

#### ANNIVERSARY MEETING

*Minutes of the Anniversary Meeting* of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland held on 30 November 2002 in the Lecture Theatre, Royal Museum of Scotland. Dr J N Graham Ritchie, President, in the Chair. The President welcomed Fellows to the meeting. The Minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2002 were read and approved. The Ballots were closed and the box removed by the scrutineers, Mr Patrick Ashmore and Dr Jill Turnbull.

The Director, Mrs Fionna Ashmore then read the following

#### DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2001–2

##### MEMBERSHIP

The Fellowship of the Society now stands at 3460. In the past year 188 Fellows have taken up election, or been reinstated; 194 names have been removed from the Roll due to death and through lapse of subscription or resignation. There are at present 24 Honorary Fellows.

##### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The public presentation of scholarly work, to Fellows through our usual Lecture meetings, and increasingly to expert practitioners through specialist seminars, and to the wider community through our varied open events continues, as Fellows will be aware, to be a significant part of the Society's work.

The Society has held a full programme of activities through the year. Nine Lecture meetings were held between December 2001 and November 2002. As well these 'ordinary' lecture meetings for Fellows only, the session included:

##### *Seminars*

The Society was involved in two significant seminars in the session as well as (not detailed in last year's report) the Seminar, in November 2001, on the *Conservation of Scotland's Historic Graveyard's* jointly with

Historic Scotland and organized by them; this was fully booked, attracting both a professionally involved audience and numbers of those involved in family history society work. We were delighted to have as guest of honour, the doyenne of Scottish graveyard studies, Mrs Betty Willsher.

A Specialist Seminar, *Alluvial Archaeology, towards a strategy for Scotland* took place on 16 May 2002. The lead speaker was Professor Leendert Louwe Kooijmans; the Society is grateful to Historic Scotland for financial assistance to allow speakers from Aberystwyth, Ireland and Exeter to attend and for the participation of HS staff. This seminar allowed an invited audience to consider and discuss the issues relating to alluvial archaeology in Scotland. These issues included case histories, mitigation strategies and strategies for input into development planning cases, and the importance of liaison with geo-science specialists and palaeoenvironmentalists. There was a positive and tangible outcome from the event, with Historic Scotland and the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences of Aberystwyth University setting up a pilot survey for Scotland. We are grateful to all those who participated on the day as well as Alan Saville and Patrick Ashmore for their lead roles in the shaping of the event.

A Specialist Seminar, *Treasure Trove in Scotland: problems and potential* took place in November 2002; the invitation-only event was attended by a number of specialists including, among others, officials from the Scottish Executive, the Department of Culture Media and Sport, the Directors of the National Museums of Scotland and the Scottish Museums Council, the Crown Office, curators from the National Museums of Scotland and local museums as well as metal detectorists, archaeological contractors and curators.

### *Conferences*

The Conference, *The Declaration of Arbroath*, fell during the 2001–2 session, as mentioned in the oral report at the last Anniversary meeting. We are delighted the proceedings of this will be published in 2003 under the editorship of Professor Geoffrey Barrow and with a foreword by the Provost of Angus.

The *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference for 2002 was held in May. This annual event is held jointly with CSA, whose turn it was to organize it this year.

### *Rhind Lectures*

The Rhind Lectures for 2002 were delivered by Professor Barry Cunliffe. It is a pleasure yet again to report that these stimulating lectures captivated a large audience throughout the whole weekend. As with Professor Renfrew's lectures the previous year there was a large proportion of non-Fellows and members of the general public from all over Britain and beyond. Quite apart from the academic prestige that reflects favourably on the Society, the value of public lectures of this calibre in promoting the Society to the public cannot be overestimated.

### *Joint meeting with the Society of Antiquaries of London, Kelmscott Manor*

The joint meeting of the two Societies, following the Edinburgh leg in 1999, took place at Kelmscott Manor, Oxfordshire over the Royal Golden Jubilee weekend (31 May to 2 June 2002). The venue was as quintessentially English as Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace were Scottish and the lectures and presentations, together with the excellent weather (and catering) made this one of the most enjoyable events of the Society's year. The two Presidents carried out their roles with enthusiasm.

