

THE SOCIETY IN 1966

THE Society suffered heavily by the deaths of four of its vice-presidents; obituary notices appear below. Membership, which dropped slightly was 660 at the end of the year.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 30th April, there were no changes among the officers. The new subscription rates and consequential alterations in the rules were agreed to by the meeting.

Council, under the chairmanship of Mr. Pullen, met five times during the year.

There were five outings in 1966:

April 30. Hartwell House and Long Crendon Manor.

June 4. Britwell House, Ewelme Church and Dorchester Abbey, Oxon.

July 2. Delapré Abbey, Brixworth Church and Deene Park, Northants.

Sept. 17. Mr. Baines led a group of Members round the boundaries of Linslade Parish. This outing, which was of exceptional interest, was also appropriate in that Linslade in 1965 passed from Bucks to Bedfordshire exactly 999 years after the boundaries were set out in the original charter.

Oct. 1. Great Chalfield Manor, the churches and town of Bradford-on-Avon and Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire.

We were much indebted to Mrs. Stanley Barry (Long Crendon), Mr. David and Lady Pamela Hicks (Britwell) and Mr, Edmund Brudenell (Deene) for inviting Members to their homes, and for the special arrangements made for our reception by the Northants Records Office at Delapré, the House of Citizenship at Hartwell and Mrs. A. D. Burnett-Brown, the National Trust's tenant, at Lacock.

Mrs. J. B. Cowdy was nominated as the Society's representative on the newly-formed Countryside Sub-Committee of the County Council.

The Archaeological Division of the Ordnance Survey are about to start recording the antiquities in the County.

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