

**OBITUARY**  
**Baroness Evershed O.B.E., F.S.A., died 1985**  
**President 1970-1973**

The Lady Evershed was elected to Council in 1962. Following her presidency, she became a Vice-President in 1973. She was Chairman of Council from 1981 until her death.

The chairmanship of the King's Lynn Preservation Trust, which Joan Evershed founded in 1958, was almost a full time job. Thanks to her untiring work the Trust had more tangible successes in the next 26 years than most preservation societies ever achieve.

The first was the thrilling rescue of Hampton Court, that most interesting and important building, and continued with Thoresby College on the banks of the Ouse, and later with buildings in London Road, Priory Lane, Pilot Street, King Street and Church Lane.

King's Lynn has suffered more than most towns from the developers and, regrettably, from the planners, and without Joan Evershed's leadership in the conservation of important buildings there would have been very little left of the beautiful old Lynn some of us knew and loved. Her interest in archaeology extended also beyond Lynn; she was a very faithful committee member of the S.P.A.B. and was often involved in restoration projects in rural Norfolk as well as outside the county. She was a really brilliant gardener and a keen member of the Garden History Society; and she enthusiastically attended meetings and conferences of that and other bodies all over the British Isles. Though she was deeply sensitive to beauty and atmosphere, her approach was always an intellectual one. Her knowledge, although she always disclaimed this, was profound. She read widely and understood technicalities in an almost professional way. In her last very sad illness she struggled against increasing difficulty in concentration to arrange, and pay for, an improvement to the entrance of Castle Acre Church. Her own house, the Tudor Lodgings at Castle Acre, remains a monument to her knowledge and taste. She was a remarkable President of this Society, which she referred to affectionately as the Archi.

She was never pompous or dull; she had great charm and wit; her leadership and the inspiration she gave were unique and will be very greatly missed.

W.H.