

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1973 AT 4.0 P.M., K A STEER, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A., F.R.S.E., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr M T Williams and Mr E F Catford were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers. The Secretary read the following Report by the Council:

ANNUAL REPORT

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1973.

Fellowship. During the year the Society gained 151 new Fellows, and lost 73 (24 through death including 2 Honorary Fellows, 16 by resignation, 27 through lapse of subscription, 6 through election not being completed). There was 1 reinstatement. The Roll now comprises:

Honorary Fellows	17
Corresponding Members	2
Fellows	1,564
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This shows an increase of 78 Fellows during the year.

Regular Meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1972. Monthly meetings then continued till April 1973, and were resumed on 8th October 1973.

Extra meeting. An extra meeting was held on February 26th 1973 at 7.30 p.m., at which Dr E W MacKie spoke on the Origin of the Brochs and their Builders.

Rhind Lectures. The Rhind lectures for 1972-3 were delivered in October 1972 by Mr D Winfield on 'Byzantine Mosaic and Wall Paintings in Cyprus'. Due to the necessity of providing two simultaneous projectors the lectures were given in the David Hume Tower, University of Edinburgh.

Day Conference. A day Conference on 'Archaeology and Urban Development in Scotland' was held on Saturday, 5th May 1973. The speakers were:

Dr N K Brooks	Excavations in St Andrews 1970-72
Miss L M Thoms	Prospects for Archaeological Study in Dundee
Mr D Baker	The English Position
Mr V Hughes } Mr D Ross }	Urban Archaeology in Scotland, a planning viewpoint

Mr F Tindall took the chair.

Members of the Scottish Branch of the Royal Town Planning Institute were invited to join the Society for this meeting.

Excavation and Research. Grants were made to the following from Society funds for the 1973 season:

Mr C B Burgess	Killellan Farm, Islay: Late Neolithic-Early Bronze Age habitation site.
Miss M Campbell	St Columba's Cave, Cove, Ellary, Argyll: Early Christian cave site.
Mr I A Crawford	Udal, North Uist: Dark Age and Viking habitation levels.
Dr W Kissling	Survey of rural buildings in Dumfriesshire and Galloway.
Mr L R Laing	Mote of Mark, Kirkcudbrightshire: fortified site with Iron Age and Early Christian occupation.
Dr J K St Joseph	Roman temporary camps between the Forth and the Dee.
Mr D J Turner	Achanduin Castle, Lismore: thirteenth-sixteenth century site.

The Scottish Field School in Archaeology Roman fort at Strageath, Perthshire.

The Gunning Fellowship was awarded during the year to Dr Hugh McKerrell.

Report from the North-East of Scotland Section. Seven meetings were held in the course of the Session beginning with a Fellows Evening in October. The latter took the form of a discussion group and various artefacts from museum and private collections were examined and in some cases useful information emerged regarding them. Five of the remaining meetings were addressed by speakers who had already lectured to the Society in Edinburgh. The sixth lecturer, Professor J S McEwen, M.A., B.D., D.D., spoke on 'John Erskine of Dun, reforming laird'. Attendances ranged from 20 to 75.

During the summer of 1972 two excursions were organised; to Fochabers in order to visit the excavation of a neolithic burial mound carried out by Miss Henshall and Mr Wallace, and to Cullycan to see the results of the final seasons excavations by Mr Colvin Greig at the promontory fort. Both excursions were well attended.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 10th April 1973 in the Senior Common Room, Marischal College with Mr J Caldwell in the chair. The Section Rules drawn up by the Committee and approved by the Council of the Society had been previously circulated to all Fellows and were approved by the Section. Election of office-bearers and committee were as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mr J Caldwell
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Mr M T MacNeill
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr A A Woodham
<i>Committee</i>	Mr I A F David, Mr R H Duguid, Mr G R Esslemont, Mrs M E Esslemont, Mr H G Irvine, Mr J R W Middleton, Mr M A R Munro, Mr G Shepherd.

The Secretary reported on the results of his recent survey amongst nominal members of the Section. He explained that all Fellows living between Elgin in the North and Forfar to the South had been hitherto included in the Section. Very few people living more than 20 miles from Aberdeen had in fact attended meetings though some had been present at excursions. In accordance with the second of the new Rules all Fellows had now been asked to indicate if they wished to receive Section communications and up to the time of the AGM some 50 had indicated that they did so. The Secretary reported that his survey had indicated that of those Fellows who found some week-day evenings inconvenient the smallest number specified Tuesday and accordingly it was agreed that the Section meetings would continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month whenever possible. Some Fellows mentioned that April was not an ideal time for the AGM because of the Easter holiday and it was suggested that an extra meeting combining Members Night and AGM should be held during the latter half of March. This was agreed.

The Secretary reported that progress had been made during the Session in carrying out the preliminary work on the NE Antiquities Guide concerning choice of sites for detailed treatment, compilation of literature references, etc, and it was proposed to begin site visitations during the Spring of 1973.

