

Field Meetings and Lectures, 1961-2

THE winter season of lectures opened on 28 October 1961 when Mr C. W. Phillips, M.A., F.S.A., delivered the second O. G. S. Crawford Memorial Lecture at the Civic Centre, Southampton, his subject being 'The Archaeology of the Industrial Revolution'. This was a new subject for the Club and caused widespread interest, a very large audience having attended.

On 18 November a lecture entitled 'Royal Castles and Houses in Hampshire in the Middle Ages' was delivered by Mr H. M. Colvin, M.A., HON. A.R.I.B.A., Fellow of St John's College, Oxford; this took place at St Maurice Hall, Winchester.

On 20 January 1962 there was a Joint Meeting with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds at the Guildhall, Winchester, when an extremely beautiful coloured film entitled 'Reserved for Birds', which dealt with the Minsmere Bird Sanctuary in Suffolk, was shown. This annual event always attracts a very large audience and this was no exception, the film being much appreciated.

On 10 February Dr A. Elliott delivered a lecture entitled 'Medieval English Stained Glass' at St Maurice Hall, Winchester, illustrated by some very beautiful slides.

On 8 March Mr Martin Biddle described the results to date of his excavations on the site of the former Cathedral Car Park; this also took place at St Maurice Hall.

The winter season closed on 23 March with a lecture delivered to the New Forest Section at Lymington Community Centre, to which all members of the Club were invited. The lecturer was Professor I. A. Richmond, F.S.A., Professor of the Archaeology of the Roman Empire at Oxford University, his subject being 'The Romans in Hampshire'.

On 24 and 31 March two lectures especially intended for young people took place at Southampton, the general subject being 'Architecture in Hampshire'.

On 24 March Mr F. S. Aberg, B.A., delivered a lecture entitled 'Architectural Research in Hampshire', followed by a visit to excavations which he had conducted in the old town and later by a visit to various earthworks in the King's Somborne and Stockbridge area.

On 31 March Mr R. L. P. Jowitt, Hon. Sec., delivered a lecture on the subject of 'Hampshire Churches', afterwards conducting a party round the old town; this was followed by a visit to Romsey Abbey. The party then proceeded to St Cross Hospital, Winchester, where the buildings were described by the late Brother W. Pulsford.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 26 April at the Friary Hall, Winchester, after which Professor C. F. C. Hawkes, F.B.A., F.S.A., Professor of European Archaeology in the University of Oxford and President of the Club, gave a lecture on 'The Bronze Age in Hampshire'.

The summer season of field meetings opened on 7 May, when the Club visited Corfe Castle and Wareham. At the former the lecturer was Mr S. E. Rigold of the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Works and at the latter Mr Raymond Farrar, Hon. Sec., Council for British Archaeology. He conducted the party round the ancient defences of the town.

On 30 May the Club visited Wallingford in Berkshire, where they were enabled to see some very similar defences as at Wareham, their guide in this case being the President. They were also shown the ruins of Wallingford Castle, and later Dorchester Abbey (Oxon.) and the Dyke Hills, a promontory fort between the Rivers Thames and Thame.

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On 4 June the Club visited Aldershot under the leadership of Mr J. Simpson. The idea behind the visit was to see something of the civic side of the military centre in contrast to the tour of military Aldershot two years before. Mr Simpson very kindly entertained the party to lunch at the Lismoyne Hotel at Fleet. During the day Aldershot Church and Council Chamber, Fleet Church, Minley Manor and Tylney Hall were each visited.

On 19 June Avebury was the objective, where the President conducted the party round the Temple; later Silbury Hill and the West Kennet Long Barrow were visited.

On 3 July a visit was paid to Christchurch; the Red House Museum was the first objective, and here Mr J. H. Lavender, B.Sc., the Curator, was the guide. The Priory Church was next visited and this was described by Mr C. Stickland, the Head Verger. In the afternoon the party walked over Hengistbury Head under the guidance of the late Mr F. W. Robins, F.S.A., F.R.G.S. He died suddenly in April 1963, and was an old member of the Club. This was the last occasion on which it met under his leadership.

