

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Minutes of the Anniversary Meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, held in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum of Scotland, on *Tuesday 30 November 1993*, at 4.00 pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the chair.

Apologies were received from a number of Fellows.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The scrutineers for the ballot for office-bearers, Mr R Callander and Mr G Tilling, were appointed and the ballot was closed.

The Director then read the following

ANNUAL REPORT

Membership

The Fellowship of the Society now stands at 2,785. In the past year 167 Fellows have taken up election, or been reinstated; 38 names have been removed from the Roll due to death, and 162 through resignation or lapse of subscription. There are, at present, 21 Honorary Fellows.

Meetings

The Society has held a full programme of activities through the year. Nine meetings were held between December 1992 and November 1993. In accordance with custom, the session included a Public Lecture given by Julian Litten of the Victoria and Albert Museum on *The Post Medieval Burial Vault 1450–1715*; this was a highly enjoyable lecture, as was the other open lecture, given during the Edinburgh Science Festival, by Dr Andrew Dugmore, *Times of Darkness: Icelandic volcanic impacts in the North West Atlantic region*, which attracted an audience of nearly 200.

In addition to the monthly lectures, the Rhind Lectures took place in March, when Dr Mark Dilworth delivered a series of papers on *Scottish Monastic Life on the Eve of the Reformation*. This was a very popular Rhind series, and attracted a large audience. These Lectures are to be published by the Edinburgh University Press in 1994 and Fellows will be notified of the publication date in due course.

Also in March, Fellows were privileged to view recent acquisitions to the Departments of Archaeology and History and Applied Arts of the National Museums of Scotland. The Society is most grateful to the Keepers and Curatorial Staff for arranging this event and for giving so freely of their time.

The Annual Conference, organised by the Convener of the Research Committee, Mr John Barrett, was entitled *Archaeological Research in Progress* and was held in May. As the title implied it gave a large audience of Fellows, and others, an opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers up-to-date accounts of their recent work. It is hoped to hold similar conferences in future years and to highlight the projects that the Society has grant aided.

The Lindsay-Fischer Lecture, *Church Art in the 17th and 18th Centuries in Norway*, was given by Dr Sigrid Christie in Edinburgh and Aberdeen in May. The Society is most grateful to those Fellows who provided hospitality and entertainment for Dr Christie and her husband, our Honorary Fellow, Architekt Hakon Christie.

Buchan Lectures took place in October 1992 when Dr Keith Stringer spoke in Kirkcudbright on *Lordship, prestige and piety: the monastic endowments of the Lords of Galloway, 1140–1234*, and in May 1993 when Mr John Purser gave a lecture and demonstration on the *Music of the Dark Ages* at the Pictish Art Society Conference at Bridge of Earn.

In June, Fellows enjoyed an excursion by land and sea to the Isle of May where Peter Yeoman, the Fife Regional Archaeologist, and Heather James, Director of the 1992 excavations on the island, showed Fellows around the excavations and other sites revealed in the recent survey. This was a highly popular excursion and, as explained in the Programme for 1993–4 and the September Newsletter, there

will be a second opportunity for Fellows to visit the island, priority to be given to those on the waiting list.

The proposed gathering of North American Fellows in Chicago, alas, did not take place. Though great interest had been expressed in response to a questionnaire, the firm bookings received did not live up to this promise and, regretfully, the event was cancelled.

The North-East Section

The Section held nine meetings with the same programme of speakers as in Edinburgh. This included the Lindsay-Fischer Lecture by Dr Sigrid Christie. In addition, Dr Alex Morrison gave his paper following the Annual General Meeting in May. The lectures were well attended, and membership of the Section stands at 268. Summer excursions were organised to castles in the Mearns, stone circles of Buchan, and the Aberdeen Town House.

