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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1974

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31st DECEMBER, 1974

Council presents its One Hundred and Sixteenth Report and Statement of Accounts for 1973.

OBITUARY

Council records with great regret the deaths of Sir John Dunlop, K.B.E., C.M.G., M.C., T.D., President of the Society, 1967-8, of Mr. J. H. Evans, F.S.A., F.R.G.S., Vice-President and Hon. Editor of *Archæologia Cantiana* from 1950 to 1969, and of Mr. P. C. M. Dickinson, F.S.A., and Mr. A. R. Martin, F.S.A., our members since 1921.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at Christchurch College, Canterbury, on Saturday, 18th May, 1974, when the Council's Annual Report and Accounts for 1973 were received and adopted. Mr. K. A. Pollock, F.C.A., was re-elected Honorary Auditor of the Society.

In the afternoon Mr. D. McLees, of the Ancient Monuments branch of the Department of the Environment gave a most interesting talk on the nave of Canterbury Cathedral.

COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected to Council: Lt.-Col. R. F. H. Drake-Brockman, Mr. N. H. MacMichael, F.S.A., Mr. A. Miles, Mr. J. H. Money, M.A., F.S.A., Mr. C. P. Ward and Mr. D. E. Wickham, M.A.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Mr. M. J. Fuller has taken over the vacant Local Secretaryship of Malling.

A meeting of Local Secretaries was held on 27th April in Canterbury when there was a useful exchange of views.

BRANCH REPORTS

Maidstone Branch. Reported by Mr. P. E. Oldham, B.A.

The 1974 programme consisted of three lectures and one excursion. The lectures were 'The Iron Age in Kent' by Mr. D. B. Kelly, B.A., A.M.A., 'Vernacular Buildings of Kent' by Mr. J. A. Newman, M.A., F.S.A., and 'Local Tokens of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century' by Mr. V. J. Newbury. A perambulation of Maidstone was organized by Mr. L. R. A. Grove, B.A., F.S.A., F.M.A. The membership of the Society in the Maidstone area continues to increase and the activities of the Branch are seen to be an effective means of membership promotion.

Sevenoaks Branch. Reported by Mr. P. E. Leach.

Lectures. A series of lectures has been given during the year on archaeological subjects relating particularly to Kent; these have been well attended.

Sevenoaks Parish Church. The older part of the graveyard may well soon be cleared of the gravestones. The Archaeological Group of Sevenoaks School have accordingly undertaken a survey of these which will be continued next summer.

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Otford Palace Site. Work has continued and a survey was prepared of one of the underground water courses; at the same time, the Otford Group cleaned out Becket's Well and hope to assist the owner, Mr. MacDowell, in undertaking restoration work including possible roofing-in of the water chamber itself.

The Otford Group also undertook an emergency exploratory dig on part of the site being developed for housing and were assisted by the Fawkham and Ash Group when it became clear that the site was important. A full report appears elsewhere in this volume.

Wickham Field. The Otford Group resumed excavation for a short time but little was discovered other than some first- and second-century finds.

Tunbridge Wells Branch Report for 1974. Reported by Mrs. M. E. Davies, B.A.

Visits: Broadwater Collection of Domestic and other Bygones; Greenwich; Arlington, Alfriston and Wilmington; Woods Mill, Henfield, and Shoreham-by-Sea.

Meetings: Domestic Bygones (Mr. B. Jewell); Old Tunbridge Wells (Mr. H. Page); Contents of a Victorian Workbox (Mrs. C. and Miss J. White); David Salomons' House as a possible museum for musical instruments (Mr. F. W. Holland).

N.B. Many of the above events were arranged jointly with other organizations.

Miscellaneous: Visits were made, at the request of the owners, to a number of houses of historical and/or architectural interest in the area, usually when new features had been revealed or were threatened, viz. Bentham Farm (smoke bay and pargetting); Smockham Farm (seventeenth century fireplace and earlier wood-framed and mullioned window formerly in an outer wall); Wagons, Bidborough (well, etc.); Broadfield, Bidborough, with Mr. K. W. E. Gravett, F.S.A.

