

BERKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Report of the Council for 1965

1. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held in the Zoology Lecture Theatre at Reading University on Saturday 1st May, 1965, the President, Mrs M. Aylwin Cotton occupying the Chair. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1964 having been circulated, were adopted. Mrs Cotton was elected President for the ensuing year by acclamation. The Vice-Presidents and other Officers were re-elected.

Mr S. H. Horrocks resigned from the Editorial Committee and in view of the impending departure of Mr John Wymer for South Africa, Dr Slade and Mr T. L. Gwatkin were elected to this Committee.

Council: Under Rule 5, Mr Kaines-Thomas, Mrs Feeney and Miss Wood due to retire were re-elected with additional members: Mrs G. Pike and Mrs M. D. Scarr (the last to represent the Middle Thames Archaeological and Historical Society). Miss M. V. Robinson and Professor Stiles retired from the Council and did not seek re-election.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th April, 1964, having been circulated, were adopted. A number of new members were declared elected, the President, Mrs M. Aylwin Cotton then delivered her annual address (see Section 11).

2. MEMBERSHIP

	31st December 1964	31st December 1965	Total
Honorary	9	0	9
Corporate	10	+3	13
Ordinary	530	+35	565
Deaths	0	6	6
Resigned	0	61	61
Total	549	29	520

The deaths of the following are recorded with regret:

The Rev. Professor A. Guillaume (1964), see obituary in *The Times* and *Daily Telegraph*, 1st December, 1965; Mrs Lynden-Bell (1933); Miss M. E. Monk-Smith (1920), Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore (1925); Mrs D. Saxton (1952), and Mr A. C. Vaughan-Williams (1953).

A note on some of these late members appears in Section 14.

3. PROGRESS OF ARCHAEOLOGY WITH THE SOCIETY AND IN THE COUNTY. It is gratifying to report that we have maintained our membership at over 500

notwithstanding the increased subscription, in fact the number of new members exceeded last year's. There have been inevitable losses through the general population movement of the present day and other natural causes which we hope will be made good.

Our meetings and excursions have been well attended, three lectures being of special importance: that of Professor Atkinson on the excavations at Wayland's Smithy, Mr Dennis Harding on Problems of the Iron Age and Dr Eales on Early Medicine. On the last occasion by kind arrangement with Mr Richnell, Reading University's Librarian we had our first meeting in the University Letters Building at Whiteknights Park and were shown the Cole Collection in the University Library. Two extra meetings were held beyond Reading, at Wantage in March and Wallingford in April.

In July Mr John Wymer sailed for South Africa on special research work for one year. This precluded the organising of a major excavation by the Research Group. Dr Slade however was most arduously engaged with his helpers in excavating the remains of Southcote Manor at weekends from April until the end of October. An excavation was commenced at Wallingford Castle by Mr Brookes of St. Andrew's University, some of our members assisting. Mr Crampton continued Downland field work and watched road widening between Basildon and Streatley, finding Roman material from this site. Wallingford Grammar School Archaeological Society reported the investigation of a paved trackway by Didcot churchyard in 1964, finding some Roman pottery. Mr Derek Buchanan carried out some excavation behind Charney Manor during the summer, finding foundations. A report on this work is awaited with interest.

A policy for research in the Upper Thames Valley has been under review by the 9th Regional Group of the Council for British Archaeology, our Society setting up a special sub-committee in November under the Chairmanship of the President to make recommendations. The progress of this scheme received a severe set-back by the sudden lamented death of Professor Sir Ian Richmond who had taken a personal interest in the matter.

4. THE PRESIDENT. On 11th December, Mrs Cotton presided over our meeting for the last time in this office. Mrs Cotton who had directed our activities for 5 years and who had been associated with us for some 30 years, had also directed the

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Research Group since its inception. Connected also with the Silchester Excavation Committee she was associated with many other Societies, and during the year, with Professor Frere, had directed a second season's dig on Ivinghoe Beacon for the Buckinghamshire Society. Well known throughout southern England and the Channel Islands, Mrs Cotton has worked much on the Continent and of recent years has turned her attention to Italy. Now residing in Rome, Mrs Cotton will be able to concentrate her energies on her newly chosen field, one of her interests being the origins of the Roman villa. The Council gave a farewell luncheon to Mrs Cotton and to mark the occasion Mr T. L. Gwatkin, paying tribute to the President's untiring activity and enthusiasm, presented on behalf of the members a silver replica of the Silchester Horse which he had made for the occasion.

