

The Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society

142nd Annual Report 1996-97

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 21 November 1996 at the Guildhall, ten General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:

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Thursday
10th October *Henry Knighton, canon of Leicester Abbey c. 1363-96, and his Chronicle*
Geoffrey Martin, C.B.E., M.A., D.Phil., F.S.A.
Research Professor of History, University of Essex
Formerly Honorary Librarian of the Society

Thursday
24th October *Recent work in Garden Archaeology*
Brian Dix, B.A., F.S.A.
Chief Archaeologist, Northamptonshire Archaeology

Thursday
7th November *Historic Gardens in Leicestershire*
Robert F. Hartley, B.A., A.M.A.
Keeper of Harborough Museum

Thursday
5th December *Mead, Monks and Microliths - The Lindisfarne Project*
Robert Young, B.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.
School of Archaeological Studies, University of Leicester

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Thursday
23rd January *Tomb monuments, Antiquarians and Conservation: the Hastings and Herbert Chapel at Abergavenny*
Phillip Lindley, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.
Department of History of Art, University of Leicester

Thursday
6th February *The Langton Hundred: settlement, territory and land use in south-east Leicestershire c. 150 BC-AD 1350*
Paul Bowman, B.A. (Econ), Ph.D.
Guthlaxton College

Saturday
15th February *Leicestershire Archaeology in 1996*
Held in the Library, University of Leicester.
The Archaeological Staff of the Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service, and members of the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) present a summary of work done in 1996.

Thursday
20th February *Blasphemy in Victorian Britain*
David Nash, B.A., D. Phil.
Senior Lecturer in History, School of Humanities, Oxford Brookes University

Thursday
6th March THE W. ALAN NORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE
Roman Mosaics from Ostia: a synthesis
Susan Tebby, B.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.A.
Professor of Fine Art, De Montfort University

Thursday
20th March *Antiquarian Attitudes: some early studies in the History of Dress*
Aileen Ribeiro, M.A., Ph.D.
Head of Department of the History of Dress, Courtauld Institute of Art, and Reader in the History of Art, University of London

Annual General Meeting

This was held in the Guildhall by courtesy of Leicester City Council. The chair was taken by Mr R. J. B. Keene, Vice President of the Society.

Officers and Committee

Seven meetings of the Committee were held during the year with an average attendance of eleven. No changes were reported among the officers or in the composition of the Committee.

Transactions

Thanks to the energies of Mr. Buckley and Dr. Wykes Volume 71 was available to members at the meeting. This volume is dedicated to the memory of our former members, Connie and Jack Willett. We are again grateful to Barbara Barr for compiling the Index. The Society is also glad to acknowledge grants from Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council.

The Leicestershire Historian

Thanks to the enterprize and energy of our Hon. Secretary and the assistance of Helen Edwards this publication has continued to justify itself and make its distinctive mark. The Society is glad to acknowledge a community grant towards this publication from Leicester City Council.

The Newsletter

Under Kay Gowland's editorship this continues to perform a very useful service to our members.

Historic Buildings Panel

The panel has now been in existence for twenty-five years. It continues to meet fortnightly and is kept steadily employed.

Local Government Reorganization

One would have hoped that by now no further reference to this topic would have been necessary. Unfortunately it seems that the financial arrangements for the funding of the Leicestershire Record Office have not yet been agreed. This cannot be good for the Office, its Officers or its readers; and it is puzzling, since to the layman the problem seems to be just a matter of simple arithmetic. We very much hope that the issue will be quickly settled.

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