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The Society has its own premises at 39, Christchurch Road, a listed building, which provides the venue for its lectures and meetings. It houses a museum and a library and stands in an interesting, botanical garden. Members may borrow books from the library and there is a reading room where works of reference may be consulted. The museum contains many valuable collections and specimens.

A programme of activities is published quarterly and covers most weekdays. The programme comprises lectures, field meetings, cultural visits and social events.

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1971		Allin, Mrs. J.M.	14 Oakwood Road, Highcliffe
1960		Alsford, C.	20 Church Road, Ferndown, BH22 9EU
1960		Alsford, Mrs. J.R.	" " "
1981		Ambrose, H.R.	17 Woodlands Close, Bransgore
1977		Andrew, A., M.A.	F7 Pine Grange, Bath Road
1978		Andrew, Miss E.	34 Tollard Court, West Hill Road
1981		Archard, E.H.	1 Beechwood Avenue, BH5 1LX
1981		Archard, Mrs. I.L.M.	" " "
1983		Arden, Miss K.N.J.	12 Crescent Road, Poole, BH14 9AS
1985		Arnold, W.A.H.	8 Cranleigh Gardens, BH6 5LE
1967	L	Arnold, Mrs. M.	" " "
1982		Ascher, P.	4 Carlton Road, Caversham, Reading
1982		Ascher, Mrs. E.R.	" " "
1975		Ash, Miss C.C.	22 Pendennis, 7 Derby Road
1984	A	Ashworth, Miss H.M.	26 Nairn Road, Poole, BH13 7NH
1984	A	Ashworth, D.	" " "
1975		Athill, Mrs. J.I.	5 Cresta Gardens, West Parley, BH22 8LY
1982		Atley, Mrs. C.E.	6 Solent Road, BH6 4BP
1974		Ayles, Mrs. N.	Flat 1, 60 Southbourne Road
1974		Ayton, D.J.	201 Kinson Road, BH10 5HB
1977		Ball, Miss B.M.	25a Dingle Road
1984		Ball A., Shorland, M.A., T.D.	Penningtons, Arrowsmith Road,
1984		Ball, Mrs. Shorland	" " Wimborne
1966	L	Band, Miss E., B.A.	9 Deveron Lodge, 23 Christchurch Rd.
1981		Barnett, Miss L.M., B.A.	26 Hartley Down, 60 Christchurch Rd.
1985		Barraclough, P.K.	157 Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea
1978		Barrett, Mrs. J.H.	11-318 Poole Road, Poole, BH12 1AN
1971	L	Bartram, T., F.N.I.M.R., F.R.S.H., F.H.A.	6 Browning Avenue, BH5 1NN
1981		Bates, Mrs. G.	10A Glen Road, BH5 1HR
1978		Bateson, Miss J.	8 Meadow Court, Leigh Common, Wimborne, BH21 2BG
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1974	Bell, Miss D.H.	19 Gainsborough Road, BH7 7BD
1963	*+V Bennetts, Miss K.M., F.Z.S.	29 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Rd.
1978	Bennett, Mrs. J.	15 Mude Gardens, Mudeford
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1980	Bentley, Mrs. E.P., A.T.D.	" "
1984	Bentley, W., D.F.C., A.F.C.	2 Hursley Close
1947	Berrill, Miss M.E.	41a Cavendish Road, BH1 1RA
1972	Birkinshaw, D.	30 Lowther Road, BH8 8NG
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1984	Blackwell, Mrs. E.A.	" " "
1951	L Blandford, Mrs. R.I.	B18 Elizabeth Court, Grove Road
1964	Blower, Miss M.	32 Selkirk Close, Merley, Wimborne
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1980	Bowe, Miss D.	70 Charminster Avenue, BH9 1SE
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1983	Boynes, R.C.	43 Keith Road, BH3 7DS
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1984	Branch, J.	17 Alexandra Road
1984	Braund, Miss C.H., B.Sc.	19 William Road, BH7 7BB
1975	Brazell, Mrs. M.	B4 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1968	Brazier, Miss M.A.	4 Cedar Avenue, BH10 7EF
1985	Brodie, D.R.	106 Castlemain Avenue
1970	Brooks, J.L.	7 Milton Road, Wimborne, BH21 1NY
1970	+VL Brooks, Miss M.M., Ph.C., M.P.S., F.R.S.H., F.R.E.S.	" " "
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1984	Buckland, Mrs. J.M.	14 Glendale Road
1982	Burch, B.O.	6 Romney Court, 28 Portarlington Rd.
1930	Bury, Miss G.J.	10 Rossley Close, Christchurch
1973	Butcher, Mrs. C.E.	1 Cann Lodge, Salisbury Road, Shaftesbury
1977	L Butcher, Mrs. M.	32 Dudsbury Avenue, Ferndown
1977	Butt, Mrs. J.M.	599 Chilbridge, Hillbutts, Wimborne
1984	Calvey, Mrs. E.R.	87 Beswick Avenue, BH10 5AS
1979	Campbell, Mrs. M.A.	22 Cheam Road, Broadstone
1984	Carron, Mrs. S.E., B.Ed.	45B Richmond Park Avenue
1964	Cartwright, Miss D.E., M.B.E.	31 Wistaria House, Redhill Drive
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1977	Chaney, Mrs. I.	" " "
1974	Channon, W.V.K.	36 Studland Road, BH4 8JA
1974	Channon, Mrs. P.G.	" " "
1942	*V Chomé, Mrs. W.	3 Sandykeld, 26 Manor Road
1968	Clamp, Miss D.	6 Hengistbury Road, Barton-on-Sea
1974	L Clapton, Miss D.E.	1 Alington, 25 Marlborough Road
1976	Clarke, Mrs. D.E.	23 Victoria Gardens, Fordingbridge



1981	Clarke, Major F.X., B.A., A.C.P.	39 Broadway, BH6 4EE
1977	Clasby, P.S.	12 Haglane Copse, Lymington
1963	L Clode, J.C.	c/o Barclays Bank PLC, 1462 Wimborne
1973	Clode, Mrs. V.M.	" " " " Road
1977	Coates, Miss J., B.A.	6 Riverside Court, 23 Surrey Road
1977	Coates, Miss L., B.A.	34 Hillside Drive, Wallisdown, BH12 5DY
1958	* Cocke, M.H.	St. Ives House, Horton Road, St. Ives, Ringwood
1975	Cole, Mrs. J.	34 Little Forest Road
1983	Collings, R., B.A., P.G.C.E.	73 Harland Road, BH6 4DW
1983	Collings, Mrs. F.J.	" " "
1981	Collins, Mrs. B.	30 Fairmead Court, Lansdowne Road
1982	Collins, L.	49 Bronte Avenue, Christchurch,
1982	Collins, Mrs. E.	" " BH23 2NA
1981	Colyer, L.E.	51 Parkwood Road
1981	Colyer, Mrs. W.M.	" "
1941	L Cooper, Mrs. E.M.	B18 Elizabeth Court, Grove Road
1976	Copp, Mrs. V.E., B.A.	41 Feversham Avenue, BH8 9NW
1972	Cousins, Mrs. A.	51a Newstead Road, BH6 3HL
1956	L Cox, Miss M.G.E.	4 The Maitlands, 8 Portarlington Rd.
1973	Crane, Mrs. R.C.	11 Dewlands Park, West Close, Verwood
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1972	Crawshaw, Mrs. F.M.	" " "
1977	Crompton, Mrs. J.E.	148 Evering Avenue, Poole
1982	Crooks, Miss L.	42 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Road
1975	Curtis, Mrs. B.	114 Cutlers Place, Wimborne
1975	Dain, F.	111 Bader Road, Canford Heath, Poole
1975	Dain, Mrs. D.	" " "
1983	Dales, F.R.	E17 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1985	Dalton, Mrs. M.G.	20 Sunnyhill Road, BH6 5HP
1976	Davis, Mrs. B.	5 Athelney Court, 24 Grove Road
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1975	Dickinson, Mrs. H.M.	9a Moorland Road
1978	Dixon, Miss D.M.	26 Bourne Pines, Christchurch Road
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1980	Downes, J.P.	10 Leslie Road, BH9 2JH
1970	Draper, G.S.	44 Brackendale Road, BH8 9JA
1970	Draper, Mrs. O.G.	" " "
1983	Drew, Mrs. C.M.F.	4 Bower Road, BH8 9HQ
1955	Dudley, Mrs. I.	17 Widdicombe Avenue, Poole
1985	Duncan, Mrs. M.	3/88 Richmond Park Avenue, BH8 9DR
1972	Dunfee, Miss E.G.	5 Barton Drive, Barton-on-Sea
1975	Dunstan, Miss E.M.	12 Grants Close
1985	DuPuy, Mrs. G.	5 Beechwood Court, 5 Stourwood Avenue, BH6 3PN
1978	Eames, K.M., F.C.A.	152 Cranleigh Road
1978	Eames, Mrs. I.L.	" " "
1974	Easterbrook, L.	4 The Pines, 38 The Avenue, Poole
1974	Easterbrook, Mrs. F.P.	" " "
1979	Eaton, W.A.	9 Queens Park Avenue
1965	V* Edwards, Brig. A.B.D., C.B.E., M.C.	234 Burlington Hotel, BH5 1AD

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1984	Edwards, Mrs. G.	" " " OX8 3JP
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1984	Egerton, Mrs. E.	" " " Road, BH5 1HN
1979	Elgood, J.H., M.A.	26 Walkford Way, Highcliffe
1979	Elgood, Mrs. M.L.	" " "
1979	Elliott, Miss M.	87 The Grove, Christchurch
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1982	Evelyn, Mrs. M.	30 Mayford Road, Poole
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1960	Exton, Miss J.M.	" " "
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1976	Fisher, Mrs. N.	" " "
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1983	Foster, Miss A.	94 Iford Lane, BH6 5QZ
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1981	Fulford, Mrs. H.J.	21 Victoria Gardens, Fordingbridge
1982	Gandy, F.W.	75 Littledown Avenue
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1974	George, Mrs. J.	" " "
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1980	Glass, Mrs. P.	" " "
1984	Gonzalez - Nache, Mrs. C.J.	34 Bridport Road, Poole
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1981	Gould, Mrs. M.C.	" " "
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1973	Griffiths, Mrs. R.A.	Ernest Burden House, East Cliff
1978	Guscott, W.J., C.Eng., F.I.E.E.	7 Wick Lane
1982	Halford, Miss A.	15 Poole Road
1972	Hanna, H.J.A.	6 Cliffe Road, Barton-on-Sea
1971	Hanna, Mrs. K.A., M.A.	" " "
1972	Harding, R.	3 Portchester Place, BH8 8JS
1976	Hardy, W.	1 Gorsecliff Court, 5 Boscombe Spa
1976	Hardy, Mrs. E.	" " " Road
1984	Harrison, K.J.	49 Sheldrake Road, Mudeford
1984	Harrison, Mrs. W.M.	" " "
1978	Harwood, R.E.	10 Blakehill Crescent, Poole
1978	Harwood, Mrs. A.M.	" " "
1976	L Hartwell, Miss E.I.	32 Parley Road, BH9 3BB
1961	Harvey, Mrs. F.E., M.B., Ch.B.	C21 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1964	Hatton, R.H.S., M.A.	Pine Cottage, Lower Rowe, Holt
1973	Hayball, Miss G.	Homelake, Station Road, Parkstone
1969	Hayter, Miss E.	38 Edgehill Road, BH9 2PQ
1985	Haywood, P.J., B.Sc.	74 Alyth Road, BH3 7ND
1985	Haywood, Mrs. V.J.	" " "
1975	Heath, G.W.	3 Wyndham Road, Parkstone
1975	Heath, Mrs. M.R.	" " "



1971	Heaton, Mrs. M.I.	8 Mayfair, 74 Westcliff Road
1985	Herbert-Smith, Mrs. A.	14 Overcombe Court, St. John's Rd.
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1982	Higgins, Mrs. B.C., S.R.N.	" " "
1977	Hight, Mrs. I.E.	55 Rothesay Drive, Highcliffe
1985	Hilton, J., M.A.	15 St. Anthony's Road
1985	Hilton, Mrs. D., B.Sc.	" " "
1985	Hilton, Miss A.J.	" " "
1973	Hilton, Miss M.L., B.Sc., Ph.D.	47 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Rd.
1962 *	Hipperson, Miss M.	69 Headswell Avenue, BH10 6JZ
1982	Hodgson, Mrs. E.K.	D4 Halebrose Mansions, Belle Vue Rd.
1979	Hodgetts, Mrs. E.P.	C12 35 Christchurch Road
1974	Holmes, Mrs. H.N.	4 Chepping Dene, 15 Wimborne Road
1985 A	Honeysett, M.	32B Chessel Avenue, BH5 1LH
1984	Hood, C.	GF Flat, 17A Knole Road, BH1 4DH
1984	Hood, Mrs. P.	" " "
1961 *L	Hooton-Smith, Mrs. B.E.	A5 Twynham Court, 20 Dean Park Road
1981	Hopkins, P.G.H., B.A., B.Sc.	7 Wallace Court, 39 Wallace Road, Broadstone
1983	Hopson, A.B.	46 Alyth Road
1978	Hopwood, Mrs. J.	44 Verwood Crescent
1979	Horley, Mrs. M.	7 Beechfield, 19 Portarlington Rd.
1979	Hortop, J.R.	1 Priory Gardens, Spetisbury
1980	Huggins, S.	33 Hartley Down, 60 Christchurch Rd.
1985	Hughes, Mrs. O.	29 Lindsay Manor, Lindsay Rd., Poole
1983	Hull, Mrs. P.F.	12 Hilton Grange, 20 Knyveton Road
1979	Hyde, R.A.	7 Coy Pond Road, Poole
1979	Hyde, Mrs. B.F.	" " "
1985	Ingleson, J.	35 Gervis Road
1985	Ingleson, Mrs. D.	" "
1983	Illingworth, Mrs. J.	25 Baronsmede, 17 Branksome Wood Rd.
1975	Jardine, Rev. D.E.C., M.A., Dip. Theol.	St. Saviours Vicarage, Colemore Rd.
1972	Jarrold, Miss C.W.	B35 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1945	Jenkins, Miss P.	Barnes Cottage, Hinton, Christchurch
1976	Jenkins, Miss C.	16 Avenue Court, 18 The Avenue, Poole
1980	Jenkinson, A.G., B.Sc.	4 Warren Edge Road, BH6 4AU
1977	Jesty, Mrs. H.S.	Tumlyn, Spetisbury, Blandford
1982	Jones, Mrs. I. Elston	Ernest Burden House, East Cliff
1976	Jordan, L.E.	18 Braidley Road, BH2 6JX
1976	Jordan, Mrs. V.M.	" " "
1984	Josey, Mrs. C., M.P.S.	90 Admirals Walk, West Cliff Road
1985	Jotcham, J.	17 Woodhouse, 10 The Avenue, Poole
1985	Jotcham, Mrs. S.	" " "
1970	Kent, H.M., B.Sc.	62 Canberra Road, Christchurch
1970	Kent, Mrs. M.	" " "
1968 L	Kernot, Miss F.L.	28 Braidley Road
1985	King, Rev. F.W.	51a Clingan Road, BH6 5PZ
1985	King, Mrs. K.A.	" " "
1985	King, Mrs. P.A.	53 Hartley Down, 60 Christchurch Rd.
1983	Lambert, R.A., F.I.M.L.S.	31 Mimosa Avenue, Merley, BH21 1TU
1983	Lambert, Mrs. I.A.	" " "
1977	Langford, H.H.C.	8 Gordon Court, 38 Surrey Road
1980	Laughrin, I.G.	46 Smugglers Lane North, Highcliffe
1980	Laughrin, Mrs. H.M.	" " "

