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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1969

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held at 2 Gay Street, on Tuesday November 25th 1969.

The Reports of the Director, the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Excursion Secretary were presented and adopted.

The Officers and Committee were re-elected to serve for a further year of office.

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968-69

The past year has been one of continued activity for the Society, and despite a small adverse balance on our current account the financial position continues to be good. Membership has remained steady, with the usual loss of members being counterbalanced by a gain of new members, whom we are pleased to welcome.

FIELD ACTIVITIES

Nettleton. The discovery of the 1st/2nd century camp on the south side of the Wick valley has made it necessary to prolong our work at Nettleton, as it is essential that we should have some knowledge of the initial development of the settlement. During our work at the south end of the field on the west side of the road last Spring we found that the camp must extend eastward; several exploratory cuttings have now shown that this was so and we are now in course of examining this area. A road has also been located but it is not possible at this stage to determine if this is the Fosse Way. The walls of two additional buildings have also been found in the East field.

We are most grateful to Mr. L. Webb for his kind co-operation in allowing us to excavate in the field to the east of the modern road.

The M.4 Motorway. Your Society has co-operated in a joint effort to ensure that the course of the motorway was kept

under observation while the preliminary works were in progress. At a joint meeting convened by the Wiltshire Archaeological Society in Devizes your Society was asked to watch developments on the section of the motorway from Tormarton to the point just north of the Salutation Inn where it crosses the Fosse Way. Several visits were made to the motorway by members of the Society and some interesting features were recorded. These range from a neolithic flint-knapping pit to two different Roman sites. On one of the Roman sites two ditches of what appeared to be an enclosure were recorded and a stone coffin with an interment intact was also found near by. A report on this work will be given at a later date.

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Castle Farm, Marshfield, for kindly keeping us in touch with the progress of the motorway works, and for their valued assistance in other ways.

Other sites. An eye has been kept on other commercial excavations in the neighbourhood of Bath. The attention of members is drawn to the importance of watching any excavation that they may encounter and of reporting any features of interest.

The Industrial Survey. Little has happened in connection with this survey during the past year but members are requested to watch for any development that may threaten former industrial buildings and to make a suitable record or to report to the Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

Work at Headquarters has continued. The large amount of pottery from the Nettleton excavations is in process of being washed and classified. Mr. Richardson has continued his work on the scale model of the Nettleton shrine, and some pottery reconstruction has been done.

The exterior of the premises has been painted and this has improved its appearance.

LECTURES

The lectures arranged by the Secretary have been well attended. Lectures are becoming increasingly expensive to arrange and members are asked to interest their friends in the lecture programme and bring visitors to the lectures as often as possible.

CONFERENCES

A conference on local history and archaeology was held at 9A York Street on Sunday 23rd March 1969.

The Society was pleased to act as host to the Somerset Archaeological Society for the annual meeting of representatives of affiliated societies. This meeting was held at the Friends' Meeting House in York Street and was very well attended. We are grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Hilliard and their helpers for arranging a splendid tea and also to the Bath University Folk Dancers for their spirited performance of folk dancing during the tea interval.

EXCURSIONS

The two excursions arranged for last season were well patronised, and we hope that this will continue during the coming year. A suggestion has been made that we organize an excursion to Anglesey and North Wales for the Spring Holiday of 1970; members are invited to indicate if they are interested in this excursion and also to make suggestions for consideration for future excursions.

KINGSMEAD SQUARE

We were pleased to hear that it was due in some measure to the evidence given by our Secretary at the public enquiry that the Kingsmead Square block of Georgian buildings has been saved from demolition.

REPRESENTATION

Your Society has been represented at meetings of the Council for British Archaeology and other national bodies.

NETTLETON REPORT

The Report has been revised to include an account of the 1st/2nd century camp. The assignment of a large number of small finds into their proper categories, and the need to refer some of the finds to specialists for their opinions, has involved some delay in the preparation of the final text of the Report. The bulk of this work has now been accomplished, and the Report should soon be ready for publication.

CAMERTONIA

It is becoming increasingly expensive to print and issue this journal and other necessary information that is circulated to members from time to time. Consequently it has again been possible to make one issue only of 'Camertonia' during the past year.

THANKS

We desire to express our grateful thanks once again to Mr. Lomas Webb for permitting us to dig on his land at Nettleton and for his kind co-operation in other ways. Also to Miss Sidney Lloyd for so kindly paying the rates on Headquarters; to Dr. and Mrs. Hilliard and their helpers for arranging teas at Conferences; to Dr. Hilliard, again, for auditing the Society's accounts; to the Secretary, Mr. Greening, for his continued exertions on the Society's behalf; to Mr. Bluhm, the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Cooper, the Hon. Excursion Secretary, and to all those who in their several different ways have worked for the welfare of the Society.

