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Eleven General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:

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- 9 October *Illustrations of piety and life in Leicester circa 1490-1530: the Wygston stained glass.* Professor Alice Hamilton, Emeritus Professor of English, Ottawa University.
- 30 October *Belief and disbelief in Victorian Leicester.* Malcolm Elliott, Esq., B.A., M.Phil.
- 13 November Annual General Meeting.
- 27 November *Roman Ostia.* Alan McWhirr, Esq., B.Sc., M.A., F.S.A.
- 11 December *Ernest Gimson: architect and designer.* Annette Carruthers, B.A., A.M.A.

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- 8 January *Roman Leicestershire: a reassessment.* Peter Liddle, Esq., B.Sc.,
- 22 January *A stranger's view of Leicestershire.* Elizabeth Bryan, B.Sc.(Econ.)
- 5 February *The origins and early history of the English village.* Dr Harold Fox, M.A., Ph.D.
- 19 February *"The Wonderfully Loyal versus the Dreadfully Schismatic": religious dissent in late 17th century Leicester.* David Wykes, Esq., B.Sc.
- 5 March *Excavation and survey in the Lower Welland Valley.* Francis Pryor, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.
- 19 March *Sixteenth century Lutterworth.* John Goodacre, M.A., Ph.D.
- 2 April *Family tapestry.* Hugh Collinson, Esq., M.A., A.R.C.A., F.S.A.E.

Meetings

The Civic Lecture this year was delivered by Professor Alice Hamilton. She dealt with the stained glass from Wygston's House and the Guildhall showing how this in fact included portraits of the Wygston family as well as illustrating the social life and aspirations of late fifteenth century Leicester. The Lecture was sponsored this year by the University of Leicester bookshop. There were ten other meetings and lectures on a wide variety of subjects, a list will be found elsewhere in these Transactions. They have been well attended and we are grateful to Mr. R.A. Rutland the lecture secretary for arranging such a varied programme.

Committee and Officers

Col. Martin has continued as President of the Society as we hope he will do for a long time. Mr S. Billson has continued as Treasurer, Mr A. McWhirr as Secretary and Miss K. Thompson as Press Officer. Dr D. Williams has continued as Editor of the Transactions and Mr G.A. Chinnery as Chairman. The Rev O.S. Bennett and Mrs I. Glen resigned from the Committee and at the Annual General Meeting vacant places were filled by the election of Mr A. Huscroft, Mrs H. Thompson and Miss S. Brown.

The Historic Buildings Panel

The work of the panel was reorganised and approaches were made for further financial assistance from local authorities: The Rev. O.S. Bennett resigned as co-ordinator of the panel and his place was taken by Mr R.J.B. Keene & Mr R.H. Evans. The Panel made reports on a large number of buildings for various local authorities.

Transactions

The new format for the Transactions has continued to be well received and the Editor has again been able to negotiate very favourable printing terms. The increased space given to the archaeological notes has facilitated approaches to the County Council through the Museums Service for generous grants in aid of the Transaction's publication.

Newsletter

Three issues of this direct link to members have been produced and it has now established itself, under the editorship of Mr G. Brandwood as an essential regular organ of communication within the Society and has a wide outside readership.

Renaming of Streets

The Society has commented on some of the renaming of streets which has been recently carried out with some historical inappropriateness.