Talks were given by the Branch Secretary on archaeological and historical aspects of Kent to Rotary Club, Youth Club, Townswomen's Guilds, Southborough Society and students at the Ridgeway School.

Articles written for local press included reports on K.A.S. events, local history, and a series on the Salomons family and Broomhill.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society's membership continued to increase in 1974 and now stands at just under 1400. In view of ever-rising costs it is essential that this increase should continue and all members are asked to do their utmost to recruit new members in 1975.

FINANCE

The Accounts for 1973, adopted at the Annual General Meeting, are published with this Report.

It would assist in the smooth running of the Society if members would pay their subscriptions by Bankers' Order and, if possible, enter into Seven-Year Covenants to enable the Society to recover Income Tax on their subscription at no cost to themselves. Forms for this purpose can be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary, the Hon. Membership Secretary, or the Hon. Treasurer.

ARCHAEOLOGIA CANTIANA

Publication of volume lxxxviii was delayed owing to circumstances outside the Society's control until September. The volume maintains its

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unbroken high standard, under the editorship of Mr. A. P. Detsicas, M.A., F.S.A., and, as usual, covers a wide field of Archaeology and History.

EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE

The following grants were made to assist excavations in the County during 1974:

Eccles Roman Villa	£50
Eccles Training School.....	£50
Horton Kirby Training School	£50
Leeds Priory	£100
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	£250

A report on the second season of the Society's work at Leeds Priory appears elsewhere in this volume, together with notes on other excavations to which K.A.S. support has been given. Applications for grants to assist excavations to be undertaken in 1976 should be made to the Hon. General Secretary before the end of October 1975. Forms for the purpose are available. It is requested that details should be given as to how the money is to be spent and also what other financial support is anticipated.

A Field Archaeology Meeting was held under the auspices of the K.A.S. on 23rd November, 1974, at the Maidstone District Library. Mr. A. C. Hogarth, M.A., spoke on 'The Identification of Surface Finds'; Mr. A. P. Detsicas, M.A., F.S.A., on 'The Publication of Archaeological Material'; and Mr. G. Hewlett, on 'Methods of Hedge Dating'. An interesting exhibition of archaeological material was displayed in the lecture room and was examined by the audience during the interval. The Society is grateful to the speakers, and also to Mr E. P. Connell and his helpers, who undertook the arrangements of the meeting. The Committee would be grateful for suggestions as to the form and content of similar meetings in the future.

EXCURSIONS FOR 1974

Four excursions were held as follows:

Saturday, 4th May

Aspden's Kiln at Blue Circle Cement Works, Northfleet. Mr. G. S. Evett.
Nurstead Court. Major R. Edmeades.

New Tavern Fort, Gravesend. Mr. V. T. C. Smith.

Cobham Church and College. The Rev. M. Hodge and The Warden.

The Medieval Defences of Rochester. Mr. A. C. Harrison, B.A., F.S.A.

Saturday, 15th June

Newington Manor. Mr. J. M. Clark.

Newington Church. Mr. R. H. Hiscock, LL.B., F.S.A.

Sheerness Dockyard and Fort. Cdr. S. Dixon, R.N.

Harty Church. The Rev. P. E. Blagdon-Gamlen.

Saturday, 13th July

Ingatestone Hall. Staff of Essex Records Office.

Bradwell Church & the Chapel of St. Peter's-on-the-Wall. The Rev. Canon S. J. Burling.

Bradwell Lodge. Mr. J. Mann.

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Saturday, 7th September

Stonepitts. Mrs. Dudley Comonte and Mr. K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc., F.S.A.
Seal Church. Canon J. Barnard.

Combe Bank. The Headmistress.