As well as lectures and presentations at Kelmscott Manor, Professor Cramp took Fellows on tours of medieval churches in the area with a particular focus on the sculpture, and on the Sunday Tom Hassal and Simon Townley lectured Fellows on the KERP project in the appropriate venue of Gimson's Village Hall and then led a tour round Kelmscott village.

### *Combined Recent Acquisitions Meeting and Excursion*

The 2002 Excursion took place in June to the Museum of Scottish Country Life at Killochside and was an enjoyable and instructive day. Our thanks are due to Elaine Edwards, the Curator, and other NMS staff for devoting a Saturday to our Fellows. The catering staff also deserve a special mention.

## EDUCATION

The Society remains fully committed to recognizing the importance of the role of education and to that end we continue to grant-aid, now at an increased level, the work of the CSA's Young Archaeologists' clubs. Our Heritage Assistant continues to act as the leader of the Heriot branch of YAC in the Scottish Borders. On a less formal note, the Society also gave an additional grant to allow members of Scottish YACs to attend the YAC 30th Birthday Party at the British Museum in the summer.

## THE NORTH-EAST SECTION ANNUAL REPORT (OCTOBER 2001–SEPTEMBER 2002)

As in previous years the Section followed the same programme as in Edinburgh. The February lecture was by Alison Morrison-Low and Sara Stevenson on 19th-century Scottish photography, postponed from the previous year. Until December lectures were held in Marischal Museum, University of Aberdeen, after which they transferred to the Regent Building because of potential building works around the museum. The biennial conference reporting on recent archaeological work in the region was held in October, with papers dealing with all periods and types of fieldwork.

Following the pattern of recent years, the programme included two excursions. That in August was to sites in the Fraserburgh area, while September saw a coach trip to Elgin and the surrounding area. Both were led by Ian Shepherd.

Membership of the Section stands at 304. The committee elected in May 2002 was: Aidan Mulkerrin (Chairman); Peter Murray (Vice-Chairman); Neil Curtis (Secretary); Paul Pillath (Treasurer); Frank Donnelly; Kevin Edwards; Robert Gray; Bill Nicolaisen; Ian Shepherd; Judith Stones; and Anne Taylor.

## SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2002

The grant-aiding of research remains one of the most important areas of the Society's activities in accordance with Law 1, 'The purpose of the Society shall be the Study of the Antiquities and History of Scotland, more particularly by means of archaeological research'.

Reports on the work carried out are supplied by recipients at the end of the year and are held in the Society's office, or placed in the NMS Library, as appropriate. It is a condition of grant that there is full compliance with current Scottish Treasure Trove legislation and that reports on fieldwork and related projects are presented for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* published annually by the CSA. The Society also invites recipients of grants, when appropriate, to publicize the results of their work at the Archaeological Research in Progress conference.

The following awards were made for 2002; these include awards split between the George MacDonald Bequest, the Gunning Jubilee Gift, the Angus Graham Bequest, and the General Research Fund, which includes monies from the Dorothy Marshall Bequest.

Dr T B Ballin for *The Quartz Project* (this included funds from the Gunning Jubilee Gift); T G Cowie & I R Davies for research on *Joseph Train: a forgotten Scottish antiquary*; Dr E B Guttman for research into aspects of *The Iron Age in South Mainland, Shetland*; F Hunter for the *Birnie Project Phase 1* (this included funds from the MacDonald Bequest); Dr A M Jones for the project, *Art and landscape. Early Bronze Age Argyll*; Dr R E Jones for *High-precision chemical analysis of steatite from Shetland and Norway*; Dr P F & C Martin for the *Boathouse Survey, Sound of Mull*; T Neighbour for the *Gilmerton Cove Project*; Mr A Saville for the *Kilmelfort Cave/ Shieldaig project* (including funding from the Angus Graham bequest); Dr J A Sheridan for *Dating cremated human bone from prehistoric Scotland*; Professor D Szechi for a project on *Unnatural Rebellion: the great Jacobite rebellion of 1715*; and to Dr C E L Turner for the project *The Bronze Age metalwork of Ayrshire and Renfrewshire: a contextual analysis*.

