

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ

*(Gertrude Bell Memorial)*

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Report & Accounts  
for the year ended  
31st May, 1980



**THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1, ON TUESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1980, 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 Council records with deep regret the death of a number of its distinguished members, who were among those who pioneered its foundation and encouraged its progress over many years. Professor Emeritus Sidney Smith, the first editor of *Iraq*, who had been associated with the foundation of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, died on 12th June 1979 (see *Iraq* 41 (1979), part 2, i). C. J. Edmonds, C.M.G., a vice-president of the School, and Brigadier Stephen Longrigg, O.B.E., a long-serving Council member, also died in 1979.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 27th November 1979. At that meeting the Chairman presented the second Gertrude Bell Memorial Gold Medal to Professor Seton Lloyd, C.B.E., the President, in recognition of his distinguished services to Mesopotamian archaeology.

Mr. J. F. C. Springford, O.B.E., was elected to the post of Hon. Treasurer in succession to the late David Clarke. Mr. C. B. F. Walker, Assistant Keeper of Western Asiatic Antiquities in the British Museum, was elected to serve on the Council.

The Director, Mr. J. N. Postgate, lectured on "The Excavations at Abu Salabikh and the Hamrin, 1978 and 1979."

In Baghdad, Dr. M. D. Roaf was appointed to the post of Assistant Director to the British Archaeological Expedition in Iraq from October 1979.

The Director and staff spent a study season at Abu Salabikh in October-November 1979, working on the surface collection from the West Mound 1978-79, and organizing the repair of the dig-house and the construction of further rooms.

Dr. Roaf (Field Director) and Mr. R. G. Killick (Assistant) concentrated on the School's main archaeological effort on a final season's excavations in the Jebel Hamrin Rescue Project at Tell Madhhur and Tell Rubeidbeh, from November 1979 to January 1980. This aimed at solving outstanding queries about the main 'Ubaid building of 'Ubaid level II. The excavation of the fill of its rooms was completed, showing that the floors of the north and south "transepts" of the cruciform central room were raised c. 10 cm. above the floor of

the main part of the room. On the east of the house the plastered mud-brick revetment built against the outer wall was uncovered, and a channel for diverting the rain water away from the house was found. Across an alley c. 2m. wide to the north, a substantial wall belonging to a neighbouring house was revealed. On the south, excavation continued beneath the house to the natural alluvial clay. No buildings were found here but only a pit cut into the clay. In the later levels of the 'Ubaid occupation a further building was found which had a *pisé* revetment against its outer wall, apparently a typical feature of the 'Ubaid architecture of the Hamrin.

With this our current round of fieldwork was concluded, and it was expected that it would be flooded in 1981. Reports have been prepared by Dr. Roaf, Dr. T. C. Young Jr. and the Director, for publication in the first collection of Hamrin preliminary reports.

At Tell Taya, excavated by Dr. Reade between 1967 and 1973, there has been additional survey work on the remarkable stone walls that are visible on the surface without excavation. Mr. G. Farrant, architect on the 1972-73 season, acted as Field Director, commencing work on 13th March 1980. He was to remain on site for four months, and planned about 170 hectares, bringing the total area surveyed to about 232 hectares (573 acres). The plan of the surface remains at Tell Taya is now complete, and offers a unique picture of a third-millennium town.

Professor D. J. Wiseman and Dr. E. Sollberger attended by invitation and read papers to the Second International Symposium on Babylon, Assur and the Hamrin, held in Baghdad under the auspices of the Iraqi State Antiquities Organization in October 1979. The Director and Mrs. Ellen McAdam also attended and read papers.

Mrs. Joan Crowfoot Payne came to Baghdad as one of the School's visiting lecturers. She worked on the flints and stone implements from Abu Salabikh, and prepared a report on these for the Journal.

Mr. Alastair Northedge visited Baghdad in November to inspect sites in the Haditha Dam area, with a view to participating in the rescue excavations to be mounted in this area.

Other visitors included: Mr. Robert Miller, to study the Hamrin flints; Miss Deborah Downs, to work on the human bones from Abu Salabikh and the Hamrin; Mrs. Ellen McAdam, to work on Uruk pottery from Tell Rubeidbeh and surface pottery from Abu Salabikh,

West Mound; Mr. Richard Zettler, to work on tablets from Nippur and seal impressions from Abu Salabikh; Mr. Jesper Eidem, to work on tablets from Tell Shemshara.

During the year, building work was undertaken at the house of the British Archaeological Expedition in Iraq, 2/21/4 Mansour. Two new bedrooms, a dining room, and a servants' room and bathroom were built on to it, thereby rendering the house better able to provide accommodation for the increasing number of excavation staff and visitors passing through Baghdad.

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 cooperation.

