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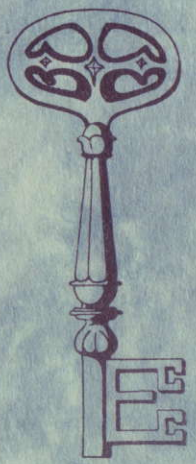

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Important Notice.

At the Annual General Meeting it was decided that the annual subscription should be increased from 7/6 to 10/- per annum. Rule No. 4 should now read as follows:- "4. The minimum annual subscription shall be 10/- payable on January 1st". Members are requested to alter their "Rules of Membership" cards accordingly.

In view of the increased cost of postage members are especially requested to pay their subscriptions promptly and thus save postage.

REPORT 1957.

The year under review has been one of steady progress. The forthcoming publication of the long awaited Camerton Report has necessitated much time and thought having to be given to the difficult problem of providing the large sum required for this purpose. It almost looked at one time that this would prove unsurmountable but a number of our friends most kindly gave handsome donations which enabled us to place the order for the work to proceed with Messrs. Pitmans of Bath. Our grateful thanks are due to Miss Lloyd, Mr. Foster Robinson, Mr. I.D. Margary and our Vice Presidents, Mr. R. Dumbreck and Mr. R.C. Cross who so nobly gave large donations at the critical stage of the appeal and thus saved the situation. We are happy to report that the work is now coming through from the printers in Galley Proof and this has entailed much time having to be spent on checking. I would like here to express my personal thanks to Mr. Peter Greening for his assistance in this respect. We very much hope that it may be possible to publish the Report on the occasion of our President's visit for the Annual Dinner on February 25th next.

I would mention here the Xmas draw which has been organized as a final effort to help secure the outstanding sum required to pay for the Camerton Report without having to take money from the Club's reserve fund. A number of gifts have been kindly

given as prizes for this effort and we are grateful to the donors. Your Committee hopes that an enthusiastic effort will be made by members to interest our many friends, who will, by this means be enabled to assist us to raise the money necessary.

Wick Wood. Work has continued on this important site throughout the summer months. We have uncovered a large part of the Western half of the Mausoleum and have now ascertained that the elaborate octagonal structure was preceded by a circular building which appears also to have been used as a mausoleum. The work to date, has been carried out entirely on a voluntary basis and we are grateful to those members and others who have so unstintingly given their time and expense to this purpose. We were honoured by a visit from their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort and the Lady Helena Gibbs, who were much impressed by this interesting and unusual structure. Our President, Sir Mortimer Wheeler has also paid a visit to the site and we were also pleased to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Glyn Daniel, Mrs. Clifford and Mr. R. Simms of H.M. Ministry of Works. The work will shortly close for the winter but we hope to continue next summer with the work when we expect to have some monetary assistance. We are happy to record the continued co-operation and interest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Webb in our work, and we are pleased to welcome them as members of our Club.

Camerton. Very little work has been done on the Camerton Site but work was resumed on Saturday, November 23rd.

Committee Meetings. Six meetings of the Committee were held during the year at Miss Melluish's shop. We are grateful to Miss Melluish for so kindly providing a room for this purpose.

Lectures and Discussions. Lectures have been well attended and much interest shown in the lectures and we are indebted to the Lecturers for so kindly giving their services. The Discussions were not so well attended and we have temporarily dropped them for the coming session.

Excursions. The Excursions have also not been so well supported this past season as in former years. We would welcome suggestions for future excursions.

Insurance. Acting on the proposal made at the last A.G.M. a form of insurance has been effected to cover both paid and voluntary personnel engaged in excavation work organized by the Club.

St. James' Church Site. Agreement has been reached with Messrs. Woolworth's regarding the proposed excavation on this site. Messrs. Woolworth's will give adequate notice of their intention to commence operations on the site.

The balance of the original fund from the previous Bath excavation has been transferred to our Funds as may be seen from the Treasurer's Report.

Subscriptions. The Committee has considered the question of increasing the annual subscription from 7/6 a year to 10/- per year and they recommend that this increase shall take effect as from January 1st 1958. The present subscription does not by any means cover the normal expense of a Club such as ours and we feel that the membership would not wish that our activities be curtailed. It is pointed out that for several years past we have depended on the results of an annual Jumble Sale to subsidise the Club Funds and this has enabled us to keep the annual sub at 7/6. Incidentally we invite gifts for a Sale which we propose to have early in 1958.

Financial position. We finish the year with a smaller balance than that of last year. This is due to the increased cost of postage and printing, and the fact that this year we do not carry the result of a Jumble Sale among our receipts.