The Society is keen to increase its grant-aid to research projects; an updated information leaflet on our *Research and other Grants* is available from the Society Office or available on our website. Detailed conditions appear on the Application forms. All valid applications are considered fully by the Research Committee. As the President has pointed out in his last letter, in the September Newsletter, '...although our

grants are small even small research grants can help a project gain funds from other sources. Spreading the research grants throughout Scotland is also important’.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Proceedings*

Volume 131, the first of the scheduled single volumes and the first under the editorship of Gordon Barclay, was published in September, only a matter of months after 130. We hope Fellows were pleased with this new essay-rich volume. It is the intention to publish the *Proceedings* in the late spring or early summer each year. We also hope one of the commonest and most frustrating misperceptions about the *Proceedings* – that it is dedicated primarily to the publication of archaeological excavation reports – will be dispelled. As ever we urge historians to offer us appropriate material.

### *General Index*

The compilation of the General Index covering Volumes 106–25 of the *Proceedings*, and including a separate index of Fellows’ entries during that period, is now complete and after a lengthy production phase was published on 19 November. We congratulate Elizabeth Fowler on her achievement. An order form will be included with the next mailing but any Fellow is welcome to purchase a copy tonight.

### *Monograph Series*

Two monographs were published during the session: Monograph 19 *Aberdeen: an in-depth view of the city’s past*, by A S Cameron & J A Stones, and Monograph 21 *Spynie Palace and the Bishops of Moray: history, architecture and archaeology*, by John Lewis & Denys Pringle.

The Series Editor, Mrs Alexandra Shepherd, and the Volume Editor, Dr Anna Ritchie must be thanked for their dedicated work. The President will pay tribute to Alexandra Shepherd who will retire as Monograph Series Editor after 20 years following publication of her last two volumes; Professor Alcock’s *Kings Warriors and Priests* and *The Stone of Destiny: artefact and icon* edited by Richard Welander, David Breeze & Thomas Owen Clancy.

I take the usual opportunity to urge Fellows to support the series by taking advantage of their opportunity to purchase these at the special rate – the benefit will be theirs. We would also like to take this opportunity to draw attention again to the considerable grant-aid the Society receives towards publications from Historic Scotland.

As well as circulating the traditional printed flyers we keep Fellows updated through the website on new publications and reductions. We also publicize our publications to special interest groups, for example our recent circulation of a flyer with relevant publications to the Neolithic Studies Group.

### *Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR)*

We regret that, at the time of writing, unforeseen problems, human rather than technological, have militated against the publication of the next reports in the series. We hope however, that by the New Year several more will have appeared. As Fellows will know this new series, funded and initiated by Historic Scotland, <http://www.sair.org.uk> is intended in the first instance to be a vehicle for publishing final reports on archaeological excavation and fieldwork funded by Historic Scotland, with the objective of making the results available more widely, more rapidly, and less expensively than has often been the case with conventional printing.

As previously indicated, Fellows are encouraged to view the *Dundrennan Abbey* report on screen as well as the outline, ‘About the SAIR Pilot’. Responses on any aspect will be warmly welcomed. As indicated in SAIR 1 these should be submitted direct by email to [feedback@sair.org.uk](mailto:feedback@sair.org.uk)

### *Newsletter*

Two issues of this were produced and circulated in February and September 2002, both 12 pages in length. We were delighted to have included fascinating contributions by various Fellows.

