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## 132nd Annual Report 1986-87

*In addition to the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 26 November 1986, eleven General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:*

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- 9 October        *"New Brooms"*, a lecture to mark the 150th anniversary of the reformed Leicester Corporation. G.A. Chinnery, formerly County Archivist and Deputy Director, Leicestershire Museums, Art Galleries and Records Service.
- 23 October      *Cap and Apron; the domestic servant in Leicestershire, 1880-1980.* Sam Mullins, Keeper, Market Harborough Museum.
- 13 November    *Heslerton Parish Project: Recent work on the prehistoric and medieval archaeology of Eastern Yorkshire.* Dominic Powlesland, Heslerton Parish Project.
- 11 December    *Towards a Socialist Commonwealth? — Producer's Co-operatives in late 19th Century Leicester.* Bill Lancaster, Faculty of Humanities, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic.

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- 8 January        *The Turin Shroud: a Scientific Approach.* A.A. Mills, B.Sc., Ph.D., Department of Astronomy, Leicester University.
- 22 January      *Raunds; A Multiperiod Project.* A. Hannan, County Archaeologist, Northamptonshire.
- 12 February     *Present Trends in English Local History.* Charles Phythian-Adams, Head, Department of English Local History, Leicester University.
- 26 February     *The Social Consequences of Parliamentary Enclosure in England.* Keith Snell, Department of English Local History, Leicester University.
- 12 March        *Iron Age and Roman Settlement at Stanwich, Northants..* David Neal, Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission.
- 26 March        *Not the Mary Rose — the excavation of the Hasholme Logboat.* Martin Millett, Department of Archaeology, Durham University.
- 9 April          *The Work of the Historic Buildings Panel in Leicestershire.* Members of the Historic Buildings Panel, Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society.

*COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS*

Throughout its existence the Society has remained committed to the concept of its functions laid down in 1855 when its first set of rules were adopted: that its duty to its members required not only the provision of a regular programme of lectures and meetings, but the promotion of the study of the county's archaeology and history, support for the conservation of its monuments and historic buildings and publication of annual *Transactions*. The Committee has come to the conclusion that these functions cannot be maintained from its current income. It is therefore proposing to the A.G.M. an increase in membership subscriptions, which have stood at their present level for a number of years.

In spite of the continued efforts of Mr Lowe the programme of excursions offered during the summer did not receive sufficient support to encourage the Committee to propose their resumption in the coming year.

There are no changes to report among the Officers and Committee Members.

*HISTORIC BUILDINGS PANEL*

There has been no change in the membership of the Panel or in the volume of business. It is gratifying to report that among the more important buildings that have occupied the Panel's attention recently both Staunton Harold and Stapleford Halls appear to have their immediate future secure. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution will shortly be found for Bosworth Hall now that it is ceasing to be used as an infirmary.

*LIBRARY*

The value of this very useful local collection is continually being improved within the limits of a modest budget. Considerable efforts have been made to fill gaps in serial publications.

*MEMBERSHIP*

The figures for membership are as follows:

Ordinary Members .....	270
Libraries and Institutions .....	95
Associates and Students .....	46
Members who paid less than the full amount .....	20
Honorary Life Members .....	1
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We report with regret the death of our longstanding member, Alan North. This is a sad loss to the Committee, which he served so well as Membership Secretary, and to the Society as a whole, in which he represented the type of staunch, committed member who provide the life-blood of societies such as this.

*SCREENS*

As the result of a generous gift from an anonymous donor the Committee has been able to purchase a set of display screens. The lack of such screens has been a considerable handicap in preparing the Society's stalls at the recent History Fairs held at Leicester and Lincoln. The new screens will first be used at the History Fair to be held in Nottingham in May 1988.

*TRANSACTIONS*

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