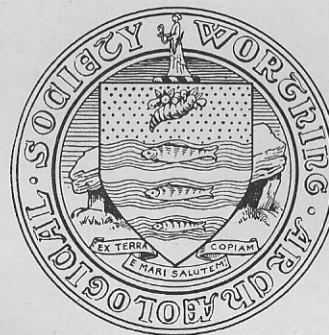


Worthing Archæological Society.

First Annual Report.



MARCH, 1923.

Worthing Archæological Society

(Affiliated to the Sussex Archæological Society).

1922-3.

President :

Lieut.-Colonel E. W. MARGESSON, C.M.G.

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Miss MARIAN FROST, F.L.A.

Mr. C. H. GOODMAN.

Mr. C. G. J. PORT, F.S.A.

Mr. P. TWINE.

Hon. Treasurer :

Miss ETHEL GERARD.

Hon. Auditor :

Mr. A. M. JARRETT.

Hon. Secretaries :

Dr. and Mrs. MILBANK-SMITH.

RULES.

1. The Society shall be called the "Worthing Archæological Society."
2. Its object shall be to promote the study of Archæology in all its branches, and especially the proper recording and preservation of local antiquities.
3. Its affairs shall be managed by a Committee of nine members, three of whom shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.
4. The Officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary or Secretaries: Hon. Treasurer and Secretary to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
5. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in March.
6. Candidates for membership must be recommended by two or more members, one of whom must know the candidate personally: elections to take place at Committee meetings.
7. The annual subscription for the first year shall be 2/6, due on election.
8. The ordinary meetings and excursions of the Society shall be held as far as possible on the third Wednesday in selected months.
9. At all ordinary meetings and excursions each member is permitted to introduce a visitor, who in the case of excursions will be charged one shilling more than the members.
10. An Hon. Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
11. Any alteration of the Rules must take place at a General Meeting.

The FIRST ANNUAL REPORT of the Worthing Archæological Society, presented March 14th, 1923.

Expressions of regret at the lack of a local Archæological Society having been made from time to time by people interested in antiquarian subjects, an informal meeting was held in the Librarian's Room, Public Library, Worthing, on January 10th, 1922, on the initiation of Miss Marian Frost, the local Honorary Secretary of the Sussex Archæological Society.

At that meeting the convener requested the members to consider the advisability of forming such a Society, and it was decided unanimously that one should be established and be called the "Worthing Archæological Society."

A President and provisional Committee were then appointed.

A public Inaugural Meeting was held in the St. James's Hall, under the Chairmanship of Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Margesson, C.M.G., on February 2nd, 1922, at which Mr. T. Sheppard, M.Sc., lectured on the subject of "Three Thousand Years of Hidden Treasure." As a result considerable local interest was aroused and several names were submitted for membership.

The First General Meeting for Members was held in the Art Gallery, on March 22nd, 1922, and was well attended.

At this meeting the Officers, as recommended by the provisional Committee, were approved and elected for the ensuing year, as follows:—

President	Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Margesson, C.M.G.
Vice-President	Alderman Mrs. Chapman, J.P.
Hon. Treasurer	Miss E. Gerard.
Hon. Secretaries	Dr. and Mrs. Milbank-Smith.
Committee	Mr. R. Chidwick.
	Miss M. Frost, F.L.A.
	Mr. C. H. Goodman.
	Mr. C. G. J. Port, F.S.A.
	Mr. P. Twine.
Hon. Auditor	Mr. A. M. Jarrett.

The Draft Rules as recommended by the Committee, after being slightly amended, were approved.

Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Margesson then delivered his Presidential address. He dealt with the science of Archæology generally, showing how interesting was the study of the past and how particularly rich the Worthing district was in Archæology; he touched upon the evidences of our Celtic, Roman and Saxon ancestors in the immediate neighbourhood, and also referred to the architectural wealth of the churches in the district.