The Committee for 1992-3 was: Alexandra Shepherd (Chairman), Juliet Cross (Vice-chairman), Neil Curtis (Secretary), John Cruse (Treasurer), Judith Cripps, Elizabeth Curtis, Frank Donnelly, Anne Johnstone, Margaret Jubb, and Graham Steele.

Research grants

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.'* – the grant aiding of research is considered one of the most important parts of the work of the Society; in 1993 support was given from the general research fund to projects covering survey, excavation and post excavation work.

General Research Grants: Cleaven Dyke, survey and excavation (G Barclay); Robert's Haven, environmental sampling project (J H Barrett); Western Isles Project (Prof K Branigan); Tree-ring database, Phase I continued (Drs A Crone & C Mills); Scottish export pottery to Far East; visit to museums in Holland (G Cruickshank) *an award for this project was also made from the Gunning Jubilee Gift*; Kilfinan Parish survey (Dr S Driscoll); Allt Garadh Ealbais, Islay, study of wooden artefacts (Dr C Earwood); Human bones from Obanian Cave sites (Miss Y Hallen); Whithorn Phase 1 (Mr P H Hill); Whithorn Phase 2 (Mr D Pollock); Hebrides Mesolithic Project (Dr S Mithen); North of Scotland Field Survey Project (Mr C Richards); Millfield, Stronsay, Orkney, field survey (Ms C Wickham-Jones); 18th Century Graveyard Survey (Mrs E Willsher); Glencoe Military Way Survey (Mr M Wilson); Isle of May Project, interpreting the historic environment (Mr P Yeoman).

Other Grants: Sir George MacDonald Fund. Dr D Woolliscroft was awarded a sum for Excavations at Garnhall.

Young Fellow's Bursaries were awarded to: Dr W Finlayson to give a paper entitled *Post-glacial hunter/gatherers in Europe and their adaptation to change*, at the Pithecanthropus Centennial International Conference in Leiden, June 1993; Dr S Foster towards the costs of giving a paper entitled *Spatial analysis in buildings from the Scottish Atlantic Iron Age*, at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington DC, 1993; Dr S Mithen towards the cost of giving a paper entitled *Mesolithic settlement and raw material use in the Southern Hebrides*, at the 'Man and the sea' Conference, Kalunborg, Denmark, 1993.

The Gunning Jubilee Gift was awarded to Mr G Cruickshank towards the costs of a visit to museums in Holland for his researches into Scottish Export Pottery; the remainder of the costs were met from the Research Funds.

Publications

Volume 121 of the Proceedings was posted out to Fellows in December 1992. This was produced by Dr Ann MacSween as Co-ordinating Editor with the assistance of an Editorial Board composed of members of the Publications Committee of the Society and a professional copy-editor. Dr MacSween must be

thanked for her hard work in producing this volume which continues to reflect the high standards of publication by the Society.

Volume 122 has been published, copies were posted to Fellows on 29th and 30th November, directly from the printers. The Editor, Mr Humphrey Welfare, must be congratulated on his tireless work in preparing articles for publication and ensuring that the *Proceedings* will appear on schedule.

Monograph Series; Professor Bradley's Rhind lectures of 1992 – *Altering the Earth* – were published in the Spring of 1993; several volumes are nearing completion, with others in the pipeline. Mrs Alexandra Shepherd, Editor, and Mr Stuart Campbell, Administrator, must be thanked for their work, which enables the Society to maintain a flourishing series. The Society still has good stocks of past monographs and a new leaflet about the series will shortly be circulated to Fellows.

Newsletter. Two issues of this were produced to keep Fellows up to date with the affairs of the Society and to inform them of other matters of interest. If there is an issue or topic which Fellows consider should be aired in the Newsletter, they are asked to contact the Director, who is most grateful to those Fellows who responded to a similar request last year.

