Annual General Meeting
This was held on Thursday 26 November 1998 in the Guildhall by courtesy of Leicester City Council. The chair was taken by our President, Mr. T.G.M. Brookes, L.L.D., D.Litt., J.P.

Committee
This has met seven times. The average attendance was eleven. Four new members have agreed to join the Committee for the coming year: Mr. Michael Johnson, a City Councillor and former Lord Mayor of Leicester, who will take over the responsibilities of Hon. Treasurer from Mr. Steve Billson; Mr. David Ramsey, well known to members as an active local historian who has done much to elucidate the history of Bradgate and its area; Dr. Joanna Story of the University of Leicester, a specialist in Anglo-Saxon history, who has agreed to become History Editor of Transactions, and Mrs. Jill Bourne, who has recently retired from the Leicester City Museums Service.

Officers
The change in the office of Hon. Treasurer has been noted above. The change of History Editor has been made necessary by the appointment of Dr. Wykes to the important post of Director of the Dr. Williams Trust. As this requires him to work full-time in London he has felt bound to resign his editorial office.

Vice-Presidents
It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Dr. Danny Williams, who died suddenly on 25 November 1998. Danny had been a member of the Committee for some twenty-five years and was responsible for editing fourteen volumes of Transactions. He became a Vice-President on ceasing to be Editor. An obituary was published in Volume 73 of Transactions.

Transactions
The Committee, having reviewed the recent edition of this publication, congratulated the Editor on the quality of both content and presentation.

The Newsletter
This continues to provide a useful means of communication with members. Under the editorship of Kay Gowland it has been more than a dry-as-dust news-sheet and its pages have been enlivened with a number of historical tit-bits, ranging from the Trent Valley to Jordan and Sarawak. A particularly useful feature is entitled 'News from the Librarian': this enables Aubrey Stevenson to keep members informed not only about the acquisitions of the Society's Library but also about other works of archaeological and historical interest.

Lectures
The Lecture Secretaries, Dr. Evans and Mrs. Rutland, organised a stimulating programme of lectures for the year. It was a welcome bonus that the W. Alan North Memorial Lecture, given this year by Professor Michael Fulford, provided the opportunity for Sybil and Bob Rutland to follow it up with a successful excursion to Silchester.

Family History Fair
The Society was represented when this Fair was held at Leicester's De Montfort Hall on 27 March and a useful sum was raised by the sale of our publications.

Historic Buildings Panel
This has continued to be active. More than four hundred planning applications were considered in the course of the year. Perhaps the most important and certainly the most demanding of them concerned the great house at Nevill Holt which was the subject of Mr. Nick Hill's lecture last year. This Grade 1 Listed building, having for many years housed a preparatory school, has been put up for sale, with the prospect of being divided into a number of separate dwellings and having a development of new houses on the estate. Consideration of this complex application involved the Panel in the examination of countless plans, a site visit of more than four hours and the compilation of a weighty report.
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