The first excursion of the Society took place on April 26th, when about eighty members visited Shoreham. The party met at St. Mary's Church, New Shoreham, and there heard from Mr. H. Cheal, the well-known Shoreham historian, the first part of an interesting paper dealing with "St. Mary's Church and its history." Afterwards Mr. Cheal conducted the party round the Church; and from there to the old Customs House, the Marlipins—said to be of XIV. Century date—and other places of interest; subsequently visiting the Town Hall where Mr. Cheal completed the reading of his paper.

After tea the party proceeded to the Church of St. Nicholas, Old Shoreham, which was described by Mr. R. Chidwick.

During the summer other excursions were made, in May to Cissbury and Findon Church; in June to Bignor, visiting the Roman Pavement, the Church, and a portion of the famous Stane Street; in August to Sompting Church; and early in September a joint outing with the Brighton and Hove Archæological Club was made to the earthworks above Storrington. In the same month we visited the Churches of Coombs, St. Botolph's and Steyning; and on October 18th, the last out-door excursion of the year was held, when the members visited the recent excavations on Black Patch.

Throughout the whole season these outings were most popular, the attendance usually being over eighty.

Through the kindness of the Museum and Art Gallery Committee, the Art Gallery was lent for the winter Meetings, and the first of the Session was held there on October 25th, when Mr. T. Sheppard, M.Sc., paid a return visit and lectured to a large and appreciative audience on "The Story of the Rocks."

At this meeting the lecturer was made an Honorary Life Member of the Society, in view of his great assistance in its formation.

Lectures were subsequently held monthly, at which Mr. C. G. J. Port, F.S.A., spoke on "Old Pewter," Miss Gerard on "Early Sussex Maps," and Mr. R. Chidwick on "Sussex Churches." The January meeting was an innovation, and instead of a lecture three short papers were read, which were most enjoyable and much appreciated. The subjects were "Low-side Windows" by Miss Bagley, "The Piltdown Skull" by Mr. L. Thomas, and "Sundials" by Mr. C. H. Goodman.

Early in the summer an Earthworks Sub-Committee was formed, with Mr. C. H. Goodman as its Chairman.

A member of the Society, Mr. J. H. Pull, having obtained permission of the Trustees of the Duke of Norfolk to make excavations at Black Patch, in the parish of Patching, it was decided by

the Committee to make a grant towards the expenses incurred on that site, and to render what assistance it could with the digging—consequently a very interesting work has been going forward there during the past nine months, the object being to discover the nature of a large number of depressions still existing on the hillside.

Under Mr. Pull's superintendence, a number of voluntary workers gathered from time to time, and it soon became evident that the site selected was the shaft of an ancient flint mine, which had been filled up by material thrown in from neighbouring pits.

As excavation proceeded the pit was found to be 16 ft. in diameter, and several beds of flakes with a little charcoal, found at different levels, showed that the early workmen had used it for the manufacture of flint implements.

At a depth of 12 ft. radiating galleries were found, three of which communicated by greater or smaller apertures with galleries belonging to neighbouring shafts. The workings had been made originally by means of deer antler picks, and flint wedges, of which examples were found. Numerous blocks of chalk were removed in which the pick holes were clearly evident, similar marks being seen in the walls of the galleries. Altogether over 160 implements in various stages of manufacture have been recovered and preserved. The pit remains open for the present.

The Prehistoric Society of East Anglia having intimated that some of its members would like to inspect the pit, a meeting was arranged for March 10th, 1923. After motoring to Black Patch, our guests were entertained to tea by the President (Colonel Margesson).

Three members of the Society—Colonel Margesson, Dr. Milbank-Smith, and Miss Frost—have been appointed members of the Committee which was formed to save the ancient building at Shoreham known as the Marlipins.

The Society is keenly interested in the purchase of Cissbury, and hopes that shortly the National Trust will move in the matter.

Colonel Margesson represents the Society on the Council of the Sussex Archæological Society.

The membership of the Society is now 229, and this alone is overwhelming evidence—for a town the size of Worthing—that the need for the formation of this Society was very great.

The Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts shows our finances to be in a most satisfactory condition, at the end of the first year there being a balance in hand of £12 18s. 7d., largely due to the generous donations received from two of the Society's members, added to the balance in hand of over £4 from the inaugural lecture.