On 14 July the President was again the leader of the party and gave a graphic and vivid description of the unfinished Iron Age camp on Ladle Hill, near Kingsclere. In the afternoon the Norman Church at Kingsclere was described by Dr G. B. S. Bull, and the 17th century brick church at Wolverton by Mr Jowitt. The last halt was at the Oratory of All Souls at Burghclere; here the Stanley Spencer murals were the objective.

On 24 July the Club devoted itself to the memory of Keats, the conductor being Mr Robert Gittings, author of various books on the subject of Keats. Various houses associated with him were visited at Chichester and Bedhampton, near Havant. In the afternoon the 'Gothick' chapel in Stansted Park, just over the Sussex border, associated with the poem 'The Eve of St Agnes' was seen. The day finished with a visit to Idsworth Church (not part of the Keats programme) which was described by Mr Jowitt.

On 14 August the objective was the Stourhead Gardens, but unfortunately rain prevented them being visited, but Stourhead House was seen and on the way home the very fine church at Edington, Wilts., where Mr Jowitt was the guide.

On 28 August the Jane Austen house at Chawton, near Alton, was the first call and this was described by Mr J. E. Carpenter, LL.B., who has done so much towards its preservation. The party then proceeded to Selborne, where Gilbert White's house 'The Wakes' was visited. In the afternoon the excavations at Selborne Priory were described by the Rev. G. E. C. Knapp.

On 11 September the annual expedition to the Isle of Wight took place. Shorwell and Brighstone Churches were described by Mr Jowitt in the morning and a geological walk along the beach to Shepherd's Chine and Whale's Chine was conducted by Mr A. G. Steavenson in the afternoon.

The last meeting of the season took place on 15 September, when the Club paid a visit to the Knowlton Circles in Cranborne Chase, Dorset, under the guidance of Mr R. S. Simms, of the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Works. In the afternoon Mr Morley Hewitt showed the party over the excavations being conducted at the West Park Roman Villa near Fordingbridge.

The annual autumnal Fungus Foray took place on 13 October in the Harewood Forest, near Longparish, the leader being Mr Michael Baron.

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THE paid-up membership of the Club on 31 December 1962, was 678, compared with 624 in 1961, and 547 in 1960.

Field Meetings

During the past year the Club has held 13 field meetings, of which two were botanical and one a Fungus Foray. All these meetings were most successful and only one (to Stourhead on 14 August) was marred by bad weather.

Lectures

During the autumn and winter four lectures were given, the O. G. S. Crawford Memorial Lecture being delivered by Mrs Carpenter Turner, B.A., J.P., on 20 October, her subject being 'The Black Death in Hampshire'.

On 26 January, the beautiful coloured film 'Garden Birds' was shown in Winchester Guildhall, in conjunction with the R.S.P.B., which attracted a large and appreciative audience.

Fawley Power Station

On 1 May 1962, a sub-committee appointed by the Council attended a Private Enquiry at Fawley, when they opposed the erection of a large Power Station at Calshot, but without success. Later a Joint Fawley sub-committee was formed consisting of representatives from various interested Societies. This sub-committee afterwards wrote to the Rural District Council asking that plant to analyse the content of the air should be set up at once in the surrounding districts in order that a comparison might be made when the Generating Station began work. (See New Forest Report.)

Amenities of the Solent Area

The New Forest Section is watching with great vigilance the situation arising out of the constant threats to the amenities of the Solent coast by plans for marinas and yacht harbours, etc. The whole area is of great natural beauty and is of the greatest importance to ornithologists and naturalists.

The Oil Pipe Line from Fawley to London

Miss Collins, assisted by various helpers, kept watch over all the excavations in the Meon Valley area. Further along, Miss Macfarlane did the same when work was proceeding in the Alton area. Nothing of any importance was discovered, but the thanks of the Club are due to those who undertook this task in the severe weather conditions which prevailed early in the year.