1979	Lawrence, H.	27 Gladstone Road West, BH1 4HZ
1979	Lawrence, Mrs. K.	" " "
1984	Lawton, Mrs. F.E.	67 Homeways House, 10 Pine Tree Glen
1982	Layton, S.F.	7 Sycamore Close, Christchurch
1979	Leapman, P.E., M.P.S.	Knole Cottage, Knole Gardens,
1979	Leapman, Mrs. P.G.	" " Knyveton Rd.
1979	Lee, D.C., C.B.E.	73 Newstead Road, BH6 3HC
1979	Lee, Mrs. W.	" " "
1966 +V	Lee, W.H.	18 Ravenshall, West Cliff Road
1967	Lee, Mrs. L.B.	" " "
1975	Lees, R.G.	4 Seacliff Court, Clifton Road
1981	Leonard, Mrs. A.C.	12 Argyle Road, Christchurch
1983	Le Pard, D.A., F.R.E.S.	Silver Crest, Silver Street, Sway
1983	Le Pard, G., B.Sc., F.R.E.S.	" " "
1985	Levick, Mrs. E.M.	25 Crescent Court, Chine Crescent
1983	Levy, D.R.H.	25 Cedar Avenue, Christchurch
1970	Lilly, Mrs. P.	78 St. Lukes Road
1975	Lister, Dr. M., M.Sc., Ph.D.	6 Katterns Close, Christchurch
1984	Longman, W.A.	3 Burford Court, 2 Manor Road
1984	Longman, Mrs. B.P.	" " "
1934 *+V	Lowther, Miss D.M., B.Sc.	15 Mayfield Avenue, Poole
1984	Luckett, Miss J.	9 Wilverley Gardens, Queens Road, Blandford
1976	Lund, Mrs. M.S.	8 William Road
1985	McDougal, Mrs. L.	28 Baronsmede, Branksome Wood Rd.
1985	McEwen, Mrs.	7 Furney, 6 Marlborough Road
1974	McMullin, Mrs. E.G.	151 Burlington Hotel, Owls Road
1985	McNaughton, I.I., C.Eng., M.I.E.E.	44 Viscount Drive, Christchurch
1985	McNaughton, Mrs. M.L.	" " "
1983	Mackintosh, Miss S.M.	52 Coombe Avenue, BH10 5AE
1981	Maddocks, H.J.	4 Stourview Court, 118 Hurn Road, Christchurch
1982	Maddocks, Mrs. D., S.R.N.	" " "
1973	Maddox, C.B.M.	31 Egerton Road, BH8 9AY
1956 *	Maddox, Mrs. L.M.	" " "
1982	Mahon, Mrs. N.	8 Thessaly Court, 7 Crabton Close Road
1978	Mann, C.W.	9 Endfield Close, Christchurch
1978	Mann, Mrs. M.	" " "
1977	Marcroft, Mrs. R.M.	289 Belle Vue Road
1984	Marsh, Mrs. S.M.	8 Holme Road, Highcliffe
1981	Marsh, A.W.	Broadacres, Oakley Straight,
1981	Marsh, Mrs. J.C.	" " Wimborne
1985	Marshall, A.	5 Exbury Drive, Bear Cross
1967	Martin, F.B., F.C.I.I.	C25 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1983	Martin, Mrs. K.	" " "
1983	Martin, Mrs. P.M.	23 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Rd.
1983	Mason, C.	51 Durrington Road
1979	Mason, Mrs. P.M.	" " "
1978	Mayer, F.A.	Teal Cottage, Windmill Lane, Ringwood
1976	Merchant, Miss J.M.	7 Stourton Court, Marlborough Rd.
1973	Merry, Mrs. H.E.	1 Cann Lodge, Salisbury Road, Shaftesbury
1956	Middlemast, A.H.	86 Hengistbury Road, BH6 4DJ
1982	Millard, J.R.	34 Bournemouth Road, Poole
1981	Miller, H.F.	B45 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1981	Miller, Mrs. G.K.M.	" " "
1984	Miller, H.C.	51 Homeway House, 10 Pine Tree Glen
1985	Miller, Mrs. I.M.C.	83 Stourvale Road, BH6 5JD



1976	Mills, W.G.Q., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S.	66 Blake Hill Crescent, Poole
1984	Mitchell, S.F., M.I.E.E.	162 Cranleigh Road, BH6 5JD
1959	V* Mitton, J.C.	3 Gainsborough Road, BH7 7BD
1970	Mitton, Mrs. M.	" " "
1972	Moore, W.H.	13 Eldon Road, BH9 2RT
1973	Moore, Mrs. L.	" " "
1981	Morgan, W.D.	47 Sandecotes Road, Poole, BH14 8PA
1973	Morris, T.E.	Sandpit, Frogham Hill, Fordingbridge
1973	Morris, Mrs. J.F.	" " "
1981	Mouat, G.F.W.	20 Endfield Road
1984	Mouat, L.J.	4 Floral Farm, Oakley Lane, Canford
1984	Mouat, Mrs. O.L.	" " " Magna
1984	Mountain, Mrs. A.	10 Elms Avenue, Lilliput, BH14 8EF
1985	Mullins, Miss G.J., S.R.N.	4 Portman Crescent
1982	Mulliss, C.H.T.	8 Glenmoor Road, BH9 2LT
1973	Nash, G., M.A., F.R.A.S.	12 St. Annes Road, Upton, Poole
1981	Neagle, Miss J.I., S.R.N.	8 Pendennis, 7 Derby Road, BH1 3PU
1984	Newman, Mrs. E.M.	C7 St. Catherines Court, 35 Christchurch Road
1974	Nicklen, E.W.	77 Holdenhurst Avenue, BH7 6RB
1967	Nicklen, Mrs. L.V.	" " "
1982	Nobbs, Miss I.M.	14 Hotel Byblos, 16 Knyveton Rd.
1968	Noll, Miss C.F.	6 Wollaston Road
1984	North, K.T.	12 Littledown Avenue, BH7 7AN
1977	North, Mrs. J.L.	" " "
1977	L Norvall, Miss A.C.	23 Exton Road
1982	Obee, Mrs. G.E.	16 Southwick Road, BH6 5PT
1979	O'Connor, T.	48 Knyveton Road
1957	Odell, Mrs. G.C.	4 Barclay Mansions, St. Valerie Rd.
1970	Offen, E.C.	4 Ranelagh Road, Highcliffe,
1970	Offen, Mrs. M.J.	" " Christchurch
1971	+V Oldham, F., J.P., M.A., B.Sc., F.Inst.P.	19 Dingle Road, BH5 2DP
1975	O'Neill, Miss G.E.	15 The Chantry, Madeira Road
1970	Parish, D.	5 Venator Place, Munster Park,
1970	Parish, Mrs. F.M.	" " Wimborne
1969	L* Parkinson, J.G.	45 Belle Vue Road, BH6 3DF
1969+VL*	Parkinson, Mrs. M.K.	" " "
1983	Paton, Miss E.M.G.	21 Homeway House, 10 Pine Tree Glen
1971	Pawson, Miss K.M.	39 Queen Mary Avenue, BH9 1TT
1963	Payne, Miss H.I.	83 St. Luke's Road, BH3 7LS
1980	Pearce, Mrs. B.	24 St. Alban's Avenue, BH8 9EE
1983	Pearce, Mrs. L.E.	26 Berkley Manor, 317 Poole Rd., Poole
1916	*L Penrose, Miss F.	Little Picket, Hightown, Ringwood
1985	Pepper, J.H.	13 Tytherley Green, BH8 0PA
1984	Phillips, Miss M.A.	Ernest Burden House, East Cliff
1983	Pinniger, R.S., M.R.C.V.S.	50 Branksome Wood Road, Poole
1981	Pinson, D.J.	24 Maundeville Road, Christchurch
1981	Pinson, Mrs. M.H.	" " "
1984	Plater, Mrs. J.	3A Wilson Road
1977	Plummer, Mrs. G.	33 Branksome Hill Road
1984	Purdy, Mrs. V.K.	6 Romney Road
1976	Purnell, Miss E.J.	70 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Rd.
1982	Pursey, Mrs. R.M.	1 Stour View Court, 118 Hurn Road, Christchurch

1979		Randall, Mrs. C.	4 Mude Gardens, Mudeford
1975		Ratcliffe, G.L., F.C.A.	4 Woodland Avenue, BH5 2DJ
1975		Ratcliffe, Mrs. M.N.	" " "
1985		Rattue, Mrs. P.	7 Springwater Close
1985		Rauman, S.	5 Elphinstone Road, Christchurch
1985		Rauman, Mrs. M.S.	" " "
1980		Raymond, Miss A.	11 Boreham Road, BH6 5BW
1951	L	Read, Mrs. H.A.	15 Carbery Avenue, BH6 3LL
1979		Renshaw, Mrs. M.E.	5 Southwick Place, BH6 5PX
1983		Richards, Miss E.C.	65 Admirals Walk, West Cliff Rd.
1984		Roberts, Miss E.	F12 Pine Grange, Bath Road
1980		Roberts, Miss J.	B1 Halebrose Mansions, Belle Vue Rd.
1977		Robins, W.O., A.R.I.C.S.	85 Petersfield Road, BH7 6BH
1979		Robins, Mrs. F.V.	" " "
1980		Robinson, E.T.W., M.A., F.R.G.S.	9 Heath Farm Close, Ferndown
1980		Robinson, Mrs. E.F.S.	" " "
1983		Rogers, Mrs. E.	169 Queens Park Avenue
1984		Rooke, Miss E.L.	7 Alington, 25 Marlborough Road
1963	L	Rossiter, Mrs. D.M.	5 Park Homer Road, Colehill, Wimborne
1970		Rowe, Miss L.M.	23 The Bluff, Headswell Crescent
1984		Rumsey, Mrs. J.	7 Carrbridge Close, BH3 7EQ
1967		Russell-Cotes Art Gallery	East Cliff, Bournemouth
1975		Rust, Mrs. P.	95 Holdenhurst Avenue, BH7 6RB
1970	L	Ruston, J.R.	Flat 1, 3 Moorland Road, BH1 3ST
1985	A	Samuel, Miss R.	5 Westminster Road, Poole, BH13 6JQ
1980		Saunders, Miss B.A.	Dormer Cottage, Gaunts Common, Wimborne
1975	L	Saunders, Mrs. M.W.	2 Memorial Homes, Castle Lane
1954		Saunders, Miss W.A.	10 Duncliffe Road, BH6 4LJ
1970		Scott, S.A.	6 The Close, Charlton Marshall,
1985		Scott, Mrs. A.C.	" " Blandford
1976		Scutter, Mrs. L.M.	12 Oakwood Road, Highcliffe
1960	*	Sephton, Mrs. N., M.B., Ch.B.	1/4 Talbot Avenue, BH3 7HU
1951		Sewell, Mrs. I.	4 Maundeville Crescent, Christchurch
1982		Shaw, L.A., B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., F.R.N.S.	61 Haven Road, Poole
1982		Shaw, Mrs. J.	" " "
1985		Shenton, T., M.A.	Heavens Lea House, Glenferness Ave.
1981	L	Shepherd, L.H.	1 Coronation Avenue
1981	L	Shepherd, Mrs. B.M.	" " "
1982		Shewring, Mrs. J., M.A.	19 William Road, BH7 7BA
1985		Shute, Miss W.	8 Upton Way, Broadstone
1980		Siggs, D.	18 Parkstone Avenue, Poole, BH14 9LR
1980		Siggs, Mrs. N.C.	" " "
1984		Silberman, G.	12 Amberley Court, Bath Road
1984		Silberman, Mrs. K.	" " "
1984		Simmons, Mrs. P.	6 Wychwood Grange, 50 Braidley Road
1983		Simpson, E., B.A., M.Sc., F.R.I.C.S.	9 Glenmoor Road
1983		Simpson, Mrs. Edna	" " "
1984		Smith, Mrs. A.C.	289 Belle Vue Road, BH6 3BB
1985		Smith, Miss J.M.	Ernest Burden House, East Cliff
1979		Smith, S.F.	44 The Grove, Moordown
1973		Smith, Miss V.H.	15 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Rd.
1976		Sorton, Mrs. A.L.E., B.A.	5 Admirals Walk, Westcliff Road
1975		Souter, Miss E.E.	9 Rowan Close, Highcliffe
1971		Southworth, T.C., O.B.E., B.Sc.	15 Chine Crescent Road, BH2 5LG
1971		Southworth, Mrs. N.K.G., M.A.	" " "



1976		Sparkes, G., M.I.E.E.	68 Clingan Road, BH6 5QA
1976		Sparkes, Mrs. M.	" " "
1984	A	Spratt, D.A.	204 Uplands Road, West Moors, Wimborne
1984		Stanford, Mrs. J.M.	117 Wick Lane
1979		Stearn, N.S.J.	18 The Anchorage, 157 Mudeford
1969		Stephens, Mrs. G.B.	24 Cavendish Road, BH1 1RF
1976		Stocker, Miss M., B.A.	21 Amberley Court, Bath Road
1979		Street, Miss W.	11 Milton Road
1984		Summerell, Miss B.C.	18 Sunnyhill Road
1980	L	Sykes, J.R.	32 Durrington Road
1985		Syndica-Drummond, Mrs. M.	85 Bath Hill Court, Bath Road, BH1 2HT
1979		Taconis, Miss R.M.	78 The Grove, Christchurch
1980		Taylor, F.	38 Hillbrow Road
1979		Taylor, Mrs. M.M.	" "
1967	+V	Teasdill, G., F.M.A., F.R.S.A., F.R.N.S., F.Z.S.	99 Carbery Avenue, BH6 3LP
1967		Teasdill, Mrs. N.A.	" " "
1983		Teasdill, M.G.	" " "
1984		Teasdill, Miss C.N.	" " "
1984		Teasdill, Miss P.A.	" " "
1983		Teasdill, Mrs. V.	287A Belle Vue Road, BH6 3BB
1977		Thomas, Mrs. S.	106 Sopwith Crescent, Wimborne
1965	V	Thomas, W.C.	Flat D, Laverstock, Boscombe Cliff Road
1965	+V	Thomas, Mrs. G.M., M.A., B.Litt.	" " " "
1982		Tiller, B.A.	65 Portland Road
1982		Tiller, Mrs. M.	" "
1976		Tompkins, R.J.	C41 San Remo Towers, Sea Road
1975	*	Towndrow, Mrs. I.	C4 St. Catherines Court, 35 Christchurch Road
1985		Tucker, Mrs. W.E.	163 Cranleigh Road, BH6 5JZ
1984		Turner, Miss E.M.C., M.A., Ph.D.	16 Victoria Gardens, Fordingbridge
1985		Turner, H.J.	13 Canford Cliffs Ave., Poole
1981		Underhill, Miss M.L.	10a Glen Road, BH5 1HR
1981		Underhill, Mrs. R.A.	2 Leonard Hackett Court, St. Winifred's Road
1981	L	Vassie, G.J., F.R.E.S.	40 Cranleigh Gardens, BH6 5LE
1981	L	Vassie, Mrs. B.A.	" " "
1985		Walden, W.D.F., F.C.A.	22 Amberwood Drive, Highcliffe
1985		Walden, Mrs. B.M.	" " "
1985		Walker, Mrs. M.E.M.	16 Queens Park West Drive
1982		Walker, Miss M.J.	74 Huntly Road
1985		Walker, Miss W.B.	20 Milford Court, Milford-on-Sea
1974	*	Wall, T.R.	17 St. Mary's Road, Ferndown
1984		Waller, H.M., B.Ed.	200 Uplands Road, West Moors
1961		Wallace, Miss J.B., B.Sc.	10 St. Ives Park, Ringwood
1984		Walshaw, R.D.	12 Mildenhall, 25 West Cliff Road
1980		Warburg, Mrs. A.M.	11 Kattarns Close, Christchurch
1977	*	Watson, F.R.	79 Brackendale Road
1976		Watson, Comm. G.W., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., F.I.R.A.S.	22 Bath Hill Court, Bath Road
1976		Watson, Mrs. H.M.	" " "
1977		Webster, C.J.	4 Chewton Common Road, Highcliffe
1977		Webster, Mrs. B.J.	" " "
1975		Webster, Miss S.C., B.Ed.	" " "