In presenting this Report, the Committee feel a justifiable degree of pride in bringing their first year of work to so successful a conclusion.

They desire to accord their thanks especially to the Museum and Art Gallery Committee for the use of the room in which to hold the Winter Meetings; to the Vicars of the various parishes visited for granting facilities to see their churches; to Mr. and Mrs. de Lavis Trafford for kind hospitality on the occasion of the Storrington Meeting; and to those ladies and gentlemen who have acted from time to time as conductors of parties, and have contributed so greatly to the success of the different gatherings.

The Committee regret to record the death of the following members:—

Finch, G. H., Kelvedon, Lansdowne road.
Heather, C., 11 Eastcourt road.
Hill, Roland, 9 The Esplanade.
Howard, Canon W. W., Camelot, Tennyson road.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, from Jan. 1st, 1922—Feb. 28th, 1923.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions received, 207 at 2/6 and 21 at 1/-	26	18	6	Stationery and printing ...	5	18	3
Donation, Lt.-Col. Margesson ...	5	0	0	Hire of chairs and room...	4	16	6
Donation for Excavation Fund, Mr. Alban Head	5	0	0	Lanternist's fees ...	2	3	0
Balance from Inaugural Lecture ...	4	5	9	Lecturer's railway fare ...	1	1	0
				Sundry payments ...	1	15	0
				Postages (Hon. Secretary)	1	18	0
				Postages (Hon. Treasurer)	1	4	5
				Cheque book ...		5	0
				Entrance fee to Bignor pavement ...	1	1	0
				Affiliation fee to S.A.S....	1	1	0
				Subscription to Sompting Church Restoration Fund ...	2	2	0
				Grant to Earthwork's Sub- Committee for Black Patch excavations ...	5	0	0
					28	5	8
				Balance in hand ...	12	18	7
	£41	4	3		£41	4	3

Audited and found correct, March 3rd, 1923,
(Signed) A. M. JARRETT.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abernethy, Miss, Highclere, Christ Church road.
Adair, Mrs., Little Flixton, Forest road.
Adams, Mrs. W., Villa S. Botolph, Heene.
Aldridge, F. J., Slidrecht, Richmond road.
Aldridge, J., 13 Elm road.
Aldridge, Mrs., 13 Elm road.
Alexander, Mrs., Caer Gwent, Wykeham road.
Allen, Miss Dennis, Dolling Home, Teville road.
Allnutt, C. E., 17 Railway approach.
Allnutt, Mrs., 17 Railway approach.
Allnutt, E., 17 Railway approach.
Amphlett, Miss R., 3 Union place.
Andrew, W. S., Church house, Grafton road.
Ashworth, Miss G., The Steyne School.
Atkinson, Mrs. Montague, Redcotts, St. Botolph's road.
Bagley, Miss, 9 Oxford road.
Ballard, Miss F. M., 11 Kingsland road.
Ballard, Miss H., 11 Kingsland road.
Barathy, Miss K. de, Grenfell, Brighton road.
Barker, R. W., Verulam, Grove road.
Barker, Mrs., Verulam, Grove road.
Barnett, Miss E., Holm Leas, Liverpool gardens.
Barnett, Miss E. A., Holm Leas, Liverpool gardens.
Beattie, Mrs. Bell, Old House, Findon.
Beckett, A., Anderida, Hartfield road, Eastbourne.
Bennett, G. B., B.A., 13 The Steyne.
Bennett, Mrs., 13 The Steyne.
Blackett, F., Helensthorpe, Browning road.
Blackett, Miss, Helensthorpe, Browning road.
Botting, Miss, 9a Chapel road.
Bowyer, P. A., Trevallis, Church walk.
Bull, Rev. E. L., M.A., County Club.
Bunce, H. T., 48 Westcourt road.
Caleb, C. C., M.B., Westbrooke, Winchester road.
Caleb, Mrs., Westbrooke, Winchester road.
Caleb, Miss, Westbrooke, Winchester road.
Castle, G. W., Oakbank, Cissbury road.
Castle, Mrs., Oakbank, Cissbury road.
Castleden, W. L., Kingsdene, Shelley road.
Castleden, Mrs., Kingsdene Shelley road.
Chapman, Ald. Mrs., J.P., Kithurst, Heene road.
Chase, W. R., Bridge house, Bridge road.
Cheal, H., Montford, Rosslyn road, Shoreham-by-Sea.

