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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1994

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Lecture Theatre, Downside Abbey, on Saturday 28 May 1994. It was attended by 88 members. Apologies for absence were received from a further 22.

The retiring President, the Very Revd the Prior of Downside, Dom Philip Jebb, inducted Mrs Bryony Coles as the next President, and, in her unavoidable absence, read her letter graciously accepting the honour. Vice-Presidents as listed on the previous page were elected unanimously. The Executive Officers and the Honorary Legal Adviser, as listed on the previous page, were elected unanimously. The following members were elected to fill vacancies on the Council for the years 1994-7: Mrs M. Langdon, Mrs B. Lowe, S.C. Minnitt, and R.A. Settingington. Members of the Subject Committees were elected *en bloc* and Messrs Albert Goodman and Co. were re-appointed as auditors. The Society's accounts for the year ending 31 December 1993 were presented and adopted. Changes to rules 6 and 27 of the Society (concerning the auditing of the Society's accounts) were approved. The report of Mrs Langdon, Administrator of the Maltwood Fund, was received.

Following Somerset County Council's offer to the Society of space in the new Taunton Library to accommodate the Society's library, two opposing propositions were presented to the meeting. The Honorary Editor proposed that the County Council's offer should be accepted, but that only the local history and archaeological collections should be moved to the new premises. The Chairman of the Local History Committee opposed the removal of any part of the Society's library since she felt this would be against the interests both of the library collections and the Society. She then presented a petition signed by 36 members asking for a Special General Meeting. The Chairman said that this would be arranged, together with a postal ballot for those unable to attend the meeting.

Following the meeting, the retiring President gave his Presidential Address, an illustrated lecture on the archaeology and history of the Nettle (or Nettlebridge) Valley. In the afternoon, tours were kindly provided of the abbey church, the school, the monastic library, and the abbey grounds.