Membership. This has remained steady above the 100 mark. We were sorry to lose Cdr. E.D.M. Williams consequent on his leaving the district and we are grateful for his assistance especially at Wick Wood and also to his daughter.

Secretaryship. We were sorry to hear from Miss Jones that she felt unable to devote the necessary

time to enable her to carry out the duties connected with this post. We are grateful to Miss Jones for her work in this connection and for so kindly filling the breach consequent upon the death of the late Mr. Cleworth. Your Committee have elected Mr. Peter Greening and he has kindly consented to carry out the duties of Secretary to the Club.

Thanks. I would like to express my thanks to all who have contributed to the Club's activities during the past year. Especially Mr. Moore our Treasurer who has had the additional burden of keeping the Publications Fund subscriptions in good order. To Miss Melluish for her continued interest and work as Excursion Secretary, Mr. Peter Greening for his co-operation, Mrs. Brackenbury, Cdr. Williams and those who have assisted with the work at Wick Wood, and to the Committee and Members for their kind co-operation in the Club's work during the past year.

W.J. WEDLAKE.
CHAIRMAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Accounts for the period 10th November 1956 to 22nd October 1957 are presented. Again it has been one of great financial activity, especially in connection with the forthcoming publication "The Excavations at Camerton". The General Account commenced with a credit balance of £58. 5. 8d. and finished with a credit balance of £17. 18. 2d. This considerable drop is attributable to three main reasons (a) The sum of £30 borrowed from the Nancy Smith Memorial Fund for the purchase of a hut and tools was repaid to that Fund (b) the absence of our annual Jumble Sale which usually produces about £30 and (c) the considerable number of subscriptions (due 1st January) which still remain unpaid. On the other hand expenditure has been much less than last Year. During the period under review the sum of £162. 12. 5d. held by the City of Bath Excavation Committee (now defunct) was handed over to the sole control of our Club and this amount will be used for

the excavations at St. James Church Site. £100 of this money has been placed on Deposit with the National Provincial Bank earning interest at present at 5%, £33.15.6d. has been expended on equipment and insurance in readiness for the 'dig' and the balance of £28.16.11d. remains in the Current Account at the aforesaid Bank. The Nancy Smith Memorial Fund opened with a credit balance of £179.11.7d. to which £30 was transferred from the General Account and £4.18.3d added by way of Interest at 2½% making a total of £214.9.10d. The Publication Fund opened with a balance in hand of £555.6.7d. £15.4.9d. was received in Interest and additional Donations and Subscriptions received amounted to £606.-.6d. Included in this amount are the following Grants (£200 from the Council for British Archaeology and £50 from the British Academy). £190.10.6d. was withdrawn for the purchase of blocks and the balance standing to the credit of this Fund at the National Provincial Bank is £986.1.4d. This money also earns interest at 5%.

I should like to add that owing to the unbounded energy of your Director in sending out further personal appeals for this Fund and the very generous gifts of two good friends, we have attained the total you see set out to-day, but even so, more money will have to be found before the sum required is reached.

H.F. MOORE.

31st October, 1957.

Camerton Excavation Club.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance at 10.11.56.	58. 5. 8.	By	Transferred to Nancy Smith Memorial Fund	30. -. -.
" " " " with Director of Excavations	5. 1.	"	Hotel & Travelling Expenses of Lecturers	7. 8. 7.
" Subscriptions & Donations	47. -. 6.	"	Postages	7.12. 8.
" Collected at Lectures	4.16. 6.	"	Advertisements	2. 2. 6.
" Sale of Hut and Tools	30. - -	"	Printing & Stationery	12. 4. 9.
		"	Hire of Abbey Church House	4. 3. -
		"	Subs. to Society of Roman Studies	2. -. -.
		"	Subs. to Somersetshire Archaeological & Nat. Hist. Society	1. 1. -
		"	Gas	19. -
		"	Transferred to Publications Fund for "Camerton Report"	30. - -
		"	Donation to Admiralty Camera Club	1. - -
		"	Cheque Book	4. -
		"	Subs. to Council of Br. Archaeology	10. -
		"	" " " " " " Group XIII	7. 6.
		"	Labour on 'dig'	4. - -
		"	Bus fares for juniors on 'dig'	1. 8. 1.
		"	Cleaning & Repair of Camera	5. 5. -
		"	Slides	15. -
		"	Bath Corpn.-Fee re Xmas Draw	1. - -
		"	Insurance of Camera	8. 6.
		"	Mr. F. Wells-use of land at Camerton	10. - -
				122. 9. 7.
			Balance in hand at 22.10.57.	17.18. 2.
	£140. 7. 9.			£140. 7. 9.

Nancy Smith Memorial Fund

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
To Bal.in P.O. Savings Bank at 10.11.56.	179.11.7.	By Balance in Post Office Savings Bank at 22.10.57.	214. 9.10.
" Transferred from Gen.A/C	30. - -		
" Interest	4.18.3.		
	£214. 9.10.		£214. 9.10.

Publication Fund (Deposit A/C)

To Bal. at Nat.Prov. Bank Deposit a/c at 10.11.56.	555. 6. 7.	By Abbey Process Engraving Co.Ltd.	121. 1. 8.
" Interest	15. 4. 9.	" Gloucester & Three Counties Photo Engraving Co. Ltd.	69. 8.10.
" Subscriptions, Grants & Donations	606. - 6.		190.10. 6.
		" Balance at Nat.Provincial Bank Ltd.	986. 1. 4.
	£1176.11.10.		£1176.11.10.

No. 2 a/c (City Excavations - St. James Church Site) Current a/c.

To Balance of City of Bath Excavation Committee a/c	162.12. 5.	By Sun Insurance Co. Ltd.-Insurance of Persons on Excavations	3. - -
		" Equipment (Hut & Tools) £30 Secateurs 15/6	30.15. 6.
		" Transferred to Deposit A/C No.2	100. - -
			133.15. 6.
		" Balance at Bank - Current A/C	28.16.11.
	£162.12. 5.		£162.12. 5.

No. 2 a/c (City Excavations - St. James Church Site)Deposit a/c

To Transferred from No. 2 Current a/c	£100. - -	By Balance at Bank at 22.10.57	£100. - -

Audited and found correct-A.J.MOORE. 26.10.57.

Excursion Secretary's Report.

The excursions have not been so well supported this year, but nevertheless we have been able to run all of them and moreover make a small profit.

On May 12th we visited Gloucester and Worcester Cathedrals and Tewkesbury and Evesham Abbeys.

June 2nd. Exeter Cathedral and the Hut Circles at Grimspound on Dartmoor.

July 7th. Woodhenge, Stonehenge, Old Sarum, Wilton House and Salisbury Cathedral.

September 1st. A half day excursion to Blaise Castle, Folk Museum and the Roman Villa at Kings Weston.

The last tour on September 22nd to the excavations taking place at Cirencester under Mr. Graham Webster, we also visited the Corinium Museum which was opened especially for us.

Next year will be the 10th season and we hope to present to you another series of equally interesting excursions.

(Sgnd.) D. MELLUISH.
Hon. Excursion Secretary.

Excursion Secretary's Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
To balance from 1956	3.12.10.	By Coach Hire	67. 7. 6.
Coach tickets inc. tea.	107.12. 6.	" Teas	19. 0. 8.
		" Tips	6.16. 6.
		" Entrances	3.17. 6.
		" Donations	12. 6.
		" Printing	14. 6.
		" Postage & Phone	1.15. 5½
		" Map & Guides	17. 6.
		" Tea & Sugar for 'dig'	1. 9. 6.
		" Balance in hand	9. 3. 8½
	£111. 5. 4.		£111. 5. 4

CAMERTON EXCAVATION CLUB PUBLICATIONS FUND

Fourth list of Subscribers up to 1st December 1957.

Brought forward from previous list	£1180.15. 4.
Kemp. Miss C.M.	2. 6.
Cook. J.M. Esq., M.A., F.S.A.,	1.14. 6.
Wass. Miss A.I.	2. 2. -
Jenkin, Miss M.B.	2. 2. -
Lifely. -. Esq.,	2. 2. -
Gould. M. Esq.,	1. 2. -
Coach Collection	17. 6.
Grant from Camerton Excavation Club	30. - -
Robbins. -. Esq.,	10. -
Hargood-Ash. Miss. J. St. A.	12. 6.
Reid. Miss W.	10. -
Cross. R.C. Esq. (additional)	10.10. -
Pincombe. Miss S.	10. -
Proceeds of Christmas Draw	28. 5. 4.
	£1262. 5. 8.

THE CHRISTMAS DRAW

Ticket No.	Prize	Winner
26	Handbag. Presented by Miss Sydney Lloyd.	Miss A. Procter, Beverley, Bailbrook Lane, Bath.
59	Chicken. Presented by Miss D. Melluish	Mrs. J. Wedlake, Camerton, Bath.
90	Bottle of Wine. Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Graham.	Mr. Rex Wilcox, Downend, Nr. Bristol.
91.	Tin of Biscuits. Presented by Miss Betty Owen.	Mr. Rex Wilcox, Downend, Nr. Bristol.
354	Box of Chocolates. Presented by Miss V. Bevan.	Miss D. Hughes, 81, Leigh, Westbury, Wilts.

