

The Berkshire Archæological Society.

1943-44

Patron :

H.M. THE KING.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Berkshire Archaeological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 15th, 1944, at 3.0 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 24th, 1943, were read and confirmed.
2. The Report of the Council for 1943-44 and the Statement of Accounts for 1943 were adopted.
3. Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected :—

President :

A. T. LOYD, O.B.E., J.P., LORD LIEUTENANT OF BERKSHIRE.

Vice-Presidents :

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF READING.

THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE REV. CANON R. WICKHAM LEGG, M.A.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILIFFE OF YATTENDON K.B.

SIR EDWARD BARRY, Bt.

MISS A. BAILY, F.Z.S.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF READING UNIVERSITY.

Hon. Secretary :

H. T. MORLEY, F.S.A., (Scot.), F.R.Hist.S., J.P.

Hon. Treasurer :

F. M. UNDERHILL.

Hon. Acting Treasurer :

MISS M. M. SWADLING.

Hon. Editor :

STUART PIGGOTT, F.S.A.

Hon. Acting Editor :

P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A.

Hon. Librarian :

F. M. BUNCE.

Council :

MISS L. F. CHITTY, F.S.A.	}	Retire in 1945.
P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A. (<i>Chairman</i>)		
H. G. GRAYSON, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.		
J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.		
A. T. HEELAS		

MRS. E. HOLDEN	}	Retire in 1946.
MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE		
E. T. LONG, F.S.A.		
MISS E. BEACH		
COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE		

MISS M. M. SWADLING	}	Retire in 1947.
C. H. INGE		
COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.		
THE REV. S. E. CHAVASSE, M.A.		

C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.	}	Retire in 1948.
MISS E. CARLETON-WILLIAMS, M.A.		
THE REV. B. S. SPENCER, M.A.		
W. A. SMALLCOMBE, B.Sc.		

After the business of the Annual General Meeting had been concluded a LECTURE was given by

Col. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE
on
HURLEY PRIORY.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1943-4.

1. MEMBERSHIP.	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Total</i>
March 30th, 1943	I	2	314	317
March 31st, 1944	I	2	321	324

2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the deaths of the following members:—Lord Meston, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Preston, Dr. Watts, Mr. H. Lovegrove.

3. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 24th, 1943. Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore presided.

The Report and Balance Sheet were approved and adopted.

4. The following Officers were re-elected :

<i>President :</i>	Mr. A. T. Loyd, O.B.E., J.P., Lord Lieutenant of the County.
<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mr. F. M. Underhill.
<i>Acting Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Miss M. M. Swadling.
<i>Hon. Librarian :</i>	Mr. F. M. Bunce.
<i>Hon. Editor :</i>	Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A.
<i>Acting Hon. Editor :</i>	Mr. P. S. Spokes, F.S.A., M.A.
<i>Hon. Secretary :</i>	Mr. H. T. Morley, F.S.A., Scot., J.P., F.R.Hist.S.

5. On the proposition of Miss Bailly the following members of the Council were re-elected :

Mrs. E. Holden.
Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore.
Mrs. Rivers-Moore.
Miss E. Beach.
Mr. E. T. Long, F.S.A.

6. On the proposition of Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore, the Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

7. FINANCIAL POSITION.

During the year our income from subscriptions fell by £12, and our expenses were again very heavy. The beginning of 1943 found us with some £34 owing on the Journal account for Vol. 46, which it had not been possible to pay out of income during 1942. This naturally handicapped us during 1943, and in order to complete payment for Vol. 46, and to settle the account for Vol. 47, it was necessary to draw heavily on our Deposit accounts to the extent of nearly £50, in addition to the special grant of £15 which had already been voted by the Council from the reserve towards the illustrations of Vol. 47 of the Journal. Still, there are at present no outstanding debts, and it is hoped that it will soon be possible to replace a considerable amount of the sum we have been forced to borrow from the Deposit Accounts. The amount given in Donations, although £5 less than the previous year, has been of the very greatest assistance in view of the many difficulties of 1943. Members are again urged to pay their subscriptions as early in the year as possible, so that commitments may be paid out of income, and our Reserve speedily built up once more. See Balance Sheet.

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

Again owing to the War and the difficulty of Railway and Motor transport, it has not been possible to arrange any special visits during the year to places of Archaeological interest as was usual in normal times.

It is hoped, however, that the time may soon arise when the Council may be able to make some arrangements in this direction.

On Saturday, July 24th, 1943, the South Eastern Union of Scientific Societies held their Annual Conference at Reading, at which many delegates from various parts of the country attended. His Worship the Mayor, W. E. C. McIlroy, C.B.E., J.P., gave a civic reception to the delegates and also entertained them to Lunch.

