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## THE WILKINSON SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1972 to meet the need for an organisation to preserve the material and documentary evidence of Broseley's industrial past. Since an important part in this industrial past was played by John Wilkinson, who lived for a time at the Lawns, it was decided that the organisation should be known as the Wilkinson Society.

The aims of the Society are :

- (i) to act as custodian of any relevant material and information and to make such material and information available to interested individuals and organisations;
- (ii) to promote any relevant preservation activity and to assist individuals or organisations in such activity where deemed appropriate;
- (iii) to provide a link with the community of Broseley for individuals or organisations undertaking local historical research.

Any available material will be added to the existing collection of Broseley and Wilkinson relics at the Lawns, Broseley. This collection is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays (2-4p.m.) and by appointment.

Administration of the Society is by an annually elected committee. Membership is open to anyone interested in the Society's aims and activities. These activities include illustrated lectures, social evenings, researching and exhibiting the Collection, field-trips and coach-tours. Members are kept informed by a Newsletter, and an annual Journal presents articles on the history of the Broseley area, John Wilkinson and industrial archaeology in general.

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### NOTES AND NEWS

#### The Year's Activities

The second A.G.M. was held at "The Lawns" on Friday, 4th October 1974. The serving committee was re-elected en bloc; it was agreed that meetings should continue along present lines, and that notices should continue to be sent out for each meeting separately. Mr. David Holgate then spoke on "The Importance of the Excavations at Caughley" with slides and specimens to illustrate his theme.

On Friday, 1st November a meeting was held in the Church Hall, Broseley, at which Mr. Ronald James, Curator of Clive House Museum, Shrewsbury, spoke on Broseley Clay Pipes, with slides and film

A "Members' Evening" was held at "The Lawns" on Friday, 31st January 1975. Sherry was provided, and many members brought along objects of interest relating to Broseley and the surrounding area.

On Friday, 28th February Dr. W.H. Chaloner of Manchester University spoke to the Society on "The Travels and Exploits of John and William Wilkinson in France, The Netherlands, Scandinavia and Silesia", illustrated with Glass Slides.