NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The 1st General Meeting of the Society for 1985 will be held in:

THE CONSERVATION CENTRE, 120 WAKEFIELD STREET, ADELAIDE

ON

MONDAY 25TH MARCH 1985 AT 8.00 PM.

AGENDA

1. Apologies:

2. Minutes of previous General Meeting:
   The Minutes of the previous General Meeting, held at the
   Conservation Centre, Monday 22nd October 1984, to be confirmed.
   A copy of these minutes is attached.

3. New Members:
   The following new members have joined the Society since the
   last General Meeting:

   Dr Rupert BEST
   Mrs. M. BENNETT
   Mrs D. TUNBRIDGE
   Mr Fred. TEAGUE
   Mr. J. L. COONEY

4. Papers and Journals:
   Papers and journals from other societies and organizations will
   be tabled at the meeting.

5. Speaker:

   Mrs Virginia Kennedy will present an illustrated address:

   "A Traverse of the Gibson Desert."

   Mrs. Kennedy's son Ross served as surveyor and navigator for a
   crossing of the Gibson Desert by a party led by Mr Rex Ellis.
   Slides illustrating a NW - SE traverse - not previously attempted,
   will be shown. The party photographed fine examples of rock art.

6. Supper will be served.
REFERENCES


Smith, Paul : Communications to G. Woolmer.


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FINDINGS

A series on research: AERIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

A sky-high treasure trail

This summer's drought was bad news for farmers and West Country hoteliers, but to aerial archaeologists it spelled a golden harvest. Crop marks - the tell-tale reflections of buried archaeological structures - appear when plants are under stress from lack of moisture. In years that are dry on average it is only Britain's lighter and better-drained soils that provide such marks. On heavier land, or in the wetter west and north, conditions have to be much more severe before arable and pasture fields reveal their hidden treasures.

Since archaeological air photography began in earnest, 40 years ago, this country has known four droughts on a par with this year's. During each of these, 1949, 1959 and 1975-6, resources were too thinly spread to do proper justice to the thousands of windows that fleetingly opened on to the past. This year, things were better organized and two dozen separate photographers are now cataloguing the results of more than 900 hours of airborne survey.

For some it is a story of spectacular discoveries in previously neglected regions, for others, working patiently in better-explored territories, it is a less glamorous but none the less vital tale of amplification.

Top: Aerial outline of Roman army post at Exeter - (1) shows how the rich growth of crops on a filled-in ditch and poor growth (2) on shallow soil above a wall can indicate buried remains.