### *Proceedings Scanning Project*

Fellows were made aware of the details of this significant and exciting project in an article by Dr Barclay in the September Newsletter. The Society has begun the process of scanning all the back numbers of the *Proceedings*, the existing published General Indexes, as well as our first publication, *Archaeologia Scotica* and our out-of-print monographs. This will provide a complete archive of our publications in electronic format and will allow Fellows and other scholars world-wide to have easy access to one of the richest collections of information on Scotland's past. The Archaeology Data Service based at York University has agreed to mount the resulting files on their servers, eventually making the files available, free of charge, to anyone, world-wide, with web access. RCAHMS is investigating linking individual site entries in the National Monuments Record to relevant articles in the *Proceedings*, *Archaeologia Scotica* or the out-of-print monographs.

To protect our subscription income, and Fellows rights, it will be necessary to delay the free republication of the *Proceedings* on the web – it is likely that the delay will be five years – but out-of-print monographs may be mounted immediately. Consideration is being given to providing Fellows with electronic versions within the five-year period if they need them, and complete electronic sets of *Proceedings* and *Archaeologia Scotica* may well be made available for sale.

As far as we are aware the Society is the first archaeological or antiquarian society to make its entire back-run run of journals (from 1782 in our case) available, at no cost to scholars, in electronic format. This is something of which the Society can be justifiably proud.

### COMMITTEES

As well as the obvious public activities of the Society – publication of the *Proceedings*, the Monographs, the Lecture Programme and the various Day Conferences and other events – the Society continues to do considerable work through its five committees: Finance and Administration; Programme; Publications, Research and Heritage. I would draw your attention this year particularly to the work of three Committees: Publications, Research and Heritage.

The Publications Committee and Editorial Board, under the Convenership of Alan Saville, consider matters relating to publications (other than the Newsletter) and with both Editors consider all submissions for publication with the Society in the *Proceedings* and monograph series. The workload of the Committee has been heavy this year.

As well as the details of the publications described, above, under a separate heading, a detailed review of the Society's publication procedures, including marketing and design has been undertaken; as part of the process an audit was undertaken by a consultant under the auspices of the Scottish Publishers Association and several helpful recommendations were made and are in the process of being implemented.

The Research Committee, under the Convenership of Ian Shepherd, as well as considering and allocating the Society Research Grants, is also responsible for a series of international conferences through which an important segment of Scottish prehistory is examined from a perspective that is firmly western European in origin. The successful Mesolithic conference of 1999 will be followed in March 2003 by *Scotland in Ancient Europe: The Neolithic and Early Bronze Age of Scotland in their European Context*. The Society will receive support from the National Museums of Scotland and the Neolithic Studies Group and, it is hoped, from the British Academy. The main burden of organization of the event falls on the Convener in conjunction with the Director and other members of staff.

The Heritage Committee, convened by the Director, advises the Council on, and members represent the Society at, a large number of events as well as being involved with the activities of other bodies or link groups. Through this Committee the Society responds to relevant Government and other initiatives. The

Committee is also active in organizing the specialist seminar series – Fellows will have been aware of the successful seminars organized under the auspices of this committee. The seminar *Alluvial Archaeology, towards a strategy for Scotland*, which took place in this session, was described under our activities and events above.

We have detailed at length in previous reports our activities in the heritage field and we continue to be represented formally on a large number of bodies: this year we draw your attention to a specific body – the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland, whose status is currently under consideration by the Scottish Executive as part of a rationalization on Non-Departmental Public Bodies. Senior officials of Historic Scotland have met with the Society and have assured us that they will consider involving the Society in focus groups; nonetheless, we consider that in the vital interests of public accountability there is still a need for an independent overarching body. In terms purely of expenditure, the Board, with its expertise provided voluntarily, represents excellent value for money; focus groups, again in purely financial terms, would be a far heavier drain on the public purse. The Society was pleased to learn that retention of the Board was the favoured option of the great majority of the respondents to the public consultation on the matter.

Thanks must be recorded to our representatives on these various bodies, especially our representative on the National Trust for Scotland, Dr Jane Murray, our representative on the Ancient Monuments Board, Jill Harden and Robin Turner, our representative on the Scottish Environment Link and BEFS, who have a particularly heavy load.