Cheshire, H. R., Pendyke, Belsize road.
 Cheshire, Miss, Pendyke, Belsize road.
 Chidwick, B., Kelmscott, Northcourt road.
 Chidwick, R. W., Kelmscott, Northcourt road.
 Chidwick, Mrs., Kelmscott, Northcourt Road.
 Chipper, A. S., 19 High street, West Tarring.
 Churchill, Miss M., 34 Warwick street.
 Clarke, Miss M. M., St. Edmundsbury, Broadwater road.
 Coast, Miss K., County High School.
 Cochrane, M. H., 6 Oxford road.
 Constable, H. B., Rosemead, Broadwater road.
 Constable, Miss, Rosemead, Broadwater road.
 Coombe, J. N., Villa Marina, Selden road.
 Coombe, Mrs., Villa Marina, Selden road.
 Cottam, C. Beaumont, 12 Pavilion road.
 Cottam, Mrs., 12 Pavilion road.
 Curwen, E., M.A., 1 St. Aubyn's, Hove.
 Curwen, E. C., B.A., 1 St. Aubyn's, Hove.
 Davis, Mrs. A. M., Manningham lodge, Mill road.
 Dean, Miss A., Homecroft, Christ Church road.
 Dean, Miss G., Homecroft, Christ Church road.
 Dilloway, W., 34 Woodlea road.
 Dixon, E., The Red House, Durrington.
 Drake, Miss C., Scatwell, Mill road.
 Dutton, Miss E. M., 141 Tarring road.
 Edwards, Miss J. L., 94 Marine parade.
 Edwards, T. J., Rivington, Southey road.
 Evans, G., 12 Alexandra road.
 Everingham, Miss B. E., Oakhurst, Broadwater road.
 Finch, G. H., Kelvedon, Lansdowne road.
 Finch, Mrs., Kelvedon, Lansdowne road.
 Francis, C. F., 21 Winchester road.
 Francis, R. B., 21 Winchester road.
 Frost, Miss M., F.L.A., The Museum, Worthing.
 Galloway, T. R., 20 Cowper road.
 Garratt, J. H., County Club.
 Gerard, Miss E., Public Library.
 Goodman, C. H., 115 Heene road.
 Goodman, G. A., 115 Heene road.
 Goodman, L. P., 115 Heene road.
 Gray, H. P., Treveor, Victoria road.
 Grayfoot, Miss K., 96 Heene road.
 Green, R. W. H., 14 Liverpool terrace.
 Greenip, W. M., Greta Bank, 6 Farncombe road.

