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*In addition to the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 22 November 1991, eleven General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:*

- 1990
- 10 October            *Leicester: The Dignity of the City*  
(Sponsored by Leicester City Council)  
Daniel Williams, B.A., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., Lecturer in History,  
University of Leicester; Editor of *Transactions*, 1974-89
- 25 October            *Monasteries in the Twelfth Century*  
Michael A. Aston, B.A., F.S.A., M.I.F.A., Reader in Archaeology,  
University of Bristol
- 8 November           *Making a Railway: The Photographic Collection of S. W. A. Newton*  
R. F. Hartley, Esq., Assistant Survey Officer, Leicestershire Museums
- 29 November           *Wider Horizons - Aerial Archaeology in Europe*  
James Pickering, A.F.C., A.E., F.G.S., F.S.A.
- 13 December           *Joseph Dare and the Leicester Domestic Mission:  
Working-class Life in Victorian Leicester*  
Barry Haynes, B.A., M.Phil., Research Associate, Centre for  
Urban History, Leicester University
- 1991
- 10 January            *Leicestershire Archaeology in 1990*  
The Archaeological Staff of Leicestershire Museums
- 24 January            *The Technology of the English Country House*  
Marilyn Palmer, B.A., Ph.D., Senior Lecturer in History,  
University of Leicester
- 14 February           *Presenting the Past - A new look for the Jewry Wall Museum*  
Robert A. Rutland, M.A., F.M.A., Keeper of Antiquities,  
Leicestershire Museums
- 28 February           *George Fox (1624-1691) and the Quaker Movement in  
Leicestershire: A Tercentenary Commemoration*  
Rupert Evans, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Chairman of the Committee
- 14 March                **W. ALAN NORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
*The Roman Legionary Fortress at Caerleon: recent discoveries  
and implications for Flavian Imperial policy in Britain*  
J. David Zienkiewicz, B.Sc., Research Assistant in Charge, Roman  
Legionary Museum, Caerleon
- 4th April                *The Early History of the Wyggeston Boys School with a  
demonstration of the History Department's computer database*  
(In collaboration with the Department of History, Leicester University)  
James Thawley, M.A., Head of History, Wyggeston & Queen  
Elizabeth I Sixth Form College

### *Annual General Meeting*

The President of the Society, Sir Andrew Martin, was unable to preside at the Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Guildhall, Leicester, and the chair was taken by Mr Alan Chinnery, Vice-President. After the conclusion of the main business the County Archivist, Mr Carl Harrison, gave an illustrated talk about the new Record Office to be opened in 1992 at Wigston.

### *Officers and Committee*

Four Vice-Presidents have accepted election: Professor P. Boylan, Mrs J. North, Dr K. Thompson, and Dr. D Williams. Seven meetings of the Committee have been held, with an average attendance of 12. Three new members have been co-opted to it: Mrs P. Baker-Clare, Mr C. Harrison (County Archivist), Mr R. T. Schadla-Hall (Director of the Leicestershire Museums and Art Galleries).

### *Transactions*

The transitional period during which the Editorial Board collectively exercised the editorship has now come to an end. Under an arrangement that is to be reviewed after three years a joint editorship has been established, with Mr R. J. Buckley responsible for Archaeology and Dr D. L. Wykes for History. The Editorial Board, with Mr. David Parsons as Convener, will continue to act in an advisory capacity. The Society gratefully acknowledges the financial contribution of Leicestershire County Council towards the publication of *Transactions*.

### *Research Fund*

A grant has been made to Mr D. H. Smith for work on Leicestershire slate letter-cutters.

### *Newsletter*

The editor, Mrs Kay Gowland, suffered an accidental injury in the summer. Fortunately she had been able to complete much of the preparatory work for the autumn number, but the final stage remained to be done. That this was achieved and the Newsletter produced on time is to the credit of members of the Committee, especially the Secretary and Treasurer, together with Mrs Pam Baker-Clare, then a new member of the Society.

### *Excursion*

An excursion was successfully led by Dr A. K. B. Evans on 21 September 1991, the first for two years. It followed up Mr Zienkiewicz's W. Alan North Memorial Lecture on Roman Caerleon and took in both Caerleon, the military base, and Caerwent, the civil settlement of the region. We were fortunate to have Mr Zienkiewicz as guide to both sites and to enjoy the hospitality of Caerleon Museum for tea.

### *Events*

The sixth East Midlands History Fair was to have been held at Loughborough in the summer, but had unfortunately to be cancelled. There seems to be little prospect of any resumption of these events in the near future. 'Bringing the Past to Life' was held on 24 August at the Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester. It was a well-organized, well-attended and lively occasion, directed particularly, it seemed, to the young. For this reason our stall's sale of literature and recruitment of new members made little progress, but at least the opportunity was taken to bring the Society to the attention of the general public.

### *Guildhall*

The Society's concern for the well-being of Leicester Guildhall has been demonstrated often enough, especially in the great restoration of the early 1920s. We can hardly complain,

therefore, at the prospect of another badly-needed restoration, even if our activities suffer some constraints in the process. The restoration, which will begin in 1992, is bound to impose some inconveniences, not least of which will be the inaccessibility of the Society's rooms and the likelihood, therefore, that it will not be possible to maintain the library service during the period of the works. However, details are not yet available and will not be known until discussions have been held with representatives of Leicester City Council. When they are known members will be informed as soon as possible through the Newsletter and by word of mouth at lecture meetings.