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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th March, 1960, in the Court Room of the Town Hall, Banbury.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the last general meeting, held 26th January, 1960.
2. Annual Accounts.
3. Report of the Executive Committee.
4. Election of the President of the Society.
5. Election of Vice-Presidents.
6. Election of the Honorary Officers of the Society (ex-officio members of the Executive Committee).
7. Election of the Executive Committee.
8. Appointment of the Honorary Auditor.
9. Any other business.

Members of the Society wishing to propose a Member for election to the Executive Committee must notify the Hon. Secretary in writing before the Annual General Meeting, having first obtained the Candidate's written consent.

After the business, there will be a showing of the National Trust colour film "Beauty in Trust", with commentary by Mr. John Betjeman; a film of parts of old Banbury, made by the Banbury Camera Club; and a selection of colour slides of the Banbury neighbourhood (would any member with suitable colour transparencies please contact the Hon. Secretary.)

NEW RECORD MEMBERS: Genealogical Society of Utah, U.S.A.
Mrs. L.G. Shadbolt, Penn Stowe, Penn.

The historically valuable documents relating to Oxfordshire & Warwickshire were recently salvaged in Banbury and an account of these investigations by Mr. J.S.W. Gibson will appear in the next issue.

BANBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
1959

The Committee has pleasure in submitting its second Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1959.

Membership: Numbers have risen steadily from 121 to 145 (including 23 Life Members and 5 Corporate Members,) despite the loss of 16 previous members.

At a General Meeting on 19th September the rules concerning membership were changed, so that classes and subscription rates are now

- (a) Full or Records, and Corporate - 25/-; (b) Ordinary 10/-;
(c) Junior 5/-.

At the same meeting it was agreed that a Records Section be started, in 1960, the publications of which would be received by Records and Corporate members.

Accounts: The general Revenue Account shows the subscription income just keeping pace with expenses. As the largest item, for printing, includes both the cost of the 1958 Annual Report (£13) and the first two numbers of "Coke & Cockhorse", this is not unsatisfactory. The increase in income that should result from the higher subscription rates in force for 1960 should comfortably cover the regular expense of the magazine, especially as this now incorporates the Annual Report and list of members.

It is particularly pleasing to be able to report that the loan of £40 outstanding has, in the year under review, been paid in full. This means that all future proceeds from sales of "Old Banbury", of which ample stocks remain, can be devoted to subsidising the records publications. A useful profit was made on the Christmas and postcard of the Cross.

Lectures and Visits: Four general meetings (including the A.G.M.) have been held, when the following Lectures were given:-

- January "Eminent Banburians" - Dr. E.R.C. Brinkworth
March "Deserted Medieval Villages" - J.G. Hurst
September "Worthies of Banburyshire" - Dr. E.R.C. Brinkworth

November "Scientific Techniques in Archaeology"
- Dr. M.J. Aitken.

There were also excursions in the summer to Edgehill, when Miss M.R. Toynbee spoke on the battle, and to Rousham House. Mr. Bromley conducted an archaeological tour of nearby Northamptonshire, preceded by a talk on the subject. To all our speakers, who have given their services for nothing, we are most indebted.

Archaeology: Work was concentrated on the site of the Castle, where two deep trenches were dug well into the mound. The most spectacular finds were the partial skeletons of two soldiers probably killed in the Civil War. A detailed interim report has already appeared. Our thanks should be recorded to the energetic group, most of whom were still at school, who did so much manual labour; and also to the Borough Council for permission to excavate on their land, and offer of municipal labour.

A close watch is being kept on the threat to a number of local sites of importance within the area proposed for iron-stone mining.

Magazine: In September the first issue of our magazine "Cake & Cockhorse" was published. This records the Society's proceedings and also contains articles, letters and queries. It is sent free to all members, and four issues a year are planned.

Publications: Also in the autumn was the Society's long-heralded first records publication finally published - the "Index to Wills Proved in the Peculiar Court of Banbury", edited by J.S.W. Gibson. This was published jointly with the Oxfordshire Record Society and printed by Henry Stone & Son (Printers) Ltd., without whose very substantial assistance its production could not have been contemplated. Price to members, 12/6d, non-members, 21/-.

The next records publication will be the first volume of the Banbury parish register, 1558-1653, and will be the first to be issued by the Records Section in return for 1960 Records subscriptions of 25/- (20/- to Life Members).