The work of the Society

In addition to the regular Fellowship affairs, the Society has a wider role in the heritage field, and we are regularly consulted on such issues by a wide variety of organisations. The Society is represented on a number of bodies, including The Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland; The National Trust for Scotland; The Council for British Archaeology; The Council for Scottish Archaeology; The Traprain Law Management Group; The Scottish Field School; The Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link; Scottish Archaeological Link; the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland; the newly formed National Committee on Carved Stones; the Mousewald Trust and the Dalrymple Trust. The Society has recently been invited to be represented on the User panel of The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. In the interests of increasing awareness of the built heritage, the Society also assisted in sponsoring Doors Open Day in Edinburgh, the Library in Queen Street being one of the venues that opened its doors.

Society work such as this draws on a broad range of skills, and members of the Committees and Council, and the other representatives, work hard to assist the Director in these wider matters. Inevitably the President and Treasurer play a major role in the Society's affairs; to them, the other Office Bearers, and Conveners of the Committees, and all those others who play a part in the complex affairs of the Society, we owe particular thanks.

The Society is delighted that the Museum of Scotland has at last become a reality with the digging of the foundations. Fellows will be aware from the President's letter in the most recent Newsletter that Council hope that our Appeal Fund will now be used to commission a work of art commemorating the links between the Society and the Museum; this work will be built into the fabric of the new building. We are equally delighted with the news that the Society's offices will be housed in Chambers Street, again perpetuating our close links with the Museum.

Once again Fellows are reminded of the services available from the Library in Queen Street including the hard copy print-out facility for microfiche. An updated information sheet for newly elected Fellows has been prepared and copies are available on request from the office. As ever we are grateful to Mr Andrew Martin and his colleagues for the unstinting help they give to Fellows using the Library and its services.

Administration

There have been no changes in the Office staff this year; Mrs Ashmore remains as Director, Mrs June Rowan as Administrative Assistant; Mrs Maureen McLeod as Assistant Treasurer and Dr Stuart Campbell as Monograph Administrator and Computer Advisor. We would remind Fellows that the Staff work part-time, and though every attempt is made to ensure 9–5 cover, this is not always possible.

Fellows, who are always welcome to visit the office, are therefore advised to ring ahead; messages may be left on the answerphone.

The Office work is considerably eased by the voluntary help provided by Fellows, in particular by Mr Maurice Carmichael who has been of enormous assistance to the Assistant Treasurer in dealing with Fellowship records and subscriptions. If you think that you could spare one morning two or three times a year to help with our mailings, then please put your name down on our volunteer list. Thanks are due in particular to this year's band of envelope fillers: Mrs Lynne Arnott; Mrs Jean Brownlie; Mr Robin Callander; Mr M Carmichael; Major Patrick & Mrs Mary Cave-Brown; Miss M E Doull; Mr H G Ford; Mrs S Grossmith; Miss M R Hilton; Mr G A Hutcheson; Mr R W & Dr Jean Munro; Mrs P A Murdoch; Mrs B J Murray; Mrs MacNeil of Barra; Mr J C Parry; Mrs S Robertson; Mr J P Shepherd; Professor Mary Smallwood; Miss C Sym and Mr G H G Tilling.

Finally, thanks are also due to the National Museums of Scotland and those members of the Museum staff who help with bookings and other arrangements, in particular to Mr Grant MacRae who attends meetings as projectionist.

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

This year has been an exceptional one for the Society's finances. The magnificent bequest by Miss Dorothy Marshall has transformed the balance sheet, being the main explanation for a virtual doubling of the Society's total assets. The objects of the bequest are to aid excavation, research, dating, and publication, preference being given where suitable to the work of non-professionals. These objects are central to the Society's work, which will now be on a more substantial financial base. The full implications of the Marshall bequest, the bulk of which has now been received by transfer of shares, will only become apparent in 1993-94, and your Council has yet to decide what kind of permanent marker will perpetuate Miss Marshall's generous and wise gift.

