

SOCIETY NEWS

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BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOL

The Society held a Summer School at Regent's Park College, Oxford, 28-30 June 1991. Cost constraints had reduced the length by 24 hours compared with previous schools, but attendance was high (52) and the quality of the papers particularly good, from Ruth Clifford's on 'The Royal Commission of King Jesus: General Baptist expansion and growth, 1640-1660', to the continued story of M. E. Aubrey, longest serving General Secretary of the Baptist Union this century, researched with increasing enthusiasm and related with humour by our Vice-President, Morris West. When at the end of his appointed hour but only two-thirds through the material he had brought Dr West suggested he should stop, the meeting urged him to go on, although it meant a late night all round. The other speakers were Grant Gordon, dealing with Ryland's delayed response to the call to Bristol in 'Correspondence between John Ryland and John Newton (1791)'; Geoffrey Reynolds, reflecting on '75 years of the General Superintendency - What next?'; George Rawlyk, offering a Canadian perspective in 'Maritime Holiness Baptists reconsidered'; while Sue Mills spoke on 'Sources for the study of Baptist History', and later showed members around the Angus Library. There was no organized outing on the Saturday, since Oxford generally, and perhaps Blackwells in particular, offered plenty to interest those who could tear themselves away from the Angus collections.

A useful session on Sunday morning collected ideas from those present about the future activities of the Society, before the party joined the congregation at New Road Baptist Church in worship, led by the Society Secretary, Roger Hayden.

List of speakers

Ruth Clifford, MA, research student at Regent's Park College
Dr Grant Gordon, Ontario Theological Seminary, Canada
Revd Geoffrey Reynolds, Superintendent of the Southern Area
Professor George Rawlyk, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada
Susan J. Mills, MA, ALA, Librarian, Regent's Park College, Oxford
Revd Dr W. M. S. West, JP, MA, DTheol, LLD, former principal of Bristol Baptist College
Revd Roger Hayden, MA BD, Superintendent of the Western Area

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Personal members £16-00
Ministers, students in the British Isles, missionaries £10-00
Libraries and trade £20-00
Life membership £160-00 (£100 for those over sixty)

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