HEELAS.	
MRS. E. HOLDEN.	} Retire in 1938.
MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE.	
MISS E. BEACH.	
COL. C. NOEL RIVERS-MOORE.	
BRIG.-GENERAL W. K. HARDY.	
C. T. MARCON.	} Retire in 1939.
MISS M. SWADLING.	
LL. TREACHER, F.G.S.	
E. T. LONG.	
F. M. UNDERHILL.	
LIEUT.-COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.	} Retire in 1940.
C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.R.I.B.A. F.S.A.	
MISS E. CARLETON WILLIAMS, M.A.	
T. B. RUSSELL M.A.	

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1935-6.

We have to record with the greatest regret the death of our Patron, His Gracious and Beloved Majesty King George V. It is meet that an event so fraught with sorrow for England, the Empire and the world should be recorded in these pages. King George V was the august Patron of the Berkshire Archæological Society, which office he was graciously pleased to accept in succession to his revered father, King Edward VII and Queen Victoria of blessed memory. It is fitting to record that His Majesty has been borne to rest with his ancestors in this Royal County at Windsor and now, greatly and immeasurably beloved of all, his memory will live in honour in the annals of our Country. Our respectful and sincere sympathy goes from our hearts to Her Majesty Queen Mary at this time to which we add our prayers that she may live long in beneficent and continued activity.

We offer dutifully the customary congratulations and our loyal service to our new King in the certainty that his richly endowed personality will bring to the service of the nation the same great qualities of heart and mind which his father displayed. The wish of all is that his reign may be long, peaceful and prosperous.

## I. MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members shows an increase, the figures being as follows :—

	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Total</i>
March 31st, 1935 ... ..	2	1	372	375
March 31st, 1936 ... ..	2	1	376	379
Lapses and Resignations			34	
Obituary ... ..			4	

## 2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the death of the following members :—

Mrs. E. M. Satterthwaite, Mr. Herbert Blatch, Mr. E. Talbot, The Rev. Dr. Winship.

## 3. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on April 27th, 1935, the Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee presiding. The Report and Statement of Accounts were approved and adopted. The Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Society were re-elected. The following were elected Officers of the Society :—President, the Very Rev. W. R. Inge, D.D., K.C.V.O. ; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. T. Morley, F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A. (Scot.) ; Editor of the Society's Journal, Mr. Ernest W. Dormer, F.R.Hist.S. ; Hon. Librarian, Mr. F. M. Bunce. The retiring members of the Council were re-elected. At the termination of the Meeting, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Berkshire (the Rev. R. W. Wickham-Legg, M.A.) proceeded, on behalf of the Society, to make a presentation to the Rev. Dr. Attlee, in recognition of his services to the Society as President during the past four years. The following short papers were then read :—(1) An account of the excavation at Aldworth of a late Romano-British Pottery Kiln, Mr. W. A. Seaby. (2) Suggested programme of field work to be carried out by the Society, Colonel C. N. Rivers-Moore. (3) Changing Maidenhead, Mr. F. M. Underhill.

## 4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935 accompanies this Report. It will be seen that there is a surplus of £91 4s. 2d. on the year as against a deficit of £7 19s. 9d. in 1934.

Towards the end of the year the financial position of the Society began to give your Council a certain amount of anxiety,

but this was relieved by a very handsome donation of £100 from Miss A. Baily, to whom the Society have been, on more than one occasion, indebted for assistance in divers ways. Your Council here records its grateful thanks to Miss Baily for her substantial aid in a difficult time. We have further to record with thanks the following donations :— Anon £2 ; Miss M. Spokes 10/- ; Anon 5/-.

#### 5. LECTURES.

The following Lectures were given during the year :—

1935.

October 26th. " The Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Caldecote, Abingdon " D. B. Harden, Esq., M.A.

November 23rd. " The Siege Money of the Civil War." V. B. Crowther-Beynon, Esq., M.B.E., M.A., F.S.A.

December 14th. " A Romano-British Pottery Kiln in the parish of Compton." W. A. Smallcombe, Esq., B.Sc.

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January 11th. " The Hundred of Compton." Col. C. J. West, O.B.E., M.D.

February 8th. " The Berkshire Downs, Past and Present." Professor H. L. Hawkins, D.Sc., F.G.S.

\*March 7th. " The Ruined Church of St. Bartholomew, Arborfield." E. T. Long, Esq.

" " " Notes on Finchampstead Church and District." J. Hautenville Cope, Esq., F.R.Hist.S.

" " " A Few Local Fonts." H. T. Morley, Esq., F.R.Hist.S.

April 4th. " The Worship of Mithras." W. Bradbrooke, Esq.

Your Council are greatly indebted to the lecturers for their services.

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

## 6. SUMMER MEETINGS.

Visits were made to the following places of historic interest:—  
1935.

- March 14th. The Mansion House and Mercers Hall, London.  
 May 15th & 16th. Winchester and Kingsclere.  
 June 1st. White Waltham Church and Bowsey Hill.  
 July 10th. Iffley, Oxford, North Hinksey, Cumnor and Appleton.  
 September 18th. Tidmarsh, Aldworth and Romano-British Pottery Kiln at Compton.  
 October 5th. Abingdon, Long Wittenham Iron Age Site, East Hagbourne and Brightwell Manor.