5. OTHER PERSONALITIES. Dr Margaret Kaines-Thomas produced during the year her great work on the English Medieval House, published by Phoenix Press. Those of us who have been privileged to be associated with Dr Kaines-Thomas over the years know of the energy and scholarship that has gone into this book which has been received with enthusiasm throughout the English archaeological world. A review of the book will be published in a forthcoming Journal.

Our distinguished Vice-President, the Duke of Wellington, celebrated his 80th birthday on 21st August. Congratulations on behalf of the members of the Society were sent to his Grace who was kind enough to send a reply which was read to members in Shellingford church while on excursion that day.

With regret we record the death of Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore for a long period associated with Ladye Place, Hurley and our Society. He presided over our Council for many years and directed excursions and Congresses. A brief obituary is included in Section 14 of this Report.

6. PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS. Our Council has continued to be consulted by the County Planning Department and others on matters arising from the alteration or demolition of Scheduled and Listed buildings and monuments. Mr Willcocks, Mr Neobard and others have travelled many miles over Berkshire roads visiting, among many towns and villages: Abingdon, Bracknell, Brightwalton, Bulmershe, Coleshill, East Hendred, Fernham, Grove, Harwell, Holyport, Hungerford, Long Wittenham, Maidenhead, Marcham, Newbury, Purley, Shrivenham, Streatley, Sulhamstead, Surley Row, Wallingford, Wantage, Welford, Windsor and Wokingham. We have made representations at Public Inquiries on Old Grove House, Surley Row; Flint House and the Lamb Hotel, Wallingford; and Adnams Farmhouse,

Harwell. Your Secretary completed a brief survey of Wokingham buildings for the Wokingham Society.

Since our last Report, a draft route for the M4 Motorway has been issued, taking the road south of Reading. This has gone some way to alleviate the apprehension of many who had feared the proposed northern course would have been a disaster to the Thames Valley and Downland landscape. The detailed plan is now awaited when special study will be made of any antiquities which are likely to be disturbed or destroyed in road building.

7. FINANCE. Costs continue to mount and there was no Congress to add its quota of funds, with the result that the Society's liquid assets declined by about £160 during the year. However, the increased income from subscriptions has begun to reverse the downward trend in our resources which has been a disturbing feature of the last few years. It will be seen from the Accounts that the Journal Reserve has been discontinued and future accounts will accordingly show more clearly the true balance between Income and Expenditure. Once again our thanks are due to our Members who willingly paid the higher subscriptions despite the many other calls on their pockets and particularly those who have made generous donations in addition.

8. OTHER SOCIETIES. In addition to our continued exchange of publications with many other Societies, Reading was visited by the Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Society in July when Miss Swadling and Dr Slade helped in arranging their itinerary. Dr Slade conducted the party over the remains of Reading Abbey.

9. PUBLICATIONS. Volume 61 of the Journal was issued to subscribing members in January. This is our most expensive publication yet and a sub-committee of the Council met under the direction of the President and considered at length how to continue and keep up the standard of our publication with costs always increasing. The importance of our work in publishing for the past 85 years or more is continually brought home to us by the demand for back numbers and complete sets which we receive. Many of the new universities have asked for a set, and during the past year three foreign seats of learning have made the request and have been supplied. We made a useful exchange of recent parts with the Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts, Frankfurt, also with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society (see Section 15).

There has been a marked increase in research into village history by individual members who have arranged publication of their work in various ways. Contributions from these sources are noted in our library additions from time to time.

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10. SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES. In addition to the representatives already mentioned, we have continued to send members to meetings of the 9th Regional Group, C.B.A. at Oxford (Mr Connah and Mr Gwatkin), their Buildings and Records and Industrial Archaeology Section (Mr W. J. Smith). Miss Swadling represented us at the Annual British Records Congress and Mr Gafford on the Watlington House Committee, Mr Neobard and Dr Fletcher with the C.P.R.E.