Squerrys Home Farm Dovecot. Mr. Steven.

Oldbury Iron Age Fort. Mr. D. B. Kelly, B.A., A.M.A.

The Society would like to record its grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen mentioned who gave either their kind permission or considerable help to make the excursions successful.

CHURCHES COMMITTEE

As a first step in the restoration of the Roper and Hugessen memorials in Lynsted Church, the tomb of Christopher, Lord Teynham, has been repaired and cleaned and the painting touched up. Authorization has been given for work to commence on other monuments, and it is hoped also that the fine series of hatchments may be included in the scheme. The total cost is estimated at about £2500, of which about £900 is still to be found.

The Committee were successful in opposing plans for the demolition of Murston Old Church, and agreement has been reached in principle for ownership of the church to be transferred to a charitable trust, for repair and maintenance. So far, legal complications have prevented this plan being put into practice, but the Committee are hopeful that their efforts to ensure the preservation of this attractive little building will eventually be successful.

Other projects discussed have included the possible protection and restoration of the Whitfield monument in the tower of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Canterbury. A watchful eye is being kept on the future of other redundant church buildings, notably Allington and Holy Cross, Canterbury.

RECORD PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It is hoped that the MSS. of *Kent Feet of Fines, Edward I-II*, edited by Mr. N. H. MacMichael, F.S.A., and *Lost Glass from Kent Churches*, edited by Mr. C. R. Cuncer, F.S.A., will be ready for the publishers in 1975, while the MS. of the *Medway Navigation Waste Book*, edited by Dr. A. J. Allnutt, is promised for 1976. An addition to the projected volumes listed in the committee's report for 1973 is a cartulary, compiled in the fifteenth century for the Langley family and containing nearly five hundred charters. These are mainly concerned with south-east Kent and mostly of the fourteenth century, though some are from the twelfth, thirteenth and fifteenth centuries. The volume is to be edited by Mr. A. F. Butcher.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

The number of applications for listed building consent to demolish buildings which have been referred to the Committee during the twelve-month period continued to be large. Since the new local authorities came into being on 1st April, 1974, applications have continued to be received, and it is gratifying that the high qualifications for expressing an opinion possessed by members of the Committee are understood.

It is hoped and believed that three important buildings, which over the years have caused anxiety to the Committee are now in safe hands, namely

Finchcocks near Goudhurst, Waldershare Park near Dover, and Bourne Park at Bishopsbourne. Bourne Park, in particular, a very fine Queen Anne mansion in a beautiful setting, has been a constant source of concern to the Committee. The fate of the fine Tudor mansion, Hollingbourne Manor, is still uncertain.

The former School of Infantry buildings in Hythe, constructed early in the nineteenth century, were vacated by the Ministry of Defence in 1968, have remained empty since that date and been seriously damaged by vandals. They had been acquired by the South-Eastern Electricity Board, and had in the meantime been placed on the Statutory List. The Board's application to demolish them was strenuously opposed by the Committee by the very active Hythe Civic Society and others, because of their setting at the entrance to Hythe and their historic interest. The Secretary of State has, nevertheless, granted listed building consent for their demolition.

There have been a number of applications to demolish listed buildings in Maidstone, arising largely as a result of new road schemes. One most attractive fifteenth-century timber-framed building in the centre of the town, with its first floor jettied on both the front facing Lower Stone Street and that facing Knight rider Street, has remained empty for some time, and its future is being anxiously watched.

Mention must again be made of the work that is being carried out by experts of the Department of the Environment at the ancient Commandery of St. John at Swinglefield; the Committee is justifiably proud of the important part it played in saving this ancient building from what appeared to be certain demolition. It is regrettable that still no steps have been taken by the owner to restore the small dwelling on the left of the entrance archway at the remains of the former Archbishop's Palace (or Manor House) at Charing.