1979	Westbrook, Mrs. S.	15 Wheelers Lane, Bearwood
1985	Westrap, H.A.	14 Aldridge Road, BH10 5NW
1983	Whattoff, Miss E.M.	48 Belle Vue Gardens, Belle Vue Rd.
1970	*L Wheeler, H.P.	47 Belle Vue Road, BH6 3DD
1970	L Wheeler, Mrs. L.	" " "
1982	L Whieldon, T.P., B.Sc.	10 Branders Lane
1982	L Whieldon, Mrs. M.	" " "
1984	Whitmill, Mrs. K.	51 Belle Vue Road
1978	Whitsed, W.J., F.R.S.A.	41 Feversham Avenue, BH8 9NW
1982	Wiggs, Mrs. M.R.	3 Thessaly Court, 7 Crabton Close Road
1984	Willey, B.G.W.	17 Rolls Drive
1984	Willey, Mrs. E.E.	" " "
1983	Williams, Miss J.B.	67 Saxonbury Road, BH6 5ND
1985	Williams, B.P.	76 Huntly Road
1979	Williams, Mrs. M.	" " "
1985	Wilson, G.H.	15 Mount Pleasant Drive, BH8 9JL
1972	* Wilson, F.W., F.C.I.S.	9 Pascoe Close, Poole, BH14 ONT
1985	Wingham, Mrs. D.	109 Hightown Gardens, Ringwood
1976	L Winter, Mrs. A.R.	10 Lakeside Road, Branksome Park
1979	Winter, Miss P.E., M.A.	23 The Anchorage, 157 Mudeford
1979	Winter, Miss R.H.D.	" " "
1981	Withrington, L.A.	53 Copeland Drive, Poole, BH14 8NR
1981	Withrington, Mrs. M.F.	" " "
1984	Woffendale, H.A.	56 West Way, BH9 3EA
1948	Wood, Miss E.B., B.Sc.	4 New Park Road, BH6 5AB
1971	L Wood, Mrs. D.L.	6 Crofton Court, 37 Wellington Rd.
1980	Wood, Miss F.	16 Harcourt, Derby Road, BH1 3PZ
1985	Woodhead, Miss E.T., B.Sc.	7 Compton Lodge, Marlborough Road
1981	Woods, Mrs. J.M.	6 Knole Gardens
1981	Woodward, Lt. Col. P.H., T.D., B.Sc., C.Eng., F.I.E.E.	1 Hamilton Close, Mudeford
1975	Wrenn, G.	99 The Avenue, Moordown, BH9 2UX
1980	Wrenn, Mrs. M.	" " "
1984	Wright, Mrs. J.	8 Kimberley Road, Poole
1977	Young, Mrs. M.E., B.Sc.	40A Parkstone Avenue, Poole.

## OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that we have to announce that during the past year the following members have died (the figure in brackets is the year of joining the Society):-

Mrs. N.H. Thorpe (1983)  
Miss G.S. Ashford (1981)  
Mr. A.E. Gaston (1978)  
Mrs. E.N. Wilson (1972)  
Mr. O.J. Clayton (1983)  
Mrs. A.K. Hunt (1954)

Dr. T.M. Bell (1944)  
Mrs. J.C. Earl (1967)  
Mrs. G.M. Dales (1983)  
Mr. W.A. Bray (1969)  
Mr. H. McClay (1956)  
Miss E. Elborne (1984)



Mrs. A.K. Hunt, B.Sc.

Mrs. Hunt joined the Society in 1954 as Miss A.K. Harding, B.Sc. after returning from Kenya where she had been a teacher. It was noted with pleasure that on her application form her interest was given as 'Botany', and the Society was later to derive great benefit from her wide knowledge of Botany and gardening. Her marriage in 1958 to Mr. W.H. Hunt, the Assistant Treasurer, was a B.N.S.S. romance which members enjoyed.

Mrs. Hunt became a member of the Gardening Committee and Chairman of the Botany Section in 1956. In 1966 she became President of the Society and served for many years on the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

She joined in many activities in Bournemouth, was a keen bridge player and shared with her husband a deep love of music. She was a generous supporter of the Western Orchestral Society and Wessex Youth Orchestra. It is entirely characteristic that for her very last concert she travelled to London to hear the B.S.O. play at the Royal Festival Hall.

Refreshingly forthright, outspoken and keen-witted to the end, she made a contribution to the Society which will be greatly missed.

Dr. Thomas Marshall Bell, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Dr. Bell on August 26, 1985.

He was a loved doctor in Southbourne for very many years and an active member of this Society. He and his late wife joined in 1944 and he became President 1968/9 and was made an honorary member.

Dr. Bell was a distinguished Naturalist with particular interest in all branches of zoology and entomology. Members will remember the Pond-Dipping expeditions in the New Forest which he led until recently with Miss Noll. The party went equipped with nets and jars and Dr. Bell would set up a table with microscope and bowls to examine the findings.

He was an outstanding photographer and Miss Lowther recalls the extensive travels she took with Dr. Bell and his wife, from which he would return with illustrated lectures for B.N.S.S. These pictures would include everything from wide views to microscopic specimens which he had to take lying on the ground a few inches away.

Dr. Bell has generously left his slides to the Society, so we can look forward to seeing them again in the future.

We shall greatly miss a most learned and scholarly member.

I acknowledge with thanks the contributions of members to the appreciative notices of Mrs. Hunt and Dr. Bell.

Editor

# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## BENGAL - LAND OF SURPRISES

BY MISS R.H.D. WINTER

Delivered before the Society on the 12th October, 1985.

I have chosen this title for my talk - Bengal, Land of Surprises - as a few years ago I was working as the General Secretary in the London Office of the Oxford Mission, a small Anglican Missionary Society. This Mission, now over 100 years old, consists of a Brotherhood and Sisterhood dedicated to the Epiphany working in Calcutta and Bangladesh. The London Committee was keen for me to see the work of the Mission at first hand and so it was arranged for me to visit the Houses of the Community. This was for me a great experience and I treasure the memory of it.

I arrived in the early morning in Calcutta Airport. There was tremendous activity and congestion on the roads as I was driven by jeep to the Oxford Mission compound on the outskirts of the city. I marvelled at the way collisions were avoided! I saw the pavement dwellers as we drove through the city. My welcome was specially noisy as one of the three great Hindu festivals was being celebrated with illuminations and firecrackers. This was the Kali Puja and at intervals along the road there were decorated shrines to the Goddess Kali. I was warned that the noise would continue through the night and it did! So here was my first surprise, the city known for its poverty celebrating a colourful festival with joy and enthusiasm.

The Oxford Mission is mainly an educational Mission providing in Calcutta day schools for children of junior age and boarding school education and care for orphan boys right through their school life. I was privileged to see all these departments at work and was impressed by their industry and keenness. The Bengali children have a natural ease with visitors and enjoyed showing me their work.

There is a strong musical tradition in the compound and any boy showing any musical inclination is given an instrument to work on. If you ever visit the compound it is likely you will be carrying a musical instrument, donated by a supporter in England. I myself took a violin in my luggage and this was soon put to use in the String Orchestra. The pupils all practise in the Band Room. They play Indian and Western music and from this beginning some have reached a very high standard, one boy of very poor origin coming to England to train at the Royal College of Music and obtaining his Performers' A.R.C.M. on the 'cello. So the talent revealed in the school is nurtured and developed. During my visit I was invited to a concert in the Band Room and heard the String Orchestra perform as well as two boys performing on the tabla.

For the older boys the Mission runs the Calcutta Youth Self-Employment Centre - CYSEC in short. This is an attempt to find work for school leavers in a city of high unemployment. Ideas are put into practice and if they work, are developed into money-making concerns. A bakery is one idea which has worked well and a new venture is the making of TV set parts for a Calcutta firm. These sounding boards can be assembled in the Mission's Industrial School and the results are giving satisfaction.

This is briefly the work of the Mission but the pleasant grounds and lakes are enjoyed by the local residents in the early morning and the evening. They can jog, swim and play football just as in any recreation ground in this country. Or they can simply sit and talk as the old men do in the evenings.

During my short stay I was taken into the heart of the city to see some of the relief work operating there. One of the Sisters took me to see the Leprosy Dispensary where she works several times a week. She is a trained



nurse and works mainly in the dressing-room. I saw some of the new patients being registered and some of the treatment. There is still a taboo on this disease and patients delay coming for treatment because of the shadow cast on them. Leprosy is now a curable disease and Sister begs the patients to come regularly for treatment. For many years there has been an urgent need for a Leprosy Hospital in Calcutta and I am glad to say that at last one is being built close to the Dispensary where Sister works. It will be called the Leprosy Mission Hospital and hand and foot operations will be performed there - a great boon to the patients who now have to travel to Purulia, 200 miles away for surgery. Sadly the old dispensary will be demolished partly because of inadequate buildings and partly for road-widening.

Later I visited Mother Teresa's Home for Unwanted Babies, Santi Bavan. I did not see Mother Teresa herself but her helpers, the Missionaries of Charity, showed me around the Home. Some of the babies were very ill, some handicapped but there was a wonderful atmosphere and one is thankful that there is a happy ending for many of these children through adoption.

I also went to Calcutta Cathedral to see the Headquarters of the Cathedral Relief Service and saw some of the work being done to relieve the pavement dwellers.

What does the name 'Calcutta' mean to most people? Sadly the information reaching the outside world is of its problems, its population, its pavement dwellers, its poverty. Much has been written about this city and the inspired work done to alleviate the suffering. I have mentioned a few of these but there are many more and I think the response will always be there. Problems there certainly are but one must see them in proportion. Every big city has its poor and needy and Calcutta is a teeming city of 8 million inhabitants. But this is only part of the picture. I went as the guest of a group of people who had made it their home, who loved its inhabitants and were inspired to work among them. They are deeply hurt by the image given to Calcutta.

Let me put another side of the picture to you. Did you know that Calcutta had a Symphony Orchestra? It has a cathedral, a theological College and many other interesting old buildings. Calcutta is also a modern city with its airport, its underground system and its high-rise blocks of flats. It is a crowded city yet with a stretch of green - called the Maidan - in the centre, a lung providing fresh air for outdoor recreations.

Calcutta has markets full of food and it is to this city that people flock. To the countries to the Eastward, she is a city of plenty. Here is my second surprise!

In the terrible war of 1971 when East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, was attacked by West Pakistan, it was to Calcutta that thousands of Hindu Bengalis trekked for refuge. There they were accommodated in camps, given medical aid and cared for until the end of the war. So Calcutta has a big heart and great though the difficulties are, the desire to overcome them is there.

So Calcutta is a city of culture, of contrasts and crowds and must be seen as a whole to be fully understood.

Whilst in Calcutta I eagerly awaited news of my next journey. There had been a coup in Dhaka, the Capital, the week before I had left London and the airport had been closed. To my great delight the situation eased and I was able to travel eastward to Bangladesh.

The tribulations of this poor country are well known. It has been beset with problems of many kinds, geographical, political and economic. When Bangladesh is mentioned in the press or on television it is usually because of bad news, a political crisis, a cyclone or a ruined rice crop. Only a few months ago we were appalled to hear of the damage caused by a tidal wave in the Bay of Bengal.

Let me just mention the geographical nature of the country. To the north of Bangladesh is Assam where because of the de-forestation of that country, the rainfall and monsoon is no longer checked, rainwater swelling the two

great rivers flowing south, the Jamuna and the Brahmaputra. In the south it is the tidal waves and cyclones in the Bay of Bengal which sweep into the country bringing devastation and ruining crops. The Delta in the Bay of Bengal is criss-crossed by four mighty rivers and their tributaries. So Bangladesh is subjected to hazards from north and south.

Bangladesh emerged as a new country in 1971. Its name means Bengal-Land. It has had a chequered history as you will know. Originally it was part of India, known as East Bengal and then in 1947 with partition it became East Pakistan. It is mainly a Muslim country, unlike West Bengal, of which Calcutta is the capital, which is mainly Hindu. In 1971 East Pakistan struck out for a measure of independence under its popular leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and was invaded by West Pakistan and terrible atrocities were committed. With aid from her neighbour India East Pakistan defeated West Pakistan and a new nation was born. Great was the rejoicing among the population in their new-found freedom.

Unfortunately this euphoria was short-lived. The freedom fighters of the war years became trouble-makers in time of peace and as with any emerging nation, people had to be trained for government office. After coup and counter coup a military regime was established and although attempts have been made to return to democracy, it has not yet been achieved. The population has risen to nearly 100,000,000 and many aid programmes have been launched - I will refer to these later - but it will take a long time for these to give the country the economic stability which she needs. Foreign aid is indispensable but as always with a new nation, foreign influence is not welcome.

These are some of the facts about this small country, the size of England, and its chequered history.

What do ordinary folk know of Bangladesh and its people? They would probably be amazed to hear that it is a country of lowland beauty, of wide vistas, huge rivers, lush vegetation, rich flora and fauna, a fertile country producing in favourable circumstances, two even three harvests a year. Here is another surprise!

I have mentioned that there had been a coup shortly before my visit, so on arrival at the capital, Dhaka, there were many formalities to be endured. Finally I travelled to the Bishop's House and was delighted to be the guest of his family. He is a Bengali, the first National to be installed in that diocese. He was educated in the Oxford Mission school in Barisal, so is a great friend of the Mission. He was of humble origin but with the advantage of education he went ahead and finally obtained his degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

A party was arranged for me that evening. We dined on fish and curry with rice, a popular dish and I met some doctors and social workers and heard of the schemes being organised by the Church of Bangladesh, now a United Church. The guests left early because Dhaka was under curfew.