The Christmas Card was taken from the 1860 view of the Cross, and proved very popular.

Record Copying: For a large part of the year work was continued on Banbury Parish register, though this was brought to a halt in the autumn by Mrs. Fillmore's departure to St. Albans, and Mrs. Pain's illness. The second volume, to 1723, has been completed, and of the third marriages have been copied to 1754 and burials to 1740. Mrs. J.C.B. Coffin has copied the available registers of Warkworth and Marston St. Lawrence, from 1813 to 1840 - the earlier registers are unfortunately largely destroyed. Mr. Gibson and Miss A. Lillie have copied the registers of Swalcliffe (1558-1840) and Shutford (1698-1840), and Mr. Gibson has also copied most of the 19th century alphabetical transcript of the register of the Society of Friends Banbury Monthly Meeting. A copy of part of Radway register has been lent by Miss C.H. Mackay.

BANBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1959.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Hire of Room	2	8	0	By Subscriptions	45	0	0
Postages	6	7	6	Silver Collection		9	6
Printing & Stationery	30	10	9	Sales of 'Cake & Cockhorse'		16	0
Insurance	1	15	0				
Photographs	2	5	0	Donations	2	7	6
Lecture Expenses	2	3	0				
Revenue Surplus for the Year	3	3	9				
	<u>£48</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£48</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for the YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1959.

To Stock at 1/1/59	24	5	0	By Sales:-			
Printing Xmas and Postcards	47	19	4	Old Banbury	18	1	10
Material Cost - Wills Index	8	1	6	Xmas and Postcards	59	12	11
Part Printing Parish Register	1	10	0	Wills Index	6	9	6
Postages		6	0	Donations	4	7	6
Surplus for the Year	6	9	11				
	<u>£88</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£88</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st December, 1959.

<u>Liabilities</u>	£	s	d
Subscriptions in advance	2	10	0
Capital Account:-			
as at 1st Jan. 1959	55	12	3
Add Revenue Surpluses			
General Account	3	3	9
Publications A/c	6	9	11
	65	5	11
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	£67	15	11
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<u>Assets</u>	£	s	d
Sundry Debtor - Old Banbury	1	11	6
Bank Balances:-			
Publications Account	8	18	3
Due from No. 1 A/c	5	6	
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Revenue Account	56	14	6
Due to No. 2 A/c	5	6	
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Cash in Hand		11	8
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	£67	15	11
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I have audited the books and accounts of the Banbury Historical Society for the year ended 31st December, 1959 and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of my audit. The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Accounts, which are in agreement with the books of account, give in my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st December, 1959.

Lloyds Bank Chambers,
High Street, Banbury.

(Signed) G.J.S. Ellacott, A.C.A.

19/2/60.

SUMMER PROGRAMME, 1960.

Tuesday, 31st May.

Expedition to Brackley Historical Exhibition, to be held in Brackley Lower Town Hall. It is hoped to combine with this a visit to parts of Magdalen College School, by kind invitation of the Master.

Tuesday, 21st June. - Expedition to Steane Park, by kind invitation of Capt. J.F. Norris.

Departure for both these expeditions will be as usual from outside the Essoldo Cinema, Horsefair, Banbury, at 6.00 pm. Also as usual, transport will be by members' cars, and those intending to go should contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J.S.W. Gibson, Humber House, Bloxham (tel. Bloxham 332), well before the date concerned, stating whether they can offer, or will require, lifts.

It is hoped that a visit later in the summer can be arranged to Farnborough Hall, Warwickshire, which recently became the property of the National Trust and is at present undergoing

extensive renovation. Members will be informed of any arrangements made.

Autumn meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 27th September and 29th November. Subject of talks will of course be announced in the usual way.

L E C T U R E

FIRE FIGHTING FROM A VAUXHALL

For many years the Banbury Fire Brigade used a second-hand Vauxhall car as their tender, because the Council wouldn't buy a proper one. Even this they had had to buy themselves, though the Council thought it advisable to pay the insurance! This was one of the many incidents related by Mr. F.H. Anker to the Banbury Historical Society on the evening of Tuesday, 26th January, at their meeting in the Town Hall. He was speaking on "The History of the Banbury Fire Brigade", and it proved a fascinating example of how local history comes right up to date. After outlining the history of fire-fighting in this country and elsewhere, Mr. Anker described how our own brigade, like most, had grown up from a volunteer force formed in the 19th century; though there had been fire-engines of a sort stationed in Banbury, Neithrop and at Lampitt's foundry since the early 18th century, and many villages had

them also. Insurance Companies have traditionally supported fire brigades, but gradually the Borough Council became more involved in it, and finally took over complete financial responsibility.