The Widow's Cottage, King's Somborne

It is with great satisfaction that the Club has heard the news that this mediaeval timber-framed cottage of 'cruck' construction has been rescued and purchased by Mrs J. H. Preston,

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Assistant Secretary of the Society. Its restoration is now proceeding rapidly under an architect who has specialised in the repair of old cottages, and with a builder who regards this type of work as a matter of pride and achievement.

Old Houses at Alton

Various old houses in this attractive old town have been under threat of demolition during 1962. At the present time the threat has receded, but is not altogether removed. The Club will continue to watch the position with regard to the future of old buildings in these central parts with some anxiety, especially at Andover, where a vast scheme of expansion is being carried out.

Deer (England and Wales) Bill

The Council wrote asking every Member of Parliament in Hampshire to support this Bill which was promoted by Mr Jasper More, and backed by influential M.P.s on both sides of the House. This Bill was given a second reading on 8 March 1963 and has now gone to Standing Committee for detailed consideration.

April 1963.

R. L. P. JOWITT,
Honorary Secretary.

NEW FOREST SECTION

Membership of the section had increased to 220 during the year.

The Field Club granted a further £25 towards expenses in May 1962.

Takings at lectures and Field Meetings amounted to £30 5s. 0d.

The lack of publicity in the press this year had been caused by the extra work which officers of the section have been called upon to carry out on behalf of the Field Club. As well as the Gins Farm Public Inquiry, this has included a private meeting with the Central Electricity Generating Board and Ministry of Power, at which the Field Club had opposed the erection of the proposed Power Station at Fawley; and also the formation with the Hampshire Naturalists' Trust of a joint sub-committee which has been investigating the possible ill-effects of air pollution on districts surrounding the new generating station.

This sub-committee contacted Mrs des Voeux, widow of one of the two founders of the Clean Air Society, and called a meeting which was attended by secretaries, honorary secretaries, representatives, or members of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Solent Protection Society, National Farmers Union, Royal Entomological Society, British Medical Association, New Forest Rural District Council, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the New Forest Area, and Chief Medical Officer for Esso refinery. As a result the sub-committee had written to the Clerk to the New Forest Rural District Council requesting that, as the Minister of Power had stated 'there was no reason to believe the atmosphere would be polluted to a dangerous degree and objections must be raised WHEN and if this occurred', recording apparatus should be set up now in the area around the proposed power station to analyse the existing state of the atmosphere in order that comparison could be drawn when the new generating station came into production. This request had also been supported by both the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and Solent Protection Society. The

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sub-committee received a reply from the Clerk to the Rural Disitrc Council stating that he and the Medical Officer were taking up the matter with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and have since been told that the New Forest General Purposes and Financial Committee has approved the proposal from the Public Health Committee asking that the New Forest Rural District Council should allow £300 to install, and £30 per annum to maintain, three metering devices supplied by the D.S.I.R. Erection of these will go ahead early in 1963.

The Section is watching the whole question of marinas and yacht harbours in the Solent as sites proposed for their development are often in areas classified as of great natural beauty, as well as of natural history and ornithological interest.

From the archaeological angle, as well as watching the course of the Fawley-Severnside pipe-line trench across the county for possible information, they have been in touch with the Ministry of Works regarding kiln sites in the Sloden area, and earthworks in the new Fawley enclosure which is to be planted by the Forestry Commission. The attention of the Ministry of Works was also drawn to the fact that a new chapter house building was proposed for the area now used as a car park beside Romsey Abbey, and it was suggested that this area would probably be of great archaeological importance.

The New Forest section is most grateful to Mr Collinson for printing their Report No. 2, and to all the lecturers who helped to make the year's meetings so successful, especially to the eminent Roman scholar, Professor I. A. Richmond, who travelled from Oxford to lecture at Lyminster in March.

JEAN COBB.