The next morning I was on my way to the Quay to board the 'Rocket', a fast boat which in eight hours would take me to my destination, Barisal, in the south of the country. The time taken by smaller boats is 36 hours.

The journey to the Quay in Dhaka by cycle-rickshaw was hair-raising as that part of the city was very congested and full of noise and commotion. So compelling did I find the sights and sounds of that journey that I could not take in some instruction my companion was giving me. She said "Ruth, are you listening?" I knew I was not! The important part for me was to savour each moment of that exciting journey.

I spent most of the journey sitting on deck. We moved quietly through the low-lying country, the peace of the countryside contrasting with the noise of Dhaka. There are few big towns in Bangladesh but I saw villages and homesteads by the water's edge. Several passengers came on deck and talked to me, some had been educated at the Mission School so that made a bond at once. There was only one intermediate stop on my journey at Chandpur and as at Dhaka there was immediate shouting and bustle with the



loading and unloading and as pedlars came on board mingling with the passengers.

Then we glided into the evening sun. The wide expanse and the vivid sunset made a deep impression on me. In this peaceful atmosphere many Muslims came on deck with their prayer mats and knelt towards Mecca.

Arriving at Barisal I travelled again by cycle-rickshaw to the compound where the Church of the Epiphany dominated the landscape. It is the biggest church in the country and in the course of construction the workmen became afraid because of the proposed height of the building.

In Bangladesh as in Calcutta the Oxford Mission has been an influence in the land. During the 100 years of its existence it has shared the vicissitudes of the people and responded to the needs as it was best able. They have seen great suffering around them and live frugally and it is very hard to get them to accept any extras. The living quarters were simple with cement floors but I found it quite all right. I had a hip bath and every evening a pitcher of hot water was brought into my room.

Around the church is a great complex of school buildings, hostels, and a clinic dealing with out-patients, with ante and post natal care and family planning. I was interested once again to see the work of the children in the schools and was moved by the sight of the under-nourished children specially chosen by their teachers patiently awaiting their extra ration of milk and biscuits.

I was interested to see a number of lakes, called tanks, much enjoyed by the young folk as swimming pools. These tanks are formed when any building is done, they are dug in order to dry out the foundations of the new building as the ground is so water-logged.

While in Barisal I was taken on a walk-about in the town by Fr. Rigby. We were followed by an ever-growing crowd of mostly children and at one stage a Bengali lady showed me her baby, and I admired her. Later I heard that I was being offered the baby as a gift!

Fr. Rigby had friends of all creeds, his hobby of stamp-collecting being useful as a bond. When we visited the homes of some friends, the children from the town followed us and looked in the windows. In every home I was warmly welcomed and although I was unable to take part in the conversation, I felt part of the group.

Most of the land is cultivated through agricultural schemes and small holdings. Rice and jute are the main crops. Land is in short supply and wherever there are a few trees and some water, a bari or homestead will spring up. After the tidal wave in May this year, people soon returned to their devastated land, as though still vulnerable, it was home to them and therefore precious.

We think of our own island as being overcrowded but there are still great tracts of land such as Dartmoor and the Yorkshire moors where one could walk for hours without meeting anyone. There is nothing like that in Bangladesh! If one settled down for a picnic as this society does say on its walks in the New Forest, one would soon be surrounded by interested faces. People are everywhere! There is not much open space available as land is needed for cultivation. But on the South West peninsular there is a sandy beach, a magnificent stretch of 75 miles. This must be one of the longest in the world. Who knows? This could one day be developed into a tourist attraction.

I want to tell you of another journey I took from Barisal to Jobarpar, about 30 miles distant but taking six hours! I had been advised to wear a long skirt for this journey and so I wore the only long skirt I had with me a black evening skirt with a borrowed blouse! Jobarpar is a village in a rice-growing district where Sister Susila looks after a small community of girls. Sister made this journey with me having stocked up in Barisal with provisions for her compound and her packages were put on the top of the single-decker bus as we started our journey. To reach Jobarpar it was necessary to cross two wide rivers by ferry and this accounted for the length of the journey. There was a long wait at one of these rivers which were like seas and we were entertained by some children, one blind

child singing and others leading him and begging for money. At another stop a man was declaiming on a political theme to anyone who would listen to him.

Finally a peaceful end to our travels from Guarneri to Jobarpar being punted along a canal by two sinewy men who had come from the compound to meet us. Sometimes we had to get out and walk when the canal was blocked by the growth of weeds. So we finally arrived and it was a great pleasure to meet the young Bengali girls who helped with the work of the schools, the nursery and the dispensary.

In Jobarpar the buildings of the compound are built round a rectangular lake. I was given a chalet to myself, charmingly decorated with pale blue furnishings and a matching mosquito net. Sleep eluded me however, as I was conscious of the noises of the night, the cry of the jackals, the night watchman's call at each hour, the beating of drums and other sounds of religious celebration.

Again I saw the bright-eyed children, friendly and happy to perform for me. In the evening at sunset as I sat with Sister and her helpers the children from the hostel came to say "Goodnight" and I found this very moving.

One day I was asked to plant a coconut tree and felt very honoured to do so.

To end my talk I must say something of the way the problems of Bangladesh are being tackled. The first and greatest is the problem of over-population. In a mainly agricultural country children, especially boys, are needed to provide labour on the farms. An average family has to ensure that there are enough healthy children before they dare limit their family. Ironically family limitation will only become widespread when things are more prosperous.

Secondly Education. Schools have been nationalized but many children in the rural parts of the country receive no education although there is a great desire for it. There are many schemes for the further training of boys and girls and they are now encouraged to go to the East as well as the West for this training. They travel to Bangkok, Manila and Tokyo. Being a Muslim country there is also a movement to the Arab countries. Naturally there is a great desire to travel to the affluent West but this is not encouraged by the Oxford Mission Community.

Then Agriculture. There have been many schemes to safeguard crops and foreign aid has been poured into such schemes but this is a slow process and during the tidal wave of this year one such project was destroyed. Disappointment is ever present yet these folk are schooled to it and again and again have to go back to the beginning and start again. In the south of the country, the part liable to flooding, some communities have prepared for trouble by building up plateaux to which whole families with their livestock can ascend. But the force of the water is a great hazard and nothing will save the people who are in the path of the cyclone or other disaster.

I have heard of one scheme which has recently proved successful in Jobarpar. It was the inspiration of the Church of Bangladesh Social Development Co-ordinators and shows what can be done. This countryside is liable to be swamped by salt water and plagued by the ufra bug and the scheme was an attempt to save the rice and jute from these hazards. A trench was dug around the field and a wall built from the mud so displaced. First they experimented with a 2-ft wall and later an 8-ft wall. In the middle was the paddy field and on the embankment called a bund, the inhabitants were able to plant banana, papaya, coconut and mahogany trees. In the water-filled trench around the outside, fish were introduced and vegetables grown on bamboo frames over the trench, giving the fish the shade they needed. Enough vegetables could be grown to feed the 80 people living in the compound. We can only hope that government money will be given to help such excellent schemes. They would bring prosperity to the areas they served and help the nation's economic stability.

Industry. Jute was for many years the main product exported. Jute products are sacking, hessian and carpet backing and these are exported as well as the jute itself. Other exports are sugar, tea, leather, furnace oil and newsprint.

Now a new industry has been developed on a large scale chiefly in Dhaka and Chittagong - clothing! This employs a lot of people and is an important foreign exchange earner. This new venture means that Bangladesh is starting to clothe the developed countries such as Britain, France, and the United States.

It is of interest to mention that the Bengali population in Stepney and the East End of London is mainly employed in the sewing and tailoring trades, so perhaps this is a skill that comes naturally to their people.

Communications. You will have noticed that most of my journeys in Bangladesh were taken by water or cycle-rickshaw. This is still the usual way in the south of the country. There is an international airline which also operates between Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet. There is a railway system in the north of the country.

There are not many motor cars outside the main towns but I hear that traffic lights have now been installed in Dhaka so travelling by any vehicle in that city should now be safer!

The roads in the country areas are terrible. Sometimes the surface is loose bricks so a rickshaw ride on this surface is an ordeal. So there is much scope for improvement here.

In the main the radio is the first means of giving news but television has arrived in the towns.

Journeys for a large part of the year are unpredictable. So fierce is the rainfall especially during the monsoon period that roads may be submerged and bridges washed away. For this reason time is relative and events take place when folk arrive. It is quite different from this country where we are ruled by the clock and become impatient when we are kept waiting by unpunctual trains and planes. When lives are governed by the weather the inhabitants learn a philosophy.

The English have taught the developing countries a lot but have had to come to terms with this philosophy.

Yet thanks to the Direct Dialling System the present General Secretary was able to reach the Oxford Mission Superior in Barisal within minutes of picking up the 'phone and give him an important piece of news. Another surprise!

So my interesting holiday came to an end and I travelled back from Barisal to Dhaka by the "Rocket". The boat was very late docking and it was late evening when we finally disembarked. There was no transport for hire as it was near curfew time and the taxis and cycle rickshaws had all disappeared. This was a bit of a worry for us so my companions and I with one bicycle for luggage, walked the last part of the journey and were thankful to reach the safety of our destination. For me it had been a journey like no other, varied, unpredictable, sometimes hazardous but altogether a wonderful experience.



# THE 82nd REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1985

The President for the 82nd year of the Society has been Mr. Richard F. Harrison, F.M.A., Museum Director of the Mary Rose Trust. This appointment has enabled the Society to feature a topical and popular branch of Archaeology in its programme several times during the year. The Presidential Lecture did not deal with the Mary Rose but Mr. Harrison later delivered a talk on the ship, its salvage and the resulting artefacts to a well attended meeting of members, next the Archaeology and History section arranged a visit to Portsmouth to see the remains of the ship and to view the museum. Thirdly the Mary Rose travelling exhibition visited Bournemouth on September 21st and was featured as part of the Open Day. Thus by introducing an element of specialisation into our programme we hope not only to have popularised archaeology in general but to have added to members' knowledge of this topical aspect of the subject.

Mr. Harrison was installed and delivered his Presidential Lecture on November 10th 1984 and has kept in touch with our affairs throughout the year; he also spent the Open Day in Bournemouth.

The last time the Society conferred its highest accolade on one who was not a member was some 10 years ago and the choice of an 'outsider' is always something of an unknown quantity. However we feel honoured and very gratified that Mr. Harrison accepted our invitation, and we are happy to be able to acknowledge in this report his contribution to another successful year.

Archaeology has featured in our affairs several times during the past year. Winchester City Museum were supplied with information about Heywood Sumner, President 1926/7, for whom they are preparing a biography and a travelling exhibition. (We hope to arrange for the exhibition to visit the Society). We have welcomed a visit from experts in Egyptology from University College London, The British Museum and Leiden University to study the collections held by the Society. They are we understand of particular scientific interest.

Geology is the next section meriting special mention. The departure of the Camera Club made available a room on the lower ground floor and this has been allocated to Geology. Mrs. Vera Copp, the section leader, assisted by Mr. W.J. Whitsed has worked very hard in preparing displays which do justice to the Society's valuable collection.

Mammalia too has benefited from the gift of a diorama from the Russell Cotes Museum. This acquisition will be set up in the Curator's room and will enable the section to extend its displays.

The Russel Wallace plaque has been framed by the generosity of an anonymous donor and now hangs in the entrance hall with an explanation of its connection with the Society. Full biographical details are retained in the reference library.

Entomology must also receive special mention, Miss M.M. Brooks and Mr. J. Brooks have continued their valuable work in maintaining and restoring the collection. A pocket edition of Miss Brooks' book 'A Complete Guide to British Butterflies' was published in April and copies were made available to members at a discounted price.

Botany field meetings are followed by careful recording of what has been seen where and when, organised by Mrs. S. Thomas who cares for the extensive and valuable herbaria kept by the Society.

The Section items referred to above all deal with the Museum and the members actively concerned with it. The enquiries from outsiders etc. serve to demonstrate the importance of the collections which have been

gifted to the Society over the years. The possession of a collection so valuable and important carries with it the responsibility for their upkeep and they often merit special displays in order that members may know more of them. The Curator will welcome help from any members who would be interested in assisting in this work. Deep knowledge is not required but enthusiasm and interest can help in increasing knowledge and expertise.

The Library Committee, Captain R.E. Harwood and his helpers have kept care of the stock of books and periodicals to which many new and important additions have been made during the year.

The Programme of lectures and field meetings for the year has been as full and varied as ever and is dealt with in detail under the section headings but it is appropriate here to record our thanks to the Programme Committee, to the lecturers, chairmen and leaders who make it all possible. The lecture meetings would not be enjoyable, or in most cases possible, without the constant devotion of the projectionists, Mr. John Mitton and Mr. Theo. Crawshaw to whom has been added a newcomer this year Mrs. Anne Smith. We thank them for all their good work on behalf of the membership. Mr. W. Hardy also earns our thanks as Cine Projectionist. The Programme Committee has for a large part of the year been under the Chairmanship of Mrs. L.M. Maddox who took over owing to the illness of Miss K.M. Bennetts. Mrs. M. Saunders has become Programme Secretary and deals with the printing and publishing of the Programme. The programme also includes the social functions and it is gratifying to record that the New Year Party, and the Garden Party were well supported and enjoyed and made a valuable contribution to the funds. Our thanks are accorded to all those who assisted in the arranging of these events. Miss M.W.S. Davis arranged and hosted a May Day luncheon party which was much enjoyed. Thanks to Miss Davis, the inclusion of a lunch in the spring looks like becoming an annual event by popular demand. The annual Faraday Lecture arranged by the Institution of Electrical Engineers was this year held in Southampton and a link with the I.E.E. local branch enabled a group of members to attend a spectacular lecture and demonstration on the theme of Power Generation.

The Tea Committee and the hard working ladies who prepare tea for that popular period that follows lecture meetings cannot be thanked enough for this work and the ungrudging support which they give to ensure the success of other social functions. Last year we marked the twelve years during which Mrs. M. Parkinson had been their chairman, and early in the 86th year of the Society we shall be remembering all their predecessors who over the last forty years have provided similar dedicated service to the members.

This tribute to those concerned with the programme would not be complete without thanking Mr. J.G. Parkinson for the arrangements made for the extended field meeting to the Farne Islands and the North East. The week proved both ornithologically and socially successful and was much enjoyed.

The annual Open Day held on Saturday September 21st was outstandingly successful. 246 visitors and members came through the doors of number 39 and showed great interest in the displays prepared by the Sections. To have so many people about the building and so much on show somehow brings the building to life in a way not experienced in our day to day affairs. The Museum Committee, chaired by Mr. Graham Teasdill were responsible for organising the day. They, the many helpers, stewards and the providers of refreshments are thanked most warmly for their efforts as is Mrs. Garlinge who kept up supplies and tackled the washing up. We are also grateful for the supporting displays provided by the Dorset Naturalists Trust, the Bournemouth Philatelic Society, the Studland Bay Wreck Project, the Bournemouth Photographic Society and the Mary Rose Travelling Exhibition, all of which added to the interest of the occasion. Publicity for the Open Day was provided by the use of poster material, a preliminary mention in 'The Echo' and an interview recorded for the local Radio. The Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth toured the exhibits and declared 'Open' the

new geology room. This too was reported in 'The Echo'. All together a very useful publicity occasion for the Society.