Halkett, Colonel C. F., 102 Brighton road.
 Hall, R., Nutley, Salvington.
 Hanmill, Mrs. G., Wilbury, Cissbury road.
 Hancock, Miss, St. Bede's, Southey road.
 Harrison, H. Leeds, B.A., Becket lodge, Tennyson road.
 Hartung, Mrs. A. L., 18 Eastcourt road.
 Haughton, Mrs., Chisbeach, Lansdowne road.
 Head, Alban, F.S.A., Watersfield, Pulborough.
 Heather, C., 11 Eastcourt road.
 Helme, H., Downside, Salvington.
 Hill, Roland, 9 The Esplanade.
 Hinds, F., M.D., 17 Tennyson road.
 Hinds, Mrs., 17 Tennyson road.
 Hodge, R. H., Downlands, Cissbury road.
 Hodge, Mrs., Downlands, Cissbury road.
 Hodgson, D. R., 29 St. Matthew's road.
 Hodgson, Mrs., 29 St. Matthew's road.
 Holden, Miss C., Villa S. Botolph, Heene.
 Holloway, Miss D., 20 St. Botolph's road.
 Holloway, Miss K., 20 St. Botolph's road.
 Howard, Rev. Canon W. W., Camelot, Tennyson road.
 Huddleston, C. G., Hadleigh house, The Esplanade.
 James, Miss N., The Stores, Lancing.
 Jarrett, A. M., Hornsey villa, Lyndhurst road.
 Jenkins, Arnold, Perivale, Forest road.
 Jenkins, Mrs., Perivale, Forest road.
 Ketchlee, Rev. T. W., M.A., St. Paul's Vicarage.
 King, R., Havercroft, Chapel road.
 King, Mrs., Havercroft, Chapel road.
 Lanckenan, Miss, The Cottage, Park avenue.
 Langhorne, Miss, Bexley, Broadwater road.
 Langhorne, Rev. H., 60 Northcourt road.
 Langhorne, Mrs., 60 Northcourt road.
 Langley, Miss, 76 Brighton road.
 Lassom, Mrs., Addiscombe, Liverpool gardens.
 Ledger, A. G. K., M.D., Chantry house, Shoreham.
 Lena, J., Addiscombe, Liverpool gardens.
 Le Riche, P. J., M.R.C.S., Grafton house, Marine parade.
 Link, Miss, Hereford house, Cissbury road.
 Long, W. J. C., Caxton Printery, Portland road.
 Love, W. J., 39 Westbourne avenue.
 Love, Mrs., 39 Westbourne avenue.
 Lovell, P., Manor house, Durrington.
 Lovell, Mrs., Manor house, Durrington.
 Luke, Miss, 9 St. Botolph's road.

Mackenzie, A. D., Scatwell, Mill road.
 Mackenzie, Mrs., Scatwell, Mill road.
 Mackintosh, D. D., M.B., 28 Victoria road.
 Mackintosh, Mrs., 28 Victoria road.
 Mann, A., The Hut, Ferring.
 Mansfield, J. Winwood, 21 Montague street.
 Mansfield, Mrs. N., 21 Montague street.
 Mansfield, E., 21 Montague street.
 Mansfield, Miss B., 21 Montague street.
 Margesson, Lt.-Col. E. W., C.M.G., Underdown, Mill road.
 Marsh, N., B.A., 21 Chapel road.
 Massey, Miss, Ingleby, Richmond road.
 Mather, Mrs., 16 Victoria road.
 Migeod, F. W. H., F.R.A.I., Northcote, Christ Church road.
 Milbank-Smith, H. J. M., M.R.C.S., Worthing lodge.
 Milbank-Smith, Mrs., Worthing lodge.
 Mills, Mrs., 9a Chapel road.
 Moffat, Miss., Caer Gwent, Wykeham road.
 Mond, Mrs., Grey Friars, Storrington.
 Mond, Miss M. C. U., Grey Friars, Storrington.
 Nash, Miss, 9 Cambridge road.
 Naylor, Mrs., Rose cottage, Tarring.
 Newton, H. C., The Croft, Heene road.
 Newton, Mrs., The Croft, Heene road.
 Nicholls, Miss A., Manor house, Broadwater.
 Nicholls, Miss E., Manor house, Broadwater.
 Nichols, C. G., 12 St. George's road.
 Nichols, Mrs. F. A., 12 St. George's road.
 North, G. R., 4 Queens road.
 Oakeshott, Miss, Firbank, Findon.
 Oakeshott, Miss E., Firbank, Findon.
 O'Brien, Helena, M.R.C.S., 9 Park crescent.
 O'Cock, W. F., Findon Place, Findon.
 O'Cock, Mrs., Findon Place, Findon.
 Oke, A. W., F.S.A., 32 Denmark villas, Hove.
 Orlebar, F. A. A., M.B., 15 Wilbury road, Hove.
 Paice, Mrs. L., Clatford, Windsor road.
 Palmer, Mrs. E. C., 11 Chatsworth road.
 Palmer, Rev. Canon H. J., 24 Warwick gardens.
 Palmer, Mrs., 24 Warwick gardens.
 Parker, Mrs. R., Ellerslie, Liverpool gardens.
 Patching, Mrs. W., West house, Shelley road.
 Patching, R., West house, Shelley road.
 Patterson, G. M., Colwall, Bath road.
 Paynter, Miss, 13 Heene road.

