

Annual Report, 1956-7

DURING the past year we have lost 58 members by death or resignation and our numbers now stand at 540. New members during year, 32.

Last summer we enjoyed a full programme of 12 meetings, including 3 botanical meetings, follows by 3 lectures during the winter months.

We have continued to keep an eye on developments arising out of the re-planning of the district north of Winchester High Street and are particularly interested in a group of houses in **Upper Brook Street**. The most important house in this group is No. 4, which is of late 17th century origin and was formerly of some consequence, having been the Mayor's residence. It is now threatened with demolition. Some members of your Council have visited this house. It is much to be hoped that this interesting house, together with its comely neighbours on either side, will be preserved in any scheme of development affecting this area.

I am very sorry to have to report the demolition of **Bure Homage**, a very handsome Regency mansion near Christchurch, during the early months of this year. I visited it on various occasions both during and after its occupation by the military authorities and have succeeded in obtaining from the Ministry of Works a full set of photographs for our collection now stored in the Tudor House Museum at Southampton.

Gosport Railway Station, erected in 1840 and formerly the only station serving Portsmouth, will be demolished in the near future. The interior was gutted by enemy action in the early 1940's, but the very handsome stone colonnade, designed by Tite, escaped destruction. This will be photographed and accurately recorded, afterwards being stored pending its re-erection in a National Museum of Transport, which it is intended to form at some future date.

The impending demolition of **St. Maurice Church**, Winchester, has raised the question of the preservation of what it contains of value. The bells have been transferred to Bitterne, but the Wavell monuments ought to be the concern of the city and it is hoped that they will be displayed in the tower, which is to be preserved. The Royal Arms board is now being restored by Mr John Mahy. The future of the 14th century altar rails is uncertain.

In view of the interest taken in the many **lost city churches** of Winchester arising out of the articles by Mrs Carpenter Turner in the *Hampshire Chronicle*, I wrote to the Town Clerk suggesting that the sites of all those definitely known should be marked. The Town Clerk replied sympathetically and has placed the matter before the appropriate committee of the City Council.

Southampton Common Boundary Banks. I have been in touch with both the Corporation and the M.W. with regard to the threat to allow these historic old boundaries to disappear by means of neglecting them.

Netley Abbey Surroundings. I have been in touch with both the M.W. County Planning Officer and also the C.P.R.E. with regard to building development which has been taking place within the last year on the north side of the ruins. Only two houses are to be built

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and the County Planning Officer does not feel that they will prejudice the views of the Abbey as seen from various points. The C.P.R.E. is arranging for tree planting to take place there.

Cottages. I have visited the **Widow's Cottage**, a 'cruck' type cottage at King's Somborne, which is still inhabited and was also threatened with demolition. A notice has been issued to the Romsey and Stockbridge R.D.C. under Section 3 of the Housing Act 1949 listing it as coming within the scope of the provisional list. The Council can therefore make a closing order instead of a demolition order, but the question arises as to who is to keep the cottage in repair.

6, 8 and 10 West Street, Titchfield. These charming old cottages have been listed under Section 30 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Closing orders have been issued by the Fareham U.D.C. They will be closed in March 1958 unless previously purchased or repaired. I am in touch with the C.P.R.E. (Fareham Branch Secretary) who wants our help and suggestions. An architect says that £300 per house would put them right.

Danebury Hill. Brigadier Hughes is at present negotiating with landowners concerned with regard to public access, which has been denied.

Hampshire Record Society. Being revived by private enterprise.

Worthy Park, King's Worthy, Saxon Cemetery. A sub-committee consisting of Dr Crawford, Mr Cottrill and myself asked Dr Crawford to get into touch with Mr Taylor of Martyr Worthy, who replied that there was no hope of a grant to Worthy Park as the site was not threatened by building development.

I got into touch with Group-Captain Knocker who had supervised the Snells Corner Saxon Cemetery at Horndean and he, unfortunately, was unable to undertake the excavation of Worthy Park owing to service duties. It was therefore decided regretfully to postpone this dig for the present.

LIONEL JOWITT.

THE HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.

