

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1984

Officers and members of Council

At the Society's Annual General Meeting on 10 March 1984, Dr. L.G.C. Martin was elected Chairman and Mr. D.M. Kermode Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. The other officers of the Society were duly elected or re-elected. Professor R.T. Ackroyd, Mrs. A.G. Jones, Mrs. J.A. Rutter and His Honour Judge J.D. Seys Llewellyn were elected members of Council for the period 1984-87 and Mrs. R.M.G. Owen for the period 1984-86 in place of Mr. P. Burton who had resigned from Council. The Society's thanks were expressed to Mr. Burton, who had for some years been Honorary Assistant Secretary for Membership before serving as an ordinary member of Council.

Activities of the Society during 1984

The Society organised a varied programme of lectures. The archaeological interest was represented by Mr. Peter Addyman on 'The Future of York's Viking Past'; by Mr. Rhys Williams on 'The Role of Cheshire County Council in Archaeological Investigation in Cheshire', a paper marking his retirement as County Archaeologist; and by Mr. Simon Ward on excavations at Greyfriars Court, Chester. Mr. Christopher Williams' lecture on lead mining in North Wales was related largely to industrial archaeology. In the field of local history, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chester, Councillor John Crawford, spoke on the history of the Co-operative movement in Chester; Dr. John Morrill addressed the Society on Sir William Brereton, Parliamentary commander in the area during the Civil War. Mr. Addyman's lecture was sponsored jointly by the Chester Archaeological and Grosvenor Museum Societies and Mr. Williams' by the Chester Archaeological and North Wales Metallurgical Societies. Dr. Morrill's talk provided an opportunity for launching the first volume of the letter books of Sir William Brereton, published by the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire; many members of the latter Society's Council were present, together with the editor of the volume, Mr. Norman Dore. Councillor Crawford's lecture revived a very old tradition in the Society by which the Mayor as one of the *ex officio* Vice Presidents was invited to present a paper.

Under the leadership of Mr. G.R. Coppack, Honorary Assistant Secretary for Industrial Archaeology and Mr. E.M. Hawes, Honorary Assistant Secretary for Archaeology and Excursions, a full programme of visits and excursions was undertaken. The Society continued to be represented on a wide range of local bodies: the County Palatine of Chester Local History Committee; the Chester Conservation Area Advisory Committee; the trust set up to administer Trafford Mill; and the St. John's House Trust. Members were kept informed of events concerning the Society through the medium of the *Newsletter* edited by the Honorary Secretary.

An innovation during 1984 was the decision to hold a one day conference devoted to the history, archaeology and architecture of the Rows of Chester. The conference was well attended and the six papers read there were published as Volume 67 of the *Journal*; that volume also contains a report on the proceedings. In view of expected sales outside the immediate membership of the Society, the volume, published in March 1985, was given a special illustrated cover and its own title, *Galleries which they call The Rows*.

Membership

On 31 December 1984, there were 191 ordinary, 63 associate, 60 institutional, 7 honorary and 2 *ex officio* members of the Society.

Library/Oral History Community Programme

As reported in Volume 67 of the *Journal*, the Society's first Community Programme was established on 31 October 1983 with the objects of compiling a new catalogue of the Society's library and of conducting an oral history project in Chester. The scheme was funded by the Manpower Services Commission and provided employment for a full time Librarian/Scheme Supervisor and six part-time staff, an Assistant Librarian, three Oral History Researchers and a Clerk/Typist. During the summer of 1984, the Society's officers were successful in negotiating an extension of the scheme until January 1985. Overall day to day control continued to be exercised by Miss Kennett as Honorary Librarian, while Mr. Jones as Honorary Treasurer administered the financial side. Membership of the Management Sub Committee of Council remained as in 1983.

Acknowledgements

The Society is particularly grateful to its President, His Grace the Duke of Westminster, for making a generous donation towards the rent of the Abbey Gateway office in which the Community Programme staff worked; to the Amenities Committee of Chester City Council and the Chester City Branch of NALGO for their continued co-operation in furthering the project; and to the officers of the Manpower Services Commission Area Office at Warrington for their advice and support throughout the year. Thanks are also offered to the staff of the Chester City Record Office for continuing to offer help and encouragement to the Society's staff; to the staff of the Grosvenor Museum for the facilities provided for the Society's lecture meetings; and to Messrs. Deloitte, Haskins and Sells for continuing to act as Honorary Auditors to the Society.

CHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1984

	1984
	£
Subscriptions	1,753.87
Sale of Journals, Prints etc.	124.48
Receipts Re: Visits and Outings	1,426.10
Grants and Donations	219.63
Lecture Receipts	401.00
Social Evening	17.22
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	3,942.30
Less: Expenses	
Printing Journals	1,606.20
Printing, Postage and Stationery	570.68
Subscriptions to Kindred Bodies	62.00
Events Payments	1,486.08
Lecture Expenses	397.39
Sundry Expenses (incl. Travel)	61.65
Rent Re: C.P. Scheme Office (Net)	458.50
Honoraria	150.00
Library Insurance	37.70
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	4,830.20
LOSS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> <hr/> £ 887.90

CHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1984

	1984
	£
<i>LIBRARY</i> at Nominal Value	500.00
<i>CASH AT BANK</i>	
National Savings Bank	1,070.58
Current Account	67.10
Deposit Account	2,445.80
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	3,583.48
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	4,083.48
<i>Represented by:</i>	
<i>ACCUMULATED FUND</i>	
Balance as at 31 December 1983	4,699.01
Add: Interest on Deposit Account	182.47
Interest on National Savings Account	70.58
Interest on War Loan	19.32
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	4,971.38
Less: Deficit for the year	887.90
Balance as at 31st December 1984	<hr/> <hr/> £4,083.48

*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 1984 and of its deficit for the year ended on that date.

16 Watergate Row, Chester
8 February 1985

Deloitte Haskins & Sells
Chartered Accountants