

The Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society

139th Annual Report 1993-94

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 25 November 1993 at the new Leicestershire Record Office in Wigston Magna, nine General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:

1993

Thursday
28th October,

The Anglo-Saxon finds from Flixborough
Kevin Leahy, B.A., A.M.A., F.S.A.,
Keeper of Archaeology,
Scunthorpe Museum Service

Thursday
11th November,

Variations on a rural theme: architecture and the Great War
Richard Gill, M.A.,
Head of English, Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth II College,
Leicester

Thursday
9th December

Sir George Beaumont of Coleorton: artist, collector and patron
Luke Herrmann, M.A., F.S.A.,
Emeritus Professor, History of Art, University of Leicester

1994

Saturday
5th February

Leicestershire Archaeology in 1993
The Archaeological Staff of the Leicestershire Museums and others

Thursday
10th February

Recent work in the Lincolnshire Fenlands
Tom Lane, M.I.F.A.,
Lincolnshire Heritage

Thursday
24th February

Parental advice in early seventeenth-century England
R. C. Richardson, B.A., Ph.D.,
Head of the Department of History and Archaeology, King
Alfred's College, Winchester

Thursday
10th March

THE W. ALAN NORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE
The Decline and Fall of the Roman World: the Mola di Monte Gelato excavations
T. W. Potter, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.,
Deputy Keeper in the Department of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities at the British Museum

Thursday
24th March

Cathedral Archaeology
T. W. T. Tatton-Brown, M.A.,
Architectural Historian and Freelance Archaeologist

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Annual General Meeting

The President of the Society took the chair at the Annual General Meeting, which was held in Leicester Guildhall by courtesy of Leicester City Council.

Sir Andrew Martin

The Society was represented at the memorial service for our late President held in Leicester Cathedral on 23 April 1994.

Officers and Committee

There have been no changes among the officers of the Society, but we report with regret that Mr John Daniell has decided that the time has come to resign from the Committee, of which he has been a member continuously since 1951, shortly after his appointment to a post with Leicester Museums. With his expertise and fund of knowledge about the antiquities of the County he has been a valued member and will be much missed.

Transactions

Volume LXVIII (1994), edited by Mr Richard Buckley and Dr David Wykes, is wide-ranging and substantial consisting of nearly 200 pages: we gratefully acknowledge the financial contribution that Leicestershire County Council has made towards the cost of publication.

Index to Transactions

Last year we reported on the Committee's resolve to undertake a new index and on the progress of the necessary financial appeal. Since that time such substantial progress has been made, especially as the result of the influential encouragement of our late President and the enterprize of our Honorary Secretary, that we are now able to announce that a professional indexer, Mrs Griffith Jones, has been appointed, and that she has already submitted a draft of the first section to the Committee for its comments.

Excursions

On Saturday 4 June 1994 a well-supported excursion was taken to Winchester, with the Castle and Cathedral as its main objectives. We were fortunate in having the assistance of Mr John Hardacre in the new sculpture gallery created in the Cathedral's north transept. Outside the Cathedral Mr David Parsons performed heroically in the rain to describe the Anglo-Saxon remains. We are grateful to Dr A. K. B. Evans for organising and leading the excursion.

Local Government Review

This continues to be a matter of concern to the Committee. Representations have been made to the Commission, the Minister and MPs; but with what effect we shall not know until the Minister has made a clear decision.