Report from the Medieval Urban Archaeology Committee. The Committee has been active throughout the year. The pamphlet *Scotland's Medieval Burghs: an archaeological heritage in danger* quickly sold out its first printing of 1000 copies and a further print of 500 copies is selling rapidly. A second edition is under consideration. The Committee organised a successful one-day Conference on 3rd May on the subject of 'Archaeology and Urban Development in Scotland', at which a number of members of the Royal Town Planning Institute (Scottish Branch) were present. In connection with this conference an exhibition was mounted, through the generous assistance of Mr Charles Burnett and Mr Ian Larner, to illustrate the threats in Scottish towns. This exhibition has since gone on tour. It has already visited 9 centres and is continuously booked for future display until early 1975.

The Committee has encouraged, and has been involved in, several successful excavations during the year. Major excavations were mounted in Edinburgh High Street and at Broad Street in Aberdeen and these have revealed extensive and productive medieval levels, as well as remains of significant structures. A smaller excavation was mounted in Linlithgow as a result of an approach by the Town Council. While these results are most encouraging, the Committee remains very concerned that in specially important towns such as Stirling and Perth, and in nearly all the smaller burghs, no archaeological work at all is taking place.

The Committee has welcomed various moves towards appointing field archaeologists with special concern for towns. Dundee Museum has led the way in this and recent appointments have been made by Edinburgh Corporation and East Lothian County Council. Proposals to appoint City Archaeologists are under active discussion in Aberdeen and Glasgow.

The future organisation of rescue archaeology in Scotland remains a subject of much concern. As a result of the publication of *Scotland's Medieval Burghs*, a deputation from the Council, consisting of the President and several members of the Committee, had a meeting with Mr George Younger, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, and as a consequence of this a system of temporary archaeological consultants, who may be called upon by local authorities, is now being set up. The Committee has taken a closer interest in the proposals by the Department of the Environment for the creation of Regional Archaeological Units and is urging that adequate action along these lines should be taken in Scotland without delay.

Editor's Report. In view of the delay in publication of the Proceedings two volumes will appear in the coming session. Papers for volume 102 (1969-70) were sent to the printers at the end of February this year, and, despite delays caused by printers' labour problems, it is hoped that this volume will be published in December. Volume 103 (1970-1) was sent to the printers in May, and its publication is anticipated early in 1974. The overall cost of the two volumes will total over £8,000, but it is expected that grants will provide at least £1,000 towards this sum.

Volume 104 (1971-2) is almost complete and will go to press in March 1974.

Publications of the existing backlog of papers will be completed in volume 104, and it is important that volumes thereafter should be internally consistent, particularly in their reference system. Notes for the guidance of authors have been prepared, and copies may be obtained from the Editor.

The Annual Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr G Hay seconded by Mr J G Dunbar.

Treasurer's Report. With the notice calling this meeting you received a copy of the abbreviated form of Accounts for the year to 30th June last. The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Scott-Moncrieff Thomson and Shiells, the Society's Auditors, and their docquet reads as follows: 'Edinburgh 14th November 1973. Having examined the foregoing Accounts of the Intromissions of the Treasurer of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for the period from 1st July 1972 to 30th June 1973 and having compared the same with the Vouchers and other instructions we have to report that we have found the Accounts correct and satisfactorily instructed. The Securities for the Funds held by the Society or evidence of their existence at 30th June 1973 (as detailed in the foregoing Account) have been produced to us and are in order.' In the Abstract of Accounts in your hands you will notice that in the General Fund income from subscriptions £4,316 is down from £4,809 in 1971/72. This is explained by the ingathering of arrears of subscriptions during that year being above average. During the past few years such arrears have fluctuated very considerably. The growth of the Society is however more accurately reflected in the annual subscriptions due from the Roll of Fellows, and in the last three years the figures have been £4,170, £4,547 and £4,697. Other Income varies marginally except in sales of publications where there was an unusual number of big sales throughout the year. You will note that there is no administration levy this year, this having been abolished by order of Council.

The Accounts were approved on the motion of Professor Piggott seconded by Mr W Latto.

The President thanked the office-bearers who had served the Society during the last year, and also the three typist/clerks and Mr Marshall.

