

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING held in the Lecture Theatre, Royal Museum of Scotland on Friday, 30 November 1990, at 4.00 pm, DR DAVID J BREEZE, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The chief scrutineer for the ballot for office-bearers, Mr R Callander, having been appointed, was joined by Dr S Foster, to count ballot papers presented at the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary read the following *Annual Report*:

Membership

The Fellowship of the Society currently stands at 2693. In the past year 192 Fellows have been added to the Roll by election or re-instatement, and 87 names have been removed from the Roll, due to resignation, death, or lapse of subscription. In March the Society elected one new Honorary Fellow, King Olav V of Norway. There are, at present, 22 Honorary Fellows.

Meetings

In accordance with custom, General Meetings were held monthly, from October to June; a wide range of topics was heard, and our thanks are once again due to all the speakers and to Mr Thomson who ensures smooth projection facilities. The Public Lecture was held in December, Mr James Simpson spoke on '*William Adam: a tercentenary re-appraisal*', and it was attended by an audience of 63. The Rhind Lectures took place in November when Dr Martin Gojda from the Archaeological Institute in Prague delivered a series of papers on '*The archaeology of the Slavs*'.

The Conference, *The North Sea Kingdoms: Scotland, England and Norway in the High Middle Ages*, took place in May. As part of a move to strengthen links with our sister societies, it was held jointly with the Society of Antiquaries of London, and the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle, and it took place in Berwick-on-Tweed. The Conference was preceded by a Civic Reception in the Guild Hall, presided over by the Sheriff, and followed by a half-day tour of the fortifications of Berwick. It attracted an audience of over 100. During the conference, the Lindsay-Fischer lecture was given by Dr Knut Helle from Bergen, who spoke on '*Norwegian Foreign policy towards the end of the High Middle Ages*'. Speakers at the Conference were giving consideration to events sparked off at the death of the Maid of Norway in 1290, an event with great impact on the three Kingdoms. This theme was carried further later in the year when, in July, the Society took its first overseas trip, to Orkney, Shetland, and Bergen, where Fellows were able to visit some of the places associated with the Maid.

Other meetings included the excursion, held in June, when fifty Fellows and their guests visited two William Adam Houses, the Drum and Arniston, with the expert guidance of Mr Ian Gow. The Acquisitions Meeting took place in March, when Fellows were welcomed to the Departments of History and Applied Art, and Science, Technology and Working Life in Chambers Street. There were brief talks by various members of staff, and an opportunity to view recently acquired material that had been put specially on display. In November, there was an incidental Seminar, *The Archaeology of Sanday, Orkney*, at which Dr John Hunter, and Mr Steven Dockrill, and their teams described the results of work at Pool and Tofts Ness on Sanday. This meeting was very popular, and it is hoped to hold similar meetings in future. Finally, the Society joined with the Scottish Group of the Institute of Field Archaeologists to organize a meeting to discuss the role of the Forum for the Co-ordination of Funding in Archaeology, at which Ms Justine Bayley, Secretary to the Forum, spoke.

There were two Buchan Lectures in 1989–90. Professor Rosemary Cramp spoke in Crieff on ‘*The Relationship between Northumbrian and Scottish Sculpture in the Lowlands, 7th–10th Century*’, under the auspices of the Strathearn Archaeological Society; and Ms Olwyn Owen spoke in Thurso and Orkney on ‘*Recent Archaeological Excavations in Orkney and Shetland*’, under the auspices of the Caithness and Orkney Field Clubs.

In November 1990, the Society was represented at a meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of London when Mr H Gordon Slade spoke on Glamis Castle, in the presence of HM the Queen Mother. Dr D J Breeze, the President, was honoured to give the vote of thanks.

The North-East Section

The Section held nine meetings, with essentially the same programme as in Edinburgh, except that Francis Pryor was able to give the lecture that had been postponed from last year (in place of the lecture by Colin Haselgrove who was unable to speak in Aberdeen). Following the Annual General Meeting in Marischal Museum, Dr David Clarke, Vice-President of the Society, spoke about his approaches to the presentation of archaeology in the new Museum of Scotland. The lectures were all well attended, and membership of the Section stands at 244. Summer excursions were organized to Fraserburgh and Buchan, Elgin, the Sands of Forvie, and Trinity Hall, Aberdeen.

The committee for 1989–90 was: Judith Stones (Chairman); George Leiper (Vice-Chairman); Alex Hidalgo (Secretary); John Cruse (Treasurer); Juliet Cross; Neil Curtis; Betty Dransart; John Souter; Graham Steele; Bob Watt; Clare Yarrington.