W.J. WEDLAKE
Chairman and Director

November 1969.

HON. TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968-69

This has not been a particularly good year financially. The accounts show a deficit of £22. 16. 6d on the ordinary income and expenditure account in contrast to last year's figures, which recorded a surplus of £11. 1s. 0d. However, as I pointed out in my report for that year, 1967-68 was in some respects unique, in that a drive on arrears of membership contributions produced an unprecedently large amount in in members' subscriptions, while it so happened that quite fortuitously very little was spent on excavations. In 1968-69 this position has been reversed, with a smaller figure for subscriptions and a larger for excavations. However, I am glad to say that the outlook for 1969-70 is much better, since the Jumble Sale held on 31 October produced a profit of £23. 5. 0.

Profit on sale of publications is lower than last year but the figure of £13. 7s. 3d paid into the Publication Fund is by no means unsatisfactory.

On the capital accounts I am glad to report an increase of £64. 14s. 9d in accumulated balances carried forward, despite a withdrawal of £12 from General Reserve to make up some of the deficit in ordinary income. Our resources in cash and investments now amount to £1,095. 5s. 11d and our total assets have increased by £20. 19s. 10d to £1,348. 7s. 4d, despite a large amount written off the value of camera, hut and tools.

Last year I presented what I called a Balance Sheet as a summary of the Society's financial position, but I understand from more than one source that 'Balance Sheet' was a misnomer for this document. It is therefore replaced this year by a Summary of Assets.

R.K. BLUHM

Hon. Treasurer

November 1969

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Equipment, stock and stores:						
Hut and tools	15	0	0			
Camera	1	0	0			
Furniture etc. at H.Q.	5	0	0			
205 copies 'Camerton Report'	205	0	0			
450 copies 'North Somerset Miscellany'	22	10	0	248	10	0
Accumulated balance of Funds:						
General Reserve	376	7	3			
City of Bath Excavation	104	10	0			
Nancy Smith Memorial	331	11	3			
Publications	282	17	5	1095	5	11
Cash in hand and at Bank				4	11	5
				£ 1348	7	4

Expenditure

Headquarters:						
Rent and Rates	29	3	2			
Heating and Lighting	1	19	3			
Equipment	1	16	8	32	19	1
Lectures				18	3	6
Conferences				8	14	3
Deficit on excursions 1968				-	15	0
Excavations:						
Nettleton - general	36	5	0			
- photography etc.	2	18	0	39	3	0
Stationery				7	15	0
21st Birthday Party				30	9	5
Postage, telephone and other administrative expenses (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)				12	12	0
Insurance				5	5	9
Subscriptions:						
Roman Studies	3	0	0			
C.B.A.	2	15	0			
C.B.A. Group 13	-	7	6			
"Industrial Archaeology"	2	2	0			
Somerset Arch. & N.H. Society	2	0	0	10	4	6
Printing "Camertonias"				12	6	9
Cheque Book				-	5	0
				£ 178	13	6

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AND EXPENDITURE

Income

Subscriptions		76	10 0
Donations:			
Miss Lloyd	9 3 2		
Other	3 19 0	13	2 2
H.Q. Tea Money		2	16 4
Lectures		5	12 6
Conferences		18	9 6
21st Birthday Party		32	5 0
Sale of wine		7	1 6
		155	17 0
DEFICIT		22	16 6
		£ 178	13 6

PUBLICATIONS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

To	Storage of Camerton Report	5 11 3	By	Sale of Publications	18 18 6
	Balance transferred to Publication Fund	13 7 3			
		£18 18 6			£18 18 6

FUNDS

General Reserve Fund

To	Withdrawals to meet current expenditure	12 0 0	By	Balance b/f	357 7 5
	Balance c/f	364 17 3		Interest	19 9 10
		£376 17 3			£376 17 3

City of Bath Excavation Fund

To	Balance c/f	104 10 0	By	Balance b/f	98 13 5
				Interest	5 7 5
		£104 10 0			£104 10 0

Nancy Smith Memorial Fund

To Balance c/f	331	11	3	By Balance b/f:				
				£200 5% Defence Bonds	200	0	0
				P.O.S.B. A/c	118	14	0
				Interest on Bonds	10	0	0
				" " P.O.S.B.	2	17	3
	£331	11	3		£331	11	3

Publications Fund

To Balance c/f	282	17	5	By Balance c/f	255	16	4
				Profit on sales	13	7	3
				Interest	13	13	10
	£282	17	5		£282	17	5

Examined with books and accounts
and found correct.