Our Society in conjunction with the Natural History Society, the Newbury Field Club and others, were asked to form a Local Committee to make the necessary arrangements, and a number of our members joined the Conference, and helped to make it a most successful time.

RECORD OF SECULAR BUILDINGS.

It has been suggested by the Chairman of the Council that a list should be made of all secular buildings of architectural merit in Berkshire. Such a record would be of great value in the post-war days of planning and reconstruction, as a guide to Local Authorities as to which buildings should be retained under planning schemes, and it would also be of much general interest.

In the record should be set out briefly the dates and chief features of the different buildings and why they should be preserved. It might, with advantage, be illustrated and in this connexion the photographs of secular buildings collected by the Berkshire Architectural Records Committee would be of use.

If any Members of the Berkshire Archaeological Society will undertake the compilation of the record, either of the county as a whole, or of the buildings in individual parishes, will they kindly advise the Hon. Secretary of the Society.

9. LECTURES.

The following lectures have been given during the Winter Season, 1943-4 :—

1943 :

- Oct. 9th. " *Berkshire Interlacings* " by Prof. A. W. Seaby.
 Nov. 13th. " *Pre-Roman and Roman Relics of London* " by Edward Yates, Esq., F.S.A.
 Dec. 11th. " *From London Bridge to Kew with a Camera* " by W. J. Roberts, Esq.

1944 :

- Jan. 15th. " *A record of travels in Mediterranean Lands, now in the Limelight* " by Mrs. Evelyn Holden.

Feb. 12th. "*A Roman Military Arsenal on the Tyne*" by Ian A. Richmond, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.

Mar. 11th. "*Some Romano-British Cults*" by D. R. Dudley, Esq., M.A.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Branch of the Local History Recording Scheme was also held in March 11th.

10. PRIZES FOR MEASURED DRAWINGS.

Two prizes were offered by the Society.

A prize of £2 2s. od. was awarded to Mr. G. A. Wenham for a drawing of Prospect House, Prospect Park.

A prize of £1 1s. od. was awarded to Mr. D. E. Eggleton for a drawing of Albion Place, Reading.

The Council venture to suggest that many more students should endeavour to make drawings and records of the Churches and Buildings which are of historic interest.

11. BERKSHIRE ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS COMMITTEE.

This Committee, our members will be glad to know, has made excellent progress and up to the end of the year had obtained 1,112 photographs and other illustrations of Berkshire buildings, mostly in duplicate, and about 337 negatives, also 3 Measured Drawings.

In the Committee's Annual Report special reference is made to and gratitude expressed for the assistance given by the Berkshire Archaeological Society to the Committee. Our gift of back numbers of the Journal helped considerably with the surveys of a number of churches and the donations sent by some of our members in response to the recent appeal were much appreciated.

More photographic helpers are urgently required, as there is a great deal of work waiting to be done and the Records Committee will be very glad of the assistance of any of our members who take photographs. Arrangements can be made with regard to materials.

12. THE JOURNAL.

During the year Vol 47 of the Berkshire Archaeological Journal was issued, and the Council wish to place on record their thanks and appreciation to Mr. P. S. Spokes, the Hon. Acting Editor, for his valuable work.

The Council is much indebted to a Member, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the generous provision of eight blocks for the illustrations of Mr. F. Sharpe's articles on "*The Church Bells of Berkshire*" in Vol. 47.

The Council also wishes to thank Mr. I. H. Taylor for the very welcome contribution towards the cost of the illustrations for the article on "*The Armorial Glass of the Oxford Diocese*" in Vol. 47.

13. ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY.

The Society is greatly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor and Council of Reading University for the continued provision of accommodation for the meetings of the Society.

14. MEMBERS.

The following members are serving with H.M. Forces :—
Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A., Mr. Wilfred Seaby, Mr. Peter Seaby,
Mr. C. Scott, Mr. P. D. R. Williams-Hunt, The Rev. R. A.
Lowry, M.A., Mr. F. M. Underhill, Mr. L. V. Grinsell.

Mr. C. H. Inge is serving under the Colonial Office at Aden.

Mr. J. Wilson is a prisoner of war in Germany.

H. T. MORLEY,

Hon. Secretary.

The Berkshire Archæological Society.

1944-45

Patron :

H.M. THE KING.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Berkshire Archaeological Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 21st, 1945, at 2.45 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 15th, 1944, were read and confirmed.
2. The Report of the Council for 1944-45 and the Statement of Accounts for 1944 were adopted.
3. Election of Officers.

The following Officers were elected :

President :

Vacant.

Vice-Presidents :

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON, F.S.A.

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF READING.

THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF WINDSOR.

THE REV. CANON WICKHAM-LEGG, M.A.

