

Supplementum to Pentekontaetia

*The Virgil Society from 1993 to the present**

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PART ONE – HISTORY

Preface

In a previous incarnation (or so it seems), when I was luxuriating in the self-appointed sinecure of Archivist to the Virgil Society, I cobbled together a brief History of the Society, which was published in 1993. It covered our first 50 years (1943–1993) and so received the somewhat pretentious title of *PENTEKONTAETIA*. Members usually refer to it as “*Pente*” or “the History”. As we approach our “three score years and ten” (our Platinum Anniversary) we are catering for a new generation of Virgilians (*iam nova progenies*) and need to update our records. The present volume, therefore, is not a revised edition of *Pente*, but a supplement to it. Since the English word “Supplement” suggests an ephemeral extra to a weekend newspaper, I use the Latin form *SUPPLEMENTUM* – the technical term found in ancient writers to designate the reinforcements which bring an original body up to strength.

Introduction

This volume was designed to commemorate our 70th Anniversary (12 January 2013). Unlike *Pentekontaetia*, which commemorated our 50th Anniversary (12 January 1993), it does not present a whistle-stop tour of our history from first to last. As the preface makes clear, it is not a revised edition of *Pente*, and does not replace it. In fact, *Pente* does not need revising, only updating, and this is the update – a continuation of our records from 1993 onwards. It follows more or less the same pattern as *Pente*, including the (somewhat artificial) division

* Dennis Blandford (1930–2015) was a member of the Virgil Society from 1951 to his death, a member of the Society’s Council from 1964 onwards, and the Society’s archivist from 1990 to 2003. Above all, he was the Virgil Society’s historian. Sadly, Dennis died before a final text of what follows was ready. We publish here a lightly edited version of his fair draft. Additions have been made to update certain sections: these are placed <in brackets>. Special thanks to Carlotta Dionisotti and Jill Kilsby for assistance with proof-reading, and to the latter for typing the text [ed].

into Presidential periods. (Nowadays the President has little control – or indeed influence – over events which take place).

In archaeological terms, this volume is merely another slab in the *Monumentum Ancyranum* recording our *Res Gestae* or Achievements. So, what have we achieved since 1993?¹

1. We have been honoured with a further 9 **Presidents**, each distinguished in his or her own field.
2. We have published 9 more volumes of *Proceedings* (*PVS*) totalling over 1,700 pages of Virgilian scholarship.
3. We have initiated a semestrial **Newsletter**, now in its 14th year, containing items relating to the past, present and future.
4. We have held approximately 120 **Meetings**. Added to the 250 or so (with some overlap) in *Pente*, this gives about 370 titles, with numerous references to published versions, providing a valuable addition to Virgilian bibliographies.

As a small Society, with limited publicity outlets, we do not always receive the recognition we deserve. This slim volume may help our missionary work.

HERBERT HUXLEY

1992–1993

(continued from *Pente*, p.54)

The Book of Leviticus declares that “the fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee” (Lev. 25.22), and so it was.

Our festivities were purely academic, but the season opened with a celebratory drink to accompany the Anniversary Lecture (12 January 1993), exactly 50 years after the initial Dinner. For the VS this was a Red Letter Day. For the Archivist it was a Red Nose Day (at least for part of his lecture), making him the only speaker (so far) to address the VS while sporting a red plastic proboscis.

An expanded version of the lecture (running to 150 pages, with 4 illustrations) was published in August, under the title *Pentekontaetia*, and distributed gratis to members.

Officially, *Pente* was a supplement to *PVS* 21. Published in September 1993, this was the largest volume so far (172 pages) and included a celebratory poem by F. J. Lelièvre, as well as the controversial Presidential Address by E. V. Rieu (10 March 51).

Our celebrations were rounded off by a very successful Schools Conference (27 September 1993). This was not our first – we had held one 24 years earlier. But that was for Teachers; this was for Students.

¹ The numbers below have been updated to cover the VS's activities up to summer 2017 [ed].

There were 3 lectures, aimed at Sixth-Formers, and not intended for *PVS*:

Vicki Zarb: Sex and violence in *Aeneid* 8.

Jonathan Foster: An Approach to *Aeneid* 4.

Stephen Medcalf: Poetry and Character in the *Aeneid*.

There were no charges. Malcolm Willcock was in the chair, and Joe Meltzer (*Fidus Achates*) the efficient organiser.

Applications came from far and wide, and, in the end, with 360 applicants for 286 seats, some rationing was necessary. In spite of the wet and miserable weather (the coldest September day on record), about 270 senior pupils attended, at the cost to the VS of a mere £360.

After several abortive attempts in previous years, a group visit to Cumae was organised by James Morwood (24–31 October 1993), and a report circulated to VS members the following March, but strictly speaking this was not a VS venture.

Predictably, all these activities wiped out our surplus funds (*Vide s.v.* ‘Finances’), but we soon recovered.

PETER LEVI
(1993–1995)

Our 20th President was the distinguished scholar and prolific writer Peter Levi. At the time, he was preparing material for his books on Horace (1997) and Virgil (1998).