L.T. HILLIARD — Hon. Auditor

R.K. BLUHM — Hon. Treasurer

EXCURSIONS 1969

It has clearly been far more practical to arrange a smaller number of excursions than is usual during the summer. The two held this year were very successful and attracted a good deal of support.

In May we visited the Roman Palace at Fishbourne and most people seemed to enjoy their tour of this well-presented site. In September the main object of the excursion was Winchester, with visits to Old Sarum and Ludgershall. At Winchester the excavation had almost finished for the season and there was not as much to be seen as we had hoped, but at Ludgershall the site had been left open after five years' excavation and we were given an interesting account of the castle.

As to success of excursions, it is obvious that much depends on the nature of the site chosen. Excavations in progress are always popular but it is often difficult to judge the state that the excavation is likely to have reached at the time most suitable for the excursion. In addition we try to avoid the most popular holiday months and this is the time when most excavations reach their most interesting point. Apart from current excavations the most popular excursions are those to sites which are well-known because of recent publicity and those of local interest. Suggestions are always welcomed.

After this year the excursion account shows a profit of £8. 11s. 2d. In the coming year we shall probably persevere with the policy of arranging only two or three excursions and hope that we shall be able to count on the continuing support of our members.

J. M. COOPER
Hon. Excursion Secretary

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LECTURES 1969-70

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7th October	E.L. Kelting Esq., O.B.E. 'The rivers and sea walls of Somerset'.
4th November	K.H. Rogers Esq., B.A., F.S.A. 'Old and new towns in Wiltshire'.
2nd December	W.J. Wedlake Esq., F.S.A. 'An archaeological tour in southern Germany'.

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13th January	Dr. K. Brannigan. 'The dawn of the Minoan civilization'.
3rd February	Mrs. M. Guido, F.S.A. 'Iron Age and Roman glass beads'.
3rd March	P.J. Greening Esq. 'The eighteenth-century pleasure gardens of Bath'.

CONFERENCES

A Conference on Local History and Archaeology was held at 9A York Street, Bath, on Sunday 23rd March, 1969. The following papers were read:-

W.J. Wedlake	The Reverend John Skinner's visit to France
B. Bryant	The Municipal Records of Bath; a report on recent work.
P.J. Greening	The Bathampton effigy.
V.J. Kite	John Curry, a Bath Overseer of the Poor.

The Annual Meeting of Societies affiliated to the Somerset Archaeological Society was held in the Friends' Meeting House, York Street, Bath, on Saturday 27 September 1969. The following papers were read:-

W.J. Wedlake	The Roman pewter industry in the Cotswold/Mendip Region.
P.J. Greening	Mediaeval Bath.
R.K. Bluhm	The Somerset coalfield in the early 19th century.
G.C. Boon	The fortress baths at Caerleon

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NEW MEMBERS 1968-69

Mr. V.G. Alder	2 Manor Place, Frenchay, Bristol.
Mr. A.H. Charlton	'Four Winds', Monger Lane, Midsomer Norton.
Mrs. M. Guido	3 Brock Street, Bath.
Miss Helen Ismay	2 London Street, Walcot, Bath.
Mr. H.R. Lovely	The Barn, Monkton Combe.
Mrs. M. Lovely	The Barn, Monkton Combe.
Miss S.C. Monsell	110 Newbridge Hill, Bath.
Miss C. Nowell	17 Bradford Road, Combe Down, Bath.
Mrs. A.M. O'Dare	Garden Flat, "Homefield", Claverton Down, Bath.

NEW MEMBERS 1968-69 (contd)

Mr. R. O'Dare	Garden Flat, "Homefield", Claverton Down, Bath.
Miss P. Smith	6 Lansdown Crescent, Bath.
Miss F.M. Wade	2 Berkeley Place, Camden Road, Bath.
Miss H. Wheeler	The Hill, Northend, Batheaston.

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PUBLICATIONS

Members are reminded that the following publications of the Society may be ordered by post from the Director, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer, or purchased at any Lecture or Conference organized by the Society:-

Wedlake, W.J. Excavations at Camerton, Somerset: a record of thirty years' excavation. XVII, 284 pp, 23 Plates. 30/-

A North Somerset Miscellany: contributions to local history and archaeology. 37 pp. 3s. 6d.

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PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS BY BANKER'S ORDER

The Hon. Treasurer will be pleased to send forms for payment of subscriptions by Banker's Order to any Member who would prefer to pay in this manner.

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