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Hon. Librarian :

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Council :

MRS. E. HOLDEN
 MRS. M. RIVERS-MOORE
 E. T. LONG, F.S.A.
 MISS E. BEACH
 COL. C. N. RIVERS-MOORE (*Vice-Chairman*)

} Retire in 1946

MISS M. M. SWADLING
 C. H. INGE
 COL. C. J. WEST, O.B.E., M.D.
 THE REV. S. E. CHAVASSE, M.A.

} Retire in 1947

C. B. WILLCOCKS, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.
 MISS E. CARLETON-WILLIAMS, M.A.
 THE REV. B. S. SPENCER, M.A.
 W. A. SMALLCOMBE, B.Sc.

} Retire in 1948

MISS L. F. CHITTY, F.S.A.
 P. S. SPOKES, B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A. (*Chairman*)
 H. G. GRAYSON, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.
 J. W. DODGSON, B.Sc.
 A. T. HEELAS

} Retire in 1949

After the business of the Annual General Meeting had been concluded a LECTURE was given by

H. O. VAUGHAN, Esq.,

on

"BERKSHIRE."

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1944-5.

1. MEMBERSHIP.	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Total</i>
March 30th, 1944	I	2	321	324
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2. OBITUARY.

We have to record with regret the deaths of the following members :—

The late President—

It was with grief that members heard of the death of the President, Mr. A. T. Loyd, of Lockinge House, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, on November 8th 1944, at the age of 62. Elected President in April 1937 he showed great interest in the Society's affairs, and was sedulous in his attendances at meetings of the Council in spite of the many demands upon his time by

his public work. His outstanding abilities and great human sympathy were ever at the disposal of the Council and members will remember with affection the charm and facility and the quiet humour with which he conducted the business of the Society.

Mr. S. H. Hodgkin, Mr. E. M. Tull, M. W. H. Fussell, Dr. Norman May.

3. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Reading University on Saturday, April 24th, 1944. The Hon. Secretary presided.

The Report and Balance Sheet were approved and adopted.

4. The Officers were re-elected.

5. On the proposition of Miss Baily the following members of the Council were re-elected.

Mr. C. B. Willcocks, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.

Miss E. Carleton-Williams, M.A.

Rev. B. S. Spencer, M.A.

Mr. W. A. Smallcombe, B.Sc., Nominated and Elected.

6. On the proposition of Col. O. J. West, the Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

7. FINANCIAL POSITION.

During the year our income from subscriptions fell by £24, chiefly for the reason that a considerable number of subscriptions were outstanding at the end of the financial year. Members are urged once again to pay their subscriptions early in the year.

As no Journal was published during 1944, it was possible to transfer £67 of the years' income to the Reserve Fund; the amount of £12 generously given in Donations was of very great assistance in rebuilding this Reserve ready for the activities of 1945.

The conditional grant of £200 received from the Pilgrim Trust, as mentioned elsewhere, was placed on deposit, pending the report of a Sub-Committee of the Council on the arrangements to be made for the publication of Mr. E. A. Greening Lamborn's work, "The Armorial Glass of the Oxford Diocese." See Balance Sheet.

8. GRANT FROM THE PILGRIM TRUST.

In December 1943 an appeal was made by our member Dr. John Johnson to the Pilgrim Trust for a grant to enable the Society to publish a book on the Armorial Glass of the Diocese by Mr. E. A. Greening Lamborn. The Society, conscious of

the national importance of this type of record, has issued the part dealing with Oxfordshire in the *Journal*, but funds sufficient to illustrate the remainder of the diocese were not available. It was felt that Mr. Greening Lamborn's pre-eminence in this field should be used to set a standard which could be followed by other dioceses. Hitherto there has been no such record of any diocese. Among those who supported the project were our late President, Sir Charles Peers, the Principal of St. Edmund Hall, the Chichele Professor of Economic History at Oxford, Richmond Herald, the Director of the National Buildings Record and Dr. H. E. Salter, lately editor of the Oxford Historical Society. In response the Pilgrim Trust have very generously made a grant of £200 on the condition that all chapters, including the illustrations, so far published and to come would eventually be issued by the Society as a book and thus make the record more widely accessible. A sub-committee consisting of the Hon. Treasurer, the Acting Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, the Acting Hon. Editor, Dr. John Johnson, Mr. C. B. Willcocks and Miss Carleton-Williams has been appointed to formulate the details of publication.

9. ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

A Mediaeval Exhibition was arranged in collaboration with, and kind permission of, the Museum and Art Gallery Committee, from July 1st to 15th, and was opened by the Mayor, Alderman A. Lovell. A number of interesting objects were lent by Members and friends. A large scale model of Ladye Place, Hurley, Berks, was exhibited and explained by Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore. The wonderful facsimile of the Bayeux Tapestry was also on view and explanations given daily by Mr. W. A. Smallcombe and Mr. H. T. Morley.

Over 9,500 visited the Art Gallery during the Exhibition, including 30 Official Classes from various schools of Reading and district.