Research

A range of projects was supported with grants: survey work on Jura (W Finlayson), on Papa Westray, Orkney (A Bowman), and in the graveyards of Angus, Ayrshire and Lanarkshire (E Willsher); excavation at Ulva Cave, Mull (J C Bonsall), on Islay (S Mithen), and at Glenloch, Lanarkshire (T Ward); post-excavation work for projects related to Loch Olabhat, North Uist (I Armit), and Inchtuthil, Perthshire (G Barclay and G Maxwell); and archival work by the Churches Committee of the Council for Scottish Archaeology (E Proudfoot), and on early excavation documents relating to work at Kiloran Bay, Colonsay (J Graham-Campbell).

A Young Fellows Bursary was awarded to Mr C Richards to attend the V Gordon Childe Centenary Conference at the University of Queensland, Australia, where he presented a paper on ‘*Excavations at Skara Brae and Rinyo: Research and Redemption*’.

1990 was a year for consideration of the Gunning Jubilee Gift, and it was awarded to Ms Ann Clarke to visit museums in Orkney and Shetland, to examine the collections of coarse stone tools from the islands.

Publications

Volume 119 of the *Proceedings* is to be published in the autumn of 1990. The work of editing the *Proceedings* does not stop once a volume has been published, there is a constant stream of papers to be reviewed and edited. The Society is, naturally, pleased to receive so many papers and texts for consideration, and our thanks must go to the Editor, Mr Ian Shepherd, for his work, as well as to Mrs Fionna Ashmore and Mr George Dagleish who assist him.

In September the seventh of the Society’s monographs was published: *Rhum: Mesolithic and later sites at Kinloch*. Mrs Alexandra Shepherd has, as usual, worked hard to prepare this volume for publication, and both she, and Mr John Sibbald (the *Monograph Series* Administrator), must be thanked for their work on the *Monograph Series*. Mr Sibbald has recently announced his retirement as *Monograph Series* Administrator, and he will be replaced by Mr Stuart Campbell.

Two issues of the *Newsletter* were sent out, in January and September, and it has been favourably received by Fellows. The *Newsletter* has, we hope, settled into a format that will reflect the current work of the Society, as well as providing Fellows with information about other events in which they might be interested.

The work of the Society

This has been an active year for the Society in its wider role, in what has come to be called the Scottish Heritage. We have been consulted over several major issues including: the management of popular mountain areas; the formation and remit for the new Natural Heritage Agency; proposals for improved

planning procedures; and, the general role of archaeology in environmental management. In addition we have been notified of, and asked to comment on, many more specific matters relating to particular instances of development across Scotland. We are represented on the advisory group for the management of Traprain Law, East Lothian. The Society is still concerned to monitor the management of archaeological sites in afforested areas, and the Secretary sits on the Forestry and Archaeology Liaison Committee. We have also been looking at the archaeological problems arising from the development of peatlands, and have been in consultation with the Scottish Peat and Land Developers Association, this has led to the publication of an article about archaeology in their Newsletter by one of our Fellows, Ms Jane Page.

This work is widely based, and cannot rely on the time, and experience, of the Secretary alone. Other Fellows are often called upon to provide advice, and expertise. The Society is represented on a variety of bodies (including the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland, and the Scottish Country Life Museums Trust), and we must thank those Fellows who give of their time to attend meetings on our behalf. They play an important role in ensuring that the Society maintains its position in Scotland.

In 1990 the Council for Scottish Archaeology set up a Scottish Archaeological Link Group, to allow the various archaeological bodies across Scotland to meet to exchange information and discuss problems. This should help with the co-ordination of responses to problems where necessary, and the Society is represented by the Secretary.

The Society is also increasingly concerned that the public be aware of the issues that affect the conservation of the heritage. Fellows are only too aware of the problems that beset us today, but it is important that these matters be debated in the public arena. We are all too aware of newspaper articles about the development of a particular town or landscape that make no mention of the archaeology. With this in mind, the Secretary does respond to specific articles, and this has resulted in the publication of several letters in the *Scotsman*; we are also keen to work with journalists and others who may wish to produce longer reports or features.

A vital part of this public side of the Society is the image that we project to others. In the past year much thought has gone into the re-design of many of our papers and leaflets. This is an on-going task, but the results so far may be seen in our letter paper, the Newsletter, and Rhind leaflets, amongst other things. Creating an appropriate image for a Society such as this is not an easy task, and thanks are owed to Stuart Campbell and Gill Harden who have both provided much assistance.