## 7. RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Further progress has been made in connexion with the establishment of a Record Room at the Shire Hall. It is understood that certain aspects of the problem have been discussed with officials of the Public Record Office and that the County Council has invited the Court of Quarter Sessions to nominate three Justices of the Peace to act with a special Committee of members of the County Council to consider the setting up of a Records Office, and if so decided, to recommend as to the organisation of the work involved. It is to be noted that, in the County Council estimates for the ensuing year, under general county purposes, £1,000 has been included for dealing with county records and for improving the strong-room accommodation.

## 8. BERKSHIRE CHURCH GUIDES.

The Church Guides Committee has considered and adopted lines of procedure for the publication of standard guides. Mr. E. T. Long, the Honorary General Editor, has the preliminary stages in hand for the issue of three guides which it is expected will appear during 1936.

## 9. BI-CENTENARY OF THOMAS HEARNE.

As stated in the last Report it was decided to commemorate the bi-centenary of the death of Thomas Hearne, the antiquary, by erecting in White Waltham Church, a memorial tablet, with a portrait medallion executed by Mr. Langford Jones of Blewbury. The memorial was unveiled on Saturday June 1st, 1935, by the

Rev. Dr. H. E. Salter, F.B.A., Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, in the presence of a large number of members and friends. Previous to the unveiling, the Rev. Dr. B. H. B. Attlee, Vice-President, in some introductory remarks, expressed thanks to Mr. C. B. Willcocks, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., for preparing the design of the tablet with such care and skill. Following a short dedication service conducted by the Vicar of White Waltham, the Rev. H. H. Jackson, the memorial was unveiled by Dr. Salter who then gave an address on the life and work of Thomas Hearne. Mr. F. M. Underhill subsequently offered some descriptive remarks on the history and antiquities of the church and parish. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Society took tea in the vicarage garden.

#### 10. YIELD HALL, READING.

Hearing with regret of the proposed demolition of Yield Hall, Reading, the 17th century gild hall, the Council communicated with the Corporation expressing the opinion that the following parts of the building should be preserved for display in the local collection in the Borough Museum :—The door and surround dated 1674, the “ dog ” gate on the stairs, the window sash on the top half-space landing of the stairs complete with cockspur fastening and the window sash in the south-west attic room with cockspur fastening. The Estates Committee of the Town Council, however, did not favour your Council's suggestion and decided to invite tenders by public advertisement for the work of demolition and purchase of the fabric of the building.

#### 11. SITE OF THE BISHOPS' MANOR PLACE, SONNING.

In January the Council was informed that the site of the Manor Place of the Bishops of Salisbury in Holme Park, Sonning, was for sale. This site was excavated by our late President, Mr. C. E. Keyser, F.S.A., in 1912-14, a report and plan were prepared by Mr. Harold Brakspear, F.S.A., and published in volume XXII of your Journal. The foundations of the building were subsequently covered in. Your Council have appointed some members to investigate the present position and as a result, a Committee, appointed by the Parish Council of Sonning are endeavouring, should the site not be purchased by a local authority, to raise funds for its purchase with the ultimate view

of vesting it in the National Trust. The Society is represented on the Local Committee which has been formed in connexion with the project.

#### 12. ARBORFIELD OLD CHURCH.

The ruinous condition of Arborfield Old Church has caused your Council some concern. Mr. C. B. Willcocks and Mr. E. T. Long examined the fabric and acting on the recommendations in their report, the Parochial Church Council has been approached with the offer of the co-operation of the Society in the event of the initiation of a scheme for the preservation of the remains of this old Church.

#### 13. ARCHITECTURAL PRIZE.

Following their usual practice the Society have awarded a prize to the value of 10/6 for a measured architectural drawing of Grey Friars' Vicarage, Reading, to Mr. E. F. Schofield.

#### 14. ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY.

The Society is greatly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University for the continued facilities afforded for its meetings. The Society's grateful thanks are also accorded to the following ladies and gentlemen for providing hospitality at the meetings of the past session :—The President and Mrs. Inge, Miss A. Baily, Mrs. Ditchfield, Miss Monk Smith, Mrs. and Miss Carleton Williams, the Misses Stevens, Mrs. Moss of Appleton Manor and Mrs. Blackwell of Osse Field Appleton.

#### 15. DONATIONS.

Donations have been made towards the cost of the purchase of a 16th century missal in order that it may be restored to the church at Tidmarsh to which it originally belonged as a gift from the Leynham family ; towards the cost of preserving the mural paintings in Kingston Lisle Church and to the fund for the repairs to the roof of the church of East Hagbourne.

(Signed) H. T. MORLEY,

*Hon. Secretary for the Council.*

The Report and Statement of Accounts were approved and adopted, after which Mr. H. T. Morley, F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A. (Scot.) gave a lecture on "The Bayeux Tapestry."

# Berkshire Archaeological Society.

## Account of Receipts and Payments for 1935.

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<b>RECEIPTS.</b>						
To Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Affiliation Fees	...	...	...	...	...	...
Windsor & Eton Archaeological & Scientific Soc.	10	0	0	25	1	3
Berkshire Society of Architects, 1934-5	6	6	0	131	18	10
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Miss M. Spokes	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Miss Bally	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Spokes	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mrs. and Miss Carleton Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Misses Stevens	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Aldworth, Tidmarsh, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abingdon, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...
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" Subscriptions to presentation to retiring President...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Interest on Deposit Account	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Local History Recording Scheme (Berks Branch)	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Eastern Union of Scientific Societies	...	...	...	...	...	...
English Place Name Society	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Records Association	...	...	...	...	...	...
Society of Antiquaries 1934-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Purchase of 16th century Missal for Tidmarsh Church	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Cost of Working Epidiascope	...	...	...	...	...	...
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