Ticket No.	Prize.	Winner.
482	Turkey. Presented by the Committee.	Mr. D.M. Ashfield, 7, George St., Bathwick, Bath.
757	Hot Water Bottle. Presented by Miss C. McGlouglin.	Mr. Stevens, 44, Hawthorn Grove, Bath.
800	Bottle of Gin. Presented by the Committee.	Miss White, 8, Victoria Terrace, Twerton, Bath.
918	Bottle of Port. Presented by Mr. R.C. Cross.	Mr. Brannigan, Brakespeare House, Stratton-on-the-Fosse.
1097	Bottle of Sherry. Presented by Mr. R.C. Cross.	Miss Cooke, 3, Flatwoods, Claverton, Bath.
1107	Box of Cigarettes. Presented by Mr. & Mrs. A. Jaffrey.	Mr. J. Edwards, 136, Newbridge Road, Bath.
1165	Christmas Cake. Presented by Mrs. G. Lewis & Mrs. J. Wedlake.	Mr. J.R. Hole, 4 Alfred Street, Bath.
1214	Christmas Hamper Presented by Club Members and others.	Mrs. G.M. Woodley, Bath.
1289	Stone Bird Bath. Presented by Mr. K. Turvey.	Miss V. Jennings Queens Parade, Bath.

£28. 5. 4. profit put into the Publication Fund.

Additional names of Members who have joined the Club since August 1957. For previous lists see CAMERTONIA No. 3 Part II, No. 4 Part II and No. 5 Parts I and II.

Holtham, Miss J.M., Phaeton House, Sion Hill, Bath.
Pike, Cdr. B.H.,R.N., The White House,
Norton St. Philip, Bath.
Pike, Mrs. M.F. ditto
Hopkins, Miss M. Fir Cottage, 89 Church Road,
Combe Down,Bath.
Webb, A.L.Esq., Manor Farm, West Kington,
Near Chippenham.
Webb, Mrs. M. ditto.
Barclay, L.L.Esq., Ferley, 67 North Rd. Combe Down,
Bath.
Edwards, T.R.N. Esq., 136 Newbridge Rd. Bath.
Hames, Mrs.J.S. 180 The Hollow, Bath.
Humphreys, Mrs.M.E. Sion Lodge, 34 Sion Hill, Bath.
Blathwayt, Miss S. 19 Marlborough Buildings, Bath.
Hicks, Miss A.M. B.Sc. 7 Hermitage Rd.Lansdown,Bath.

THE CAMERTON SITE

Work will proceed on the site (weather permitting) on Saturday afternoons. Volunteers are welcome. It is not necessary to be a member to assist with this work.

WICK WOOD

We propose to resume work on this interesting site in May 1958. Any member who may wish to assist on this site should contact the Secretary who will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. Members are requested not to visit the site without first informing the Director or Secretary of their intention to do so.

RUMMAGE SALE

We have had to postpone this annual event until early 1958. This is due to our not having received sufficient material to warrant a sale. We invite gifts for this purpose which may be left at Miss Melluishs shop or we will fetch them if necessary.

EXCURSIONS 1958

Sunday May 4th
Half day excursion visiting Sherborne Abbey, Shaftesbury Abbey and Museum.
Coach leaves Henry Street at 2 p.m.
Fare to include tea:- 10/-

Sunday June 8th
All day excursion. Tour of the Cotswolds to include the Widcombe and Chedworth Roman Villas also Hill Forts and Long Barrows etc.
Coach leaves Henry Street 9.30 a.m.
Packed lunch to be taken.

Other excursions to be announced later.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday January 7th - "The Roman City of Pompeii"
J.M. Cook Esq., M.A.,F.S.A.

Tuesday February 4th - "Mans Journey through Time"
Professor L.S.Palmer, D.Sc.,Ph.D.

Tuesday February 25th - Visit of our President, Sir Mortimer Wheeler, C.I.E.,M.C.,F.B.A.,President of the Society of Antiquaries for his lecture to the Club and the occasion of the

Annual Dinner at the Pump Room.
Members tickets for lecture 2/-
Tickets for Annual Dinner 15/6. Drinks Extra.

Tuesday March 4th - "Iron Age and Viking Settlers in Northern Britain"
J.R.C.Hamilton Esq., M.A.,F.S.A.

Tuesday April 1st - "An Archaeological Tour in France, Italy and Spain".
W.J. Wedlake Esq.,