In addition to the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 24th November 1989, eleven General Meetings of the Society were held at which the following papers were read:

1988

13 October
Formation of the Honour and Earldom of Leicester, 1066–1154
Daniel Williams, B.A., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., Department of History, University of Leicester, Hon. Editor of Transactions

27 October
Recent archaeological work in Hereford and Worcester
Adrian Tindall, Director, Archaeology Section, Hereford and Worcester County Council

10 November
Speaking for Ourselves
Siobhan Kirrane, Project Co-ordinator, Leicester Oral History Archive

8 December
Durham in the later Middle Ages: a guide to the medieval town
Margaret M. Camsell, M.A., Dip.Arch., D.Phil., Department of History, University of Leicester

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12 January
Remote sensing: non-destructive techniques of archaeological information recovery in historic buildings
Christopher J. Brooke, Ph.D., M.I.F.A., Archaeology Section, University of Nottingham

26 January
Family Life in seventeenth-century Leicestershire
Pam Drinkall, Leicestershire Museums, Art Galleries and Records Service

9 February
Excavations on ‘The Shires’ development site, Leicester
Leicestershire Archaeological Unit

23 February
Asylum to University: the Leicestershire Lunatic Asylum
W. H. Brock, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., Director, Victorian Studies Centre, University of Leicester

9 March
W. ALAN NORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE
Pompeii: the results of the British work in the Insula of the Menander
R. J. Ling, M.A., Ph.D., Department of the History of Art, University of Manchester

23 March
Eighteenth-century garrison life: the 17th Foot (Leicestershire Regiment) in Menorca
Dr M. H. C. Warner, Military Historian

13 April
Buildings at the time of Charlemagne and his successors
David Parsons, B.A., F.S.A., Department of Adult Education, University of Leicester
President
The President of the Society, Sir Andrew Martin, took the chair at the Annual General Meeting. On behalf of the Society the Chairman of Committee congratulated Sir Andrew on having received, since the last meeting, the accolade from Her Majesty and on having completed his distinguished term of office as Lord Lieutenant of the County.

Guildhall
It is particularly fitting that the Annual General Meeting should be held in the Guildhall. Although nearly seventy years have passed since the restoration of this precious building was undertaken it should not be forgotten that this Society took a leading part in rescuing the fabric from degeneration. Thomas Fosbrooke, a member of the committee, deserves special mention as probably the most active initiator of this enterprise. It was he, who, in 1922 drew public attention to the need for action and did most to press the authorities to take it. More than that, once restoration was begun he maintained a close supervision of the whole operation. Himself an architect, a pupil of Isaac Barradale, he declared that of all his professional achievements this had given him the greatest satisfaction. We can still share that sense of achievement; and the condition and conservation of this Guildhall must surely remain one of the Society's most important concerns.

Committee
Seven ordinary and two special meetings have been held this year, with an average attendance of thirteen. Two new members have been elected: Mr R. F. Hartley of the Leicestershire Museums Service, and Mr R. J. Buckley of the Leicestershire Archaeological Unit. The Committee has accepted with regret the resignation of the Hon. Editor, Dr D.T. Williams. He succeeded James Crompton as long ago as 1974 and has therefore served in that office for probably a longer period than any previous editor.

Transactions
Vol. LXIII has been seen through the press by Dr Williams; and we are, as always grateful to Leicestershire County Council for the substantial contribution that it has made towards the cost of publication. Responsibility for the next volume has been placed on an Editorial Board of five members of the Committee: Mr D. Parsons (convener), Mr R. J. Buckley, Dr A. D. McWhirr, Mr D. H. Smith and Dr D. L. Wykes.

Lectures
The venue of our lectures has been the subject of concern to the committee; but after much consideration it has been concluded that the New Walk Museum remains the most convenient place. For this session, however, Friday has been adopted in place of Thursday as our normal day of meeting

W. Alan North Memorial Lecture
The first of the annual lectures, for which the Society is indebted to the Trust so generously established by Mrs North, was given by Dr R. J. Ling of Manchester University. Mrs North kindly provided a reception after the lecture.

Research Fund
New Trustees have been appointed to the Research Fund. Three applications have been
made to the fund. One of these has so far been granted: this was made by the East Midlands Heraldry Centre and requested support towards the recording of heraldry in Leicestershire churches.

**East Midlands History Fair**
This was held at East Carlton, Northamptonshire, on 3 and 4 June. The Society was represented on both days. The stall achieved a financial success in that it brought in a total of £30 by way of new subscriptions and sale of publications. However our purpose in attending these events is not to make a profit but rather to keep ourselves in the public eye and foster relationships with other societies. This last is also a purpose that has been served by meetings held by our Hon. Secretary with representatives of the Local History Council, Vaughan Historical Society, the Family History Society and the Friends of the Leicestershire Record Office. It has been agreed to continue these meetings on an annual basis.

**Excursion**
A successful excursion (though only just meeting its costs) to York was mounted on 13 May. We are grateful to Dr A. K. B. Evans for its organisation and to her and Mr Parsons for the exemplary guidance that participants enjoyed.

**Historic Buildings Panel**
Activity has continued at a high level. In the course of the year more than 500 planning applications have been considered. We are grateful to members of the panel for their services, which include many visits to sites and production of reports, and, additionally, to Mr R. J. B. Keene, the Co-administrator, for the secretarial aid he has for so long made available to the Panel.

**Library and Newsletter**
These have continued to offer an exemplary service to members and we thank Mrs K. E. Gowland and Mr A. W. Stevenson for the capable discharge of their duties as respectively Hon. Newsletter Editor and Hon. Librarian.

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We record with regret the death in March of Mr Archie Orton. He was a longstanding and valued member whose regular attendance at our meetings will be much missed.
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