Administration

Over the past two years, the Society has been conducting a far-reaching policy review into all of its activities. This is now complete, and the various recommendations have been discussed by Council. Many relate to administrative changes, but the implementation of some will require alterations to the Laws; these will be put to the Fellowship in due time.

The administrative workload necessary to ensure the smooth running of the Society is not small. In view of the increasing workload, it has been decided to increase the hours of the Secretary. The office staff do not work entirely alone, and several of those who must be thanked for their help have already been mentioned. In addition, I should like to thank Mr G H G Tilling, who checks over the post codes of new Fellows, as well as the band of volunteers who kindly gather three times a year, to insert papers into nearly 3000 envelopes for Society mailings, Miss M E Doull; Mr R Callander; Lady Elliot; Mr H G Ford; Miss M F Froude; Mrs A Gray; Mrs S Grossmith; Mr K Hay; Miss M R Hilton; Mrs B J Murray; Mrs A Macaulay; Mr and Dr R W Munro; Mr J P Shepherd; Miss J Sym; and Mrs M N Weston. This task is steadily increasing, as the Fellowship goes up, and so new volunteers would be particularly welcome at this time!

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read the following *Treasurer's Report*.

Despite the uncertainties of the general financial situation and a continued rise in the Society's expenditure, the balance sheet for the year 1989–90 shows a surplus of £4468, a modest increase over the previous year. The continued high rates of interest have boosted the Society's income, which has also been sustained by a further increase in the number of Fellows on the Roll. The outlook, however, remains as difficult to predict as in previous years, and it remains uncertain how long the subscription can be held at the present level.

During the course of the year the Tresorial Department, at the behest of the Finance and Administration Committee, carried out a review of the Society's investments and, as a result, has made a number of

changes which should strengthen the long-term financial position. On the advice of the Society's new stock brokers, the substantial funds held at the bank and in Charibond units have been reduced, in order to minimize the effects of inflation, and the monies reinvested in stocks and shares so as to sustain income and give capital growth.

As reported last year, the continued growth in the number of Fellows and in the range of the Society's activities has placed a considerable strain on the staff. Although steps have been taken to streamline the administration, the workload remains a matter for concern, and it is likely that in the near future further changes will have to be made in order to allow the work of the Society to continue smoothly.

There were no questions on the Reports.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Annual Reports were adopted on the motion of Mr R J Mercer, and Mr R Callander.

THE BALLOT

The ballot for four new Councillors resulted in the election of the following Fellows: Dr Lesley Macinnes; Professor Gordon Nicoll; Dr Alison Sheridan; Mr Humphrey G Welfare.

Council for 1990-91 comprises:

<i>President</i>	Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Roger J Mercer, MA, FSA, MIFA Athol L Murray, MA, PhD, LLB, FRHistS Lionel J Masters, BA, FSA
<i>Councillors</i>	Barbara E Crawford, MA, PhD David F Devereux, MA, MIFA Robin Noble, MA Iain G Brown, MA, PhD, FSA, FRSA Ian Morrison, MA, PhD Carol Swanson, MA, MSc, PhD, MRTPI Naomi E A Tarrant, BA, AMA Lesley Macinnes, MA, PhD, FSA Professor Gordon R Nicoll, CEng, FRSE Alison Sheridan, MA, PhD Humphrey G Welfare, BA, MLitt, FSA
<i>Secretary</i>	Caroline R Wickham-Jones, MA, FSA, MIFA
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jack B Stevenson, BA, FSA, MIFA
<i>Editor</i>	Ian A G Shepherd, MA, FSA, MIFA
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	John C Barrett, BSc, FSA (Convenor of the Research Committee) Judith A Stones, MA (Chairman of the North East Section)
<i>Assessors</i>	Ronald D Cramond, MA, MBIM (Representative of the Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland) Robert G W Anderson, BSc, MA, DPhil, FRSC (Director of the National Museums of Scotland) David V Clarke, BA, PhD, FSA (Keeper of Archaeology, National Museums of Scotland) Dale Idiens, BA (Keeper of History and Applied Arts, National Museums of Scotland) James Hogarth, MA (Representative of the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland).

