

THE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. This was held at the County Museum on 11th April 1970. There were no changes in the officers, except that Major J. D. Young, the Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum, was elected a Vice-President and Mr. Elvey took over as Hon. Editor from the President. Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. R. J. Ayres of Stony Stratford was co-opted to the Council to replace Mr. D. Mynard and the Rev. R. H. Collier of Shabbington to replace Mr. Baines who is now a County Council representative.

MEMBERSHIP. In April 1970, ordinary members were 620; there were four honorary and six junior members and twelve Affiliated Societies, a total of 642. 180 were also members of the Natural History Section.

Mr. W. J. Winter-Taylor was elected to Honorary Membership after sixty years as an ordinary member.

THE LIBRARY. Mr H. R. Brackley was appointed Assistant Honorary Librarian and has, with Mrs. Elvey, done much work on rearranging and cataloguing the Society's Library in the Grinnell Room.

OUTINGS IN 1970

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| 9th May | Tythrop House (Mr. Jeremy Cotton) and Notley Abbey. (Mr. J. G. Danny) |
| 27th June | Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire and St. Paul's, Waldenbury, Herts. (Lady Bowes-Lyon) |
| 18th July | Hinwick House (Captain R. A. B. Orlebar) and Courteenhall, Northamptonshire. (Sir Hereward Wake Bart.) |
| 1st August | Ashridge, Hertfordshire and Pitstone Village. |
| 18th September | Huntercombe Manor. (Bucks. County Council) |

All the visits were well supported, the first being heavily over-subscribed, and all were favoured with good weather. The visit to Pitstone was exceptional. The Pitstone Local History Society, who have done so much for the neighbourhood, showed parties of members round the restored windmill, the watermill in action, and their excellent collection of village and farming "bygones" and also laid on tea. We are also indebted to the owners of houses visited above for inviting us to their homes.

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