The News letter produced each quarter for issue with the Programme aims to bring to the attention of all members forthcoming events and other matters of topical, personal and technical interest which might escape the attention of those who do not come to the Society as often as we would like. Contributions are always welcomed by the Secretary for inclusion. Thanks in this connection must be accorded to Miss May Allen and Miss E. Andrew who type and produce the copies.

The Garden has continued to receive the expert attention of Miss M. Blower and her colleagues; it has never looked better and the new plantings are noted with interest. We are grateful for their enthusiasm and thank them for the hard work in rain or shine. The garden has acquired two new teak seats, one as a result of a legacy from the late Mrs. McClay and the other as a gift from Mr. McClay. We are most grateful for these gifts which enable the garden to be enjoyed by a growing number of members.

The membership numbers have been well maintained during the year at some 520 and the essential records of subscriptions paid, changes of address etc. have been maintained by Mrs. I. Towndrow and Mrs. B.E. Hooton Smith to whom we are very grateful for the many hours of detailed work involved. Inevitably we have suffered losses through deaths and resignations but the steady influx of new members testifies to the growing knowledge of the Society and all it has to offer.

The new subscription rates which come into operation on October 1st will undoubtedly lead to some losses; we hope they will be few in recognition of the many satisfactions which can be obtained from membership.

The House and its equipment have received attention during the year although the planned redecoration of the west and south exteriors have not proved possible due to the weather and other causes. It will clearly need priority attention in the coming season. We have regrettably not been able to overcome the rain leaks which have persisted over a long period and have defied all diagnoses - we will keep trying. Among the items which have received attention are; improved lighting in the Museum and at the entrances, a new water boiler for the kitchen, (the 'Stott' water heater gave up after some twenty years use). The lecture hall has acquired a new projector stand and carpeting has been provided for the new geology room and the stairway leading to it.

The Bourne-mouth Camera Club ceased to use the Society's premises as their headquarters on December 31st 1984 after being our tenants for 47 years. We have not been able to fill the resulting letting vacancy for the lecture hall but are always willing to consider applications. We continue to enjoy the support of the Bourne-mouth Philatelic Society and the Dorset Naturalists Trust, we much appreciate their cooperation on the Open Day, and welcome the joint meetings we hold with them and the Royal Horticultural Society.

The planning application appeals on the sites adjoining our premises have upheld the conditions sought by the Society. Number 41 Christchurch Road will it seems be the first to be developed with a block of 12 flats and garages. We shall need to watch our interests during the building on our boundary and this matter will be receiving our attention.

The finances of the Society have been well looked after by the Treasurer Mr. Philip Whieldon who regularly presents us with a statement of income and expenditure and to whom we record our great appreciation for his conscientious attention to our affairs. We have been able to make some savings this year by not having to meet the cost of the exterior redecoration but this will doubtless be used in 1986. The report of the Treasurer to the last AGM indicated the need to protect our reserves against inflation. Action has been taken and with the help and advice of Mr. G.L. Ratcliffe, Mr. W.H. Lee, and Mr. F.W. Wilson supported by a professional consultant an investment has been made in a unit trust - the M&G



Charifund which is especially designed for organisations such as the Society and will ensure protection for our capital as well as providing reasonable interest. We are most grateful to the experts for their help and fully expect that as time goes on we may consider it prudent to invest further funds in this way. The details of the Society's finances are given in the financial statement which will be presented to the AGM but we would here like to record our appreciation of the valuable contributions which have been made by the various money raising events and for the gifts, donations, and legacies which we have received. They make an essential addition to the income from subscriptions.

We again conclude this report and the thanks of the whole membership to the Officers. They work as a happy team headed by Mr. J.G. Parkinson as Council Chairman. Much time is devoted to the very varied affairs of the Society always having in mind the welfare of the membership and our public and private image. Mr. and Mrs. Garlinge continue to apply themselves unstintingly to looking after the smooth running of the House and we are most grateful for their support.

Finally we look forward to welcoming Miss Ruth Winter as our President for 1985/6 and to the continued health and prosperity of the Society under her leadership.

F.R. Watson,  
Secretary.

#### From the Chairman of Council

At the conclusion of my third year as your Chairman of Council, I would like once again to thank the other Officers of our Society for their support during the past year.

It is invidious to pick out individuals but my greatest thanks must once again go to our indefatigable Secretary, Mr. Ren Watson. His close attention to all facets of our affairs never ceases to amaze me.

I would also like to pay tribute to Mr. Whieldon our Treasurer, who works so unobtrusively in the background. The Society's finances have never been in better shape.

Our Deputy Secretary, Mr. Bentley, keeps our minutes with meticulous accuracy shown by the very few occasions when the minutes are questioned.

Finally a special mention for a lady without whom I cannot visualise the society functioning in the smooth way it does. I refer of course to that "Maid of all Work" Mrs. Hooton Smith.

A special thank you to all members of Council who for me have made our meetings a pleasure.

J.G. Parkinson,  
Chairman of Council.

## LEGACIES

During the year we were most grateful for legacies received from the following:-

Mrs. D.G. McClay

Mrs. A.K. Hunt

Mrs. A. Andrews

Mr. J. Trevor White (This is a final payment)

# SEVENTY YEARS AGO

From Proceedings 1914 - 1915

In previous years meetings have been held at 4.30 p.m., but, in consequence of the present darkened state of our streets, the time of meeting, until further notice, will usually be 3 p.m.

The Society is endeavouring to lay the foundations of a MUSEUM by acquiring collections of archaeological, botanical, geological, zoological, and other specimens of scientific interest. A good beginning has already been made in several directions, especially by the acquisition of the valuable Dent Collection of Barton Fossils.

## THE TEA COMMITTEE 1945-85

When in December last year I was asked, "How long ago was the Tea Committee formed?", I had to admit I didn't know.

On looking through the minute books I found the first reported minutes were November 1945.

Before that date it seems the afternoon cup of tea had been very much a do-it-yourself effort. With the war and rationing, it seems members would bring their own little bottle of milk, some tea, sugar and a biscuit. Boiling water was supplied, as now, in pots.

With the forming of a Committee in 1945 followed by the purchase of Tea Pots and Hot Water Jugs in 1953, the foundations were well and truly laid.

It is most interesting to read and note not only the names of the most active members of the Committee, but that in its early days there was a titled personage among the members, a Lady Alabaster.

However it was very exciting to discover a much loved and greatly respected member of our Society, still an active member to-day, was once Chairman of the Tea Committee. I refer to Miss Dorothy Lowther, and although she tells me she only held office for a short while, it has been rewarding to talk to one who has seen the Committee thrive and grow.

In July 1956 it was felt new china was needed and also that seersucker tablecloths would be a big saving on laundry bills. However when this was put to Council, while approving the purchase of coloured crockery, members voted to retain the white tablecloths. This I found most interesting as when, not so long ago, our tablecloths were reaching replacement stage, I was instructed by my Committee to ask Council to approve the purchase of seersucker ones. We got samples of very pretty delicate colours, but once again Council turned down the suggestion. Some things it seems never change. The saving on laundry bills would have been tremendous. Oh well, who knows, next time we might have a change of mind.

Reading through the lists of refreshments ordered for the New Year and Garden Parties, I have been left wondering how many people they catered for. List after list includes: 10 lb Fruit Cake, 5 lb Cherry Cake, 14 dozen Fancies, Sausage Rolls, Bridge Rolls, Jam and Scones. Where did they put it all? The cost of these provisions makes one very envious: from Marks and Spencer, 5 lb Fruit Cake 2/-, 3 lb Cherry Cake 2/2, Bridge Rolls 1½ pence each, (old pence that is).

The minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 1961, tell of alterations to the kitchen, and the frustration felt, as on that date the work was no

nearer completion although six weeks had passed since it started.

In 1973 a new type of tea ticket came into being. These were made of coloured cardboard with TEA printed on in black letters. These replaced the cloakroom tickets that had been used previously and stopped the use of raffle tickets and even bus tickets that had been found among the tea tickets after the lecture. These cardboard tickets have been replaced this year with plastic tickets made and presented to the Society by Mr. and Mrs. Collins.

So we have seen Forty Years of the Tea Committee. On October 22nd this year I begin my thirteenth year as Chairman. Over the years I have been privileged to work with a wonderful group of Ladies. As with all Committees they change with the years and sadly some are no longer with us. We remember with affection Miss Whittaker who was a member of the Committee for thirty years and from whom I took over the chair; sadly she died in 1978. Mrs. Beryl Taylor is another member we recall with fondness; she was a loyal member of our team from 1963 to 1977, when ill health forced her to resign.

With the help of so many willing and faithful members my position as Chairman has been made, not only an easy one, but a most pleasurable one. My grateful thanks go, not only to the present members of my Committee, but to all those wonderful Ladies who served so well and so willingly as members of a Committee second to none.

Mollie Parkinson,  
Chairman.



# ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

## 1984

October	2	<u>Visit</u> to Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museums.	Leader: Graham Teasdill, F.M.A., F.R.S.A., F.R.N.S., F.Z.S. George Cummings
October	10	"Our Heritage"	Leader: Graham Teasdill
November	6	<u>Visit</u> to The other Dorchester and its Abbey	W.V.K. Channon
November	24	"Northern England in History" (including York, Durham, Hadrian's Wall and Lindisfarne)	Arthur Lloyd, B.A.
December	17	"The History of the New Forest"	

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January	14	"The Story of French Chateaux 1200 - 1900"	Miss M. Stocker, B.A.
January	24	<u>Visit</u> to North Dorset in Winter	Leader: Graham Teasdill
February	27	"The Moghuls of India"	Miss M.W.S. Davis
March	21	<u>Visit</u> to West Dorset in Winter	Leader: Graham Teasdill
March	23	"The Churches of Bournemouth"	Graham Teasdill
April	15	"The Story of Southbourne"	J.A. Young, D.M.A.
May	11	"Evolution - The very early and the late stages"	The late Dr. G. Ames, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S. Read by Graham Teasdill
June	29	"The Mary Rose"	The President, Richard F. Harrison, F.M.A.
July	20	"The History of Bournemouth's Railways"	J.A. Young, D.M.A.
July	24	<u>Visit</u> to the Bournemouth Transport Museum	Leader: Graham Teasdill
July	27	"Some reminiscences concerning Public Road Transport in Britain"	Graham Teasdill
August	19	"Danebury, Iron Age Hill Fort"	Chris. Gledhill
September	9	<u>Visit</u> to Portsmouth for the Mary Rose	Leader: Graham Teasdill
September	14	"Around the Dorset Iweres"	Rev.S.C. Dedman, A.L.A.
September	23	<u>Visit</u> to The Dorset Iweres	Leader: Rev.S.C. Dedman
September	24	<u>Visit</u> to Kingston Lacy House and Grounds	Leader: Graham Teasdill

Members of the family of the late Dr. Ames were present to hear his paper read to the Society on May 11th and a relative, who is a member and indeed the immediate past Chairman of this Section, Mr. W.V.K. Channon, took the Chair. Earlier in the year Mr. Channon had thrilled us with his account of Northern England in History. The Director of the Bournemouth Local Studies Group, Mr. J.A. Young, gave us the benefit of two fascinating lectures, one of them marking the Centenary of the Bournemouth Railway Station on the actual date. The Vice Chairman of the Section, Miss M. Stocker, gave us an enthralling account of French Chateaux and we had a visit from Hampshire County Council's Countryside Manager, Chris. Gledhill, to tell us about Danebury. Particular studies were made of the New Forest under Arthur Lloyd and the Dorset Iweres under the Rev. S.C. Dedman. Our President honoured the Section with a lecture on the Mary Rose. As usual we also had a very full programme of visits.

Graham Teasdill,  
Chairman.

# ASTRONOMY

## 1984

October	6	The Use of the Micro in Astronomy	Colin Pither, F.R.A.S.
November	3	Amateur Scientist and the Rotation of the Earth	Geoff Kirby, B.Sc.
December	8	Time and the Calendar	Graeme Nash, M.A., F.R.A.S.

## 1985

January	12	Voyager Missions to Jupiter and Saturn	Andrew Chisholm
March	16	Stellar Evolution	Peter Clifford, Ph.D.
April	27	Halley's Comet	Adrian Owen

There were six lectures in the course of the year, each given on a Saturday afternoon.

On October 6, 1984, Colin Pither, the well-known local amateur astronomer, gave a talk entitled, 'The Use of the Micro in Astronomy'. The use and potential of the micrometer was lucidly explained by Colin who used his own observations of double stars as illustration.

The following two lectures had been arranged to commemorate the centenary of the adoption of the Greenwich Meridian as the International Prime Meridian in 1984. This also meant that Greenwich Mean Time had been the International Reference, not only for terrestrial time and navigation, but also for astronomical timing.

In the first lecture, on November 3, Geoff Kirby, an amateur astronomer from Weymouth, discussed the rotation of the earth as the basis for Greenwich Mean Time. The rotation rate varies erratically so even the rotation axis of the earth was discovered to 'wander' relative to the surface. Since the 1950s, therefore, the earth's rotation has ceased to be used as a time standard. Atomic time is now used.

In the second lecture, on December 8, the section chairman considered the earth's rotation in relation to its orbital period about the sun, that is, the day and the year respectively. The relationship between these two fundamental units of astronomical time is the story of the calendar. The calendar attempts to represent the year in days as closely as possible, to define the seasons for agriculture or important religious festivals, etc. The development of the calendar was described up to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar by the whole world.

In the new year, on January 12, 1985, a totally different topic was the subject of a lecture by Andrew Chisholm, a local amateur astronomer. He reviewed the NASA Voyager I and II missions to Jupiter and Saturn, illustrating the talk by a collection of superb slides taken by the probes. Voyager II is on its way to Uranus (January, 1986) and then Neptune (August, 1989). It will be the first probe to visit these two remote giants, so that astronomers are eagerly awaiting new surprises from the outer solar system.

On March 16 Dr. Peter Clifford completed his trilogy of talks about stars and interstellar space. In the previous two years he had discussed the interstellar medium (on which he was awarded a Ph.D.), and the formation of stars respectively. In this third lecture he discussed stellar evolution.

The final lecture of the year was given by Adrian Owen on April 27 with the topic of 'Halley's Comet'. Adrian is a well-known local amateur astronomer and eclipse chaser. One of his main interests this year will

be the observation of Comet Halley with his 14 inch Celestron telescope as it sweeps past the earth during 1985 and 1986. Adrian illustrated his talk with many slides.

History's most famous comet is about to make its 30th known re-appearance (since 3rd century B.C.). Its previous visitations include before the battle of Hastings in 1066 and it is immortalised on the Bayeux Tapestry. The 1682 appearance was recorded by Halley who calculated the orbit and correctly predicted the return 76 years later in 1758, long after his death. The last appearance was 1910, when the earth went through the tail (with no apparent effects). The coming appearance could be a disappointment, however, in terms of comet brightness. However, the astronomical community will show great interest. Russian, European and Japanese spaceprobes to the comet should also help to make this appearance the most exhaustively observed to date.

Graeme Nash,  
Chairman.

