

## THE MUSEUM

DURING the year a considerable amount of work was done on certain of the collections and records. The geological collections were sorted, re-labelled and re-housed in cupboards designed for the purpose and made by the Museum carpenter. A system was devised for the storing of information on the distribution of animals and plants and sites of natural history interest. The cataloguing of the lace collection was completed and the systematic cataloguing of the costume collection begun.

Visits were made to a number of archaeological sites, and a trial excavation was conducted on the site of Bradwell Priory to try to discover whether foundations survived and the area which they covered. Bad weather and a lack of volunteers restricted the work done, but the results were useful.

During Museums Week the Museum held an exhibition of Old Prints of Buckinghamshire, which proved most popular, and also arranged a Memorial Exhibition of the work of Miss Winning Read, who lived at Cuddington. Other exhibitions included Art from Bucks Primary Schools, organised by the County Art Adviser, Art by Members of the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes, Contemporary Pictures in Fabric and Thread, organised by Mrs. Vera Sherman, and the Wendover Art Club Autumn Exhibition.

The most important purchases by the Museum were 291 Roman silver denarii from the 1st-2nd century A.D. hoard of 296 found at Little Brickhill, bought with the aid of a grant from the Victoria & Albert Museum, and a tumbler inscribed Wilkes & Liberty No. 45, and engraved with floral decoration, dating from c. 1770. In addition a number of interesting topographical watercolour drawings and prints were bought.

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