On June 15th an Excursion was arranged by Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore, when 60 Members journeyed to Wallingford by river, where they were met by Major F. R. Hedges, who conducted them over the historic remains of Wallingford Castle.

10. LECTURES.

The following lectures have been given during the Winter Season, 1944-5 :—

1944.

- Oct. 9th. "*The Art and Science of Heraldry*" by Dr. F. S. Logan Dahne, M.A., B.Ch.(Cantab.).
- Nov. 4th. "*The Study of Greek Vases*" by Prof. P. N. Ure, M.A.
- Dec. 9th. "*Hong Kong as I knew it*" by Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore.

1945.

Jan. 13th. "*Alchemy—The Chemistry of the Middle Ages*" by J. W. Dodgson, Esq., B.Sc.

Feb. 17th. "*Relations between East and West among the Earliest known Civilisations*" by Miss Rachel Levy.

Mar. 17th. "*Book Plates during Four Centuries*" by H. T. Morley, Esq., F.S.A.Scot., B.Sc.Arch.

The Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Branch of the Local History Recording Scheme was also held on this day.

April 21st. "*Berkshire*" by H. O. Vaughan, Esq.

11. PRIZES FOR MEASURED DRAWINGS.

Two prizes were offered by the Society.

A prize of £2 2s. od. was awarded to Mr. G. A. Wenham for drawings of Lucas Hospital, Wokingham.

A prize of £1 1s. od. was awarded to Mr. C. Eggleton for drawings of Almshouses and The Mill House, Mapledurham.

The Judges state "These two sets of drawings were of quite a high standard."

The Council venture to suggest that many more students should endeavour to make drawings and records of the Churches and Buildings which are of historic interest.

12. COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY.

Archaeologists will be faced after the war with problems of magnitude and complexity, ranging over the whole field of archaeological work. A Council for British Archaeology has, therefore, been established to speak with authority both to the general public and to the Government. In order to obtain full representation of local interests 13 Regional Groups have been formed, Berkshire (with Oxon., Bucks., Beds. and Northants.) being in Group 9 which contains some 12 constituent societies. Each Group will elect representatives to the Council and will meet in its own district for the consideration of regional problems. National societies and other bodies will also appoint representatives. Thus the Council will ascertain the views of archaeologists throughout the country on questions of national interest while the local societies will receive the national body's support for the regional needs. The immediate functions of Group 9 are:— (1) to act regionally on matters of archaeological importance; (2) to consult the Council on its more difficult problems; (3) to elect representatives to the Council and (4) to report to the Council as to action taken on matters of importance in their Regions.

Our Society was represented at the Regional Group meeting at Oxford on November 13th, 1943, by Mr. P. S. Spokes, Chairman of the Council. Group No. 9 is represented on the Council by

Miss M. V. Taylor (President of the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society), Miss Joan Wake (Northamptonshire Record Society) and Mr. C. O. Skilbeck (Bucks. Archaeological Society). At a second meeting on June 17th, 1944, it was decided that the Constituent Societies in Group 9 will (1) suggest names of any of their members who are specialists in any subject to form a panel of experts for consultation, (2) establish contact with members of local government bodies to obtain help at need, (3) to exchange programmes of lectures and, where possible, lecturers and (4) arrange regional meetings for all members of the Constituent Societies. The following members of the Society were elected to serve on the various panels set up by Group No. 9 :—Prehistory : Miss L. F. Chitty, Mr. F. M. Underhill. Medieval : Mr. C. B. Willcocks, Mr. P. S. Spokes. Renaissance and post Renaissance : Mr. P. S. Spokes. Other panels exist for Roman and Dark Ages and Records. The Group has been supplied with a first list of Post-War Housing Sites which have been dealt with by the Ancient Monuments Branch of the Ministry of Works. This contains the Wootton Road site in Abingdon Borough. This is a large area to accommodate houses for many years. The Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum has been placed in touch with the local authority with a view to watching the site and possibly excavating trial trenches across certain crop-marks visible on air photographs.

13. THE JOURNAL.

Vol. 48 of the Berkshire Archaeological Journal will be published in 1945, and the Council wish to place on record their thanks and appreciation to Mr. P. S. Spokes, the Hon. Acting Editor, for his valuable work.

14. THE SERVICES.

The following members are serving with H.M. Forces :—Mr. Stuart Piggott, F.S.A., Mr. Wilfred Seaby, Mr. Peter Seaby, Mr. C. Scott, Mr. P. D. R. Williams-Hunt, The Rev. R. A. Lowry, M.A., Mr. F. M. Underhill, Mr. L. V. Grinsell.

Mr. C. H. Inge is serving under the Colonial Office at Aden.
Mr. J. Wilson is a prisoner of war in Germany.

15. ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY.

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H. T. MORLEY,

Hon. Secretary.