The Committee has been successful in getting the Regional Controller to meet the cost of taking up two medieval columns, situated within the land required for the construction of Harbledown by-pass, and of transporting them to St. Michael's Churchyard. These columns belonged to the old church and were moved to the grounds of Hall Place when the church was restored at the end of the last century.

The Kent Building Preservation Trust, which was formed by the Committee, has recently obtained from the owners, for a purely nominal sum, the two Ferry Cottages at Stone-in-Oxney. An appeal has been launched for funds to enable the Trust to convert the two cottages to one dwelling, and to date two very generous donations have been received; however, much more needs to be raised.

LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS

The following books and booklets have been added to the Library: *The Coal Duties of the City of London and their Boundary Marks*, by Martin Nail, given by the author; typescript MS. *The Ancient Kent Family of Hodsoill*, given by O. Aisher; *Calendar of Allen MSS.*, by P. E. Leach, given by the author; four books from the library of our late member Mr. W. V. Rendel, used by him as the basis of his paper 'Changes in the Course of the Rother', *Arch. Cant.*, lxxvii (1962), 63-76: (a) *A Remonstrance of some Decrees, and other Proceedings, of the Commissioners of Sewers, for the Upper Levels, in the Counties of Kent and Sussex, touching the Proportioning of Water-Scots upon the said Levels*, by Nathaniel Powell, Esq., London, 1659; (b) *A Summary Relation of the Past and Present Condition of the Upper*

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Levels, lying in the Counties of Kent and Sussex, by Sir Nathaniel Powell, Baronet, London, 1662; (c) *Animadversions on several material passages in a Book written by Sir Nath. Powel Baronet Intituled A Summary Relation . . . Together with a more exact Narration of the State of those Levels*, by Thomas Harlackenden, Esq., London, 1663; (d) *The Animadverter Animadverted: Or, Brief Observations on Animadversions, Published by Thomas Harlackenden, Esquire, Intituled, Animadversions . . . in a Book written by Sir Nathaneal Powel, Baronet*, by the same Author, London, 1663; given by Mrs. W. V. Rendel; Typescript copy of *Index of Personal Names in the B. F. Davis Transcripts*, given by the Borough Librarian, Central Library, Bromley; *The Coarse-ware Potteries of Medieval Limpsfield in Surrey*, by Martin D. Prendergast, given by the author; *Henry George: Printer, Bookseller, Stationer and Bookbinder, Westerham, 1830-c. 1846*, by James Moran, given by the author; *Anglo-Saxon Jewellery*, by Ronald Jessup, given by the author; *Historical Metallurgy*, viii, No. 1 (1974), containing J. H. Money, 'Iron Age and Romano-British Iron working site in Minepit Wood, Rotherfield, Sussex', given by the author; *A Fourth Kentish Patchwork*, by Robert H. Goodsall, given by the author; *Catalogue of Estate Maps 1590-1840 in the Kent County Archives Office*, edit. F. Hull; *General Index to the Archaeological Journal, Volumes 51-75 (1894-1918)*; *The Spearheads of the Anglo-Saxon Settlements*, by M. J. Swanton, purchased.

REPORT ON THE ELEVENTH CONFERENCE OF BUILDING RECORDERS, HELD IN THE MUSEUM, MAIDSTONE, ON SATURDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1974

This year's Conference was held in Maidstone Museum on 5th October, 1974, and attended by some forty members.

The first speaker, Mr. R. M. Wood, described a small house that he had discovered at East Peckham. Despite its unpromising cement front, this retained the hall portion of a large hall-house with one base-cruck remaining *in situ* and signs of another. Because of its ruinous state, it was possible to see its construction most clearly.

Mr. P. Lambert followed with a note on the old houses of Eastling and Stalisfield as seen by an unknown photographer, whose slides at the end of last century were remarkably evocative of old country ways. They also showed the houses before restoration and gave rise to an interesting discourse on the position of inserted chimneys in a hall.

Finally, Mr. K. W. E. Gravett showed a number of slides, illustrating the development of roof construction from 1600 to 1850.