INCOME.						EXPENDITURE.					
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS :—						SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SOCIETIES :—					
549	Annual Fees at 21/-	...	...	...	576 9 0	Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths					
1	" " 20/-	...	...	...	1 0 0	Preservation Society	1	1	0		
21	" " 15/-	...	...	...	15 15 0	South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies	12	6			
9	" " 10/8	...	...	...	4 14 6	Royal Society for Protection of Birds	1	1	0		
580						Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings	1	1	0		
59	Entrance Fees at 5/-	...	...	...	14 15 0	Council for Promotion of Field Studies	10	0			
						English Place Name Society	15	0			
DONATIONS AND SUNDRY RECEIPTS		...	...		3 12 6	British Trust for Ornithology	1	0	0		
										6	0 6
						FIELD MEETINGS AND LECTURES :—					
						Gross Expenses	151	14	1		
						Less Receipts and Visitors' Fees	59	11	3		
										92	2 10
						COST OF "PROCEEDINGS", VOL. XIX, PART 2 ;					
						provision for				300	0 0
						GENERAL CHARGES :—					
						Printing, Telephones, Postages and Stationery	30	6	8		
						Services of Assistant	12	0	0		
						General Office Expenses	21	9	3		
						Annual Meeting Expenses	9	17	9		
										73	13 8
						EXCAVATIONS RESERVE				100	0 0
						EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE carried to					
						General Fund				44	9 0
										£616	6 0
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BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
GENERAL FUND :—										CASH :—						
Balance, 1st January, 1956 ...				379	14	3				Current Account, Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...	597	10	6			
Add Subscriptions received during year for 1955 ...	6	15	0							Deposit Account, Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...	26	11	9			
Interest on Deposit Accounts ...	9	18	6							Deposit Account, Post Office Savings Bank ...	384	2	5	1008	4	8
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ...	44	9	0							SUNDRY DEBTORS ...				10	11	6
				61	2	6										
				440	16	9										
Less Transfer from " Frank Warren Essays " Suspense Account ...				116	3	6	324	13	3							
TROKE LEGACY :—																
Per last Balance Sheet ...							50	0	0							
EXCAVATIONS RESERVE :—																
Balance, 1st January, 1956 ...				65	6	6										
Add Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account ...				100	0	0										
				165	6	6										
Less Grant to Winchester Archaeological Society ...				25	0	0	140	6	6							
" FRANK WARREN ESSAYS " SUSPENSE ACCOUNT :—																
Printing Cost ...				170	6	0										
Sundry Expenses ...				4	9	0										
				174	15	0										
Less Sales to date ...				58	11	6										
Less Transfer to General Reserve ...				116	3	6										
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1957 paid in advance ...							8	8	0							
SUNDRY CREDITORS ...							495	8	5							
							£1018	16	2					£1018	16	2

- J. B. MEAKINS, A.C.W.A.,
Honorary Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the above Accounts with the Books, Vouchers and Bank Pass Sheets of the Society and that they are in accordance therewith.

Twyford, Hants.
31st January, 1957.

ALFRED E. PALMER,
Honorary Auditor.

THE HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.

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BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
GENERAL FUND :—								CASH :—					
Balance, 1st January, 1957	324	13	3					Current Account Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...			202	19	9
Add Interest on Deposit Accounts ...	10	16	8					Deposit Account, Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...	27	16	5		
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year		19	10					Deposit Account, Post Office Savings Bank	393	14	5		
				336	9	9					624	10	7
TROKE LEGACY :—													
Per last Balance Sheet				50	0	0							
EXCAVATIONS RESERVE :—													
Balance, 1st January, 1957	140	6	6										
Add Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	100	0	0										
				240	6	6							
Less Grants to :—													
Portsmouth Torbery Excavation Fund ...	5	0	0										
Selborne Priory ...	15	0	0										
Silchester Excavations	20	0	0										
Winchester Archaeological Society	50	0	0										
				90	0	0							
				150	6	6							
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1958 paid in advance				2	2	0							
SUNDRY CREDITORS				85	12	4							
				£624	10	7					£624	10	7

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