*Website* <http://www.socantscot.org>

We hope that Fellows will have noticed that our site, designed and maintained by Craig Angus, is now truly up-and-running, and is updated regularly. We hope this will increasingly become the first port of call for Fellows and members of the public. Research grant application forms can now be downloaded, new monographs and publications are publicized and events are highlighted.

We would point out though that making the Society more publicly accessible through a website means an increased demand on staff time and resources; to make the site larger and more sophisticated (with secure areas and electronic sales) also has considerable financial penalties. We look with envy on ventures of richer Societies, such as a weekly electronic newsletter, but at present have decided to remain with our current level of service.

#### ADMINISTRATION

There have been some changes within the Office: Mrs Fionna Ashmore continues as Director; Mrs Maureen McLeod as Assistant Treasurer; Mrs Morvern Hardie as the Administrative Assistant; and Ruth Lancaster, who currently is absent on maternity leave, remains as the Heritage and Publications Assistant; while she is away we have had general assistance two afternoons a week from Caroline Hardie. Dr Gordon Barclay continues as the *Proceedings* Editor, and Colin Wallace the new managing Editor for SAIR also works from the office. As always we would remind Fellows that as all Staff work part-time, Fellows, who are always welcome to visit us, are urged to ring ahead before visiting.

This year has seen the move of Fellows' Records to a new database; the work involved was time consuming. It included necessary re-checking of data and, in a large number of cases, re-keying original data to ensure consistency. There were also some stressful problems with the computer hardware. The administrative burden involved in the subscription rise, approved last year, has also been considerable; the production and sending out of new bankers orders and the processing of these was a Herculean task. The brunt of this work fell on the shoulders of Maureen McLeod and Morvern Hardie – we should be most grateful to them for their dedication and responsibility.

For mailings, we are always grateful for the voluntary help provided by our dedicated group of envelope fillers, not all of whom are Fellows: Alec and Dinah Adamson; Alan Calder; Maurice Carmichael; Patrick and Mary Cave-Browne; Joan Fleming; Audrey Henshall; Margaret Hilton; Davy Jones; Bob Marks; Gordon Maxwell; Rosemary Meldrum; John Merilees; Eva Mitchell; Dr Jean Munro; Jane Murray; Anna Ritchie; Tom Sharp, John Sherriff, Gordon Shiach; Mary Smallwood; and Twin Watkins.

Thanks are due, as ever, to the National Museums of Scotland for their help. As well as the curatorial and Directorate Staff we are grateful to those members of the Museum staff who help with arrangements behind the scenes, especially Carolyn Wildy, Kathleen Coultherd, and Ella Blyth and her assistants. The Information Desk staff, the Housemen and Messengers who are unstinting in their help with the many deliveries to and from the Society and to the Visitor Service and Security staff who are involved in all our meetings. Special thanks are due to all members of the NMS Library staff for their patience and help both to the Society staff and to Fellows. As ever, very particular thanks are due to Grant MacRae and Chris Stewart whose services as projectionists at our meetings, seminars and conferences, contribute so enormously to the smooth running of events.

I would also like to thank the members of staff of the Archaeology Department of the National Museums who, as ever, have all supported and assisted the Society this year.

#### *Director's thanks*

As ever, thanks should go to the dedicated Society staff: the Assistant Treasurer, Maureen McLeod; the Administrative Assistant, Morvern Hardie; the Heritage and Publications officer, Ruth Lancaster; and the Society's Editors – Gordon Barclay, Alexandra Shepherd, Anna Ritchie, Monographs volume Editor, and Colin Wallace, the SAIR Managing Editor.

I would like to take this opportunity, in my penultimate session as Director, to repeat my constant refrain that the Society owes an enormous debt of gratitude to all those who take on the burden of sitting on Council and the Committees. The dedicated voluntary contribution over the years by so many, one would have thought overburdened, individuals is extremely impressive and is perhaps one of the most outstanding features of this Society and I cannot sufficiently express my thanks, and I hope that of the Fellowship to the President and the Treasurer; the Vice-Presidents and the Conveners of the Committees.