Field Meetings and Lectures for 1962

JANUARY 19TH: LYMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mr F. A. Aberg, M.A., Archaeologist from the Tudor House Museum, reported on 'Recent Excavations in Southampton', showing slides of the work in progress and finds from Roman Clausentum, Saxon and Mediaeval parts of the town.

15 FEBRUARY: BROCKENHURST GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mr Richard Du Cane, M.A., who owns the Roman fort of Carrawburgh, spoke of 'Hadrian's Wall', showing a brilliant and most evocative series of coloured slides of the whole length of the Roman fortifications.

23 MARCH: WELLINGTON ROOM, LYMINGTON

The section was honoured by a visit from Professor I. A. Richmond, F.B.A., F.S.A., who spoke on 'The Romans in Hampshire' from the time of the Dubonni to the end of the Roman occupation. He described the excavations in the Romano-British town of Silchester and spoke of Clausentum at Southampton and the Romano-British capital of Venta Bulgarum underlying Winchester, as well as describing the rural life of villas and farmsteads, and the shore forts of Portchester and Carisbrooke.

13 APRIL: LYMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

For the final lecture of the season Mr Morley-Hewitt spoke on 'Leptis Magna and other Roman Sites in Tripoli', also showing coloured slides of Tripoli, Sabratha, Cyrena and Appolonia.

HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB PROCEEDINGS

The Field Meeting for May was cancelled as it was decided no one would attend owing to the inclement weather; however, as eight members arrived in spite of the torrential downpour, it was decided that in future all meetings of the New Forest Section would take place according to programme in spite of the English climate.

2 JUNE: BADBURY RINGS AND KINGSTON LACY

Mr Desmond Bonney of the Commission on Ancient Monuments conducted a large party round Badbury Rings, the unexcavated, and consequently undated, hill-fort. Though existing remains suggest it was constructed in the Iron Age, probably after 200 B.C. a great deal of information has probably been destroyed by the planting of trees whose presence was recorded in 1821.

After a picnic lunch members of the Field Club visited Kingston Lacy to see one of the most magnificent collections of paintings in the country.

7 JULY: BISHOPS' DYKE AND UNCLE RICHARD'S DITCH

Commander Wrey showed members the enclose of nearly 500 acres surrounded by a bank and ditch with an entrance in the Eastern side, about which are many legends. In one it is reputed to have been claimed by the Bishop of Winchester who was granted as much land as he could crawl round during Mass. Regrettably Commander Wrey was unable to walk, and members failed to find the straight stretch of stream referred to in a document from the reign of Henry III as 'the ditch caused to be dug by my Uncle Richard (I) to drain the Bailywyke of Lyndhurst'. This failure will be remedied at a future date.

1 SEPTEMBER: WEST PARK VILLA, ROCKBOURNE

Members of the section were conducted by Mr Morley-Hewitt round his Roman villa where they were shown the latest finds including a rare bronze finial, decorated with a face-like motif, from a knife or dagger scabbard, a large carved and polished jet pendant, and many rare coins. One of the most interesting discoveries is that of an unusual hypocaust system in which the pilae are formed from twin mortar-filled imbrices (ridge-tiles) set on end.

6 OCTOBER: RHINEFIELD

Members of the section were privileged to be led by Dr John Manners on a fungus foray, where they found 72 different fungi. Before visiting Brockenhurst Grammar School laboratory to study certain specimens of their catch through microscopes, members visited the Rhinefield Arboretum under the professional guidance of Mr W. Roe, the Forester for that area.

16 OCTOBER: LYMINGTON MALT HALL

Mr Richard Du Cane, M.A., opened the winter season of lectures by speaking to members on 'Things which are Caesar's', showing coloured slides of the history of Rome portrayed in its coinage and the still-standing ruins of today.

20 NOVEMBER: LYMINGTON MALT HALL

The last meeting of the year was a lecture by Mr Arthur Cadman, the well-known naturalist and Deputy Surveyor of the New Forest, when he spoke of the 'Wild Deer of the Forest' which he has studied in great detail, discovering many facets of behaviour, especially in fallow deer, which have never been reported previously.

