

THE SOCIETY

Membership

During 1995, we learnt with regret of the deaths of W. Bailey, Teresa, Lady Briscoe OBE, B. J. Burr, J. W. D. Cawthorne, Max Davies (Hon Sec. 1979-84), Miss E. G. Dobinson, Miss D. Eyre, J. J. H. Griffiths, A. C. Hills, Mrs P. Murphy, Mrs F. Shand Kydd, C. Le Messurier, J. V. Palmer and Miss M. Whiting. At the end of 1995, we totalled 548 members - 309 ordinary, 101 family counted as two, two junior, 19 honorary and life, four ex-officio, and 12 affiliated societies.

The report and accounts for 1994 and the 1995 AGM agenda were included in the *Spring Newsletter 1995*. The 1995 AGM was held in the County Museum for the first time since 1977, in the new Art Gallery, and was followed by a buffet. The AGM minutes were reproduced in the *Autumn Newsletter 1995*.

Local Government Commission

The Government decided to split off Milton Keynes Borough as a Unitary Authority; the remainder of Buckinghamshire to retain its County Council and the existing four District Councils. The County and Milton Keynes Councils are now in the process of sorting out the consequences of this decision, due to come into full force in April 1997. It is to be hoped that provisions for non-statutory services, such as the County Record Office, County Museum and County Archaeology Unit, don't fall down the potential crack.

Library & Museum Sub-Committee

Society representatives were the President (Elliott Viney Esq FSA), Dr A H J Baines FSA and Dr R P Hagerty, all three being members of the Museum Panel. Representative on the new Countywide Consultative Committee for Museums and the Countywide Advisory Committee for Archaeology was Dr Hagerty.

On 25 October 1995, Society Trustees completed a 120-year lease to the County of

County Museum Society-owned buildings and Collection, to replace the current 42-year lease expiring in 1999.

County Museum

High point of the year was the re-opening of the Museum by the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Cottesloe, on 25 October, after six year's closure of the main buildings for refurbishment. Regrettably, the Society which originally founded the Museum received scant mention or publicity from the re-opening.

First event in the the New Art Gallery was an exhibition on the theme of The Three Magi as suggested by Sir Timothy Raison who initiated and drove the Art Gallery Appeal.

Lecture Series

In the TECHNICAL CENTRE at HALTON on Saturday afternoons.

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| JAN 7 | OPEN FIELDS & CLOSED SHOPS: LIFE IN WINSLOW IN THE 14TH & 15TH CENTURIES
<i>by</i> Dr David Noy
(St David's University College, Lampeter) |
| FEB 18 | CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGY IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
<i>by</i> Jonathan Parkhouse
(Field Archaeologist, Bucks County Museum) |
| MAR 15 | THE RISE AND FALL OF THE GRENVILLES
<i>by</i> Prof. J. V. Beckett
(Nottingham University) |
| MAY 13 | SOCIETY AGM & PARTY IN THE COUNTY MUSEUM AT 6 P.M. |
- In the COUNTY MUSEUM, AYLESBURY on Saturday afternoons.
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| NOV 11 | THE SOCIETY & ITS MUSEUM
<i>by</i> Elliott Viney FSA |
| DEC 9 | THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF NEWPORT PAGNELL
<i>by</i> Julian Hunt & Dennis Mynard |

Outings

Except for rain during the first, the outings generally enjoyed favourable weather.

- JUN 17 SURREY. Compton Church. Loseley House – Tudor house, gardens & well-known dairy farm (J. More-Molyneux).
- JUL 15 HAMPSHIRE. Basing House – Civil War ruin. Bramley Church. The Vyne – 16th/17th century house (NT).
- AUG 5 OXON. Abingdon – historic town with Abbey vestiges, St Helen's Church & Wren Town Hall. Stonor Park – fascinating house with Roman Catholic associations (Lord Camoys).
- SEPT 2 WILTS. Bradford on Avon – enchanting town with unique Anglo-Saxon chapel and basically medieval bridge with chapel. Lacock Abbey (NT).
- SEPT 30 BUCKS CHURCH CRAWL (24th year) Milton Keynes Village, Broughton, Willen, Mousloe, Lavendon, Weston Underwood, Hanslope, Castlethorp.

Publications

Records of Buckinghamshire Vol 35 (1993) were distributed to fully paid-up members. Our thanks to all who helped. Copies of the *Index for Records Volumes X thru XX (1919 thru 1978)* is still available (free to members) from the Hon Librarian, to whom enquiries about the ten Society *Monographs* reporting the work of the Milton Keynes Archaeology Unit may also be directed.

- No 1 *ROMAN MILTON KEYNES.*
No 2 *ROMAN & BELGIC POTTERY.*
No 3 *GREAT LINFORD.*
No 4 *PENNYLAND & HARTIGANS.*
No 5 *CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF MILTON KEYNES.*
No 6 *MEDIEVAL SITES IN MILTON KEYNES.*
No 7 *BANCROFT: LATE BRONZE AGE/IRON AGE SETTLEMENT, ROMAN VILLA & TEMPLE/ MAUSOLEUM.*
No 8 *TATTENHOE & WESTBURY.*
No 9 *CALDECOTE: EXCAVATION & FIELDWORK 1971-91.*
No 10 *WAVENDON GATE* (Forthcoming 1996).

Dr R P Hagerty
Hon Secretary