The Treasurer, Miss Naomi Tarrant then read the following Treasurer's Report

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

#### REVIEW OF THE YEAR

As predicted the Society's Income and Expenditure Account showed a deficit for the year under review. The actual deficit of £50,218 was slightly more than forecast due to a significant reduction in the amount of grants expected to be received towards the publication of Volume 131. As a result of this and previous deficits, the subscription rise approved by the Anniversary Meeting on 30 November 2001 became effective on 1 July 2002. While at 30 June 2002 the value of the Unrestricted Funds, excluding the unrealised losses on Investment valuation movements during the year, of £316,954 is less than the one and a half times total expenditure figure considered to be desirable, improvements to this ratio are expected by 30 June 2003.

#### INVESTMENTS

The Investments are managed by Bank of Scotland Portfolio Management Service who provide a half yearly review together with quarterly valuations. In addition the Investment Adviser attends half yearly meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee to provide a verbal report and portfolio valuation, and also to answer questions raised by Committee members. The market value of the portfolio has fallen by less than current market indices in the year under review, while dividend income has been maintained.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Volume 131 was published in September 2002 when we reverted to one volume only for the *Proceedings*. Historic Scotland have now completed their publication of their backlog of excavation reports, which led to the double volumes, and grant aid will therefore be reduced in the future. The creation of Portable

Document Format (PDF) files for the Proceedings is progressing, and it is expected that the General Index will be available for the Anniversary Meeting. Four new Monographs were produced during the year, the Society was fortunate to receive significant grants towards these publications, so that the net cost of marketing and publication fell to £5846 as opposed to £17,311 in the year 2000–1.

#### RESEARCH

Research grants required a higher than usual subvention from unrestricted funds as a result of the quantity and quality of applications received. The Research Committee meets annually in March to consider all applications, with final approval being passed by Council. Full provision for all approved awards is made in the accounts.

#### WEBSITE

The Society's computer systems continue to be upgraded and I am pleased to report that the Website is fully operational and is updated regularly.

#### RISK ASSESSMENT

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Society, have been identified and reviewed by Council. Council are satisfied that systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

#### APPRECIATION

I should like to express my thanks to the Convener of the Finance and Administration Committee Mr Humphrey Holmes, the Treasurer of the North-East Section Mr Paul Pillath, Mr Graham Miller of Bank of Scotland Portfolio Management Services and Mrs Maureen McLeod the Assistant Treasurer, for their assistance and guidance throughout the year. The Society's thanks must also be recorded to Historic Scotland and others for their generosity in the provision of grants towards publications and conferences.

#### COPIES OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Copies of the full audited accounts of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland 2001–2002 are available to any Fellow or other interested party on application to the Society's office, at a cost of £2 each (in the UK and Europe; £4 elsewhere) to cover production and postage.

The Director's and the Treasurer's reports were formally approved by the Fellows.

Dr Gordon Barclay, *Proceedings* Editor, then read the following report

#### *PROCEEDINGS* EDITOR'S REPORT

As you will have seen, volume 131 of the *Proceedings* followed fairly quickly on the heels of volume 130 this year. Our new production schedule means that everything for a volume should be with the printers by the end of the calendar year for which the volume is dated. The last papers to go off are the reports from this meeting and the list of Fellows elected today. So far, all but five papers for volume 132 are either with the printers being set, or are already at first proof stage. All being well, the volume will appear during the summer. I would like to thank Alan Saville, Convener of the Publications Committee, Graham Ritchie, retiring President and Fionna Ashmore for their support during the year.



Fellows will note a major change in volume 132 – Council has approved a move from a single column to a double column format, which allows greater flexibility in the positioning of illustrations, especially small ones, and gives a shorter and therefore more readable line.