HAMPSHIRE FIELD CLUB AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1962.

INCOME						£ s d			£ s d		
1961											
£		MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS :—									
614	645	643 at 21/-	675	3	0			
		22 at 31/6 (joint subs.)	17	6	6			
2	2	2 at 15/-	1	10	0			
8	4	11 at 10/6	5	15	6			
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624	651	678									
118	29	110 Entrance fees at 5/-				27	10	0
ORNITHOLOGICAL MEETINGS :—											
Net Receipts									24	15	7
2		<i>Sundry Receipts</i>									
119		EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME									
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£801									£752 0 7		

1961	EXPENDITURE	£	s	d	£	s	d
£	SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SOCIETIES :—						
	British Trust for Ornithology	2	0	0			
	English Place Names Society	1	5	0			
	Commons Preservation Society	1	1	0			
	Council for British Archaeology	2	2	0			
	Council for Nature	1	0	0			
	Council for Protection of Ancient Buildings	1	1	0			
	Council for Protection of Birds	1	1	0			
	Council for Protection of Field Studies		10	0			
	Solent Protection Society	1	1	0			
12	South Eastern Scientific Society		12	6			
					11	13	6
	DONATION :—						
	Lymington Hospital in Memory of the late Alderman J. W. Beagley		2	0	0		
	“ PROCEEDINGS ” & ORNITHOLOGICAL REPORT						
396	Publication Cost—provision for the year		440	0	0		
	FIELD MEETINGS & LECTURES						
	Printing, Postages and Expenses relating thereto	143	0	3			
62	Less Receipts and Visitors Fees	69	10	9			
			73	9	6		
100	EXCAVATIONS AND GRANTS RESERVE :—						
	GENERAL CHARGES :—						
	Printing, Postage, Telephones, Stationery, Insurance and General Expenses	187	5	2			
177	Services of Assistant Secretary	24	0	0			
24	A.G.M. Council and Committee Meetings	7	15	0			
30			219	0	2		
	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE taken to general Fund				5	17	5
£801			£752	0	7		

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
GENERAL FUND :—								CASH :—					
Balance 1st January, 1962	226	1	11					Lloyds Bank Ltd., Current Account ...	14	3	7		
Add Interest on Deposit Account	17	8	11					Lloyds Bank Ltd., Deposit Account ...	717	8	11		
Arrears of Contributions received for previous years less overpayments	8	10	0								731	12	6
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	5	17	5										
				257	18	3							
FAWLEY PROTECTION FUND RESERVE:—													
Grant Received from H. D. Bessimer	25	0	0										
Less Grant made during Year	19	7	3										
				5	12	9							
EXCAVATIONS AND GRANTS RESERVE :—													
Balance 1st January, 1962	170	6	6										
Less Grants to :—													
New Forest Section	25	0	0										
Dr. Stephen's Memorial... ..	5	0	0										
Selborne Excavations	20	0	0										
				50	0	0							
				120	6	6							
PUBLICATIONS RESERVE :—													
Sales Ornithological Report	42	16	6										
Add Provision for cost of <i>Proceedings</i> and <i>Ornithological Report</i> for the year	440	0	0										
				482	16	6							
Less Expenditure on :—													
<i>Proceedings</i> Index to Vol. XXI	12	0	0										
<i>Ornithological Report</i> for 1961	124	2	6										
				136	2	6							
				346	14	0							
SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE				1	1	0							
				£731	12	6					£731	12	6

J. P. M. KAVANAGH,
Honorary Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the above Accounts with the Books, Vouchers and Bank Statements of the Society. I have received all information and explanations required by me and in my opinion these accounts correctly set out the true position of the Society at the 31st December, 1962.

J. B. MEAKINS, A.C.W.A.,
Honorary Auditor.

5th February, 1963