This was by no means originally the case, and Mr. Anker read out items of the cost of a big fire in 1859, when 400 men were involved at 2/- a head, not to mention the cost of refreshment, particularly liquid!

More recently (though before 1914) he quoted as a typical example a fire at Evenley Hall. Here the brigade was summoned by telegram, and it was over two hours before they were even able to start by horse-drawn transport to the fire. A further two days were to elapse before they returned!

Numerous questions showed what great interest Mr. Anker had aroused, especially in his many exhibits. These included helmets fire marks and plates, models of pumps and pictures. Amongst several books was a 17th century Dutch one, with most graphic engravings of the earliest fire appliances. In the absence of Dr. C.F.C. Beeson the Chair was taken by Mr. J.H. Fearon, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G.J.S. Ellacott.

R E S E A R C H

PARISH REGISTERS

Owing to circumstances already explained, copying of registers has been severely hampered. Mr. Gibson has however been able to complete the following:

BANBURY ST. MARY. Marriages, 1754-1812 (Volumes 4, 5 & 6);

Burials 1739-1750 (Vol. 3)

QUAKERS MONTHLY MEETING OF BANBURY. Burials, 1663-1837,

completed (Births & Marriages already completed)

ADDERBURY. Marriages, 1754-1840.

(previous Marriages already completed)

The threat of iron-stone mining in the beautiful country around Bloxham, Adderbury, and further south, has again been raised. The despoiled countryside around Wroxton is answer to any but the most utilitarian of arguments about the success of reclamation, and it is plain that north Oxfordshire will be ruined for our lifetime if the mining and steel companies have their way. We are sure that all our members deplore this eventuality, if on grounds of amenity alone. We hope however to add our voice to the opponents of the scheme effectively on the grounds of the threatened destruction of several important archaeological sites.

THE WARWICKSHIRE HEARTH TAX RETURN FOR 1663.

The following lists are of householders who were liable to pay the Hearth Tax in 1663, and also of those not liable, usually paupers. They form a valuable indication of the state and size of village populations. The Return for 1665 for Oxfordshire was printed in Vol. 21 of the Oxon. Record Society. Recently the Returns for part of Warwickshire have been published, but this does not include any of southern Warwickshire. Both have excellent introductions dealing in detail with the scope and value of the Hearth Tax Returns.

The parishes selected here are close to the Oxfordshire border and Banbury itself. The number of hearths is only given when there are more than one.

FARNBOROUGHHearths Liable

George Baleigh Esq.	(11)
Christopher Balegh, gent.	(4)
Thomas Wagstaffe, gent.	(8)
(blank) Williford, gent.	(4)
Christopher Unett, gent.	(4)
Thomas Smith	(4)
Thomas Hands	(2)
John Greenwood	(2)
Widd. Hall	(2)
George Knibb	
Thomas Greenwood	
John Howks	
Willm. Davis	
Willm. Dury	
Willm. Rawbone	(2)
Willm. Welch	
Thomas Dawkins	
Widd. Hickson	

Hearths not Liable

Myles Corbett Sen.
Myles Corbett Jun.
Lee Davis
Widd. Davis
Thomas Cleadon
John Tarver
Edward Browne
John Worsley
George Beare
Thomas Kinge
Thomas Cawdell
John Houze
Robert Cleadon
Widd. Glover
Widd. Jorden
Willm. Gardener
Widd. Handie (or Haudie ?)
John Haddon

THE WARWICKSHIRE HEARTH TAX RETURN FOR 1663 continuedWARMINGTONHearths Liable

John Wootton, Cler.	(7)
(blank) Pettifere, gent.	(6)
Willm. Clarridge	(3)
John Perkins	
Richard Hemings	
Thomas Knight	(4)
Mary Davis	
Symon Davis	(2)
Thomas Giles	
John Judd	
Peter Davis	
Edward Hemings	
Thomas Astell	
Richard Rose	
Symon Davis	
John Hill	
John Tue	(4)
Nicholas Hancock	(2)
Thomas Bennett	(2)
John Collins	(3)
Thomas Perkins	(2)
Joseph Dray	
Robert Harris	
Peter Browne	
Richard Judd	(3)
Job Judkins	
Anne Bratford	
Richard Davis	
Ezekiell Huggins	(2)
Richard Hill	
Marke Legg	
Matthew Gascoyne	
Willm. West	
Henry Huggins	
Anthony Rugby	
John Gascoyne	

Hearths Liable (contd.)

