

The Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society

137th Annual Report 1991-92

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 21 November 1991, nine General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:

1991

- 24 October *Preserving Leicestershire's Industrial Heritage*
Stuart Warburton, B.A.,
Keeper of Science and Industry, Snibston Museum, Coalville
- 7 November *Funding the King's War: Taxing Local Communities in the First Civil War*
Martyn Bennett, B.A., Ph.D.,
Lecturer in History, Department of International Studies,
Nottingham Polytechnic
- 5 December *Monks, Mead and Microliths: recent work on Lindisfarne*
Robert Young, B.A., Ph.D,
Lecturer in Archaeology, University of Leicester

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- 9 January *Current Excavations in the City and County*
Staff of the Leicestershire Archaeological Unit
(in place of the advertised lecture by Jill Bourne)
- 23 January *Leicestershire Archaeology in 1991*
The Archaeological Staff of the Leicestershire Museums
- 6 February *'The Tulip Man': The early eighteenth-century south Leicestershire slate letter-cutter*
David Smith, Esq.
- 20 February *New Light on Leicester in the Civil War*
Paul Courtney, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D, Freelance Historical
Researcher
Yolanda Courtney, B.A., A.M.A., F.R.M.S., Keeper of
Leicestershire History, Newarke Houses Museum
- 5 March *The Provincial Architect in Victorian England, with special reference to Leicester*
Martin Cherry, B.A., Ph.D.
Inspector of Historic Buildings, English Heritage
- 19 March THE W. ALAN NORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE
Rio Tinto and other mines of the Roman Empire
Lynn Willies, B.A., Ph.D
Lecturer, Mining Historian and Archaeologist

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Annual General Meeting

The President of the Society, Sir Andrew Martin, took the chair at the Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester, by courtesy of the Keeper, Mr R. A. Rutland. After the business of the meeting was finished members were entertained with an archaeological quiz and were also enabled to explore the recently refurbished displays in the museum.

Officers and Committee

Seven meetings of the Committee have been held, with an average attendance of ten. With the death of Professor W. G. Hoskins the Society has lost a distinguished Vice-President. The Committee have accepted with regret the resignation of Mr T. C. Pearce who has felt it necessary to give more of his time to his valuable work with visually-handicapped persons: among much else, members will perhaps remember particularly Terry Pearce's effective design for the Society's display boards, which still announces the Society's presence at a variety of functions. Mrs P. Baker-Clare has been elected a member of the Committee.

Former Committee Member

Mr D. C. Edwards died in January 1992. Denny served on the Committee (latterly acting as Minutes Secretary) until ill-health forced him to resign in 1990. His long experience as Secretary of Vaughan College made him a valuable member of the Committee

Transactions

The Editors, Mr Richard Buckley and Dr David Wykes, have now seen Volume 66 through to the point of publication; and a very substantial volume it is. Its size, some 200 pages, is accounted for partly by the publication of a major article on the important Iron Age farmstead at Grove Farm; and partly by the commendable decision of the editorial board to mark the careers of Eleanor Cottrill and W. G. Hoskins, who both died in the course of the year, with a major assessment of their careers. We are grateful to Leicestershire County Council for its financial support for the publication of this volume and to English Heritage for its contribution to the publication of the article on Grove Farm.

Activities

The Committee regrets that it has not been possible to mount any excursions this year; but members were able to take advantage of the invitation in June to participate in an Open Evening at Snibston Discovery Park. Many also took part in the 'Bringing the Past to Life' event at Jewry Wall Museum in August, when the Society was represented by a display.

The Leicestershire Record Office

To mark the opening of the new building the Society has made a contribution towards the purchase by the Record Office of an electronic weighing machine. This machine will simplify and speed the handing of documents to readers and their return after use.

Leicester Guildhall

The Restoration of the Guildhall, announced in the last annual report, is now in progress. Welcome though this must be, it has necessitated the complete suspension of Library services to members. On the other hand a good deal of care has been taken to protect the Society's possessions and we hope that this has been sufficient to ensure that they come through unscathed.

Historic Buildings Panel

The Panel has continued to meet fortnightly to examine planning applications and arrange for visits to sites. It is grateful to Mr R. J. B. Keene for, among other things, his administrative and secretarial support; and to Leicestershire County Council for its contribution towards members' expenses.