The receipt of other bequests, from the estates of Miss Isobel Rae, Dr Robert Stevenson, and Mr John Wilson, must also be gratefully acknowledged, and the importance of this kind of enhancement for the Society at a time of low interest rates and reduced income from investments cannot be over-emphasised.

The format of the full Accounts for 1992-93 has been altered to comply with the *Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992*, and these Accounts are now quite lengthy. Copies are available to any Fellow on application to the Society's office, but a charge of £1 will be made to cover the cost of production and postage. The results of the year are shown more concisely on the Summary sheet circulated to all Fellows. The surplus for the year, excluding the gains and losses on investment transactions and the legacies received, amounted to £10,386.

The increase in subscriptions from 1st July 1992 has not been achieved without difficulties, and our Assistant Treasurer and Mr Maurice Carmichael have laboured hard on your behalf to counteract the inertia of some Fellows, particularly in adjusting banker's orders. A depressingly large number of Fellows had to be sent a third reminder of the increase and those not responding to this have regrettably had their names removed from the Fellowship. However, although the process of raising the subscription has been painful and expensive, the resulting increase in subscription income is significant.

General expenditure has been kept remarkably under control, though a rise under the lectures and conferences heading reflects the high public transport and accommodation costs incurred in maintaining a quality programme. More inexorable seems the rise in publication costs. These are closely monitored, but this key activity of the Society cannot be achieved on the cheap and I hope all Fellows will be pleased by the continuing excellence of the *Proceedings*.

A step into the dark this year has been the production of the first monograph to be wholly funded by the Society. Again I trust Fellows will agree that the decision to publish Professor's Bradley's Rhind lectures was admirable, and I anticipate that the 1993-94 figures will justify this in terms of income from sales. If any Fellows have yet to obtain their own copy of this monograph, it is a real bargain at only £12.

On the administration side there has been continuing rationalization and reorganization of the Society's accounts and investments, ably undertaken by our Assistant Treasurer and with guidance from Michael Balfour-Melville at our stockbrokers Torrie & Co. Administrative improvements are constantly

under review, and the purchase of a new personal computer, new software, and a photocopier this year, with the assistance of the Rae and Wilson bequests, will further upgrade the maintenance of Society records. It is a pleasure to pay tribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of our very strong administrative team formed by Fionna Ashmore, Maureen McLeod, and June Rowan; the Society is very fortunate to have such committed staff.

It is particularly gratifying this year to record an increase in the Society's allocation of research grants. This area of the Society's work has already benefited from the Marshall bequest, and I hope that this level of expenditure can be maintained, if not increased, in future years to enable the Society to support and promote worthwhile research.

Finally, I would like to thank the outgoing President, Dr Anna Ritchie, the F&A Committee Convener, Mr Humphrey Holmes, and all the staff, for patiently guiding me through my first year as your Treasurer.

Appeal Fund: President's statement

The President then added a statement on the Museum of Scotland Appeal Fund. She said that when the Appeal was launched in 1991, the specific target was funding for a Special Collections Room within the Library in the new Museum of Scotland. Earlier in the year the Society had been informed not only that the Library was to be in the old rather than the new Museum building in Chambers Street, but also that *plans for a special Collections Room had been dropped*. Council had debated long and hard about other proposals of how the money collected by the Society might most appropriately be used. The Library is of course of considerable importance to Fellows, but Council felt strongly that the link must be maintained between the Society and the artefact collection which it founded more than 200 years ago.

Accordingly, as Fellows would be aware from the September Newsletter as well as from the Annual Report, Council is exploring the possibilities of commissioning a work of art to be incorporated permanently into the very fabric of the new Museum. Council and the President were of course conscious of the legal aspects of using the Fund for a specific purpose other than that for which it was set up, but it is to be used for the Museum of Scotland, the primary object of the appeal. She was glad to report that two and a half months had passed without a single objection from any Fellow. The new President and Council would be able to proceed with the assurance that they had the full support of the Society.