The ballot having been concluded, the Scrutineers found and declared the list of the Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:

<i>President</i>	K A STEER, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	T D Thomson, C.M.G., O.B.E., LL.B. R G Cant, M.A. G G Simpson, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A.
<i>Councillors</i>	D J Breeze, B.A., PH.D. J G Dunbar, M.A., F.S.A. Mrs I B Henderson, M.A., PH.D. S Maxwell, M.A. Professor R Cramp, M.A., B.LITT., F.S.A. Miss D M Hunter, B.A. E J Peltenburg, B.A., PH.D. A Small, M.A. N P Brooks, M.A., D.PHIL. Rev G M Dilworth, O.S.B., M.A., PH.D. E W MacKie, B.A., PH.D. J J Robertson, M.A., LL.B.
<i>Secretary</i>	Basil C Skinner, M.A.
<i>Treasurer</i>	J A Donaldson
<i>Ex-Officio Members of Council</i>	R B K Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A. (Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland) A A Woodham, B.SC., PH.D. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Miss Anne S Robertson, M.A., D.LITT., F.M.A., F.S.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) B R S Megaw, B.A., F.S.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Professor A A M Duncan, M.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Mrs Anna Ritchie, B.A., PH.D. (Editor)

The deaths of the following Fellows were intimated during the year 1972-3:

	<i>Elected</i>
A H Anderson, M.A., Leny House, Muthill, Perthshire.	1925
His Grace The Duke of Argyll, Inveraray Castle, Argyll.	1954
G Ballantyne, 11 Noddleburn Road, Largs, Ayrshire.	1951
C S T Calder, A.R.I.A.S., Clifton Cottage, Hunter Street, Auchterarder, Perthshire.	1921
A Cameron, Bunaltechan, Ardgour, By Fort William.	1950
Very Rev J Hutchison Cockburn, D.D., 8 Stonehill Road, East Sheen, London SW 14.	1929
W Cowe, 4 Summerhill Terrace, Berwick-on-Tweed.	1931
Mrs N M Duff, Dunreay, Hillside Terrace, Selkirk.	1960
Mrs A I Dunlop, O.B.E., M.A., D.LITT., PH.D., LL.D., 73 London Road, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.	1946
Lord Elibank, 3 Duncan Street, Edinburgh 9.	1959
Miss M E C Fletcher, B.A., 5 West Coates, Edinburgh 12.	1961
J Gillies, Cardy House, Lower Largo, Fife.	1970
W McP Johnston, 134 South Anderson Drive, Aberdeen.	1965
Captain A W G Lowther, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., 'The Old Quarry', Ashted, Surrey.	1941
K M McCracken, M.B., CH.B., Inglestone, Kelso.	1955
H A McQueen, Greenbank, Ballagarey Close, Glen Vine, Isle of Man.	1963
G R Maxwell, 7 Alexandra Avenue, Steppes, Lanarkshire.	1946
Dr C A Nordman, Nationalmuseum, Helsingfors, Finland. (Hon Fellow)	1954
A J M Petrie, 2 Hawkhead Crescent, Edinburgh 9.	1949
R Porteous, 8 Burnbank Road, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire.	1960
D B Stewart, 26 Shamrock Street, Dundee.	1962
Brigadier A H C Swinton, M.C., Kimmerghame, Duns.	1956
R S Thoms, 70 Craiglockhart Road, Edinburgh 14.	1959
Professor Dr A E Van Giffen, Zalne Flat 62, Weteringplantsoem 7, Zwolle, Holland. (Hon. Fellow)	

The following Fellows intimated their resignation:

Mrs G M Binnie, M.A., Flat 13, 35 Kensington Court, London W.8.
J J Bonar, 30 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh.
R W Y S Formhals, LL.B., J.D., D.C.L., 21435 Amulet Drive, Cupertino, California 95014, USA.
H C Glennie, Willowdene, St Ninians Road, Linlithgow.
D Harrington, L.E.S.L., D.PHIL. ET L., F.I.A.L., F.R.A.S., F.R.S.A., 22 Goffs Road, Ashford Common, Middlesex.
M F Hulbert, 39 St Albans Road, Norwich, NOR 26C.
J R Lockie, St Ninians, 5 Cross Road, Meiklerigg, Paisley.
R G S MacKechnie, R.B.A., 4 Watch Bell Street, Rye, Sussex.
Mrs V M Matthews, 21 Russell Place, Edinburgh EH5 3HW.
Mrs Alexander Parkin-Moore, Newton, Inch, Aberdeenshire.
W A Read, B.SC., PH.D., F.G.S., 2 Swanston View, Edinburgh EH10 7DQ.
K G H Reddie, M.A.(ST.A.), 89 Mackie Place, Dunfermline, Fife.
G E Sheard, 4 Southlands Road, Riddlesden, Keighley, Yorkshire.
Mrs D C Stewart-Meiklejohn of Edradynate, Priorsgate, St. Andrews.
Mrs J E Ward, M.A., B.LITT., 17a Mayo Street, Cockermouth, Cumberland.
Professor B C Yates, A.B., LL.B., M.A., 307 Maple Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060, USA.

The meeting concluded with the following brief accounts of work:

Mr S Maxwell	The Dundee gun recently purchased by the National Museum.
Dr A Ritchie	Excavations at the Knap of Howar, Orkney.
Miss L Thoms	Medieval pottery from the recent Broad Street excavations, Aberdeen.
Dr K A Steer	Two fragments of late medieval carving from Argyll.