Richard Gascoyne	
Thomas Collins	
(blank) Goodwin, gent.	(7)
(blank) Borrowes,	
Sen., gent.	(1)
(blank) Barrowes,	
Jun., gent.	(4)
Thomas Enock	(4)
Peter Davis	(3)
Thomas Hopcroftt	

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Hearths Not Liable

Robert Deap	
John Giles	
Jonas Toms	
Mary Mawson	
Katherin Walker	
Henry Gardner	
Willm. Toms	
Symon Cotterell	
Alexander Barford	
Thomas Heritage	
Robert Giles	
John Hinton	
Valentine Maridge	
Joseph Perkins	
Alice Birde	
Ezekiell Perkins	
Thomas Welchman	
Katherin Bennett	
Thomas Goodwin	
John Davis	

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THE WARWICKSHIRE HEARTH TAX RETURN FOR 1663 continued.MOLLINGTON

Note. Although it is now in Oxfordshire, until the late 18th c. the village and part of the parish was in Warwickshire.

Hearths Liable.

Ambrose Holbeche, gent.	(9)
John Costolow, gent.	(6)
Erasmus Grivell	(2)
John Bull	(2)
Nicholas Downes	(2)
Anne Robins	(2)
Richard Giles	
James Lowe	
John Knight	(2)
Willm. Tymes	
Richard Sandifeare	
Willm. Osborne	
Willm. Robins	
Richard Gullifeare	(2)

Hearths Not Liable

Henry Lawrence	
Willm. Bossontine	
George Greenwood	
Paule Colman	
Samuel Knight	
Widd. Benfeild	(3)
Willm. Coleman	
Willm. Knight	
Richard Stanton	
Willm. Osborne	
Robert Hands	
John Gubbins	
Thomas Sandifeare	
Richard Corbett	

16WORMLEIGHTONHearths Liable.

The right Honble. the Countess of Sunderland in her house in Wormleighton	(15)
Thomas Barford, Cler.	(3)
Willm. Welch	(3)
Richard Welch	
Willm. Hastings	
Thomas Taft	
Jane Welch	
John Tebbe	
Joseph Shrewsbury	(2)
Elinor Linell	
Robert Witchibed	
Willm. Preist	
John Grubb	

32Not Liable

Widd. Wills	
Widd. Shrewsbury	

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THE WARWICKSHIRE HEARTH TAX RETURN FOR 1663 continued

<u>Hearths Liable</u>	<u>SHOTTESWELL</u>	<u>Hearths Liable (contd.)</u>
(blank) Orsborne, Cler.	(2)	Willm. Knight
Willm. Colman, Sen.	(3)	John Freeman, Sen.
Willm. Arnold	(2)	John Freeman, Jun.
Thomas Basly	(2)	Widd. Pettifere
William Archer		
Henry Borrowes		
Edward Adkins		
Edward Taylor		
John Baylis		
Willm. Pratt		
Willm. Colman, Jun.	(2)	
Christopher West		
Widd. Pratt		
Thomas Pettifeare		
John Dagley		
John Cleridge		
Stephen Hicks		
John Abbott, Sen.		
John Abbott, Jun.		
Ambrey Beack		
Willm. Bratford		
Thomas Parkins, gent.	(5)	
Symon Judd		
Thomas Pratt		
Richard Pratt	(3)	
Thomas Davis		
Willm. Rose		
Matthew Coleman	(2)	
Thomas Gaskins		
Willm. Tybbotts		
Thomas Phipps	(2)	
Widd. Steele		
John Randall		
Francis Pettifeare	(2)	
Thomas West	(2)	

55Hearths Not Liable

John Francis
Nathaniell West
Milse West
Edward Gregory
Willm. Harris
Peter Cherry
Hester Nullers
Robert Jssard (sic)
Thomas Kendrick
Jonas Kinge
Richard Westbery

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Hearth Tax Return are
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(To be continued)

