

# THE SOCIETY

## MEETINGS AND EXCURSIONS

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society for 1949 was held on Saturday, 7th May, at Hazell's Hall, Aylesbury, when many members and a number of guests were present.

Canon R. F. Bale, Vice-President and Chairman of the Society's Council, presided.

Suggested amendments to the Society's Rules were submitted to the meeting by direction of the Council; after a lengthy discussion the following rules were amended and now read as follows (changed wording is in italics):

*Rule 3.*—The Society shall consist of ordinary and honorary members.

**ORDINARY MEMBERS.**—Every candidate for membership must be proposed by a member and duly elected at a General or Council meeting by a majority of those present and voting. The Honorary Secretary or Secretaries shall send, within ten days from the date of election, a copy of the Rules and notice of election to every new member. *Every member upon payment of his or her subscription shall become entitled to the rights and privileges of full membership, except that the receipt of the Society's annual publication, the Records of Buckinghamshire, shall be sent only to those members who subscribe £1 1s. or more per annum.*

(The paragraphs relating to Affiliated Societies and Honorary Members remain unchanged.)

*Rule 4.*—Each ordinary member or Affiliated Society shall pay an annual subscription of not less than Ten Shillings, to be due on the 1st day of January for the current year, or an ordinary member may compound for Life by one payment of *Fifteen Pounds*.

In Rule 5 the concluding sentence, which read *'but the President shall not hold that office for more than three successive years'*, was deleted.

Three lectures were given during 1949, at Hazell's Hall, Aylesbury, and were well attended.

After the formal business of the annual general meeting, those present heard an interesting lecture on 'Medieval Morality Paintings in Bucks.', by Mr. Clive Rouse, F.S.A.

On 9th April, Professor A. E. Richardson, R.A., F.R.I.B.A., lectured on Georgian Architecture, giving a history of the development of architectural styles and illustrating the fine sense of proportion and style displayed by 18th-Century architects. He showed examples from many parts of England, including some of Buckinghamshire houses.

The autumn lecture, on 29th October, was given by Mr. G. S. Cansdale, B.A., F.L.S., the Superintendent of the London Zoological Society, on Some Animals of the West African Forests. He had lived for several years in the forest country, observing the animals' life, collecting not only specimens but many unusual and delightful pets. The photographs of deer and squirrels, of snakes and many others, were among the most fascinating which the Society has ever been privileged to see and it is hoped to have another opportunity of hearing a speaker of such charm and distinction.

A new departure this year has been the holding of Exhibitions by local Societies in the main hall of the Museum. The Aylesbury and District Camera Club had their Annual Exhibition there and the Aylesbury and District Art Society held their autumn show from 22nd October to 2nd November. Both displays proved an attraction to visitors.

The membership of the Society at the end of November 1949 was 663, which included 20 Affiliated Bodies.

## NATURAL HISTORY SECTION

THE Natural History Section of the Bucks. Archaeological Society was started in 1947, and the number of members interested in the activities of the branch is steadily increasing, besides those who have specially joined the section.

Most meetings have been held in the field, but in 1950 it is hoped that there will be lectures and discussions as well.

Notices are sent to those members who have already notified the secretary of their wish to be included in the Natural History Section List. Further members will be welcomed if they will inform the secretary, Miss Stapleton, 159 Bicester Road, Aylesbury.

The Section has held the following Meetings and Excursions:

*Saturday, 29th January.*—Tring Reservoirs. Ornithological.

*Sunday, 27th March.*—Chalfont, Chess Valley. Ornithological.

*Saturday, 16th April.*—Hartwell Pits.

*Saturday, 21st May.*—Pitstone. Geological. In conjunction with the Geological Society.

*Sunday, 22nd May.*—Hyde Heath.

*Sunday, 12th June.*—Kew Gardens. Leader, Sir E. Salisbury.

*Saturday, 18th June.*—Woburn Park. By kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Bedford.

*Saturday, 16th July.*—Hartwell. Geological.

*Sunday, 11th September.*—Halton Reservoirs. Botanical and Ornithological.

*Saturday, 29th October.*—Hazzell's Theatre, Aylesbury. Lecture by G. S. Cansdale, Esq., Superintendent of the Royal Zoological Society's Gardens.

*Saturday, 12th November.*—Wendover. Fungus Foray.

*Sunday, 11th December.*—Tring Reservoirs. Ornithological.