THE ROLL

The record of the deaths of the following Fellows, intimated during the year 1989-90 was not read at the meeting:

George Applebey, 10 Duntreath Avenue, Glasgow	<i>Elected</i> 1947
Frederick Gordon Aylott, 62 Pondcroft Road, Knebworth, Herts	1971
Mrs Ursula V G Betts, Stocks Cottage, Burley Street, Ringwood, Hants	1958
Duncan Bowden-Smith, Chestnuts, Hacheston, Woodbridge, Suffolk	1974

James Edward Boyack, Dip TP, MRTPI, 20 Holyrood Crescent, Glasgow	1981
Norman Buchan, MP, MA, FEIS, 72 Peel Street, Glasgow	1990
James Wilson Chambers, BSc, MB, ChB, FRSC, FRCP, 14 Woodburn Road, Glasgow	1969
Robert L Cowan, 105 Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury	1975
Major The Rt Hon The Earl of Cromartie, MC, TD, JP, Castle Leod, Strathpeffer, Ross-shire	1964
Mrs A L Drummond, 141 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh	1929
H J H Drummond, MA, 32 Ravelston Garden, Edinburgh	1939
Arthur Elliott, Providence Cottage, Westgate in Weardale, Bishop Auckland, County Durham	1986
Rev Andrew Gardiner, APhS, 47 Braemar Road, Ballater, Aberdeenshire	1970
Brenda Gray, MB, ChB, DPath, 10 Tay Crescent, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow	1978
Lt Col R L Hunter, TD, BSc, MIMechE, FSA, 74 Trinity Road, Edinburgh	1932
Archibald Graham Kenneth, FLS, Stronachullin House, Ardrishaig, Argyll	1972
Iain Campbell Lawson, BA, 3 Cross Road, Peebles	1979
James Samuel Montgomerie, MB, ChB, 62 Murray Crescent, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran	1965
Ms Nora E E Moore, MA, LLB, 35 Howe Street, Edinburgh	1945
Mrs Jane R Mackenzie, 39 Jarviston Street, Motherwell, Lanarkshire	1980
Frank Mullineux, JP, MA, 15 Lime Grove, Worsley, Manchester	1965
Robert E Mustard, AB, CWO, USCG (Ret), 4001 North Spruce, Kansas City, Missouri, 64117, USA	1988
Alexander McCaskie, M StJ, PhC, Flat 6, Park Manor, Crieff, Perthshire	1975
Roderick MacFarquhar, 22 Kingsborough Gardens, Glasgow	1965
Councillor James Macgregor-Dowsett, CBE, KO StJ, JP, Murray House, Kalkee, Spring Street, Belmont 3216, Geelong, Victoria, Australia	1928
Mrs Emily McKinnon, 73 Murray Terrace, Aberdeen	1974
W K Neal, La Terre Norgiot, St Saviour's Guernsey, Channel Islands	1954
John Wallace Notman, MA, FR Numismatic S, Boswall House, Boswall Road, Edinburgh	1971
Miss Jean Margaret Gordon Robertson, 125 Willowbrae Road, Edinburgh	1980
George Alexander Rodger, LDS, RCS, 265 Milton Road East, Edinburgh	1980
James Shanks, CBE, MA, 28 Hallhead Road, Edinburgh	1972
Charles Skilton, Hon RWS, Whittinghame House, Haddington, East Lothian	1977
Mark Roy Solomon, AMIEE, 34 Waun-Y-Groes Road, Cardiff	1962
Andrew Robertson Somerville, BSc, PhD, Mendota, Middlewood Road, Higher Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire	1985
Rev John William Sperling-Tyler, AP, 5 Farmland Way, Hailsham, East Sussex	1969
Matthew Edwin Taylor, C St J, 11 Hamilton Avenue, Glasgow	1953
Dr Bengt Thordeman, Villagatan 13 B, S-114 32, Stockholm, Sweden (Honorary Fellow)	1954
Mrs Anne Wylie, 57 Sanchie Place, Crieff, Perthshire	1967

THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dr David Breeze, as retiring President, introduced the newly elected President, Dr Anna Ritchie. Dr Ritchie is well known to Fellows having served as Councillor, Editor, and, more recently, as Secretary; in addition, she has contributed to the *Proceedings* and to the Lecture Programme; her work ranges through the analysis and interpretation of archaeological material to the publication of archaeological reports and the presentation of archaeology to the general public. The retiring President thanked Fellows, Council, and Officers and staff for their support during his term of Office. In reply, Dr Ritchie thanked the Society for the honour of being elected President, and, on behalf of the Society, she expressed appreciation of Dr Breeze's work over the last three years. She drew attention to the particular care that Dr Breeze had taken to guide the Society as its activities increased, and its membership grew.

COMMUNICATION

Dr Graham Ritchie introduced two black and white films made in the 1930s by W Kirkness, FSA Scot:

Hower, a prehistoric structure on Papa Westray, Orkney;
Mid Howe broch, in Rousay, Orkney.

A reception was held after the meeting, in the Bird Hall of the Royal Museum.