On behalf of the Council:

D. J. WISEMAN,  
Chairman.

J. D. HAWKINS,  
Hon. Secretary.

J. N. POSTGATE,  
Director.

J. F. C. SPRINGFORD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**  
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MAY, 1980**

1979 £	1980		1979 £	1980	
	£	p		£	p
	ENDOWMENT FUND:			INVESTMENTS—(At cost)	
8,200				ENDOWMENT FUND	
			8,200	8,149 Income Shares in Charities Official Investment Fund	
				(Market Value £11,136; 1979 £11,760)	
				BONHAM CARTER LECTURE FUND:	
			1,031	£1,000 12% Treasury Stock, 1983 ...	
				(Market Value £948; 1979; £1,015)	
1,341		2,061.18	2,500	MALLOWAN FUND:	
				£2,600 12½% Exchequer Stock 1985	
				(Market Value £2,464; 1979 £2,652)	
				WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS:	
2,657		2,707.71	17,981	Fixed Interest Securities	
				(Market Value £16,932; 1979 £17,836)	
			29,712	TOTAL INVESTMENTS ...	
43,374		44,575.44			
				CURRENT ASSETS:	
			1,019	INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE ...	
			5,835	DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE	
18,083		20,404.20		BALANCES AT BANK: ...	
			21,840	On Current Accounts ...	
			33,700	On Deposit Accounts ...	
725		—	6,300	On Deposit Account for Customs Vehicle Indemnity ...	
5,504		5,503.90		CASH IN HAND:	
			544	Baghdad ...	
7,128		10,128.03			
11,938		6,740.78			
<u>£98,950</u>		<u>£100,321.24</u>	<u>£98,950</u>		<u>£100,321.24</u>

D. J. WISEMAN *Chairman*  
J. F. C. SPRINGFORD *Hon. Treasurer*

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, 1980 and of the Income and Expenditure and Source and Application of Funds for the year ended on that date.

LONDON  
1st October, 1980

DEARDEN FARROW,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

**BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ**

(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1980**

**WORKING FUND**

1979 £	1980		1979 £	1980	
	£	p		£	p
	LONDON EXPENDITURE:			SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOL AND JOURNAL ...	
9,106		14,636.05	2,711	4,226.21	
5,665		6,385.44	5,311	7,153.64	
		21,021.49	(15)	—	
				11,379.85	
	BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE:			INCOME FROM THE GERTRUDE BELL TRUST ...	
9,735		9,911.00	—	3,038.86	
3,587		7,265.00	58,500	74,420.00	
2,036		5,641.61		INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS:	
3,161		2,273.43		On Investments ...	
7,703		11,894.87	2,871	2,974.77	
5,318		7,562.86	2,853	6,482.08	
3,661		2,929.70		9,456.85	
494		451.66			
457		142.80			
		48,072.93			
281		—			
21,027		29,201.14			
<u>£72,231</u>		<u>£98,295.56</u>	<u>£72,231</u>		<u>£98,295.56</u>
	AMOUNT SET ASIDE TOWARDS RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRANSFER TO SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ...			BALANCE BROUGHT DOWN LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS TRANSFERRED TO CAPITAL RESERVE ...	
2,000		3,000.00	21,027	29,201.14	
15,000		25,000.00			
4,308		1,201.14	281	—	
<u>£21,308</u>		<u>£29,201.14</u>	<u>£21,308</u>		<u>£29,201.14</u>

BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN IRAQ  
(GERTRUDE BELL MEMORIAL)  
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS AND EXCAVATIONS FUND

1979 £	1980		1979		1980	
	£	p	£	p	£	p
<b>EXCAVATIONS EXPENDITURE:</b>						
Tell Taya ... ..	5,949.46		15,000		<b>TRANSFER FROM WORKING FUND</b>	
Abu Salabikh ... ..	4,330.94				<b>GRANT FOR PUBLICATIONS:</b>	
Brak ... ..	16,500.00				<b>BRITISH ACADEMY ... ..</b>	
Jebel Hamrin ... ..	6,285.23				4,000.00	
Sundries (including cost of guards) ...	4,391.57				<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR</b>	
					<b>EXCAVATIONS:</b>	
	37,457.20				British Academy—Brak ... ..	
Less: Contribution from "Seven Pillars					British Academy—Jebel Hamrin ...	
of Wisdom" Fund ... ..	725.00		36,732.20	17,245	C. H. W. Johns Fund—Jebel Hamrin	
			2,321.81	2,159	Oxford University—Tell Taya ...	
					1,000.00	13,400.00
23,799			36,732.20			654.01
10,605			2,321.81		<b>SALES AND ROYALTIES ... ..</b>	
			£39,054.01			£39,054.01
<u>£34,404</u>			<u>£39,054.01</u>			<u>£39,054.01</u>

FUNDS STATEMENT						
1979 £	1980		1979		1980	
	£	p	£	p	£	p
<b>INCREASE IN FUNDS:</b>						
120 Bonham Carter Lecture Fund ... ..			720.00		<b>REPRESENTED BY:—</b>	
2,657 Mallowan Fund ... ..			50.61		(Decrease) in Investments ... ..	
4,297 Working Fund ... ..			1,201.14		(Decrease)/Increase in Debtors ...	
10,605 Special Publications and Excavations					(Increase)/Decrease in Creditors ...	
Fund ... ..			2,321.81	22,535	<b>Movement in Liquid Funds:</b>	
"Seven Pillars of Wisdom" Fund ...			(725.00)	(47)	(Decrease)/Increase in Bank Balances	
(281) Capital Reserve ... ..					(Decrease)/Increase in Cash Balances	
1,127 Motor Vehicles Renewal Reserve ...			3,000.00		(4,096.16)	224.98
						(3,871.18)
			£6,568.56	£18,525		£6,568.56
<u>£18,525</u>			<u>£6,568.56</u>			<u>£6,568.56</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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