

Accumulated fund balance carried forward:

Signed Robert Will, Hon Treasurer, May 1997 – present

Auditor's Report to Members of the Medieval Pottery Research Group

I have audited the financial statements of the medieval pottery research grouping accordance with auditing standards. In my opinion it gives a true and far view of the state of the Group's affairs at 31st January 2001

Ann Gow

Notes

1. £1,169.70 this unusually high sales figure includes sales on behalf of Oxbow Books Ltd at the conference and sales of postcards.
2. Guide sales down – third year of publication.
3. Trondheim Redware £840 was spent this year.
4. 25th anniversary conference in Oxford was very well attended which lead to an increase in costs.
5. This year's volume was a double volume resulting in increased production and postage costs.
6. Trondheim Redware grant carried over.
7. 25th anniversary postcards, the cost of producing the postcards falls into this financial year while the income received from them will come in over the next few years.
8. Expenditure on the conference is higher than the income due to VAT being added to the final invoice- to be claimed back and additional costs of photocopying etc.
9. This money has come in from sales of 'Cities in Sherds' that have been ordered through MPRG, this money has still to be sent to Michael Bartels.

REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS 2001 – 2002

The London Area Medieval Pottery Research Group

No meetings were held by the London Group in 2001 – 2002.

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The South Central Medieval Pottery Research Group

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The East Midlands Pottery Research Group

A series of meetings were held during the year to discuss the possibility of setting up a fabric type series for Lincolnshire.

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The Welsh Medieval Pottery Research Group

There have been some developments in Welsh medieval pottery studies over the last year, including the discovery of wasters at Llandaff, but the Welsh group has not met, although the possibility of a meeting is in prospect.

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Scottish Group of Medieval Ceramicists

Following the MPRG conference in Edinburgh the Scottish group have been working on producing a new review of medieval pottery imported into Scotland, as outlined in a recent Newsletter (No. 44, December 2002). Several group members took advantage of Duncan Brown's invitation to view the remarkable collection of Italian maiolicas and olive jars from a shipwreck off Kinlochbervie in the Highlands.

Imported pottery from 75 High Street, Perth

Derek Hall and George Haggarty are trying to organise the laying out and viewing of all the imported pottery from the excavations at 75 High Street, Perth (aka Marks and Spencers, PHSE). It is their intention to organise this for October and contact has already been made with those specialists who they would like to invite.

Unidentified greywares

A group of greywares from Perth have been compared with material from Jutland, Northern England and East Anglia using ICPS. There is some correlation with sherds from Woodbastwick and Kirstead (both East Anglia). However some material remains unsourced and further sampling needs to be carried out, particularly involving further samples from Denmark.

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The South East Midlands Pottery Research Group 2001-02

SEMPER (South East Midlands Pottery Research Group) try to hold two meetings a year (although three were held in 2001-2), jointly with the East Anglia Pottery Group. The Autumn meeting is always at the Buckinghamshire County Museum in Aylesbury, and the Spring meeting venue varies depending on members' current interests and willingness to host it.

The Autumn meeting was held in Aylesbury in November, 2001, on a double theme of regional updates in the morning and a discussion of Ceramic Type Series in the afternoon. It seems many of us are trying to work towards the same ends, although all of us are facing the same problem of lack of funding.

Our previously postponed Spring meeting was finally held at West Stow, on Saturday 27 April 2002. It was an excellent meeting, organised by Sue Anderson, on the theme of Anglo-Saxon pottery and attracted wide-ranging contributions from across the region and beyond. The venue was perfect and we had plenty of time to look around the village and museum. About thirty people attended, some of

whom are not regular SEMPER members – we hope to see them again at our next meeting.

A third meeting was held on 26th October 2002 in Aylesbury to discuss pottery from urban contexts. Due to clashes with various other events on that day, far fewer people attended than usual, twelve in total. Nevertheless, we had a series of interesting talks and a lively discussion – the advantage of small numbers! We also had plenty of time to look at all the pottery, which people had brought along.

The first meeting for 2003 is planned for April 5th at Harlow Museum to look at pottery from Harlow and the surrounding area.

Further details will be sent to all on the mailing list. To get your name on the list, contact

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The South-West Region Medieval Pottery Research Group

The Bickley Kiln Project has continued with an unsuccessful experiment with coal-firing. Olly Kent and Dave Dawson have concluded that it could not be achieved without a specially designed firebox.

The Dunster post-medieval kiln, thought to be the earliest standing in the country, has been written up for publication by David Dawson and Olly Kent.

In Bristol the Bedminster pottery (c.1770-1851) has been excavated by Adrian Parry of Bristol and Region Archaeological Services.

At Westbury-on-Trym, four miles from the centre of Bristol, Mike Ponsford evaluated a site in Henbury Road which produced quantities of waste thought to be from the 17th-century Westbury pottery. The products included sugar-cone moulds, syrup-collecting jars, chimney pots and horticultural wares, many of these being advertised for sale in local journals and probably used in the many sugar-processing sites in the city.

The material from Cleeve Abbey has been published by John Allan in the *Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society* 2001. John Allan has also been working on a group of sites in east Devon centred on Hembury.

The Barnstaple collection is being assessed for a publication programme by the Devon unit.

The pottery from Launceston Castle, Cornwall, has been researched by Alan Vince and Duncan Brown.

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North-West Regional Medieval Pottery Research Group

The North West Region MPRG held one meeting in 2001. A very enjoyable day was spent at the Liverpool Museum stores examining pottery from the Buckley kilns. Christine Longworth and Peter Davey led the discussions and attendees contributed by bringing along pottery excavated from sites in the region.

Although the group did not meet in 2002, a meeting has been planned for January 2003 to discuss the Regional Research Framework for Archaeology in the North West as well as recent work in the region. Plans are also in hand for further meetings in 2003.

Those who would like to be kept informed of group meetings should contact:

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