11. LECTURES

- 9 January at Reading
Mr W. J. Smith, M.A., F.R.Hist.S. (County Archivist). *Berkshire Before Enclosure.*
- 20 February at Reading
Professor R. J. C. Atkinson, F.S.A., of the University of Wales. *Excavations at Waylands Smithy, Ashbury, 1962-1963.*
- 13 March at Wantage
By permission of the Headmaster at the Icknield Secondary Modern School, arranged by Mrs Feeney: Mr J. J. Wymer, A.M.A., F.S.A. *Recent Discoveries in Berkshire, 1964.*
- 27 March at Reading
(Combined with the Annual Meeting of the Local History Committee), Dr J. M. Fletcher and Mr Anthony Fletcher, B.A. *The Lodgers of Harwell in Tudor and Jacobean Times.*
- 3 April at Wallingford
At the Grammar School by kind invitation of the Headmaster: Mr Patrick Crampton. *Excavations at Greenlands Farm, Moulsoford* and Mr David Sturdy, *Berkshire Cottages and Farmhouses.*
- 1 May at Reading
Annual General Meeting of the Society, Presidential Address by Mrs M. Aylwin Cotton, *Some Classical Italian Sites.*
- 16 October at Reading
Mr Dennis W. Harding of the Institute of Archaeology, Oxford. *Problems of the Iron Age in the Upper Thames Valley.*
- 13 November at Reading
Mr T. D. Tremlett, M.A., of the Society of Antiquaries of London, *Early Heraldry.*
- 11 December at Reading
At Whiteknights Park, Dr N. B. Eales, *The Development of Early Medicine as Illustrated by the Cole Library at Reading University.*

12. EXCURSIONS

- 4 May
To Chiswick House, Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood and Keat's House, arranged by Miss Swadling.
- 29 May
To Hughendon Manor and Church; Waddesdon Manor and Church, Bucks., arranged by Miss Swadling.

22 June

To Hatfield House and Church; Salisbury Hall, London Colney, arranged by Miss Swadling.

21 August

An excursion to the Hundred of Ganfield which included Hinton Waldrist House (by kind invitation of Mr Nicholas Davenport), Buckland Church, Pusey Church and the grounds of Pusey House (by kind arrangement with Mr M. E. St. J. Hornby); tea at Charney Manor, and Shellingford Church, old and new Rectory (by kind invitation of the Rev. David Peck).

21 September

Syon House, Brentford and Osterley Park House, Osterley, arranged by Miss Swadling.

13. HOSPITALITY. Thanks are given to the Vice-Chancellor and to the Council of Reading University for the use of Lecture rooms for meetings, the Director of Reading Museum for accommodation at Council and sub-Committee meetings, to the Headmasters of Icknield School, Wantage and Wallingford Grammar School for meetings and refreshments and to many who assisted at these Meetings and Excursions.

14. OBITUARIES

Col. C. N. Rivers-Moore. Col. Rivers-Moore's association with our Society covered some 40 eventful years of progress and development in which he played a very active part. Coming to reside at Ladye Place, Hurley in the early 1920s he was soon a member of the Society, interesting himself in excursions. We first visited Ladye Place in his ownership in June 1925 during the Secretaryship of the late P. H. Ditchfield. He arranged some excursions every year from 1931 and in 1935 led his first two-day meeting at Winchester, a similar extended visit to Avebury and district being arranged the following year. In 1937 a three-day 'Congress' was held at Canterbury. Apart from the war years when he again saw active service, his Excursion and Congress activity continued until he moved to Scotland in 1957. His greatest effort perhaps was the visit he arranged for members to Brittany in 1956, the only time as yet that the Society has gone to the Continent.

His excavations on the site of the Priory at Ladye Place commenced in 1930, lectures to the Society on his finds followed in 1932 and 1933, members visiting his dig in May 1933. In all he carried out 8 years of investigation on the site, the principal result being the discovery of the central crossing, choir and side chapels of the monastic church, his Reports being published in our Journal in Volumes 38 and 43.

Col. Rivers-Moore was elected to the Council of the Society in 1928 and in 1931 he was a member of

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the Committee formed to draw up new Rules to cover the changing times, a role in which he took part again in 1937. He first occupied the Chair at a Meeting in 1929 and afterwards presided very frequently, both in Council and at Ordinary Meetings. Associated with Sir Mortimer Wheeler in the Maiden Castle Excavations of 1933-4, he promoted the publication of reports on local investigations, many of the new members of the Society owe their first introduction to field-work and reporting to his encouragement. He lectured frequently to the Society and at Hurley and elsewhere, his subjects covering a wide field including Dovecotes of which he owned a most ancient example at Ladye Place, Rushen Castle in the Isle of Man, and legends of St. Maurice resulting from his excursions in Switzerland.

The late Mrs Rivers-Moore was closely associated with all his interests during their residence at Ladye Place and later at Remenham Hill. For a time after Mrs Rivers-Moore's death he resided at Cockpole Green where his work for the Society continued unabated. Time however was passing, and on his second marriage he went to reside at Rothes in Scotland, retiring from active participation in our affairs. He still appeared annually with Mrs Rivers-Moore at the Congresses arranged by Miss Swadling, who followed him so ably as Excursion Secretary. Those of us who were privileged to visit him in his last years at Auchinroath remember him actively engaged and happy with an estate to manage and his continued interest in our members and the progress of the Society.

