

OBITUARY

It is a sad coincidence to have to record the deaths of two Lord Lieutenants of the County, both of whom were Vice-Presidents of the Society.

SIR HENRY AUBREY FLETCHER, C.V.O., D.S.O., 6th Baronet, died on 2nd June 1969 aged 81. The Fletcher family were originally from Cumberland and the 4th baronet, Sir Henry's uncle, inherited the Aubrey estates of Boarstall, Brill, Chilton and Dorton in 1903. Sir Henry served in the Grenadier Guards in both world wars and wrote the history of that regiment. He served as High Sheriff of Bucks, in 1925 and was Lord Lieutenant from 1954-61. He was also Lieutenant of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms (the Queen's Bodyguard) in 1957. He was a member of the County Council for thirty years including a long spell as Chairman of the Finance Committee. He will be particularly remembered in the county for founding in 1957 the Bucks. Historic Churches Trust; this was very much his creation and the success of the Trust is largely due to his enthusiasm and thoroughness (for the initial Appeal, he personally signed and addressed 13,000 letters).

Under the pen name of Henry Wade he wrote a long and successful series of detective stories; many of them have a County setting, are notable especially for the accurate knowledge of police procedure they display.

SIR HENRY FLOYD, C.B., C.B.E., 5th Baronet, was born in 1899 and died as a result of a riding accident, in November 1968. He had been Lord Lieutenant since 1961. His ancestors had been in the Army or Navy for many generations and he himself joined the 15/19 Hussars and served in France in 1918. He left the Army to become a director of Christies, but rejoined in 1939 and by 1944 was Chief of Staff, 8th Army. Sir Henry was a man of great energy and enthusiasm, he was chairman or president of many local organisations but was never a figurehead, working hard himself and inspiring others to do the same.

MR. R. C. HAZELL died on 6th January 1969 aged 93. He was the son of the founder of Hazell, Watson & Viney the Aylesbury printing firm of which he was Chairman 1929-50. He lived at Walton Grange, Aylesbury, for many years and latterly at Terriers House and at Prestwood, He was a County Councillor and Alderman and played a leading part in helping to save and restore Baylis House at Slough. He was a former Trustee of the Society.

VISCOUNT KEMSLEY, G.B.E., formerly Sir Gomer Berry, was one of three brothers from South Wales, all of whom became famous newspaper proprietors. He was the owner and editor in chief of the *Sunday Times*, 1937-59. He served as High Sheriff of Bucks, in 1929 and lived at Dropmore during the latter part of his life. He was 84 when he died in 1968.

Other members whose deaths have been notified are Mrs. M. H. Clarke (wife of F. W. Clarke, a former assistant secretary), Mrs. W. Jones, T. P. Oakley, Mrs. C. Pendle, Miss Winning Read the artist (of Cuddington), and Miss D. Spratt.

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