Mr Munro, a Fellow, stated that he accepted the President's explanations, but that he hoped that the link between the Society and the Library would be commemorated in some form; this need not require major expenditure. The President thanked him for his point and assured him that the matter would be raised at the December Council meeting. There were no further questions or points arising from the Annual Reports.

The *Director's* and *Treasurer's Annual Reports* were then adopted on the motion of Dr D J Breeze, seconded by Dr J N G Ritchie.

The Ballots

The President announced that the election for new Fellows had been entirely successful and she was delighted to welcome Professor Bruce Trigger to the ranks of Honorary Fellows and to welcome two hundred and nine new Fellows of the Society.

The ballot for Council was also successful. The Society owed a great debt of gratitude to the retiring Vice-President, Mr Lionel Masters, and to the retiring Councillors, Dr Lesley Macinnes, Dr Alison Sheridan, Professor Gordon Nicoll, and Mr Humphrey Welfare, for their hard work over the last three years, not only in Council, but also on Committees. Mr Masters completes a long record of service to the Society, having acted as Convener of the Research Committee before becoming Vice-President, and he was also a member of the working party set up during Dr Breeze's Presidency to examine the staff structure in the Society's office. The President also mentioned that although Mr Welfare retired as a Councillor, he would remain on Council in his capacity as Honorary Editor. She congratulated him on the timely production of a fine volume of the *Proceedings*. The President was delighted to announce the

election of Dr Barbara Crawford as Vice-President. Dr Crawford had recently served as Convener of the Publications Committee, overseeing the new editorial procedures that were set in place two years ago. She was also delighted to welcome Dr Nicholas Dixon, Mrs Doreen Grove, Mr Colin Richards and Mr Neil Taverner as Councillors.

On a personal note, the President thanked all those with whom she had worked during her term of office, all the Vice-Presidents and Councillors of the last three years and particularly Miss Caroline Wickham-Jones and Mrs Fionna Ashmore as Directors, Mr Jack Stevenson and Mr Alan Saville as Treasurers, Mr Ian Shepherd and Mr Humphrey Welfare as Editors, Mrs Rosemary Meldrum and Mrs Maureen MacLeod as Assistant Treasurers, and Mrs June Rowan as Administrative Assistant.

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Retiral of the President and Introduction of the new President.

Dr Anna Ritchie then welcomed Mr Gordon Maxwell, the new President. Mr Maxwell is a highly respected scholar who has specialized in the archaeology of Roman Scotland, excavating the great Roman fort at Crawford and publishing on many aspects of Roman history and archaeology. He is Head of the Archaeology Division within the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, and has been responsible for the development and remarkable success of the Commission's aerial photographic survey. He has served the Society in many ways over the years, particularly as a past Editor of the *Proceedings*; she was delighted to welcome him back as President.

Dr Ritchie then handed over the Presidential badge to Mr Maxwell.

Mr Maxwell, the new President, then thanked Dr Ritchie and the Fellowship for the honour they had paid him in electing him to the Office of President. He was proud to be the thirtieth President of the

Society, the fifth associated with the Royal Commission, the fourth with the surname of Maxwell and the first to be associated with aerial survey work. He then paid tribute to Dr Ritchie's exceptional association with the Society as Editor, Secretary and President and felt that it would indeed be a 'hard act to follow'. He noted her remarks in the recent Newsletter that her grandfather, an active Fellow, might have disapproved of his grand-daughter holding the office of President, but considered that if he had been aware of her exemplary work, dedication and presence, he would have heartily approved of his grand-daughter's role. He was aware that it was not the custom for the outgoing President to be given any tangible memento of their term in office and asked the Fellowship to join with him in indicating their thanks to Dr Ritchie.

The new President then welcomed and introduced Mr Trevor Cowie, who read the following Communication: 'Tinkers and Titles: the archaeology of fake Bronze Age axes from Scotland'.

A Reception for Fellows then followed in the Bird Hall.

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