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Report & Accounts  
for the year ended  
31st May, 1979



**THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE **BRITISH ACADEMY**, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1., ON **TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, 1979**, AT **5 p.m.**, TO HEAR THE DIRECTOR, MR. J. N. POSTGATE, 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 Council records with the deepest regret the death on 19th August, 1978 of our President, Sir Max Mallowan, a leading figure in the School's affairs for more than forty years, who had served as Director, Editor of the Journal, and Chairman before his election as President in 1970 in succession to Sir John Troutbeck. His obituary appeared in *Iraq* XL part 2 (1978), and at the Annual General Meeting of the School on the 29th November, 1978, a tribute was paid to his memory by Lord Trevelyan.

Another sad loss sustained by the School was that of our Honorary Treasurer, David Clarke, who died on the 27th April. He was one of the last of a generation who served in Iraq and knew its problems. He was an official of the Ottoman Bank there, and after his return served the School for many years, first as Assistant Treasurer, and from 1975 as its Honorary Treasurer.

At the Annual General Meeting of the School the vacant post of President was filled by the election of Professor Seton Lloyd, in recognition of his distinguished career and long association with Mesopotamian archaeology. At the same meeting Professor J. D. Evans was elected to serve on the Council.

Also at that Meeting, Professor D. Oates gave the Lecture, entitled "The Excavations at Tell Brak 1978".

The Journal's fifth editor, Professor D. J. Wiseman, relinquished the post after 25 years' service at the end of 1978. During his editorship he was also one of the Journal's most prolific contributors. Mr. J. D. Hawkins continues as editor and has been joined by Dr. Dominique Collon.

Mrs. N. Shaw Reade, who had served energetically as Assistant Secretary to the School in London from 1976-78, resigned. In her place Mrs. Leri Glynne Davies was appointed, from 1st June, 1979.

In Baghdad we had another busy year. At Abu Salabikh a fourth season of work was undertaken by the Director from October to January. The main effort was devoted to exposing a wider area of architecture each side of the street in Area E; this led to the discovery of several more ED III graves as well as extending the plans of the buildings. South of the S. Unit excavation in the rubbish thrown from the building led to the recovery of numbers of clay human and animal figurines, miniature vessels and many clay sealings with

impressions. Dug into this rubbish was the grave of a child wearing lapis lazuli, silver and copper beads, silver sandals and a silver eye-patch, together with a cylinder seal, copper bowl and vanity set. On the West Mound, completion of the surface clearance begun in 1977 made very significant additions to the plan of the ED I settlement in this part of the site; while a small sounding on the North-eastern Mound gave a much needed sequence of ED I pottery. The work was supported by generous grants from the British Academy, British Museum and the National Geographic Society.

In the Hamrin, rescue work continued at Tell Madhhur under the direction of Robert Killick and, later, of Michael Roaf, from October to December, 1978 and again from March to June, 1979. Three more mid-3rd millennium graves were encountered, two at least including equid skeletons, and more of the ED I village with its characteristic Scarlet Ware was uncovered. The main effort was to complete the excavation of the unusually well preserved house of the Late 'Ubaid period which forms the kernel of the mound. Its investigation was somewhat hampered by later 'Ubaid levels built after the building's main phase, but the plan now shows a free-standing rectangular structure with a long central chamber or courtyard flanked with a row of rooms each side, but with an incipient T-shape at the east end. A low revetment was built around the outside at some point, and the entrance seems to have been in the north-west corner, reached by a sherd-paved path.

In Spring 1979, Mr. Killick opened new trenches in Tell Rubeidheh on the south-west bank of the Narin Cay, and was able to define the depth of the Uruk deposits and identify at least three building levels. Most of the deeper areas of the site are composed of rubbish, but this yielded a fine variety of Uruk pottery as well as relatively rich animal bone remains. During this operation a small sounding was also sunk in a nearby 'Ubaid tell, Tell Haizalun, which proves to have about 4 metres of deposit belonging to a phase slightly earlier than Tell Madhhur.

Our work in the Hamrin was undertaken jointly with the Royal Ontario Museum, and also supported by the British Academy, the C. H. W. Johns Fund (University of Cambridge) and the University of Edinburgh.

In May, 1979, the Director made two short trips to the site of the "Sheikhan" rock relief first published by de Morgan, and took photographs and a latex squeeze. In June, 1979 several members of the excavation team visited Tell Taya and Tell 'Afar, and took the

opportunity to see the site of Abu Dhahir which lies in the Tigris basin due to be flooded by the dam at Eski Mosul.

Lady Mallowan came to Baghdad in December at the invitation of the State Antiquities Organization to attend the conference on Assur, Babylon and the Hamrin and speak on Middle Assyrian seal styles; other speakers at the conference were Mr. Andrew George from Birmingham University, who was visiting sites and working on texts in the Iraq Museum, Messrs. Killick and Roaf speaking on Tell Madhhur, and the Director on the historical geography of the Hamrin. Apart from members of the excavation teams, we were also happy to accommodate several visitors during the year: Dr. Joan Oates, visiting the Hamrin sites and working in the Museum; Dr. T. C. Young Jr., visiting Abu Salabikh and spending a week with the Hamrin expedition; Mr. C. B. F. Walker, member of the German expedition to Isin; Mrs. E. Henrickson, doctoral student from Toronto, studying 'Ubaid pottery in the Museum; Mr. A. R. Green, doctoral student from Manchester, working in the Iraq Museum on apotropaic figurines; Dr. Geoffery King, from the American University in Cairo, studying Islamic buildings, especially in the north of the country; Professor and Mrs. H. W. F. Saggs, visiting the north of Iraq with an eye to its historical geography; and Dr. Harriet Martin, working on Fara material in the Iraq Museum as well as preparing Abu Salabikh metalwork for publication.