Finally, the Society has been working towards the re-publication on the internet of its entire run of *Archaeologia Scotica* and the *Proceedings*, as well as its out-of-print monographs. The scanning, generously funded by the ArchWay Project (<http://www0.york.ac.uk/services/library/archway/index.htm>), Historic Scotland and the Russell Trust, will be complete within a few weeks; so far there are over 4500 separate files – one for each article. There is still a certain amount of linking of files and checking to be done, but we hope that the files will be available to download during the first half of 2003. The files will be available free of charge from the internet site of the Archaeology data Service in York; ADS has received funding from the ArchWay project for this part of the work.

Each article in the periodicals and each chapter in the monographs is a separate file. We are also scanning the microfiche that was a feature of the *Proceedings* and the monograph volumes for over a decade, so that this material will be more widely available than hitherto. All the files are in a format called ‘Portable Document Format’, an industry standard, for which a free reading program is easily available. The quality of the scans is very high and the text and illustrations are clearly legible on screen and when printed out.

To protect the subscription income of the Society, *Proceedings* volumes will not be available on the internet for five years after publication. We are exploring the possibility of making up sets of CDs for sale, which would contain *Archaeologia Scotica*, the *Proceedings* up to volume 126, and the out-of-print monographs.

As mounting these publications on the web is legally re-publication, the Society has to address issues of copyright. The sheer number of individuals concerned makes it impossible for us to contact them: we would therefore ask that any author, illustrator or copyright holder concerned about the re-publication of their material gets in touch with the Society’s *Proceedings* Editor, Dr Gordon J Barclay, at [g.barclay@nms.ac.uk](mailto:g.barclay@nms.ac.uk) or by post to The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF.

As far as I am aware no other archaeological or antiquarian society in Britain has undertaken this task, nor made almost its entire run of publications so widely and freely available. I think it something that we can be proud of.

#### RETIRAL OF THE MONOGRAPH EDITOR, MRS ALEXANDRA N SHEPHERD

The President paid tribute to Mrs Shepherd’s 20 years of service to the Society as the Monographs Editor; she had been involved with the series from its inception and her dedication and flair were evident from the published volumes. Mrs Shepherd was then presented with a framed title page of Volume 1 of *The Transactions or Archaeologia Scotica* (1792) and a bouquet.

#### THE R B K STEVENSON AWARD

The President reminded Fellows that the R B K Stevenson award is made in recognition of the paper in each year’s *Proceedings* that best reflects R B K Stevenson’s own scholarship and high standards. Robert Stevenson was for many years in charge of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and was President of this Society between 1975 and 1978.

The award for 2002 was then made to Sheriff D B Smith, MA, LLB, FSA Scot for his paper *Robert Foulis’s patent curling stone game* in Volume 131 of the *Proceedings*.

#### THE BALLOT FOR OFFICE BEARERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The President then thanked the retiring office bearers and members of Council: David H Sellar, as Vice-President; and Dr Christopher Lowe; Dr Mary A MacLeod; Dr Magdalena S Midgley; and Miss Andrea N

Smith, as Council members. Their contribution to the governing of the Society during their term of office had been much appreciated.

#### ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Council for 2002–2003 is as follows:

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#### ELECTION OF NEW FELLOWS

The result of the ballot was announced, one candidate from the United States of America having been withdrawn, the following were elected as ordinary Fellows:

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Dr J N Graham Ritchie then delivered the following Presidential Address:

#### THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The three year span of a Presidency involves about 30 lecture meetings or conferences, 12 Council meetings, and about 30 committee meetings. Of course the smooth running of all this, as well as a Fellowship of some three and a half thousand, is in the hands of the Director, Fionna Ashmore, and her colleagues. I should first like to thank her for her support over these three years both in briefings and in the preparation of impeccable minutes of Councils and Committees, for these, of course, are the historical record of the Society's affairs. I mentioned the numbers of Fellows deliberately for the management of such a wide Fellowship is no easy task. Those of us here at the Anniversary Meeting may be no problem, but I invent the Fellow from Aberchirder who relocates to Rio de Janeiro, but whose bank in Aberdeenshire continues to pay an out-of-date subscription and whose *Proceedings* are consistently returned as he has left no forwarding address. The Assistant Treasurer, Maureen McLeod, and Administrative Assistant, Morvern Hardie's patience and tenacity in solving such problems can regularly be seen in the correspondence files. That our affairs as a Society are in good order is due to the dedicated staff. I should mention here the work of the volunteers who help with postings. The Director has mentioned them by name and what I want to do is to quantify such support; by my reckoning it would take Fionna and Morvern over a week to do the work unaided twice a year. I have already implied the importance I attach to publication and the work of the *Proceedings* Editors, Jerry O'Sullivan and now Gordon Barclay have ensured the appearance of interesting volumes over the three years. Important monographs, edited by Alexandra Shepherd and Anna Ritchie (who also helped with volume 130), have been published. The index to volumes 106–26 has been completed. Such effort might be lost sight of had not the Heritage and Publications Officer, Ruth Lancaster, been so successful in marketing the volumes. The Society has maintained a front line in the use of internet technology with a web site, with the pioneering internet reports in conjunction with Historic Scotland, and with the scanning of the totality of the Society's publications since 1792. Council Members and Convenors of Committees have a vital part to play in the running of a Society such as ours, and the time they give to meetings and the breadth and wisdom that they offer is impressive.

Last year I talked about the Society's co-operation with other institutions, including the National Museums of Scotland and Historic Scotland, and need not repeat our appreciation of their support. I should, however, like to reiterate the Society's thanks to Grant MacRae and Chris Dawson as the audio-visual experts who focus the slides, ensure that the sound quality is right, and thus that a Lecture Meeting runs smoothly. My own memory of Meetings in Queen Street involve a projector on top of a high wooden setting akin to an umpire's seat at Wimbledon (I hope that it has been preserved as a museum piece), and a projectionist with a limited interest in focusing. Later Audrey Henshall or later Anna Ritchie had to squat on the upper balcony of the Library in order to change slides and attend to the focus. Now frequently lecturers compliment the Society on the facilities for a lecture, but in truth Grant and Chris are the vital players. This is also the place to thank the Library of the National Museums for their welcome yesterday; the display of books and manuscripts was as ever fascinating.

It is important to stress that the Society takes its Scottish role very seriously in terms of grant aid to projects through the Research Committee. Activities further north of Edinburgh may be most visible in the Meetings of the North-East Section (surely due for a change of name to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in Grampian or some such) as well as in the Buchan Lectures to local societies any where in Scotland.

One particular pleasure of the last year was our joint meeting with the Society of Antiquaries of London at Kelmscott in Oxfordshire. It was a very happy occasion and antiquaries of both Societies discovered

about William Morris and about the Kelmscott Landscape Project. It seemed to be the sunniest weekend in the year, and our Society presented the most recent monographs for the Burlington House Library.

#### RETIRAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dr Ritchie then introduced Miss Thoms to the Fellowship and handed over the Presidential medal.

Miss Thoms paid tribute to Dr Ritchie; although it was not customary to make any presentation to the outgoing President, she reminded the Fellowship that Dr Ritchie had also acted as a Rhind Lecturer in 2000 and in token of that a photograph of the Newstead Helmet, signed by James Curle's surviving grand-daughters was presented to him.

Miss Thoms then expressed her delight in being elected; she was sensible of the great honour in having been elected President and she was looking forward to the next three years. She was sure these would be challenging, rewarding and indeed most enjoyable. The Society had been passed to her in very good heart and for this she thanked and paid tribute to the hard work of her predecessor and all other office bearers and staff.

The following Lecture was then delivered

‘Standing stones: architecture or archaeology?’

by James W T Simpson, BArch, FRIAS, RIBA, FSA Scot

The formal proceedings were then closed and a Wine Reception took place in the European Art Gallery of the Royal Museum.