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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Victoria Centre, Bridgwater on 12 May 2012. The Chairman, Chris Sidaway, welcomed members to his home town and observed it was also a pertinent venue for the President's Address on Somerset's Industrial Heritage. The Chairman then inducted Mr. John Bebbington as President of the Society for 2012–2013 and confirmed Mr. Brian Murless as Vice-President for 2012–2014. There was then a brief ceremony to bestow Honorary Life Membership on the Reverend Brian Kirk and Dr. Philip Radford for many years of outstanding service that both had given to the Society. It has been another eventful year with many significant events that the Society has organized and securing the future wellbeing of most of our property portfolio. There has been an evolutionary review of the governance of the Society, emphasising democracy and accountability. The accounts for the year show further erosion by £19,332 of our unrestricted funds but we have put in place robust 5 year plan to bring our operational budget into balance. Our investment portfolio remains healthy and our fund for research grants remains strong. In September 2011 the Museum of Somerset was opened and has thus far attracted around 45,000 visitors and achieved national acclaim winning applause in the Museum's Journal. On 9th December 2011 HRH the Earl of Wessex gave Royal "approval" by officially opening the Somerset Heritage Centre and was given a tour which included many documents and books from the Society's collections. In October the meeting of the Associated Societies was hosted by the Somerton History Society and organised with great panache by Nancy Langmaid. Also in October the Society visited the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution for one of our General Meetings which included a lecture by Matt Williams, Curator of the Institute on "Rediscovering Moore's 'missing fossils' which are in SANHS ownership. In the afternoon we visited the Holbourne Museum to view the nationally important collection of C18th and C19th artworks. Also in January the

Archaeology Committee, in partnership with SCC and other partners hosted "Lost Islands and Hidden Landscapes" at the Strode College, Street which was a sell-out of 300 seats. This is the sort of event that the Society is able to put on and provided an exemplary Symposium attracting academics and members from across the West Country. Work continues to gain funding to realise the ambitions for Castle House in partnership with Somerset Building Preservation Trust, the Vivat Trust and Somerset County Council. We have achieved funding from Viridor Environmental Credits, the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage to over £1 million. The refurbishment will result in a holiday let on the upper floors with an interpretation and education centre on the ground floor. Tenders are expected soon and work on site will begin within 3 months. We still face some challenges but enormous inroads have been made over the last few years in securing futures for our property portfolio – the Castle has been refurbished to the highest standards, the Somerset Heritage Centre provides us with a home and meeting space, we have increased our rent from the Castle Hotel, negotiated a rent from Mambos for Ina's Garden. Wyndham Hall remains to be resolved but there are exciting plans for its refurbishment but we would be keen to recruit a "champion" with to lead a project team to achieve our ambitions for this hall. All in all the successes of the Society and the milestone achievements with our principal partners Somerset County Council far outweigh any perceived inadequacies and we are inexorably linked to the Council and have been since 1957. We have to work with partners to find solutions and there may be compromises along the way but our advantages, particularly fiscal run into hundreds of thousands of pounds in "in-kind" support. In recent years we have been party to a staggering £18.3 million in pursuit of the Society's aims in championing Somerset's heritage. We need to protect these advantages in the face of the impending County Council review of their heritage service delivery.

OBITUARY

BARBARA J. LOWE FSA, 1927–2012

Barbara Lowe died on 28th August 2012. Barbara was greatly committed to her adopted home of Keynsham and to exploring its archaeology and local history with fellow members of the Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society. When the site of Keynsham Abbey was to be removed in 1961 in the building of the by-pass, it was volunteers from the Bristol Folk House Archaeological Society who carried out rescue excavations on the site and later gained permission to extend the excavations to adjoining land. From 1970 Barbara served as Assistant Director and she it was who ensured that the excavations were fully reported in the Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society. From this experience she developed a particular interest in medieval floor tiles, initially privately publishing those from the abbey, but with the encouragement of Elizabeth Eames of the British Museum she extended her work to a census of the decorated medieval floor tiles of Somerset and its publication in the Society's occasional publication series. Her interest extended to supporting the experiments of the Bickley Ceramics Project over almost the entire span of its work from 1981 to 2010.

Barbara was also greatly committed to the county Society and its work of promoting the archaeology of Somerset. She served on the Archaeology Committee for many years and as its representative on the Library Committee and as a Trustee of the Society from 1994 to 2008, regularly travelling by train from Keynsham to Taunton to attend meetings even on cold winter nights.

She was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 1990 in recognition of her work. She will be remembered as an esteemed, highly respected and well-liked colleague who it was a privilege to know.

Our sympathy goes to her surviving son, Peter, and her family.

DAVID DAWSON

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