Mr A. C. Vaughan-Williams who long resided at Sparsholt, joined the Society in 1953 on the introduction of the late Mr A. C. Shirreff. Mr Vaughan-Williams' family had been associated with Old Windsor and Little Marlow where his father had promoted excavations on medieval sites. A man of wide interests, he was soon a member of our Council and continued to attend regularly until advancing years made the journey to Reading in winter months difficult. He interested himself in local antiquities and collections of historical interest, making useful contributions to the formation of the Windsor Guildhall Exhibition and to the Sparsholt Exhibition of 1958.

15. ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Books and pamphlets by gift:

1. *Catalogue of the Exhibition in the Queen's Robing Room at the Houses of Parliament to commemorate the 7th centenary of the Parliament of Simon de Montfort*, 20 January, 1965.
2. *Report for 1964*. House of Lords Record Office. Memorandum No. 32, House of Lords, 1965. From M. F. Bond, Esq.

3. *Radio Carbon Dating and Medieval Timber*, by Dr J. M. Fletcher. (Vernacular Architectural Group, Occasional Papers No. 2).
4. *Friends of Ely Cathedral, Year Book, 1965*. (Contains an illustrated article on the Nave roof, written by Dr J. M. Fletcher).
5. *The Origin and Development of Crown-post Roofs*, by J. M. Fletcher and P. S. Spokes. (Reprinted from *Medieval Archaeology*, Vol. 8, 1964).
6. *17th Annual Report of the County Archivist*, Berkshire County Council. From W. J. Smith, Esq.
7. *Stanford-in-the-Vale, Parish Record Part I and II*. Written and presented by Mrs Violet M. Howse.
8. *The Prehistoric Ridgeway*, Revised edition, 1965. Written and presented by Patrick Crampton.
9. *George IV and Royal Lodge*, Dolphin Press, Brighton 1965. Written and presented by Sir Owen Morshead.
10. *A History of English Architecture*, by P. Kidson and P. Murray. G. Harrap and Co. Ltd., 1962. From R. P. L. Ledesert, Esq.
11. *Curiosities of British Archaeology*, by Ronald Jessup. Butterworths, 1961. From Messrs Butterworths.

Books and periodicals by exchange:

12. *Records of Buckinghamshire*, Vol. XVII, part 4, 1964.
13. *Cambridge Antiquarian Society, Proceedings*. Volumes 50-58. (1957-1963).
14. *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society*. Vol. 21, part 2, 1965.
15. *Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*. Proceedings during 1963-4, Vol. 108, 1964. (Contains an account of the Star Roman Villa Shipham, and the Saxon and Medieval Palaces at Cheddar).
16. *Römisch-Germansche Kommission*, Frankfurt. Volumes 36-45 and Index Volume for Nos. 1-42. (1955-1964).
17. *Trabalhos de Antropologica e Etnologica*, Vol. XIX fasc. 3-4. Porto, Portugal, 1964. (Contains an illustrated article on Portuguese megalithic structures).
O Torques de Vilas Boas, by J. R. Santos Junior and O. da Silva Friere, 1965. (Illustrated account of the finding of a gold torque).
Algumas Fivelas de bronze do Museu Antropologico da Universidade do Porto, Osvaldo Freire, Porto, 1965. (Illustrations of bronze pennanular brooches).

Books etc. by purchase:

18. *Council for British Archaeology, Current and forthcoming off-prints*, No. 34, April 1965; No. 35, October 1965.

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- C.B.A. Archaeological Bibliography of Gt. Britain and Ireland*, 1963.
C.B.A. Report No. 15, for year ended 30 June, 1965.
19. *British Records Association*, 33rd Report of the Council for 1964-1965.
 20. *Etoniana*, No. 117, Nov. 27, 1965. Alden and Blackwell, Eton College, 1965.
 21. *Some Kentish Houses*, Ed. Elizabeth Malling, B.A. and Ann M. Oakley, M.A. (Kentish Sources, Kent County Council, 1965).
 22. *John Rowell, glass painter*. A study by Sidney M. Gold, Ranelagh Press, 1965.
 23. *Loughton*, a study of the Evolution of the Wealden Landscape, by John S. Moore. Occasional Papers, No. 19.
 - The Deserted Villages of Oxfordshire*, by K. J. Allison, M. W. Beresford and J. G. Hurst. Occasional Papers No. 17. (Department of Local History, Leicester University, 1965).
 24. *St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, Report of the Society of the Friends of St. George's and the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter. Vol. IV, No. 5, 1964. Contains illustrated notes on the Galilee Porch and the Sally-Port by M. F. Bond and articles on Richard Montague, 1607-1628 by J. MacCauley, also Thos. Batcheldor of Eton by N. Blakiston.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1965

1964	£	s.	d.	1964	£	s.	d.
40 Printing and Stationery—General	36	8	7	423 Subscriptions	553	7	0
23 Postages and Telephones	30	0	8	26 Donations	12	2	0
— Purchase of Publications	1	11	9				
<i>Subscriptions Paid:</i>							
S.P.A.B.	1	1	0				
Friends of St. Georges, Windsor	10	0					
English Place-Name Society	1	5	0				
Friends of Reading University	5	5	0				
British Records Association	1	10	0				
Berkshire Local History Committee	2	2	0				
Friends of Abingdon	2	2	0				
C.B.A.—9th Regional Group	5	0					
C.B.A.	3	15	0				
18	17	15	0				
17 Lecturers' Expenses	13	2	3				
2 Working Projector	3	15	0				
25 Rent of Room—Watlington House	25	0	0				
3 Insurance	2	17	1				
— Memorial—W. H. Godfrey	1	1	0				
4 Gratuities	3	0	0				
3 Auditor's Fee	3	3	0				
1 Cheque Book	—	—	—				
2 Depreciation—Typewriter	2	7	6				
<i>Transfer to Fund Accounts:</i>							
5 Berks. Historic Buildings Fund	5	0	0				
30 Excavation Fund	—	—	—				
<i>Journal:</i>							
Cost of Printing Vol. 61, Less							
Provision 31st December 1964	274	19	4				
Provision for future Printing	—	—	—				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	184	13	9				
119	£604	14	11				
200	£495						
3							

Excavation Fund Account

Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1965	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
..	45	17	4	Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1965	45 17 4
	<u>£45 17 4</u>						<u>£45 17 4</u>

Excursion Account

Printing and Stationery	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Postages and Telephone	..	2	9 11	Balance of Account at 1st January, 1965	£	s.	d.
Loss on Excursion to Osterley	..	8	12 6	Profit on Excursions:	..	5	0 0
Contribution to General Account	..	11	6	Chiswick	..	18	6
Balance of Account at 31st December, 1965..	..	8	7 10	Waddesdon	..	6	7 9
	..	5	0 0	Hatfield	7	4 9
				Ganfield Hundred	..	5	10 9
	<u>£25 1 9</u>					20	1 9
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Journal Fund Account

Printing—Volume 61	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Volume 61 (extra copies)	..	633	5 0	Sale of Journals	86 8 2
Purchases of Old Journals	..	12	19 5	Provision for Printing	350 0 0
Postages and Telephone	..	44	0 0	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	..	274	19 4
	..	21	3 1				
	<u>£711 7 6</u>						<u>£711 7 6</u>

	£	s.	d.
Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1965	..	97	3 6
Balance of Fund at 1st January, 1965	..	89	14 0
Bank Interest received	..	2	9 6
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	..	5	0 0
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		£97	3 6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1964	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>General Fund:</i>						
Balance as on 1st January, 1965	502	2	7			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	184	13	9	686	16	4
502						
<i>Excavation Fund:</i>						
Balance as on 31st December, 1965	45	17	4			
<i>Berkshire Historic Buildings Fund:</i>						
Balance as on 31st December, 1965	97	3	6	143	0	10
136						
<i>Excursion Account:</i>						
Balance as on 31st December, 1965				5	0	0
5						
<i>Journal Account:</i>						
Provision for Printing of Journal				—	—	—
350						
£993				£834	17	2
<i>Investments:</i>						
4½% Defence Bonds at Cost (Market Value 100)						
£200 — 4½% British Electricity Guaranteed Stock 1967-69 at Cost (Market Value 184) ..	190			189	17	0
Typewriter :				19	12	6
Less : Provision for Depreciation	20			2	7	6
				17	5	0
<i>Cash at Banks:</i>						
Thames Valley Trustee Savings Bank				62	8	10
Barclays Bank Limited: Current Account				142	1	6
Deposit Account				318	4	10
Excursion Account				5	0	0
683						
				527	15	2
				£834	17	2

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