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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1993

By courtesy of Dr Crothers, Warden of the Field Studies Centre, the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Nettlecombe Court near Williton on Saturday 29 May 1993. The meeting was attended by 81 members of the Society, and apologies for absence were received from a further 26.

The retiring President, Hazel Eardley-Wilmot, introduced the President-Elect the Very Reverend the Prior of Downside, Dom Philip Jebb, who graciously thanked the Society for the honour bestowed on him. Vice Presidents, as listed on the preceding page, were elected unanimously. The Executive Officers and the Honorary Legal Advisor, as listed on the preceding page, were elected unanimously, as were the following members to fill vacancies on Council for the years 1993–6, namely B.J. Murless, Mrs M. Newson, R.A. Croft and Lady Gass. Members of the Subject Committees were elected *en bloc* and Messrs Albert Goodman and Co. were appointed as auditors. The Society's accounts for the year ending 31 December 1992, printed below, were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and adopted. Chairmen of the Archaeological, Historic Buildings, Library, Local History and Natural History Committees gave reports on the activities of their respective committees during the year. The report of Mrs Langdon, Administrator of the Maltwood Fund, was received.

Following the formal business of the meeting, Dr R. Dunning, Honorary Editor of the Somerset Record Society, gave a report on proposed future publications, including the Somerset church notes made by Sir Stephen Glynne between 1840 and 1865.

The retiring President then gave her Presidential Address entitled 'A New and perhaps Amphibious Bronze Age Trade Route? Work in Progress'. In this she described a possible route from Porlock to Weymouth Bay, following Bronze Age monuments and ancient tracks across Exmoor, the Brendons, the Blackdowns and the Dorset Downs, which could have been used to take Irish gold to a Bronze Age distribution site in central France. The text of the address is to be published privately, as *Overland Way*, and will be available from booksellers early in 1995.

In the afternoon Mary Siraut, Assistant Editor of the *Victoria County History of Somerset*, conducted members around Nettlecombe Court, its outbuildings, gardens, park and church, and explained in particular the long association of the house with the Raleigh and Trevelyan families.