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Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st March, 1982



THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1., ON WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1982, AT 5 p.m., TO HEAR PROFESSOR DAVID OATES, TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITOR; TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL; TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR AND FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY BE TRANSACTED.

BEFORE THE MEETING THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The School entered its Jubilee Year on 14th January 1982 and prepared to celebrate fifty active and energetic years of Mesopotamian archaeology at a time when our programme of field work and publication has been as busy as at any time in the past.

Our Baghdad establishment saw a number of changes. Mr. J. N. Postgate resigned as Director of the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq and returned to England to take up an appointment as Lecturer in the Ancient History and Archaeology of the Near East at the University of Cambridge from 1st January 1982.

As the new Director, in succession to Mr. Postgate, the Council appointed Dr. Michael Roaf who had held the position of Assistant Director since 1979 and has wide experience of field archaeology. To the vacated Assistant Directorship the Council appointed Dr. Jeremy Black, thereby ensuring that the School's epigraphic interests would be ably represented. Mr. Robert Killick was confirmed in his appointment as Secretary-Librarian for a further term and his wife Jane Moon was appointed Research Associate to the British Archaeological Expedition to Iraq in recognition of her valuable contribution to the School's work. These appointments left the Baghdad establishment with a capable and experienced team to tackle the expected demands of the forthcoming Eski Mosul rescue project.

At home, the Annual General Meeting was held on 25th November 1981. The death of Miss M. Munn Rankin in July 1981 deprived the Council of a long-standing supporter. Dr. R. D. Barnett, who had represented the Society of Antiquaries on the Council, presented his resignation. Mr. J. N. Postgate was elected to serve on the Council.

Following the Annual General Meeting, Mr. J. N. Postgate gave the lecture entitled "The Excavations at Abu Salabikh, 1981" in which he reported on the two seasons' field-work recorded below.

The Bonham Carter Memorial Lecture was given on 2nd June 1981 by Dr. P. R. S. Moorey, who asked: "Was there a Neo-Sumerian 'Royal Cemetery' at Ur?"

In Iraq, the Spring season of excavations at Abu Salabikh directed by Mr. J. N. Postgate ended on 27th May. Work included excavation on the Main Mound as well as extensive surface clearance on the Main Mound and on the West Mound. During the season Professor T. C. Young of the Royal Ontario Museum carried out an exploratory

sondage on the Uruk Mound. A further short season in the Autumn lasted from 12th October to 14th November. During this season various tasks left over from the Spring were cleared up and a sondage in the West Mound revealed levels of the Uruk and Early Dynastic I periods.

The excavations at Qal'ah Island, 'Ana, as part of the Haditha Dam Salvage Project sponsored by the Iraqi State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage, which had been postponed from the Spring, started on 15th October and lasted until 25th January 1982. The work was directed by Dr. Michael Roaf and Mr Alastair Northedge. Here, occupation levels from the early first millennium B.C. to the Late Islamic period were investigated.

In November, the Third Symposium on Assur, Babylon and Haditha was held in Baghdad by the Iraqi State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage. A large number of British scholars came to Baghdad to participate in the Symposium, including Charles Burney, John Curtis, Oliver Gurney, Lady Mallowan, Terence Mitchell, David and Joan Oates, Trevor Watkins. During and after the Symposium proper, members were able to visit Babylon, Ctesiphon, Assur, Hatra and other sites near Mosul, and sites in the Haditha Dam Salvage Project.

During the past year, visitors to the Baghdad establishment included: Andrew Tomlinson, who was studying sealings in the Iraq Museum; Anthony Green (Fellow), who was studying Late Assyrian apotropaic figurines in the Iraq Museum; Lady Mallowan and Dr. Georgina Herrmann, who are preparing the ivories from the School's excavations at Nimrud for publication.

As ever, our warm thanks are due both to the State Organization for Antiquities and Heritage of Iraq and its President, Dr. Mu'ayyad Damerji, for their customary assistance and co-operation, and to the Council of the British Academy for their continued support.

D. J. WISEMAN,
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BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1982

1981		1982	1981		1982
£	£	£	£	£	£
8,200	ENDOWMENT FUND: Balance as at 1st April, 1981	8,200		INVESTMENTS (At cost)	
	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND		8,200	ENDOWMENT FUND	8,200
	Balance as at 1st April, 1981	2,180		8,149 Income Shares in Charities Official	
	Add: Investment Income	218		Investment Fund	
	Less: Lecture Fee	(150)	1,730	(Market Value £13,755 1981; £12,509)	
2,180		2,248	1,730	BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND:	1,730
	MALLOWAN FUND:		2,500	Fixed Interest Securities (see page 9)	
	Balance as at 1st April, 1981	2,623		(Market Value £1,699; 1981: £1,204)	
	Add: Investment Income	318	21,654	MALLOWAN FUND:	2,500
	Less: Expenditure	(281)		£2,600 12½% Exchequer Stock 1985	
2,623		2,660		(Market Value £2,396; 1981: £2,546)	
	WORKING FUND:		34,150	WORKING FUND:	21,783
	Balance as at 1st April, 1981	46,096		Fixed Interest Securities (see page 9)	
	Add: Surplus for the year	3,587	49,683	(Market Value £21,517; 1981: £21,289)	
46,096		49,683	34,150	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND	
40,295	SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND	40,295		EXCAVATIONS FUND:	34,150
5,504	EXCAVATIONS FUND	40,295		Fixed Interest Securities (see page 9)	
	CAPITAL RESERVE	5,504	68,234	(Market Value £33,223; 1981: £33,739)	
	ACCUMULATED RESERVE FOR			TOTAL INVESTMENTS	68,363
	RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES		6,323	CURRENT ASSETS:	
	(Note 1)		2,783	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE	1,999
10,128		6,323	1,326	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN	
3,601	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND	9,783		ADVANCE	581
	PROVISIONS			BALANCES AT BANK:	
			20,305	On Current Accounts	9,276
			5,953	On Deposit Accounts	17,845
			18,910	On Deposit Account for Customs	
				Vehicle Indemnity	23,032
					50,153
				CASH IN HAND:	
				London	82
				Baghdad	3,518
					3,600
<u>£118,627</u>		<u>£124,696</u>	<u>£118,627</u>		<u>£124,696</u>

Approved by the Council on 27th September, 1982.

