

WILLOUGHBY SOCIETY.

FORMED 1962.

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Vice Chairman Mr R. Whitfield
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Hon. Treasurer Mr. F. Hancock.

Committee.

Mrs. Brownlow, Mrs. V. Hall, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Bussy, Mr Harrison.

Hon. Archivist. Mr. F. Hancock

Hon. Auditor Mrs. Whitfield.

Secretary's Report to be submitted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday November 30th at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Again it gives me pleasure to give you my report on the society's activities and meetings over the past year. Eight Monthly Meetings have been held with an average attendance of 58 which is extremely pleasing.

Looking through the names of the speakers which we have listened to during the past year, it is difficult to decide which one pleased us most, as they were all excellent, on their own subjects. Mr Duggan who talked and demonstrated on his hobby, wood carving at the January Meeting. At The February meeting Mr Allen Jones then intrigued us all with his talk and slides on the Loch-Ness Monster. A different talk by Mrs Nothburga Tilt on her experiences as a courier for the Austrians in the last war gave us food for thought.

Next Mr. Victor Collin who had previously talked on Wedgewood at our meetings talked this time to our audience in April on his own antiques.

Due to illness of the speaker at the May meeting Mr Hancock stepped in at short notice to give a talk on Willoughby school.

Due to being on holiday I missed the June Monthly Meeting when Mr Vivian Bird paid us a return visit and entertained every one as only he can.

Thus on to September when Mr Tims who lives at Marton came and brought with him a delightful collection of Warwickshire Bygones from his local museum. We hope to visit his museum at Marton during 1978

October saw the battle between the Ladies and Gentlemen for the Quiz shield, the Gentlemen on this occasion won, which now brings the score overall to three each, so next year should be very interesting.

Social Activities.

The December social was held as usual, and enjoyed by all, Mrs Ivens writing the Pantomime, and others letting their hair down in the process of performing in it.

On February 2nd a full coach party visited the Whitefriars Glass Works, which all found most interesting. The Annual Dinner was held on February 26th and 65 members attended.

A visit was arranged to Rugby School on Saturday May 28th at 2 pm. It was a lovely afternoon. pure English weather, and English atmosphere in the old school and its environs.

The Punch and Pate Evening was held on May 7th. and gave a profit of £15-11p , to interest the members Mr Hancock had arranged a display of drawings of the old cottages and maps to show how the Village had been altered, and Mr Whitfield also had fitted up a visual slide box to show the slides of various Outings and events concerning the society.

The Annual Outing was held on Saturday ,June 18th when 57 members set forth at 9-15 a.m. for Bath • .A stop was made at Chippenham for lunch, then on to Bath for a trip on the "Jane Austen" along the Kenett and Avon canal. Although the sun did not shine on us everyone enjoyed it, we then boarded the coach and met our guide who then took us on a brief tour of the beauties of Bath, this was most interesting, and the last beauty spot was when we walked to Prior Park and saw the marvellous view over the town of Bath. Tea was taken at the Rockery, and for once it was agreed that this tea was one that there were no complaints whatsoever, and so we arrived home safely at 9-30 p.m.

The Car Rally was held in July due t. the Jubilee Celebrations taking place in June, and this year Mr Wright was the organiser and this event was won by Mr Brownlow and passengers.

This year the committee felt that from the last meeting in June to the next meeting in September was rather a long gap, so it was put to the Monthly Meeting that an event be held during August, and so evolved the Pedestrian Treasure Hunt this was held on the evening of August 2nd. again another lovely evening weatherwise, sixty five persons took part, Hot Dogs and Drinks were served in the villagre Hall, and the winner of this walk was Mrs Fleming who was presented with her prize at the Septemher Meeting. It is hoped to do something similar next year during the same period.

The Cheese and Wine Evening was held on Saturday October 1st. and £19-58 profit was made. The entries for the two competitions were most impressive, the ladies belts were done in various crafts, as were the calendars. Mrs Sheaf won the prize for the belt, and Mr Walton for the calendar, all the entries were then auctioned.

Committee Meetings

The committee meet on the second Wednesday of each month and the attendance is nearly always 100%. Mr Bussy was our representative on the Jubilee Committee, Mr Whitfield is Editor of the newly formed Natural History Scrapbook.

Again in conclusion I hope you will all find time to attend the Monthly Meetings and give support to the new Chairman and your committee, at the moment we have nearly all speakers booked for the coming year, and please any new ideas you may have for anything: to improve and keep the interest going in the Willoughby Society will be most welcome by its efficers.

Q. Hancock

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