## BOTANY

### Lectures

#### 1984

October 27 British Columbia Mr. W. Whitsed, F.R.S.A

#### 1985

January	9	The Pasadena Rose Parade	Mr. J.G. Parkinson
March	30	An Amateur Botanist Looks at the Buttercup family.	Mrs. A. Leonard
April	24	Flowers I've met on my Travels.	Miss M. Brooks
June	8	Identifying and Photographing Fungi.	Mr. B.S. Candy, F.R.P.S.
July	10	My Gardening Memories	Mr. F. Oldham, M.A., B.Sc., F.Inst.P.
August	17	The Canary Islands	Miss F. Causton, A.T.I.I., A.I.B.

### Field Meetings

#### 1984

October	5	Barrow Moor	R.G. Lees
October	11	Denny Wood	R.G. Lees
October	23	Ladycross Lodge	R.G. Lees
November	1	Gritnam Wood	Mrs. M. Saunders
November	22	Stanpit Marsh	Mrs. A. Leonard
December	4	Linford Bottom	Mrs. A. Leonard

#### 1985

January	22	Bolderwood	H. Ambrose
March	12	Pamphill	Mrs. M. Saunders
April	9	Uddens Common	Mrs. M. Saunders
April	25	Beaulieu River	R. Lees
April	30	Townsend Reserve	Mrs. A. Leonard
May	16	Cranborne	R. Lees
May	23	Dibden Bay	R. Lees
May	28	Corfe Common	Miss M. Blower



June	4	Throop	Mrs. M. Saunders
June	10	Badbury Rings (evening)	Mrs. S. Thomas
June	18	Hengistbury Head	R. Lees
June	19	Stanpit Marsh (evening)	H. Ambrose
June	24	Holmsley Old Runway (evening)	R. Lees
July	5	River Avon	Mrs. M. Saunders
July	11	The Fleet	Miss M. Blower
July	16	Abbotsbury Gardens and the Swannery	Mrs. S. Thomas
July	19	Burbush	R. Lees
August	1	Cadman's Pool	Mrs. A. Leonard
August	9	Bokerley Junction	H. Ambrose
August	20	Wootton Bridge	R. Lees
August	30	Martin Down	R. Lees
September	12	Holmsley Old Runway	R. Lees
September	27	South Oakley	H. Ambrose

The year as always brought surprises and sometimes confused us with smudged seasons but looking back, over what had seemed indifferent success, we really did quite well.

The last quarter of 1984 yielded some fine fungi and during the year, with the assistance of Mr. Collings and Mr. Candy, together with sustained study and identification work by Mrs. Leonard and Mr. Lees, we have learnt a little more about the various species.

Some of our most well-known plants, apparently through the odd weather, put their flowering off for weeks, while others which seemed to have missed the sun, hurriedly flowered again, if sparsely, in September which was a kinder month. On going through our records I found we saw no less than eleven members of the orchid family. Most rewarding were the elusive but unspectacular *Hammarbya paludosa* (Bog orchid), *Platanthera bifolia* (Lesser Butterfly orchid) and *Cephalanthera damasonium* (the white Helleborine).

Early in 1985 we were fortunate in glimpsing *Claytonia perfoliata* (Spring Beauty) and *Montia fontana* (Blinks). Later, we saw *Orobanche rapum genistae* and *Orobanche minor* (Broomrapes), the shy *Legousia hybrida* (Venus' Looking glass), *Solidago virgaurea* (Golden Rod) and *Gentianella campestris* (Field Gentian).

During the longer days a few evening meetings were arranged and proved popular. One, at Stanpit was subject to extremely wet weather so eventually only a few made that excursion; oddly it proved most fruitful. There I particularly remember amongst other plants, one outstandingly beautiful deep purple (hogweed) *Heracleum sphondylium*. Sometimes the "common" familiar plants give as much pleasure as the rarer species.

As can be seen from the attached list of Field Meetings thanks are due to those several members who led us on our walks and I am glad that on most occasions we were again supported by Mr. Lees.

Now I must record how deeply sorry I was to lose the personal support and encouragement afforded me by Mrs. Hunt. Similarly the death of Mr. Clayton who though only a comparatively recent member of the Society had become a friendly and valuable referee and lecturer meant a loss to us all.

Thanks are due to Mr. Parkinson and Miss Brooks who so ably came to the rescue when two of the lectures were cancelled and those lectures were particularly enjoyed. Mr. Oldham's memories of his gardening were of special interest and Mrs. Leonard's study of *Ranunculaceae* (the Buttercup family) was stimulating and informative. All of these lectures were enhanced by the beautiful slides produced by our members. As explained, "The Canary Islands" was not a botanical lecture but Miss Causton's slides and clear explanations made it enjoyable for its several allied interests.

All we can do now is hope for a better summer with rewarding and happy days for our intrepid botany excursions.

Stella Thomas,  
Chairman.

# GENERAL

## 1984

November	21	Christmas Time in Natal	Miss M.M. Brooks, Ph.C., M.P.S., F.R.S.H., F.R.E.S.
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## 1985

March	20	Canada Here I Come	Gwyn Williams
May	13	With Henry V to Agincourt	Miss P.E. Winter, M.A.
May	22	Isles of Scilly	W.J. Whitsed, F.R.S.A.
June	1	Small Boat Sailing in Dutch Waters	Chris Austin
June	26	The Story of the Two Sarums	H.C. Oram
July	22	Glimpses of Afghanistan	Mrs. J.C. Earl
July	27	Reminiscences concerning Public Road Transport in Britain	G. Teasdill, F.M.A., F.R.S.A., F.R.N.S., F.Z.S.
July	31	Safari in Kenya and Hot Air Ballooning in Tanzania	K.M. Eames, F.C.A.
August	4	The Thames Valley	Mrs. Obee
August	21	Travels in Malawi	Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Mann
August	31	Gypsies Past and Present	Mrs. K. Martin
September	18	Over the Hills and Not So Far Away Part 2	Mrs. M. Arnold
September	28	Around the World in 60 Minutes	K.M. Eames, F.C.A.

Many members of the Society contributed lectures under the General heading. One of the most notable was Miss M.M. Brooks whose talk, Christmas Time in Natal, covered all sections of the Society with the addition of Ichthyology. She photographed in situ not only butterflies but also birds, snakes and fish, and her slides were, as always, of superb standard.

Mr. Christopher Austin took us sailing single-handed in a small boat from Dover to Dutch waters and Mr. H.C. Oram gave us a talk nearer home, The Story of the Two Sarums, and he included for good measure the building of Salisbury Cathedral and the planning of the new town.

Not So Far Away was Mrs. Arnold whose slides showed the countryside round Bournemouth and included, among many other interesting places and buildings Crichel House with its lake and snowdrops in February, Braemore House and the ancient Mizmaze, Milton Abbas with St. Catherine's Chapel and Milton Abbey (scene of the Television production, To Serve Them All My Days), Old Wardour Castle and Stourhead Gardens, photographed in autumn and early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann in their Travels in Malawi recounted their adventures in a chalet on the shores of Lake Nyasa near Mangochi. A constant visitor was the rock hyrax (*prociavia capensis*) which is the nearest relative to the elephant. They showed Malawi as a paradise for botanists and ornithologists but full of problems for the people living there.

We are grateful to those who very kindly stepped in during the illnesses of scheduled lecturers and we thoroughly enjoyed their talks and slides: Mr. Teasdill on Public Road Transport, Mrs. Obee on The Thames Valley and Mr. Eames on his Safari in Kenya. Mr. Eames also took us on a breathless 60 minute tour of the world with wonderful slides in an unforgettable hour.

Enjoyable afternoons were spent in the Isles of Scilly with Mr. W.J. Whitsed and in Canada with Mr. Gwyn Williams. Miss P.E. Winter showed us how near the triumph of the Battle of Agincourt had been to total disaster. Mrs. K. Martin held us fascinated with her account of Gypsies, Past and Present. She had taught in a school attended by gypsies and her

talk showed her affection and admiration for those people and her knowledge of their origins, laws, customs and superstitions.

I have left till last the talk given by Mrs. J.C. Earl on Afghanistan. She lived there for four years after the 1939/45 war and she brought a display of Afghan national clothing and personal ornaments. She showed remarkable slides of the Khyber Pass, the beautiful Band-i-amir Lakes and the River Kabul, both as a raging torrent and as a dried up river bed. It was with great sadness that we heard of Mrs. Earl's death soon after her lecture. She had played an active part in the Society and had been Chairman of Members' Day from 1969 to 1979. She was widely travelled and members will remember her many lectures and be thankful that she was able to continue giving them right to the end of her life.

K. Milner Bennetts,  
Chairman.

## GEOGRAPHY

### Lectures

#### 1984

October	17	King Country, New Zealand	Miss E. Hartwell
November	17	United States, Eastern Seaboard from Boston to New Orleans	Miss M.W.S. Davis

#### 1985

January	16	Under England's Eastern Skies	W.O. Robins, A.R.I.C.S.
February	23	South Island, New Zealand	K.M. Eames, F.C.A., A.T.I.I.
March	9	The Rain Forests of Central Africa	V. Ives
April	17	Tasmania	Lt.Col. A. Hemsley, M.B.E., T.D., E.D.
May	18	Ancient Buildings of the Mountain Kingdom of Nepal	P.A. Down, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.
June	15	A Look at Tunisia	Miss M.W.S. Davis
July	17	Selkirk and the Border Country	Mrs. J. George
August	3	A Hitchhiker's Guide to Malaysia	J. Bentley, B.Sc.
September	4	Captain Bligh, Seaman and Navigator	Capt. G.T. Cooper, O.B.E., R.N.retd.

### Field Meetings

March	14	Hambledon Hill Fort	Miss M.W.S. Davis Mrs. M. Saunders
June	20	Breamore and Whitsbury	Miss M.W.S. Davis Mrs. M. Saunders
July	26	Visit to Cadhay Manor and Ottery St. Mary Church	Miss M.W.S. Davis Mrs. M.S. Lund

During the past year the lectures have covered many countries, including the British Isles.

Mrs. George presented an interesting look at Selkirk and the lovely hilly border countryside which she viewed on one occasion from the local post bus, (in reality a private car!). In direct contrast Mr. Robins chose the more lowland areas of eastern England and illustrated his talk with some fine slides.



Two members gave talks on New Zealand: Miss Hartwell's was an intimate look at King Country where she visited friends, whereas Mr. Eames travelled around the South Island, his slides showing this lovely country to full advantage.

Mr. Ives returned in March to continue Part 2 of 'An Awesome Safari'. This time he trekked through the rain forests of Central Africa where he was fortunate to see and photograph the pygmy people, who are rarely seen by Europeans.

The North American continent was shown when Miss Davis journeyed down the eastern seaboard from Boston to New Orleans, that fascinating city where jazz was born.

A change in period and country came when Mr. Down showed some of the ancient buildings of Nepal where the medieval wooden pagodas still stand in the villages.

We welcomed back Lt.Col. Hemsley who had been on another visit to far away places, this time to Tasmania.

August brought a 'Hitchhiker's Guide to Malaysia' when Mr. James Bentley gave a fascinating account of the trek which he and some friends made down through Malaysia to Brunei.

Unfortunately Mrs. O'Shea was unable to give her lecture on Mexico, so the Chairman spoke on her recent visit to Tunisia, showing some of the fine Roman mosaics.

The year was brought to a close by Capt. George Cooper, whose interesting and humorous talk on Capt. Bligh held his audience spellbound.

### Field Meetings

On a bright sunny March morning a group of members met at the fort of Hambledon Hill preparatory to walking around the Rings up to the iron age fort which occupies the summit. The view from the top is magnificent, right over to Stourhead in Wiltshire.

The next expedition was on June 20, when we walked from Breamore House car park along the Whitsbury lanes and up over Breamore Hill where we found some fine viper's bugloss plants.

The last outing was on July 25 when Mrs. Lund and the Chairman took a full coach to Ottery St. Mary church and Cadhay Manor, a delightful Elizabethan manor house, set in a lovely garden. A cream tea supplied by the ladies of the W.I. made a fitting end to a happy day.

I should like to thank all the members who have contributed to a successful year, by giving lectures, leading field meetings or, equally important, forming the audience.

M.W.S. Davis,  
Chairman.

## GEOLOGY

### Lectures

#### 1984

October 8 Geology and Scenery in Dorset. Mrs. V. Copp, B.A.

#### 1985

February 18 Geological Oddities of Dorset. Mrs. V. Copp, B.A.

March 18 Fun with Dinosaurs in Dorset. Mrs. Jackie Ridley,  
Curator of the Dinosaur  
Museum, Dorchester.

April	20	The Wyth Farm Oilfield.	Mr. Tom Bloxam, British Petroleum.
May	29	Films - Learning about Rocks, Looking at Rocks and Origins of Oil.	
June	19	Geology of Islands.	Mrs. V. Copp, B.A.
July	6	Islands of Poole Harbour.	Miss Y. Glover, Hydrologist, Poole Harbour Commission.
September	7	Geology and Scenery of New Zealand	Dr. Reg Bradshaw, M.Sc., Ph.D.

### Field Meetings

#### 1985

February	26	Godlingston Heath and the Agglestone	Mrs. V. Copp, B.A.
March	26	Dinosaur Museum and Geological Section of the County Museum, Dorchester.	G. Teasdill and Mrs. M. Saunders.
April	23	Wyth Farm Oilfield	Mr. Tom Bloxam
July	30	Brenscombe Hill	Mrs. V. Copp, B.A.
August	7	Gad Cliff and Worbarrow Tout	Mrs. V. Copp, B.A.

### Report

My first year as Chairman of the Geology Section has been a very encouraging one. Lectures at the House have been well attended and Members have expressed interest in the choice of topics presented.

There has been a happy band of budding geologists coming out into the field but their loyalty has been severely tested by the poor weather this summer. Trying to find Bunter sandstones and Carboniferous cherts in Worbarrow Bay in the pouring rain daunts even the most intrepid.

The great event of the year was the acquisition of a Geology room, a room on the lower ground floor of the House vacated by the Camera Club. It is well lit and with new carpet acquired and laid down by Mr. George Parkinson and with the installation of showcases, shelves and display boards by Mr. Bill Whitsed the room is really beginning to look inviting. I give my grateful thanks to both of them for their help. It will now be easier for Members to examine and handle some of the Museum exhibits which have not previously been so accessible. It will also offer an opportunity next year for seminars for small numbers of specially interested Members.

I would again like to thank Mrs. Molly Saunders and Mr. Ren Watson for their continued help and support, and, as always, many thanks to our backroom boy, Mr. John Mitton, for his invaluable services in projecting the slides.

I hope next year with the talks and outings planned to give Members further insight into many other different aspects of the fascinating subject of Geology.

Mrs. V.E. Copp,  
Chairman.

# HORTICULTURE

## Lectures

1985

February	20	Restoration of Kingston Lacy Gardens	David Smith
March	2	Greenhouse Plants for Foliage and Flowers (Joint meeting with the R.H.S.)	John Clayton, A.M.H.

The year started sadly with the deaths of two of our garden team: Mrs. Hunt, botanist, lover of our garden at 39, and Mr. John Clayton, A.M.H. busy in his retirement from Wisley, who gave us so much help, advice and encouragement. We have shown our high esteem and affection for our friends in continuing the work in the garden.