In conclusion, the Chairman, Mr. R. H. Hiscock, thanked the Bently Trustees and Mr. L. R. A. Grove, for providing the venue for the meeting. The next Conference of Building Recorders will be held in Maidstone Museum on Saturday, 4th October, 1975, at 2.15 p.m.

By Order of the Council,

A. C. Harrison,

1st January, 1975.

Hon. General Secretary

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DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1974

	£		£
Mrs. B. K. Allday	5.00	Royal Historical Society ..	1.00
A. F. Allen	1.50	T. J. Kremer	2.50
Anon.	1.60	M. G. Langer	1.50
Society of Antiquaries of London	1.00	Mrs. V. Legg	1.00
Ashford Archaeological and His- torical Society	6.17	R. M. Lyne	0.50
N. J. Bellord	0.50	G. R. Martin	1.50
R. Richmond Brown	1.50	S. Mendel	1.50
Miss N. Branson	1.00	Otford and District Historical Society	1.05
A. R. Carver	0.50	Miss P. A. Puryear	4.05
B. Cooker	0.50	R. M. Raver	0.50
Lord Cornwallis	1.50	E. G. Roy	0.50
G. J. Davey	2.50	S. Harold Smith	1.00
J. C. Dove	0.50	V. T. C. Smith	8.00
East Peckham Local History Society	2.00	A. D. Stoyel	0.50
E. S. Gowers	0.50	J. A. Wiles	0.50
Gravesend Historical Society ..	4.00		—
Haverford College	1.00		50.27
R. H. Hiscock	3.00		—

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1973

1972			EXPENDITURE			1972			INCOME		
£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£		£	£
30			<i>Administration:</i>						<i>Subscriptions:</i>		
65			Rent	33.00		2,578			Annual	2,745.38	
319			Salaries	69.00		71			Advance	38.00	
45			Stationery, Printing, Postage	267.80		27			Arrears	17.98	
97			Insurance	84.65			2,676				2,801.36
148			Calendar	235.29					<i>Income Tax Recovered:</i>		
	704		Miscellaneous	163.94					(Covenanted Subscriptions)		324.18
					853.68				281		
			<i>Grants for Excavations:</i>						31	Entrance Fees	41.00
125			Eccles Excavation Fund	100.00							
40			Lansdowne Road, Tonbridge, Excavation Fund	—					<i>Interest:</i>		
25			Gravesend Historical Society (Springhead)	—		687			Investments (General Fund)	775.07	
			Leeds Priory (P. J. Tester)	100.00		64			Deposit Account and Short Term Investments	189.50	
40			Cooling (A. Miles)	—			751				964.57
40			Wye (J. Bradshaw)	—					<i>Grants:</i>		
			Canterbury Archaeological Society (Greyfriars)	120.00		130			Kent Education Committee	100.00	
			West Kent Border Archaeological Group	50.00		10			London Borough of Bromley	10.00	
	270				370.00	10			London Borough of Bexley	10.00	
							150				120.00
			46 Subscriptions		65.68				137	Sales of Archæologia Cantiana	148.26
			<i>Donations:</i>						11	Sale of Wall Plaques	—
10			All Saints Church, Maidstone	—							
10			Cinque Ports Antiques and Fine Arts Group	—					—	Excursion Account (Net)	9.56
			Sandwich Town Wall (T. L. Richardson)	20.00							
	20				20.00						

5	Excursion Account (Net)	..	..	—
	Publication (See Note A)				
3,209	Cost of <i>Archæologia Cantiana</i> , 1972				
	(Vol. 87)	..	..	3,327.07	
390	Less Department of Environment				
	Grant	..	..	350.00	
48	Donations <i>Archæologia Can-</i>				
	<i>tiana</i> Fund	..	..	53.15	
26	Sale of Offprints	..	..	26.22	
				429.37	
464				2,897.70	
2,745					
247	Excess of Income over Expenditure			201.87	
£4,037				£4,408.93	£4,408.93

A. There has been a change of accounting procedures so that the Income and Expenditure Account has been charged with the net cost of the 1972 *Archaeologia Cantiana* published during 1973 instead of a provision for the 1973 volume and under provision for 1972 less Grants. The corresponding figures for the previous year have been shown on the same basis. If the 1973 accounts had been prepared on the old basis, there would have been an excess of Expenditure over Income of £548.18 (1972 £3).

