

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
3 DECEMBER 1980

Officers and Members of Council

At the Annual General meeting held on 5 March 1980, Mr. D. A. Nicholls was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. The other Officers were duly confirmed or elected, together with four Members of Council to serve for the period 1980-83, and representatives on the County Palatine of Chester Local History Committee, the Conservation Area Advisory Committee, Group V of the Council for British Archaeology, and the St. John's House Trust.

Lectures

12 January: *The John Lowe Lecture*. E. Hubbard M.A., F.S.A.: 'Architect and Patron: the Work of John Douglas on the Eaton Estate for the 1st Duke of Westminster'.

6 February: S. R. Williams, M.A., A.R.I.B.A., County Planning Department, Cheshire County Council: 'Aerial Archaeology in Cheshire'.

5 March: Annual General Meeting, followed by a lecture by A. R. Myers, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A., Professor of Medieval History, University of Liverpool: 'Tudor Chester'.

29 March: P. R. Hough, B.A.: 'Recent Investigations at Beeston Castle'.

15 October: A. T. Thacker, M.A., D.Phil., Assistant Editor, Victoria History of Cheshire: 'The Cult of St. Werburgh'.

1 November: *Public Lecture commemorating the late Professor A. R. Myers*. B. E. Harris, M.A., Ph.D., Editor, Victoria History of Cheshire: 'Medieval Chester'.

3 December: *The Massie Lecture*. T. J. Strickland, M.A., Field Officer, The Grosvenor Museum: 'Rescue Archaeology in Chester'.

Excursions

19 April: North West Museum of Inland Navigation, Ellesmere Port.

10 May: Bunbury and Trafford Mills.

17 May: Tissington Well Dressing and Buxton.

14 June: Mold Church and Leeswood Hall.

25-27 July: Weekend excursion to Leicester.

27 September: Alderley Edge Mine and Bowdon Church.

Social Events

6 June: Buffet supper in the Long Room at Eaton Hall. A lecture was given by T. E. Ward, L.R.P.S., The Grosvenor Museum, on 'Early Photographs of Chester'.

17 October: Paté, cheese, and wine evening at Christleton Church Hall. A lecture was given by Mrs. Susan M. Thomas, B.Sc., Department of Geography, Chester College, on 'The Estuary of the River Dee'.

Membership

In December 1980, there were 243 Ordinary Members, 64 Institutional Members, 93 Associate Members, and 8 Honorary or *ex officio* Members of the Society.

We have to record, with regret, the death in 1980 of Professor A. R. Myers, of the School of History, the University of Liverpool. An obituary notice of Professor Myers was published in Volume 63 of the *Journal*.

Library

During 1980, the Society's Library, which is housed in the Chester City Record Office, was not as widely used by Members as it might have been: sixty six books were borrowed. It was, however, extensively used for reference purposes by Record Office Staff and searchers, in accordance with the Society's Agreement with the City. Members are reminded that the Record Office is open until 9 p.m. on Monday evenings, by appointment.

The Honorary Librarian wishes to record her thanks to her colleagues of the City Record Office, who have helped to administer the Library.

Journal of the Chester Archaeological Society

Volume 63 of the *Journal* was published in December 1980, and once again the Society is grateful to the printers, Gee and Son (Denbigh) Limited, who printed and bound the volume in time for copies to be distributed to Members who attended the Massie Lecture on 3 December. Volume 63 contained 150 pages, including thirty two pages of half tone plates; it included articles on 1st century Deva; excavations in the garden of No. 1, Abbey Green, Chester; antique mirrors from Cheshire collections; Tudor Chester; the establishment of the Grosvenor

interest in Chester in the early 18th century; the work of the Chester architect, James Harrison (1814-66); and the early plate of Chester Cathedral. The Society is particularly grateful to Mrs. Muriel Myers, for allowing Professor Myers' paper on Tudor Chester to be published; and to the Cathedral authorities, for a generous grant towards the publication of Canon Ridgway's article on the Cathedral's early plate.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Society, Council would like to record its gratitude to the Staff of the Grosvenor Museum, for the help which it has received throughout the year; and to Messrs. Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells, for acting as Honorary Auditors of the accounts.

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 1980**

	£	p	1980
			£ p
Subscriptions			1,119.00
Sale of Journals, Prints, etc.			786.05
Surplus on Visits and Outings			1,920.16
Grants and Donations			82.62
			3,907.83
<i>Less: Expenses</i>			
Printing, Stationery and Journals	2,365.90		
Postages	257.42		
Subscriptions to Kindred Bodies	45.00		
Events Expenses	1,745.67		
Insurances	75.40		
Travelling Expenses	18.96		
Sundry Expenses	42.75		
			4,551.10
Deficit for the year			£643.27

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1980

	£	p	1980
			£ p
LIBRARY at Nominal Value			500.00
CASH AT BANK			
Current Account	609.06		
Deposit Account	2,501.23		
			3,110.29
			£3,610.29
<i>Represented by:</i>			
ACCUMULATED FUND			
Balance as at 31 December 1979			3,883.24
Add: Interest on Deposit Accounts			351.00
Interest on War Loan			19.32
			4,253.56
<i>Less: Deficit for the year</i>			643.27
Balance as at 31 December 1980			£3,610.29

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and attached receipts and payments account give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at 31 December 1980 and of its deficit for the year ended on that date.

(Signed) DELOITTE HASKINS SELLS
Chartered Accountants

16 Watergate Row,
Chester.

ANNUAL REPORT

*Re: ST. JOHN'S HOUSE**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JANUARY 1981*

	£	p
Bank Interest Received	607.11	
Investment Income	862.62	
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Surplus for the year	£1,469.73	
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<i>Represented by:</i>		
Balance as at 31 January 1980	8,594.04	
<i>Add:</i> Surplus for the year	1,469.73	
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	£10,063.77	