Peers, J. T., St. Winifred's, Cambridge road.
 Peers, Mrs., St. Winifred's, Cambridge road.
 Penfold, Miss A. E., 23 St. Matthew's road.
 Penn, Miss H., 130 Heene road.
 Percy, Mrs., Grenfell, Brighton road.
 Phillips, W., Red house, Durrington.
 Pitcairn, Mrs. E. G. M., Rose cottage, Ferring-by-Sea.
 Plummer, Mrs. A., Emsley, King Edward avenue.
 Port, C. G. J., F.S.A., West Mansion, Heene terrace.
 Port, Mrs., West Mansion, Heene terrace.
 Potter, H. M., 41a Warwick street.
 Potter, Mrs., 41a Warwick street.
 Power, J. Manley, White lodge, Mill road.
 Pratt, H. J., Mill View, Mill road.
 Pratt, Miss L. L., Mill View, Mill road.
 Pringle, Miss K. N., 87 Heene road.
 Pulford, F. G., Andermath, Richmond road.
 Pull, J. H., 5 South Farm road.
 Pusey, Major E. D., Hadleigh house, The Esplanade.
 Ramsden, J. H., 24 The Marina.
 Richardson, Major P., Parkside, Offington lane.
 Rubythorn, Mrs. A., 181 Tarring road.
 Rundall, G. W., M.A., Arolla, Tennyson road.
 Ryan, V. F., M.R.C.S., Amatola, Shakespeare road.
 Saintsbury, C. E., Broadlands, Flodden road, Myatt's Park, S.E. 5.
 Sayers, E., 77 Tarring road.
 Scoble, W. R., Hawkhurst, Warwick gardens.
 Sell, Miss E., 19 Marine parade.
 Sell, Miss L., 19 Marine parade.
 Sheppard, T., M.Sc. (Hon. Life Member), The Municipal Museums, Hull.
 Skeet, Major F., Syon house, Angmering.
 Smith, H. Marten, Langton, Christ Church road.
 Snewin, Miss F., Hawthorndene, Park road.
 Southey, R., 51 Chapel road.
 Sparks, C., Yes Tor, 62 Broadwater street, East.
 Stangroom, Mrs. E. G., Rosslyn, Bridge road.
 Stapley, Miss, Berington, Woodlea road.
 Stedman, Miss M., 8 Glebe road.
 Stevens, Miss K., Frankley, Findon.
 Stevens, Miss M., Frankley, Findon.
 Stewart-Edwards, J. J., County Club.
 Stonham, T. G., M.D., Calthorpe lodge, Wordsworth road.
 Stormont, J. H., M.R.C.S., 60 Richmond road.

Swanson, Miss, County High School.
Swayne, Mrs. L. D., St. Paul's Vicarage.
Tarrant, Mrs., 7 Liverpool terrace.
Thomas, L., Cartref, Broadwater road.
Thomas, Miss D., Cartref, Broadwater road.
Todrick, Mrs., The Dingle, Chesswood road.
Toms, H. S., 63 Beaconsfield villas, Brighton.
Trafford, M. A. de Lavis, O.B.E., M.D., Thakeham house,
Coolham.
Tucker, Miss F., 211 Brighton road.
Twine, P., Saxons, Winchester road.
Twine, Mrs., Saxons, Winchester road.
Vine, A. J. G., 10 Chapel road.
Wicks, Mrs., Addiscombe, Liverpool gardens.
Willcox Miss K. B., 6 Browning road.
Woolgar, A. W., St. Brelade's, Grove road.
Wright, T., Balham, Tarring road.
Wyman, Miss, Sandhurst, 6 Shakespeare road.
Wyman, Miss E., Sandhurst, 6 Shakespeare road.