B. Income Tax recovered up to the 5th April, 1973, is included in investment income credited to the Income and Expenditure account and in the income accumulated on the Piercy-Fox Memorial Fund. The income tax recoverable in the period 6th April, 1973 to 31st December, 1973, not included in these accounts was as follows:

	£
General Investment ..	99.55
Piercy-Fox Memorial Fund ..	34.56
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	£134.11

C Subscriptions in arrears at the 31st December, 1973, are not included in these Accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1973

	£	£	£
Reserves:			
Margary Fund	6,500.00		
Life Composition Fund	2,586.66		
Legacies:			
Mrs. E. M. Kelly	250.00		
Taylor	20.00		
Johnson	850.00		
	1,120.00		
Capital Appreciation at 31/12/72	1,179.73		
Less Depreciation of Investments year ended 31/12/73	3,083.00		
	1,903.27		
		8,303.39	
Piercy-Fox Memorial Fund:			
Capital	2,000.00		
Accumulated Income:			
Balance 1st January, 1973	339.79		
Add Income Received	198.99		
	538.78		
Capital Appreciation at 31/12/72	2,647.27		
Less Depreciation of Investments year ended 31/12/73	1,794.00		
	853.27		
		3,392.05	
Accumulated Fund:			
Balance 1st January, 1973	726.15		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	201.87		
Provision for 1972 Volume of <i>Archæologia Cantiana</i> made in 1972 Accounts	2,750.00		
	3,678.02		
Less Provision for 1973 Volume of <i>Archæologia Cantiana</i>	3,500.00		
		178.02	

	£	£	£
Investments at 31st December, 1973, Valuation:			
575 Adwest Group Ltd., 25p Ordinary Shares		978.00	
1,100 British Oxygen Co. Ltd., 25p Ordinary Shares		517.00	
134 M. & G. Charifund Units		135.00	
930 M. & G. Charifund Units		934.00	
800 M. & G. Charifund Units		804.00	
£314.97 Greater London 6½% Stock 1977		272.00	
£2,277.03 Greater London 6½% Stock 1977		1,963.00	
300 Imperial Chemical Industries £1 Ordinary Stock		615.00	
820 Imperial Group Ltd., 25p Ordinary Shares		636.00	
£300 National Westminster Bank Ltd., 8¼% Sub. Unsecured Loan Stock 1980		242.00	
£996.99 5% Treasury Stock 1986-89		548.00	
£548.85 6½% Treasury Stock 1995-98		327.00	
£3,000 5½% Treasury Stock 2003-12		1,455.00	
			9,431.00
Capital Cash held			25.89
Piercy-Fox Memorial Fund:			
800 Charterhouse Investment Trust Ltd., 25p Ordinary Shares		660.00	
600 Cardinal Investment Trust Ltd., 25p Deferred Shares		720.00	
205 Tube Investment Ltd., £1 Ordinary Stock Units		584.00	
400 Whitbread Investment Co. Ltd., £1 Ordinary Shares		880.00	
			2,844.00
Library and Collection at Maidstone Museum			1,150.00
Cash Balances:			
Current Account	159.69		
Deposit Account	1,744.89		
		1,904.58	
Piercy-Fox Deposit Account		377.17	
Churches Trust Fund Deposit Account		337.54	
Curator's Petty Cash	17.91		
Hon. Gen. Secretary's Petty Cash	7.95		

