

PERSONALIA

Honours and Appointments

Dr Gillian Fellows Jensen of the Institut for Navneforskning, Copenhagen, has been elected member of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters.

Awards

Mr John Freeman of the School of Slavonic Studies, University of London, has been awarded the degree of M.A. by University College London for his thesis, 'Some Domesday Book Herefordshire place-names, with special reference to Anglo-Norman influence'.

Dr Della Hooke of the University of Birmingham has been awarded a grant of £2,000 by the British Academy for the solution and publication of the pre-Conquest charter clauses of the West Midlands.

Mrs Veronica Smart of the University of St Andrews has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Nottingham for her thesis, 'Moneyers and the Late Anglo-Saxon Coinage 1016-1042'.

CORRIGENDA

The Editor apologises for the following error which appeared in NOMINA 5: p. 75, n. 7, 'Cottingham County Secondary School, North Humberside' should read 'Hymers Grammar School, Kingston-upon-Hull'.

THE NEWS SERVICE

To achieve our aim of keeping readers of NOMINA informed of developments in all areas of serious onomastic research relating to Great Britain and Ireland we rely to a considerable extent on voluntary contributions of news, some of which are inevitably incomplete at the time of going to print. If there have been any notable errors or omissions the Editor would be pleased to hear. We are greatly indebted to all who have sent in personal information about research and publications for inclusion in this issue, and also to Prof. Carl Berkhout, Prof. Bernhard Diensberg, Mrs Deirdre Flanagan, Mr Ian A. Fraser, Prof. Bedwyr Lewis Jones, Miss Jennifer Scherr, Dr Patrick Sims-Williams, Dr Veronica Smart, and Mr R. L. Thomson, for supplementing the Editor's own bibliographical lists.

PETER McCLURE

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAME
STUDIES IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
1982

The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Council for Name Studies was held in Neuadd Reichel, University College of North Wales, Bangor, from Friday, March 26th to Monday, March 29th, 1982, by the generous invitation of Professor Bedwyr Lewis Jones, most hospitably assisted by Mr Hywel Wyn Owen and Mr Tomos Roberts. The predominant theme of the conference was 'Place-Names along Borders and Boundaries'. The speakers were: on March 26th, Dr Colin Thomas, 'Naming of Parts: a geographer's perspective on place-name studies'; on March 27th, Mr Oliver Padel, 'English versus Cornish in different strata of Cornish place-names', Mr Ian A. Fraser, 'The Scottish Border', Mrs Mary A. Atkins, 'Stock tracks along township boundaries', and Mr Alan R. Thomas, 'Areas, Boundaries and Transitions in Linguistic Data'; on March 28th, Dr Margaret Gelling, 'Names in -hop along the English-Welsh border', Professor Bedwyr L. Jones, 'Boundaries and Borders: a Tribute to Melville Richards', and Professor W. F. H. Nicolaisen, 'Thirty Years Later: Thoughts on a Viable Concept of an Old European Hydronymy'. It is a pleasure to be able to publish four of the papers in revised form in the following pages of NOMINA.

One of the primary functions of CNS conferences is to provide an annual opportunity for informal discussion of onomastic problems and projects. This year, in addition to the usual 'open forum' on the last evening of the conference, we had a lively debate on the possibilities and practicalities of revising A. H. Smith's Place-Name Elements. The desirability of some degree of revision was not seriously in doubt but there was no general agreement on how the task might best be done or by whom. If any readers of NOMINA have practical suggestions to offer, please write to Professor Kenneth Cameron at the School of English, University of Nottingham, or to Professor W. F. H. Nicolaisen at the English Department, State University of New York at Binghamton, N. Y. 13901.

One other traditional feature of our conferences, the toponymic excursion, fully lived up to the reputation of previous years. Our hosts took us by coach over the Menai Straits to Môn or, as the Norsemen taught us to call it, 'Qngull's island'. The misty weather unfortunately prevented any view of the fine coastal scenery, but for many of us a major element in the history of this remotest part of Wales was epitomised in our visit to two eloquent ruins, Din Lligwy, an impressive stone-walled 'hut' group in Penhros-Lligwy, the fortified residence of perhaps a fourth-century British chieftain, and the no less imposing walls of Beaumaris Castle, symbol of the 'English' conquest of the island by Edward the First.

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