The mimosa (*acacia dealbata*) have become dangerous and must soon be felled. The famous flowering Paulownia was due for the same fate but on a windy night she blew over. We have planted another young Paulownia among others native to China in the S.E. corner of the garden. In the past two years over forty old tree stumps have been dug out, opening up borders for new plants. Some old favourites are back, *camellia stellata*, *ceanothus paget blue* and *daphne opera*. There are also exciting new ones, *acacia pravissima*, *fothergilla monticola*, *lespedeza thunbergil*, *drimys lanceolata* and *leptospermum nichollsii*. These are now possible due to new techniques in horticulture and wider knowledge of the plant kingdom. There is an international movement afoot to preserve our gardens and we, in a small way, are part of it.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank members for all the help received, donations to funds, new seats, plants and encouragement. To the gardening team I give a special 'Thank you'. Their constant efforts and hard work make all our achievement possible and without them I could not cope.

Mary Blower,  
Chairman.

# PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

1984

October	20	Sound and Hearing	J.S. Brooks, B.Sc., F.Inst.P.
October	25	Visit to Swanage Brick and Tile Works	T.A. Crawshaw, F.Inst.M.C.
November	19	The Place of the Scientist in Industry	M.A. Simmons, A.I.E.E. Pirelli General Engineering Department
December	19	Quiz on Science and Scientists	T.A. Crawshaw, F.Inst.M.C.



1985

January	30	The Ubiquitous Microprocessor	D.M. Davis, Ph.D. Plessey Controls
February	16	History and Development of Computing Devices	Prof. D. Parkinson, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.Inst.P., F.I.M.A. University of London
March	13	Bournemouth Yellow Buses: The Current Position	Ian Cunningham, B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mun.E.
April	10	The Sounds of Musical Instruments	F. Oldham, M.A., B.Sc., F.Inst.P.

Mr. J.S. Brooks in his lecture "Sound and Hearing" in October, put our hearing to the test by playing notes of gradually increasing frequency until they were inaudible. He went on to explain the various aspects of sound such as intensity, loudness and frequency which gave the total impression to the hearer.

Also in October some 25 members were shown round the Swanage Brick and Tile Works at Godlingston, and saw bricks being made from clay quarried on the site. Many specialised forms of high quality bricks are made at the works.

Mr. M.A. Simmons, of the Pirelli Engineering Section at Southampton, lectured on the place of the Scientist in industry. Quoting Huxley, scientists "were trained in organised common sense", and have roles to play in advancing industry, and duties to their firms and to the community, in return for which rewards in the form of fun, vanity, adventure, liberty and - money! are received.

My Science quiz in December was a light-hearted affair, and was unusually well attended (there being something else following!)

Dr. Hugh Bell of Plessey was unable to be present but his place was taken by Dr. D.M. Davis, also from Plessey. He described the development of the microprocessor from the stage of the "wireless valve" through the transistor, to the multiple transistors with 50 elements and on to the microprocessor with 1000 devices, and further to the microcomputer with 50,000 elements capable of dealing with large amounts of information, sorting and classifying it, and performing calculations. This facility for handling information could be utilised to solve problems such as traffic control, and operate petrol pumps.

Professor Denis Parkinson, of Queen Mary College, brought along a fascinating collection of devices to illustrate his lecture on the History and Development of Computers, from small hand-operated comptometers to modern machines capable of very high speeds and complex calculations.

Mr. Ian Cunningham in March gave a very comprehensive lecture on the organisation of Bournemouth Yellow Buses, the future trends of public transport and the effects of present and possible future legislation.

The Sounds of Musical Instruments was the subject chosen by Mr. F. Oldham for the April lecture. From the fundamental sound waves, different instruments produce different timbres by the addition of different harmonics, and by the nature of the beginnings and endings of the notes.

I am very grateful to those members who have supported the Physics and Chemistry Section; to our lecturers; and to the Dorset Institute of Higher Education and firms and organisations who have been generous with their help.

After ten years as Chairman of the Physics and Chemistry Section I feel it is time I relinquished the post, and I have indicated my wish to resign in April 1986.

T.A. Crawshaw,  
Chairman.

# ZOOLOGY – ENTOMOLOGY

## 1984

October	24	Woodland butterflies (Part I)	Miss M.M. Brooks, Ph.C., F.R.E.S. A.E. Cooper
December	1	Fleas	A.E. Cooper

## 1985

March	27	Woodland butterflies (Part 2)	Miss M.M. Brooks, Ph.C., F.R.E.S.
April	13	Butterflies - Habitats, Breeding and Variation	A.S. Harmer.

## Field Meetings

May	21	Ballard Down	R.G. Lees
June	14	Martin Down	Miss M.M. Brooks
July	2	Latchmore Bottom	Miss M.M. Brooks
July	25	Great Ridge Wood	Miss M.M. Brooks
August	16	Martin Down	Miss M.M. Brooks

The spring of 1985 will be remembered for the exceptionally early arrival of some species of migrant Lepidoptera. Numbers of Striped Hawk Moths (*H. lineata livornica*) were reported in April, and the first sighting of a sizeable immigration of the Painted Lady (*V. cardui*) was on 2nd April. On September 11th a Camberwell Beauty (*N. antiopa*) was seen in the garden of no.39 by Miss M. Blower.

The Ballard Down field meeting was ruined entomologically by a sea mist, but the day was saved by the leader, Mr. R.G. Lees, who pointed out many items of botanical interest. The June visit to Martin Down was especially successful, with sightings of Marsh Fritillary (*E. aurinia*) and a large batch of larvae of the Browntail moth (*E. chrysorrhoea*). Six species of dragonflies were seen at Latchmore Bottom.

The lecture in December 1984, given by Mr. A.E. Cooper was a fascinating account of the life cycles, habitats, and behaviour of the various types of Fleas. Mr. A.S. Harmer spoke in April 1985 of the factors governing the habitats of different butterfly families, the variation which can occur within a species, and gave hints for breeding butterflies. The two lectures on woodland butterflies dealt with the life histories and ecological requirements of the species inhabiting different types and areas of woodland.

Margaret Brooks,  
Chairman.

# ZOOLOGY – MAMMALIA

## 1984

October	12	South Oakley Area	Mrs. M. Arnold Miss K.M. Bennetts
October	30	Matley	Mrs. M. Saunders Miss K.M. Bennetts

November	15	Frame Heath Area	Miss E. Souter
November	29	Ridley Plain Bratley Wood	Miss K.M. Bennetts
December	13	Anderwood	Miss M.W.S. Davis
			Mrs. M.S. Lund
			J.G. Parkinson
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April	2	Sluffers Area	Miss M.W.S. Davis
			Mrs. M.S. Lund
April	19	Linford Bottom	Mr. & Mrs. K.T. North
May	2	Purbeck	Mrs. M. Arnold
May	9	Seashore Life	Miss K.M. Bennetts
May	17	Linwood (Appleslade)	J.G. Parkinson
May	20	Hengistbury Head	Mark Holloway (Ranger)
			Miss K.M. Bennetts
June	5	Antelopes	Miss K.M. Bennetts
June	13	Dewlands Common Dorset	Mrs. R.M. Crane
June	2	Carey Heath	Mrs. M. Saunders
			Miss K.M. Bennetts
July	4	Hengistbury Head Marine Walk	Miss K.M. Bennetts
July	18	Blackwater Area	Miss E. Souter
			Miss K.M. Bennetts
August	15	Cadman's Pool	Mrs. A. Leonard
August	28	Natural History Quiz	Miss K.M. Bennetts
August	29	Hasley Wood and Sloden Inclosures	Miss M.W.S. Davis
			Mrs. M.S. Lund
September	10	Rhinefield Area (Puttles Bridge)	Mrs. M. Arnold
			Miss K.M. Bennetts
September	26	Ladycross Lodge	Miss K.M. Bennetts

The venues for field meetings have been the New Forest, Dorset and Hengistbury Head. The leaders of the meetings are mentioned elsewhere and I express my appreciation to them. Shortage of space prevents full accounts of field meetings and so a resumé will have to suffice.

One stalk in March accounted for 83 fallow deer (*dama dama*) including 16 bucks, mostly antlerless as the antlers are cast annually in the spring. Another stalk in September provided an exceptional day's viewing; 22 fallow deer (*dama dama*) were seen, possibly a buck herd. One or two had exceptionally good heads. Then 24 red deer (*cervus elaphas*) appeared, two of which were royals (which have 12 pointers). Among the stags were several hinds. A few weeks hence the rut (mating season) should take place when the master stags collect a harem. In October despite fog and poor visibility a mixed bag of 36 sika (*cervus nippon*) hinds, 6 sika stags, 2 fallow bucks and 12 does were sighted. Of particular interest was the commotion caused by the fallow bucks entering the area predominantly that of sika. From a distance it was difficult to see who was chasing whom for territorial rights.

Mr. Mark Holloway, Ranger of Hengistbury Head, led an interesting walk around the shores of the Headland and spoke of some of its history, describing the changes of the area during the past 2000 years, which included the alteration of the course of the river and the harbour entrance. Using a hand-net the Ranger dredged a small channel on the harbour side from which gobi, flounder, shrimps and various species of crabs were netted. On the seaward side of the Head several species of seaweeds were noted, bracks - bladder (*fucus vesiculosus*), serrated (*fucus serratus*), spiral (*fucus spiralis*), oar weed (*laminaria digitata*) and sea lettuce (*ulva lactuca*). We saw interesting flora, eel grass (*zostera officinalis*), sea aster (*aster tripolium*), scurvy grass (*cochlearia officinalis*), sea milkwort (*glaux maritima*), sea purslane



(*halimione portulacoides*). Among the crustaceans found were acorn barnacle (*balanus balanoides*), goose barnacle (*lepas anadifera*), sand hopper (*talitrus saltator*), hermit crab (*eupagurus bernhardus*), and shore crab (*carcinus maenas*). There were masses of tiny mussels and barnacles on the groin, and clusters of pale yellow eggs, the size of wheat grains, which are the eggs of dog whelk (*nucella lapillus*). These pale yellow clusters resemble a bath sponge, while the eggs of cuttlefish (*sepia officinalis*) are like bunches of small black grapes.

A lecture was given by the Chairman on the Deer family (*cervidae*) which included an account of the deer of Britain, British Columbia and India photographed in situ. The differences and requirements for feeding and breeding were fully discussed.

K. Milner Bennetts,  
Chairman.

## ZOOLOGY – ORNITHOLOGY

### Lectures

#### 1984

October	22	Bird Watching in Kenya	Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Mann
December	12	Bee - eaters	J.H. Elgood, M.A.

#### 1985

January	26	Birds, a Privileged View	Dudley Higginson
February	9	Arctic Riviera - Wildlife in Greenland.	Mike Read and Martin King.

### Field Meetings

#### 1984

October	4	Radipole Lake and Lodmore	Mrs. L.M. Maddox
October	19	Stanpit Marshes	J.G. Parkinson
November	8	Bolderwood	J.G. Parkinson
November	20	Beaulieu Road	Mrs. L.M. Maddox
December	7	Farlington Marshes	J.G. Parkinson
December	18	South Haven Peninsula	J.G. Parkinson

#### 1985

January	8	Avon and Sopley	Mrs. L.M. Maddox
January	18	Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve	Miss G. Hayball
February	28	Calshot	J.G. Parkinson
March	15	Perrywood Ivy Inclosure	J.G. Parkinson
March	29	Keyhaven Marshes	J.G. Parkinson
April	12	Hengistbury Head	R.G. Lees
April	26	Durlston Head	J.G. Parkinson
May	3	Winspit	Mrs. L.M. Maddox
May	16	Thorncombe Nature Trail	Miss G. Hayball
May	24	Bokerley Junction	Mrs. M. Saunders
June	11	Beaulieu Road	Mrs. L.M. Maddox
June	21	Perrywood Ivy Inclosure	J.G. Parkinson
July	9	Holmsley Lodge	Mrs. M. Saunders
July	23	Frame Heath	Mrs. L.M. Maddox
August	13	Stanpit Marshes	J.G. Parkinson
August	23	Keyhaven Marshes	J.G. Parkinson
September	3	Durlston Head	J.G. Parkinson
September	17	Ninebarrow Down	Mrs. L.M. Maddox

The season 1984/85 has been one of extreme weather conditions, but despite heavy snow and ice during the winter, and gales and rain throughout the summer, all but a few of the scheduled Field Meetings for the year were completed and a number of interesting sightings made.

We paid our annual visit to Radipole Lake at Weymouth in October 1984 and were pleased to see a Phalarope at one end of the lake. After much discussion and viewing through telescopes it was decided to be a Grey Phalarope, although the Red-necked Phalarope is very similar to the Grey in winter plumage. We stopped at Lodmore, now an R.S.P.B. Reserve, on the way home, where there are several excellent hides open, with views onto the marsh. Greenshank were feeding on the mud.

The heath at Beaulieu Road can be very interesting in the winter. This year we were fortunate to see a female Hen Harrier with prey, perched in the middle of the heath - not an easy bird to spot in those circumstances but it eventually flew off and was unmistakable.

Farlington Marshes in early December was also a very rewarding area - with huge flocks of Brent Geese and a big flock of Black tailed Godwit, with Knot and Ruff. The most memorable sight was of enormous flocks of small waders moving from their high tide roosts to feeding grounds across the water as the tide fell. It looked as if the whole of the surface of the water was moving.

We went to the Avon and Sopley area in January in a snow storm! We abandoned our usual walk through the fields and stayed in the village where fortunately most of the birds seemed to have congregated, and we saw a big flock of Siskins in alders near the stream.

Fog spoilt visibility at Calshot in February, but later cleared and a male Hen Harrier appeared quartering the common land near the marsh.

We were unlucky with our coach trip, led by Miss G. Hayball, to Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve, planned for mid-January 1985. Heavy snow all over the south of England prevented our going, and the visit was postponed until the beginning of March. We were able to see a flock of about 25 Ruff - some coming into summer plumage - on the water meadows, and also an early Chiff-chaff. Cetti's Warbler is now singing here.

It was good to see the summer migrants again at Winspit in May and to hear Blackcap, Garden warbler, Whitethroat and Lesser Whitethroat with Willow warblers and Chiff-chaff singing in the bushes by the path to the sea.

A new area was Bokerley Junction where Mrs. M. Saunders took us at the end of May. Our target was Nightingales, and we were rewarded by hearing 4 birds singing, and seeing 1 Nightingale as it flew into the bushes.

Another new place, at least for the Ornithological Section, was Holmsley Lodge, where we started through the forest, walked along the old railway line and finished in open forest with gorse. There we had good sightings of a Dartford Warbler.

We varied our return journey at Keyhaven Marshes in August, coming back from the far end of Pennington Marsh, along a road and then a lane, and found a family party of Spotted Flycatchers in a sheltered corner of a field between two gardens.

During the year four Lectures were given. Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Mann spoke on "Bird watching in Kenya", Mr. J.H. Elgood, M.A. on "Bee-eaters", Mr. Dudley Higginson on "Birds, a Privileged View", and Mike Read and Martin King talked about "Wildlife in Greenland".

I must once again thank everyone who has supported this Section during the year, especially those who have arranged and led Field Meetings for me, and my Deputy, Miss G. Hayball, for all her help.

