

The Ornithological Section

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THE Annual Meeting of the Section was held in the Wyndham Hall, Taunton Castle, on 16 April 1947, when the Rev. F. L. Blathwayt presided.

The Treasurer presented the annual statement for the year ended 31 December 1946, which showed a credit balance of £10 10s. 8d. The balance in hand on the special deposit account amounted to £17 19s. 11d.

The President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected: the General Committee and the Editorial Committee were also re-elected.

It was announced that the Bird Report for 1946 was being printed, but it would not be issued for some six weeks.

In the afternoon a meeting was held (in conjunction with the Taunton Field Club, etc.) to hear Mr. Peter Scott, M.B.E., D.S.C., M.B.O.U., describe the New Wildfowl Project on the Severn. He had a very appreciative audience and was cordially thanked for accepting the Section's invitation to come to Taunton to address them.

The autumn meeting was held at Taunton Castle on 17 September, when nine new candidates were elected.

Owing to the greatly increased printing costs it was resolved at this meeting to raise the annual subscription, from 1 January 1948, from 4s. to 7s. 6d. for members of the Parent Society, and from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. for others.

The meeting in the afternoon was held in conjunction with the Taunton Field Club, when Mr. Harry Savory lectured on 'The Ancient Sport of Falconry', which was illustrated. He was heartily thanked.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY.