

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2000

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Blue School, Wells, on Saturday 20th May 2000. The meeting was attended by 60 members of the Society and apologies for absence were received from a further fourteen.

Dr Robert Dunning welcomed members to the meeting. Dr Dunning thanked all those involved with the events of the Anniversary year. He mentioned in particular the Local History symposium, the Dillington Conference – with special thanks to Bob Croft, the Millennium book, and the forthcoming Garden Party in the Norman Garden.

The Chairman thanked the Honorary Editor, Michael McGarvie, in his absence and reported that Mr Peter Ellis would take over as Editor with effect from volume 142. Members who had died in the past year included a former Editor, Kenneth Hudson. Audrey West who had produced the Newsletter for the last couple of years wished to hand over to someone after producing the Autumn issue. The Chairman asked for volunteers.

On his retirement as Chairman after four years, Dr Dunning thanked the Chairmen of committees and the Honorary Librarian, David Bromwich, the Treasurer, Keith Jackson, and the Administrative Secretary, Betty Cloke. The Right Reverend Jim Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, was thanked for his services as President during the year 1999–2000.

The Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1999 were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and adopted. The Chairmen of the Archaeology, Historic Buildings, Library, Local History, Natural History, and House Committees gave reports about their activities during the year. The County Museums Officer gave his report. This was followed by a report from Mrs Madge Langdon, the Administrator of the Maltwood Fund, on the grants made available during the year.

The following officers were elected: Honorary Editor – Michael McGarvie; Honorary Librarian – David Bromwich; Honorary Treasurer – Keith Jackson. Mrs Anita Sims was elected to Council for the period 2000–2003, and Mr Alexander Maxwell Findlater for the period 2000–2001. Mrs Barbara Lowe, Stephen Minnitt, and Tony Setterington were re-elected, to serve until 2003.

Messrs Albert Goodman were elected as Independent Examiners of the Society's Accounts and Mr C. Palmer as Honorary Legal Consultant, as were members of the subject committees.

Dr Robert Dunning gave a report on the current work of the Somerset Record Society.

The business meeting was followed by the Presidential Address given by the retiring President, the Right Reverend Jim Thompson, on Bishop Thomas Ken, looking at three facets of his life – his integrity, the centrality of his prayers, and his love of the church.

The Bishop then announced that Dr Dunning would be President for 2000–2001.

TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY 2000-2001

PATRON:	Her Majesty The Queen
TRUSTEES:	Revd Brian W Kirk, BD Lady Gass, MA Jeffery Ede, CB, MA, FRHistS Professor John Coles, ScD, FBA Steven J Pugsley
PRESIDENT:	Dr Robert W Dunning, FSA
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:	<i>Chairman of Council:</i> Hilary M Binding, BA <i>Vice-Chairman:</i> Tom W Mayberry, MA, DipAA <i>Hon. Treasurer:</i> Keith A Jackson <i>Hon. Librarian:</i> David Bromwich, MA, ALA <i>Hon. Editor:</i> Michael McGarvie, FSA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Albert Goodman & Co
HON. LEGAL ADVISER:	Charles Palmer, LLB

COUNCIL

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:	The Trustees, the President and Executive Officers
PAST PRESIDENTS:	The Right Reverend James Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells Max Hebditch, CBE, MA, FSA, FMA Madge Langdon, BA, BPhil, FSA
ELECTED MEMBERS (to retire at the Annual General Meeting indicated):	
2001	Penny Cudmore Pat Ellson, BA Alexander J Maxwell Findlater, BA, ACA, FSA Scot
2002	Hilary M Binding, BA R A Croft, BA, MIFA Brian J Murless
2003	Barbara Lowe, BEd, FSA Stephen C Minnitt, BA, FSA, AMA RA Settrington Anita Sims, RIBA, IHBC

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS REPRESENTING OTHER BODIES:

<i>Archaeological:</i>	Moira J Gittos
<i>Natural History:</i>	Revd Brian W Kirk, BD
<i>Library:</i>	Dr AP Radford, MB, ChB, DCh
<i>Local History:</i>	Tom W Mayberry, MA, DipAA
<i>Historic Buildings:</i>	Christopher FW Chanter
<i>County Museums Officer:</i>	David P Dawson, BA, FSA, FMA
<i>Somerset County Council:</i>	Robin JE Bush
<i>Associated Societies:</i>	Jean Dagnall, MA, DPSPA