D. J. WISEMAN
G. J. WARREN

Chairman
Treasurer

In our opinion the Accounts set out on pages 6 to 9 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the School at 31st March, 1982 and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

LONDON 28th September, 1982

DEARDEN FARROW,
Chartered Accountants.

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ
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INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1982

WORKING FUND

10 months to		1982	10 months to		1982
31st March, 1981	£	£	31st March, 1981	£	£
	LONDON EXPENDITURE:			SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOL AND	
13,437	Printing and Journal	18,204	3,330	JOURNAL	4,094
6,527	Salaries and Office Expenses	10,679	5,634	OUTSIDE SALES OF JOURNAL	6,881
		28,883			
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE:			INCOME FROM THE GERTRUDE	10,975
26,586	Staff	25,397	1,786	BELL TRUST	—
18,116	Rent	5,460	60,000	BRITISH ACADEMY GRANT	90,000
6,608	House and School Expenses	10,410		INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS:	
1,350	Fellowships and Visiting Scholars	4,375	2,942	On Investments	3,266
975	Library	1,992	3,738	Bank Deposit	4,215
—	Travel	4,210			
2,391	Sundry	1,958	81	GAIN ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	7,481
		53,802		PROFIT ON EXCHANGE	276
	TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICA-				3,888
	TIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND	23,348			
	AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS				
	RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES	3,000			
1,521	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	3,587			
<u>£77,511</u>		<u>£112,620</u>	<u>£77,511</u>		<u>£112,620</u>

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS and EXCAVATIONS FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1982

10 months to 31st March 1981	1982	10 months to 31st March 1981	1982
£	£	£	£
EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE:		DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR EXCAVATIONS:	
3,500 Tell Taya	1,402	British Academy --- Tell Brak	6,000
12,110 Abu Salabikh	26,176	British Academy --- Haditha	3,000
16,000 Tell Brak	—	British Academy --- Abu Salabikh	4,000
1,416 Jebel Hamrin	30	Royal Ontario Museum --- Abu Salabikh	1,049
1,468 Haditha	8,347		
— Sundries	545		
34,494	36,500	20,106	14,049
1,663 SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:	5,546	GRANT FOR PUBLICATIONS:	
19,891 Surplus for the year	—	Fine Arts Museum, San Francisco	—
		British Academy	200
		SALES AND ROYALTIES	296
		INVESTMENT INCOME	4,153
		TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND	23,348
£56,048	£42,046	£56,048	£42,046

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. **FIXED ASSETS**
The cost of fixed assets is written off in the year of acquisition. The cost of motor vehicles is set against the Accumulated Reserve for the Renewal of Motor Vehicles.
2. **FOREIGN CURRENCY**
At the year end foreign currency holdings are converted at the rate ruling on the balance sheet date. Transactions during the year are shown at the average rate for the period.
3. **STOCKS**
Publication and stationery stocks are not brought into account because they are considered to be immaterial, but are written off in the year which the expense is incurred.

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WORKING FUND INVESTMENTS at 31st MARCH, 1982

	Cost £	Market Value £
£5,000 Treasury 12% Loan Stock, 1983	4,993	4,955
East Surrey Water Company 4.2% Redeemable Preference Stock, 1985/90	692	417
£673 Metropolitan Trust Co. Ltd. 3½% Debenture Stock, 1975/85	505	388
£2,920 Treasury 15% Stock, 1985	3,000	3,011
£8,013 Exchequer 14% Stock, 1984	7,996	8,100
£4,631 Exchequer 12½% Stock, 1985	4,597	4,446
	£21,783	£21,317
1981	£21,654	£21,289

BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND INVESTMENTS at 31st MARCH, 1982

£1,000 Treasury 12% Stock, 1983	1,031	991
£700 Exchequer 14% Stock, 1984	699	708
	£1,730	£1,699
1981	£1,730	£1,704

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND INVESTMENTS at 31st MARCH, 1982

£10,000 Treasury 12% Stock, 1984	10,046	9,738
£10,200 Treasury 12½% Stock, 1985	10,098	9,792
£14,500 Exchequer 11½% Stock, 1986	14,006	13,693
	£34,150	£33,223
1981	£34,150	£33,739

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JUBILEE VOLUME, 1982

FIFTY YEARS
OF
MESOPOTAMIAN
DISCOVERY

With an Introduction by Seton Lloyd

To celebrate its fiftieth anniversary (1932-1982) the British School of Archaeology in Iraq published in May 1982 a volume of essays, edited by John Curtis, on the various excavations which it has initiated or supported. There are articles on Nimrud, Tell al Rimah, Tell Taya, Abu Salabikh, the Hamrin sites, Umm Dabaghiyah, Choga Mami, Ras al 'Amiya, Chagar Bazar, Tell Brak, Arpachiyah, Balawat and Ain Sinu. Chapters have been written by Diana Kirkbride, David and Joan Oates, Nicholas Postgate, Julian Reade, Michael Roaf, David Stronach and John Curtis. The book, with a glossy card cover, has 123 pages, 88 black-and-white illustrations and 8 colour plates. In addition to containing much that was previously unpublished, it contains new insights into a variety of questions.

Price: £6.50