

## MEDIEVAL POTTERY RESEARCH GROUP

### Secretary's Report 1984-1985

The year has been an active one for the Group. Two committee meetings have been held, one at Wharram Percy and one in London, at the British Museum. Apart from reports from the Treasurer and Editors at each meeting, a variety of topics have been discussed. Foremost has been the Glossary. Following a suggestion made at the last Annual General Meeting, a meeting was held on 9 November 1984 in Birmingham, attended by representatives from most of the regional groups. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the general layout of the Glossary and its content. Many useful suggestions were made and general agreement reached on content. As a result the Secretary and John Allan, who is editing the Glossary, have been amalgamating all previous suggestions to produce a new draft by spring 1985. Production will then follow. HBMC have agreed to support the Glossary financially in loose-leaf format produced by a printer nominated by the Group. The Committee is also pursuing the possibility of reprinting the Guidelines. Following conversations with French colleagues at the Bergen op Zoom conference, three members of the Committee visited Paris in May 1984 (the Secretary was unable to attend due to ill-health) in order to canvass opinion amongst French colleagues on the Glossary. This will hopefully be the first of many such visits between members.

Work is progressing well with the Bibliography under the co-ordination of Peter Davey. Over 20% of the country's coverage is already on computer. Material is being extracted from sources published up to 31 December 1983, after which the Bibliography for successive years will appear annually in Medieval Ceramics. Dr Lauren Gilmour has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this work. The first annual bibliography, for 1984-85, will appear in Medieval Ceramics 9. Fifty pounds has been allocated for the purchase of computer software to enable the computerisation of the project to continue.

As reported last year, the CBA has decided to reject the proposals of the Cunliffe report on archaeological publication and to set up their own committee. The Group hopes that it will be able to make representation to the CBA committee.

Suggestions were made by Group members about possible venues for future conferences. The 1986 conference is to be held in York with the theme of Late Saxon pottery. Further conferences are planned for Ireland (Dublin and Belfast) in 1987 and Southampton in 1988.

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