L.M. Maddox,  
Chairman.

## Local Record List of Birds of Particular Interest

- Slavonian Grebe, (*Podiceps auritus*). 18th December 1984, South Haven Peninsula. 23rd August 1985, Keyhaven.
- Gannet, (*Sula bassana*). 26th April and 3rd September, Durlston.
- Water-rail, (*Rallus aquaticus*). 4th October, Radipole.
- Hen Harrier, (*Circus cyaneus*). 20th November, female with prey, Beaulieu Road. 28th February, Calshot.
- Black-tailed Godwit, (*Limosa limosa*). 7th December, Farlington. 28th February, Calshot. 1st March, Titchfield. 29th March, Keyhaven. 13th August, Stanpit. 23rd August, Keyhaven.
- Whimbrel, (*Numenius phaeopus*). 13th August, Stanpit. 23rd August, Keyhaven.
- Spotted Redshank, (*Tringa erythropus*). 23rd August, Keyhaven.
- Greenshank, (*Tringa nebularia*). 4th October, Lodmore. 18th December, South Haven Peninsula. 28th February, Calshot.
- Knot, (*Calidris canutus*). 7th December, Farlington.
- Golden Plover, (*Pluvialis apricaria*). 7th December, Farlington.
- Ruff, (*Philomachus pugnax*). 25th December, Farlington. 1st March, Titchfield.
- Grey Phalarope, (*Phalaropus fulicarius*). 4th October, Radipole.
- Kingfisher, (*Alcedo atthis*). 23rd August, Keyhaven.
- Redstart, (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*). 23rd July, Frame Heath.
- Black Redstart, (*Phoenicurus ochrurus*). 20th November, Beaulieu Road.
- Nightingale, (*Luscinia megarhynchos*). 4, 24th May, Bokerley Junction.
- Dartford Warbler, (*Sylvia undata*). 9th July, Holmsley Lodge.
- Spotted Flycatcher, (*Muscicapa striata*). 3rd May, Winspit. 16th May, Thorncombe. 9th July, Holmsley Lodge. 23rd July, Frame Heath, 23rd August, Keyhaven.
- Yellow Wagtail, (*Motacilla flava*). 3rd May, Winspit. 13th August, Stanpit. Flock, 3rd September, Durlston.
- Redpoll, (*Acanthis flammea*). 20th November and 11th June, Beaulieu Road.
- Siskin, (*Carduelis spinus*). 35, 8th January, Avon and Sopley. 15th March, Perrywood Ivy.
- Lesser Whitethroat, (*Sylvia curruca*). 3rd May, Winspit. 24th May, Bokerley Junction.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### 1984

October	31	Portraits through my lens.	Dr. T.M. Bell, B.A.
November	28	Audio-visual show.	P. Williams.
December	15	Colour Magic.	J. Eldridge.

### 1985

January	23	Brazil Colour.	Miss S. Webster.
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February	2	Jerusalem and the Holy Land.	F. Edwards.
May	4	Chamonix and the Alps.	R. Fortt.
June	22	Things that fly.	J. Brooks.
July	3	Christchurch Priory, History and Architecture.	Mrs. G.E. Obee.
August	10	The Pestalozzi Children's Village.	Flt. Officer P.M. Parsons.
September	16	Camera in the Countryside.	Mrs. G.E. Obee.

Once again we are grateful to members and visiting speakers alike for their most enjoyable contributions over the year.

After his delightful programme in October, it saddens me very much that we shall no longer enjoy the fascinating dialogue and expert photography of the late, beloved Dr. T.M. Bell. He is very much missed.

Superb photography was provided by Mr. P. Williams, and Mr. J. Eldridge in November and December, whilst in January, our own Miss Sally Webster was able to include an enthralling programme for us before returning from a short home leave to her teaching post in Brazil.

In February, local aerial Press Photographer, Mr. Ken Hoskin, was unable to talk as planned, due to pressure of work, but we were most grateful to Mr. Frank Edwards who, at very short notice, gave us a most interesting afternoon recalling his visit to the Holy Land.

Although I was unable to be there, bush telegraph assures me that programmes given by Mrs. G.E. Obee in July and September were very much appreciated by members, as were those given by Mr. R. Fortt, Mr. J. Brooks and Flt. Officer P.M. Parsons.

On a personal note, in April I decided to return to nursing in a small way to keep my hand in, and found to my amazement an absolute dearth of trained nurses in the Community. My days were gradually absorbed, until I reluctantly relinquished Chairmanship of this Section, which has now been taken over by expert Photographer and Speaker, Mrs. G.E. Obee. I hope her pleasure in the task is as great as mine has been. I very much miss the companionship and stimulus of meetings, but hope to return at the earliest opportunity.

Jeanette Neagle,  
Chairman.

## LIBRARY

11 new purchases plus some 30 donated books have been added to our collection and an anonymous donation has made possible the purchase of Volume 4 of the R.S.P.B. publication "Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa" for the Reference Library.

The Society has added "Geology Today" a bi-monthly publication to its subscription list and Mrs. V.E. Copp generously passes on to us her monthly copy of the "National Geographical Magazine" and the Committee wishes to record their thanks for all these and other books and publications that have been donated.

The number of donated books somewhat overwhelmed the system and the additional help provided by Miss G. Hayball and Miss L.M. Rowe in clearing the backlog is much appreciated as is the continued regular attendance of Mrs. B.E. Hooton-Smith (Assistant Librarian), Miss J.M. Merchant, and Miss A.C. Norvall without whose assistance the Library would slowly come to a halt.

R.E. Harwood,  
Hon. Librarian.

# MEMBERS DAY

## 1984

October	15	Seventeenth Century Embroidery	Mrs. J.I. Athill
November	14	Cornwall - An illustrated account of the Spring Field Meeting to Newquay, 1984.	Mrs. G.M. Thomas
December	10	Where my Caravan has rested - Part 2	J.G. Parkinson

## 1985

January	21	New Members' Day	Miss M.W.S. Davis - Vice President
February	11	Slides of the Pembrokeshire Coast and Islands	H.R. Ambrose
March	11	Familiar Faces at Society Outings	Miss M.W.S. Davis
April	22	Bird Song in Springtime	Mrs. L.M. Maddox Miss G. Hayball
June	12	Round the Garden at No.39 with Miss M. Blower. Bring and Buy.	Miss M. Blower
July	8	Notable past members of the Society	F.R. Watson
August	12	Members' Slides	Members
September	11	Talks by members on books which have interested them	Members

Eleven new members attended on New Members' Day in January and there was a large attendance on the garden day in June. Much needed money was raised for the garden and tea, though held inside, was a social occasion enjoyed by all.

Slides shown included those by Mrs. Athill on seventeenth century stump work embroidery, a new subject to most of us; Mr. Parkinson's on the second part of his travels and Mr. Ambrose's on the beauty and natural history of the Pembrokeshire Coast and Islands. In August seven members took us from exotic countries via churches to No.39 in snow. In November Mrs. Thomas reminded us of the Newquay field meeting and in March Miss Davis of members who attended outings some years ago.

In April members learnt about bird song from recordings played by Mrs. Maddox and Miss Hayball. In July Mr. Watson gave interesting details of the lives of Sir Daniel Morris, Field Marshall Lord Grenfell, Alfred Russel Wallace, W.G. Wallace and Heywood Sumner. The books programme in September was again a success.

My thanks are due to all members who have so willingly offered suggestions and taken part in programmes.

H.M. Dickinson,  
Chairman.

# MUSEUM

During the year, Mrs. L.E. Jordan has succeeded Mr. W.A. (Marcus) Bray as Deputy Curator and Vice Chairman of the Society's Museum Committee, as Mr. Bray moved out of the district and subsequently died, after serving the Society since 1973 as Curator and Chairman of the Museum Committee for eleven years and then for 1984-85 as Deputy Curator and Vice Chairman of the

Committee. The Society's most famous Curator was W.G. Wallace, son of Sir Alfred Russel Wallace, who collaborated with Darwin. Wallace was Curator of the Society's Museum from 1917 until 1921, but he remained a member of the Society until his death in 1951. Another renowned Curator, who equalled Mr. Bray's eleven years in the office was the Rev. C.O.S. Hatton, Vicar of Hinton Admiral 1907-1932, who was the Society's Curator from 1921 until his death in 1932. Mr. F. Williamson, F.R.Hist.S. in the 1950s seems to have been the only Curator previous to Mr. Teasdill to serve the Society simultaneously as Curator and as Chairman of the Archaeology and History Section of the Society.

Through the good offices of the Society's Secretary, Mr. F.R. Watson, the Society's Museum has become allied to the Area Museums Council for the South West and during the year has been visited by that organisation's Executive Director, Mr. Stephen Locke, B.Sc., F.G.S., F.M.A.

A new and most enthusiastic Chairman of the Geology Section, Mrs. Vera E. Copp, B.A. has been responsible for the preparation and inception of a separate Geology Room in the Society's Museum, in a room recently vacated by Bournemouth and District Camera Club. This room was officially opened by the Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor Rob. Wotton, when together with the Mayoress of Bournemouth, Councillor Mrs. Bessie Bicknell, he opened the Society's Open Day at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 21st September 1985.

Mr. W.J. Whitsed, F.R.S.A. is taking over as Curator and as Chairman of the Society's Museum Committee, with effect from Monday, 11th November 1985.

Graham Teasdill,  
Curator.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS RECEIVED

The following publications were received in the Library during the year. Some of them were gifts from members who subscribe personally to the particular Society. The Library Committee are glad to record their appreciation of such gifts.

Alpine Garden Society Bulletin.  
Birmingham Natural History and Philosophical Society - Proceedings.  
Botanical Society of the British Isles - Watsonia. Proceedings.  
Bristol Naturalists' Society - Proceedings.  
British Trust for Ornithology - News Bulletin. Bird Study.  
California Academy of Sciences - Proceedings.  
Cambridge Antiquarian Society - Proceedings.  
Council for British Archaeology - Newsletter.  
Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society - Proceedings.  
Geology Today.  
Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society - Proceedings.  
Hertford Natural History Society - Transactions.  
National Geographic Magazine.  
National Trust - Newsletter.  
Nature.  
Oryx.  
Royal Horticulture Society - "Gardens".  
Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft - "Natur und Museum".  
Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A. - Annual Report.  
Société Jersaise - Annual Bulletin.  
Torquay Natural History Society - Transactions and Proceedings.  
Uppsala University, Sweden - Acta Phytogeographica Suecica.  
Zoological Society of London.



# LIST OF PRESIDENTS (1903—1985)

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1904-06	G.E.J. Crallan, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S.
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1909-10	A. Smith Woodward, D.Sc., F.R.S., F.L.S., P.G.S.
1910-11	Dukinfield H. Scott, M.A., Ll.D., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.G.S.
1911-13	Sir E. Ray Lankester, K.C.B., M.A., Ll.D., F.R.S., F.L.S.
1913-16	Sir Daniel Morris, K.C.M.G., J.P., M.A., D.Sc., D.C.L., F.L.S.
1916-17	The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Malmesbury, D.L., J.P.
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1918-20	Field Marshall Lord Grenfell of Kilvey, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Ll.D., F.S.A.
1920-21	Lt. Col. Sir David Prain, C.M.G., C.I.E., F.R.S.
1921-23	F.G. Penrose, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.
1923-24	Sir F.W. Keeble, K.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S.
1924-26	Hubert Painter, B.Sc., F.C.S.
1926-28	Heywood Sumner, F.S.A.
1928-29	Claude Lyon
1929-30	Professor F.O. Bower, D.Sc., F.R.S.
1930-31	Henry Bury, M.A., F.L.S., F.G.S.
1931-32	Dukinfield H. Scott, M.A., Ll.D., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.G.S.
1932-33	J.P. Williams-Freeman, M.D.
1933-34	Rev. F.C.R. Jourdain, M.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.
1934-35	Sir F.W. Dyson, K.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., Ll.D., F.R.S., F.R.A.S.
1935-36	Henry Bury, M.A., F.L.S., F.G.S.
1936-37	Sir Harold Carpenter, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.
1937-38	Professor John Cameron, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.E.
1938-39	Professor G.D. Hale Carpenter, M.B.E., D.M., F.L.S., F.Z.S., F.R.E.S.
1939-40	W.G. Aitchison Robertson, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E.
1940-41	Rev. Professor M.C. Potter, M.A., D.Sc., F.L.S.
1941-42	Inst.-Capt. M.A. Ainslie, R.N., M.A., F.R.A.S.
1942-43	William C. Simmons, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., F.G.S.
1943-44	Professor S. Mangham, M.A.
1944-45	A.S. Hemmy, B.A., M.Sc.
1945-46	J.F.N. Green, B.A., F.G.S.
1946-47	Lt.-Col. C.D. Drew, D.S.O., F.S.A.
1947-48	W.J. Woodhouse, A.C.P.
1948-49	Edward Hindle, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.Z.S.
1949-50	Mrs. W. Boyd Watt, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

1950-51 Professor Sir R.A. Peters, M.C., M.A., M.D., F.R.S.  
 1951-52 Ernest Chambers, F.L.S.  
 1952-53 F. Williamson, F.R.Hist.S.  
 1953-54 H.E. Clarke, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.  
 1954-55 W.J. Read, M.Sc., F.R.I.C.  
 1955-56 W.S. Brown, B.Sc.  
 1956-57 A.W. Legat, M. Inst.C.E., M.I.S.E.  
 1957-58 D.A. Wray, Ph.D., M.Sc., F.G.S.  
 1958-59 Miss M.A.M. Penrose, B.Sc.  
 1959-60 Miss D.M. Lowther, B.Sc.  
 1960-61 James Fisher, M.A., F.L.S., F.Z.S.  
 1961-62 W.P. Winter, B.Sc.  
 1962-63 F.H. Perring, Ph.D., M.A.  
 1963-64 Miss F.M. Exton, B.A.  
 1964-65 Dame Kathleen Lonsdale, D.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S.  
 1965-66 A.J. Butcher, F.R.I.B.A.  
 1966-67 Mrs. A.K. Hunt, B.Sc.  
 1967-68 Professor F. Hodson, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.G.S.  
 1968-69 T. Marshall Bell, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.  
 1969-70 Ernest Chambers, F.L.S.  
 1970-71 Graham Teasdill, F.M.A., F.R.S.A., F.R.N.S., F.Z.S.  
 1971-72 Miss Ursula M. Ogle  
 1972-73 Sqd.-Ldr. J.L.C. Banks  
 1973-74 Miss K. Milner Bennetts, F.Z.S.  
 1974-75 Don Small, M.Sc.  
 1975-76 S.C.S. Brown, F.D.S., R.C.S., L.D.S.  
 1976-77 F. Oldham, J.P., M.A., B.Sc., F.Inst.P.  
 1977-78 W.H. Lee  
 1978-79 Mrs. G.M. Thomas, M.A., B.Litt.  
 1979-80 T.A. Crawshaw, F.M.Inst.M.C.  
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 1981-82 Mrs. M.K. Parkinson  
 1982-83 Miss K. Milner Bennetts, F.Z.S.  
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 1984-85 R.F. Harrison, F.M.A.  
 1985-86 Miss R.H.D. Winter











