

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1947.

After the break caused by the war the Society resumed its activities on 7th November 1946 with the ^{holding} bidding of a Special General Meeting at which the name of the Society was changed from the Harpenden and District Preservation Society to the Harpenden Society, and the constitution was altered to include in the aims "the promotion of the general well-being of the people of Harpenden and its environs".

A new committee was elected in which were included representatives of a number of other local societies. The committee has held twelve meetings with an average attendance of thirteen. A wide range of matters have been discussed and representations have been put forward regarding riding on the Common, the parking of cars on the Common, the use and lay-out of Rothamsted Park, advertisements on cinemas, the reversion of the small public hall to its proper purpose, the inconvenience of long cul-de-sacs and long parallel roads without lateral communication and the pollution of the River Lee.

A lecture was arranged on the Government's New Towns proposals and also a lecture on windmills, which was supported by an exhibition of photographs. The school children of Harpenden were invited to take part in a competition in which a number of questions about Harpenden had to be answered. Prizes were provided by the Society and entries were received from one hundred and fifty children.

The membership of the Society is now 164. Most of these members joined the Society before the war and it is now considered that endeavours should be made to increase the membership, particularly among those who have come to live in Harpenden since the outbreak of the war. To assist members to spread knowledge of the existence of the Society and its aims a few circulars are enclosed for them to distribute to those of their friends who may be prospective members.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 20th January 1948 in the Small Public Hall, Southdown Road, at 8.15 p.m.

The rules of the Society have been under examination and as a result a proposal has been put forward that they should be amended to take the form set out on the enclosed paper. This proposal will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

The business of the meeting will also include the election of Officers and Committee. The following nominations have been received for election to the Committee:- Mrs. Crowther, Mr. E. Browning, Mr. S. V. Shadbolt, Col. G. B. M. Scutt, Mr. E. Flawn, Mr. A. Shoosmith, Mr. L. J. Searby, Dr. Walter Russell, Capt. K. H. Bond, Mr. G. H. Herring, Mr. A. H. J. Miller, Mr. N. A. C. Salvosen, Mr. R. Salaman and representatives of the National Council of Women, the British Legion, the Women's Institutes, the Workers' Educational Association, the Horticultural Society, the Rotary Club, the Youth Council and the Harpenden Branch of the British Drama League. Members are invited to make further nominations, but in each case it is important that the person nominated should have indicated his or her willingness to serve on the Committee if elected.

The financial statement for the period 1st June 1946 to 31st December 1947 will be submitted for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

EUSTACE BROWNING.
Chairman.