In October, 1978 a small house was rented in Mansour for the Director's family, freeing much needed space in the main house. Space is still short there, however, and both library and bedroom accommodation requires to expand. A new Land-Rover was driven out from London in September, 1978 and has given good service already. The Expedition has also acquired the Director's old private car for Baghdad use, essential when both Land-Rovers are away on site.

As ever, our warm thanks are due to the State Antiquities Organization of Iraq and the Director General Dr. Mu'ayyad Damerji for their usual assistance and co-operation.

On behalf of the Council:

D. J. WISEMAN,  
Chairman.

J. D. HAWKINS,  
Hon. Secretary.

J. N. POSTGATE,  
Director.

## BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ

(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MAY, 1979

1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p	1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p
8,200		8,200.00			
ENDOWMENT FUND:			INVESTMENTS—(At cost)		
	Balance as at 1st June, 1978 ... ..			ENDOWMENT FUND:	
BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND			8,200	8,149 Income Shares in Charities Official	
	Balance as at 1st June, 1978 ... ..	1,221.18		Investment Fund	8,200.00
	Add: Investment Income ... ..	120.00		(Market Value £11,760; 1978 £11,020)	
1,221		1,341.18		BONHAM CARTER LECTURE	
MALLOWAN DINNER FUND:			1,031	FUND:	
	Bequest during the year ... ..	2,500.00		1,000 12% Treasury Stock, 1983	1,031.04
	Add: Investment Income ... ..	157.10		(Market Value £1,015; 1978 £1,020)	
		2,657.10		MALLOWAN DINNER FUND:	
WORKING FUND:				£2,600 12% Exchequer Stock, 1985	2,500.00
	Balance as at 1st June, 1978 ... ..	39,066.51		(Market Value £2,652)	
	Add: Surplus for the year ... ..	4,307.79		WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS	
39,067		43,374.30	23,048	FUNDS:	
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND				Fixed Interest Securities ... ..	17,980.88
EXCAVATIONS FUND:				(Market Value £17,836; 1978 £22,546)	
	Balance as at 1st June, 1978 ... ..	7,477.52	32,279	TOTAL INVESTMENTS ... ..	29,711.92
	Add: Surplus for the year ... ..	10,604.87	1,032	CURRENT ASSETS:	
7,478		18,082.39	6,503	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE ... ..	1,018.94
"SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM"			8,304	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN	
FUND:			31,000	ADVANCE ... ..	5,834.96
	Balance as at 1st June, 1978 ... ..	725.00		BALANCES AT BANK:	
725		725.00		On Current Accounts ... ..	21,839.58
5,758		5,503.90		On Deposit Accounts ... ..	40,000.00
CAPITAL RESERVE				CASH IN HAND:	
ACCUMULATED RESERVE FOR				Baghdad ... ..	544.16
RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES					
	(Note 1) ... ..	7,128.03			
6,001		7,128.03			
SUNDRY CREDITORS AND					
	PROVISIONS ... ..	11,937.66	592		
11,233		11,937.66			
<u>£79,710</u>		<u>£98,949.56</u>	<u>£79,710</u>		<u>£98,949.56</u>

D. J. WISEMAN

Chairman

J. D. HAWKINS

Hon. Secretary

In our opinion the Accounts set out above and the two accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the School at 31st May, 1979 and of the Income and Expenditure and Source and Application of Funds for the year ended on that date.

LONDON  
25th October, 1979

DEARDEN FARROW,  
Chartered Accountants.

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1979

## WORKING FUND

1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p	1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p
13,247		9,106.23	4,300		2,711.37
4,330		5,665.60	5,193		5,310.96
		14,771.83	130		(15.35)
8,450		9,735.00			8,006.98
3,432		3,587.00			
1,983		2,035.72	1,164		
2,476		3,161.12	54,625		58,500.00
7,900		7,702.89			
5,825		5,317.62	3,189		2,871.40
3,043		3,660.67	1,113		2,852.47
434		494.52			
600		456.69			5,723.87
		36,151.23			
129		281.08			
17,865		21,026.71			
<u>£69,714</u>		<u>£72,230.85</u>	<u>£69,714</u>		<u>£72,230.85</u>
1,000		2,000.00	17,865		21,026.71
13,000		15,000.00			
3,994		4,307.79	129		281.08
<u>£17,994</u>		<u>£21,307.79</u>	<u>£17,994</u>		<u>£21,307.79</u>

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p	1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p
					15,000.00
			13,000		
29,399		23,798.79			
1,528		10,604.87			
—					
			11,953		17,244.44
			2,446		2,159.22
			3,528		—
<u>£30,927</u>		<u>£34,403.66</u>	<u>£30,927</u>		<u>£34,403.66</u>
FUNDS STATEMENT					
1978 £		1979 £ p	1978 £	£ p	1979 £ p
20	Bonham Carter Lecture Fund ...	120.00	(365)		(2,567.08)
—	Mallowan Dinner Fund ...	2,657.10	1,610		(613.40)
3,994	Working Fund ...	4,296.97	(3,220)		(783.18)
(3,527)	Special Publications and Excavations Fund ...	10,604.87	3,021		
(129)	Capital Reserve ...	(281.10)	(416)		
272	Motor Vehicles Renewal Reserve ...	1,127.03			
<u>£630</u>		<u>£18,524.87</u>	<u>£630</u>		<u>£18,524.87</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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.

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