

THE MUSEUM

WORK has continued on the reorganisation of the storage of the reserve collections, and the installation of a new floor over the coach-house will enable this to be completed. The butterfly collections have been sorted and six separate collections amalgamated.

A report was produced on behalf of the Milton Keynes Research Committee on Archaeological Sites in the Milton Keynes New City Area, and discussions have

been held with the Corporation over the preservation of the more important ones. The dry summer of 1969 led to the discovery of a number of new prehistoric sites from air photographs.

The Museum, with the collaboration of the Milton Keynes Research Committee, produced an exhibition on "Man and Nature in Milton Keynes," which was shown in the Libraries at Bletchley and Newport Pagnell, and in the College of Further Education in Wolverton, as well as in Aylesbury. This was designed, by the use of maps, drawings and photographs, to show how the present landscape of the Designated Area has evolved during the last thousand years. It also suggested some of the ways in which provision can be made in the future for a wide variety of leisure activities, ranging from power-boating to natural history study.

Other interesting exhibitions were those of Drawings, Watercolours, Paintings and Lithographs by Henry Trivick who lives at Bourne End, and Designing for Embroidery—an exhibition by Mrs. M. and Miss A. M. Pilcher who live at Haddenham. The exhibition of paintings by the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes and the Wendover Art Club Autumn Exhibition as usual attracted considerable local interest.

It has been decided to build up a small but representative collection of modern studio pottery, and eight pieces by well known potters were bought. A number of topographical watercolours were also purchased, as well as some engravings relating to John Wilkes.

Amongst the large amount of material given was a particularly interesting collection of folk material from the Mursley area.

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