

WILLOUGHBY SOCIETY.

FORMED 1962.

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COMMITTEE

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Secretary's Annual Report to be published at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday November 26th, 1975, at 7-30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Again it gives me great pleasure to give a report on the Society over the part year. Looking through the minute book I find that this is my 10th report.

Membership. 83 again an increase over the past year.

Society Meetings

To start the year we had 3d excellent talk with slides on Canals by Mr K. Parrott. Going for a Song was the unusual way of viewing antiques provided by Mr Grant at the February Meeting, and three of our members could have started up in business as 'Pygott Chandler and Hatwell'

At the March Meeting we were taken on Safari to Rhodesia, India, and the Taj Mahal, when Mr Lowe showed us such excellent slides of various railways.

Mrs Heather Pilkington had arranged a display of work done by various potters, and then gave an entertaining account of how she entered the world of clay and the potters wheel, this took place at the April Meeting.

We all felt very tired at the May meeting after listening to Dr. Alex Smith talking of his experiences with the Olympic Team, as he must have thought he was doing a marathon because he never stopped walking during his talk.

The speaker at the June Meeting was the director of Alcoholics Anonymous, and gave an interesting talk, which included his own experiences.

As is usual we did not meet in July and August, and resumed, our meetings in September when the Rugby Fire Service sent Leading Fireman Steele who showed a film and gave a talk on 'Fire safety in the home'. This gave us much food thought.

October was again given over to the Battle of the sexes when the Ladies challenged the Gentlemen to a quiz.

The Ladies again proved their superiority by winning:49 points to 40 points for the Gentlemen.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

The annual social was held in December and everyone spent an enjoyable evening, Mrs Ivens again writing the pantomime. and the cast letting down their hair as usual.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Craven Arms Southam on February 28th when 67 members were present.

Twenty members went to Hook Norton Brewery on Saturday April 26th, This was a marvellous day, weather wise, drink wise, and lunch wise, the gentlemen were all disappointed that they had not taken sacks with them as this would have made it also manure wise.

Fifty seven members travelled by Coach to Marlborough where lunch was taken, then on to Kintbury Locks where we then sailed down the Avon and Kennett Canal on our own hired barge to disembark at Newbury where the Coach was waiting then on to Oxford for tea and home by 9-30 p.m.

A new venture was tried this year when Punch and Pate Evening was held on Saturday May 3rd. All agreed that this was a successful evening and we hope to hold a similar function next year.

The Car Rally took place on June 18th and as usual was very well organised by Mr Brownlow and Mr Harrison, the finishing point being the Countryman at Staverton. On Wednesday August 17th Dr. and Mrs Pygott invited us to Navigation Cottage, and a very pleasant evening was spent in their garden, and home , and including their boat.

The cheese and Wine evening held on Saturday October 4th was also enjoyed and the Gentlemen's competition for an Apple Tart on a plate caused much merriment, and the Ladies pot plants provided colour. The Society's Funds benefited by £17-37p
Committee

The committee have held 10 monthly meetings, and several scrapbook meetings. The emblem of the Society which was made in copper by Mr Hancock is now on the scrapbook Cover. new items are being put in as applicable, and any items suitable will always be accepted from any member.

In presenting this Report once again, the committee and officers thank all members for their support and hope that in the coming year you will again attend meetings because without your support and attendance there would not be a Society. It is most surprising how many other villages envy us, lets hope that they will do so for many more years.

You will I am sure be most pleased to hear that a full programme of speakers has been booked for 1976.