His Presidency included a memorable “first”: a talk on Virgil and Berlioz by Ian Martin (21 January 1995). There was a large and enthusiastic audience, including a sizeable contingent from the Berlioz Society. As well as listening to the voice of Dido (Linda Hirst) on cassette, we were pleased to welcome her in the audience – the only personal appearance of Dido at a VS meeting!

The Council

In the early nineties there was growing unease about the Constitution in general, and the Council in particular, where there had been no change for 8 years (1983–1991). Following a suggestion by DWB, strongly recommended by Malcolm Willcock, we introduced (in 1994) a system of “Triennial Councillors”: one non-executive member of Council to be elected each year and to stand down after 3 years. This was intended to introduce new blood gradually, without sacrificing continuity. On the whole, the system has worked, although triennial members often take on specific jobs, and so become permanent (or semi-permanent) members.

HARRY CURRIE
(1995–1998)

Harry Currie was a pivotal figure in the history of the VS, making a vast and varied contribution:

- 5 lectures, dating back to 1959.
- Member of Council from 1961.
- Editor of 14 issues of *PVS* (1962–1980).
- Secretary (1965–1969) and Architect of the 2nd constitution (1967–1968).
- Organiser of our first Teachers' conference (1969).

When he returned as President, he invariably took the chair at meetings. His first year (1995–96) got off to a good start. Thanks to Carlotta Dionisotti, we had 5 lectures, and (for the first time ever) more women than men; and after the third lecture (24 February 1996), *PVS* 22 was launched at a tea party with a magnificent cake.

There was only one blip (not due to the President): our penultimate lecture in Gordon Square was scheduled for 15 March 1997, the Ides of March. We should have known. The speaker failed to appear, and at very short notice Carlotta gallantly filled the gap.

Relocation

After 37 years in Gordon Square, the relocation to Senate House took place during the Summer of 1997. The move looked promising; a plaque on the 3rd floor recorded the official opening by the Princess Royal on 15 October 1997 – Virgil's birthday; and by coincidence our first lecture was "Aeneas as *Hospes*" (25 October 1997). I felt that this was an *auspicatissimum initium*, and that we should greet the *genius loci* (*Aen.* 7.135) with the customary "salted meal" (*salso farre*), *i.e.* salted peanuts and crisps. Unfortunately, the *genius loci* was a wandering spirit, vacillating between the South Block, the North Block and the adjacent Stewart House, with a year in exile at King's College London, in the Strand. At one stage we were expecting to find a permanent base in a King's College building in Drury Lane, not a javelin's throw from our first home in Stukeley Street, where T. S. Eliot gave his address, 'What is a Classic?', on Monday 16 October 1944 (announced in *The Times* on that date), and which was used regularly for meetings from 1945 to 1960 (*Pente*, p.115). But plans for this Virgilian Nostos came to nothing.

TED HUGHES
(1998–1999)

When the Pope Elect Stephen II died (in 752) before he was consecrated, he was subsequently (in 1961) removed from the list of Popes. When our President Elect, Ted Hughes, died a few days before the first meeting of his Presidency, we had no such thoughts. Ted Hughes remains firmly in our minds, as well as in our records, as our 22nd President, and our only Poet Laureate.

His untimely death couples him with J. W. Mackail, the only other VS President who did not deliver a Presidential Address.

But he has happier connections with our first president, T. S. Eliot. It was TSE (then at Faber) who encouraged his early efforts, prompting him (in due course) to publish his ‘Tribute to T. S. Eliot’ (1992). There is a well-known photograph of our 1st President and our 22nd President together, along with Auden, Pound, and Spender. Both Eliot and Hughes received the prestigious Order of Merit (exactly 50 years apart) and both a niche in Westminster Abbey. Even beyond the grave they remain joined: Ted Hughes was posthumously awarded the T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry, and now both give their names to annual memorial events.

In the celestial sphere, this was the time of the total eclipse of the sun. The death of our President seems to have caused a partial eclipse of our own activities. With no Presidential Address, and a last-minute cancellation (27 February 1999), only 2 meetings were held, and only one of these led to an article in *PVS*.

TONY HARRISON
(1999–2000)

As a general rule, VS Presidents alternate between Classical Scholars and Men or Women of Letters. In Tony Harrison we were fortunate to secure both for the price of one. Not over-fond of honours, he had already spurned the post of Poet Laureate (as successor to Ted Hughes), so we were grateful for his acceptance as President (ironically as successor to Ted Hughes) and for his stimulating address.

The Millennium

Tony Harrison’s Presidency encompassed the first half of the Millennium year. To commemorate this, the Museum of London organised an Exhibition entitled ‘Collecting 2000’, described as “a celebration of London’s groups, clubs and societies” (29 September 2000–29 January 2001, extended to 29 April 2001). Asked to contribute, I donated,

on behalf of the VS, a copy of *Pentekontaetia*, and a spare copy of our first Presidential Address, T. S. Eliot's 'What is a Classic?' Duly featured in the Catalogue (p.49), this gave us wider publicity than usual. We were also asked for a group photograph, but I declined that request.

SUSANNA BRAUND

(2000–2003)

Older readers will remember the appointment of Margaret Thatcher as the first woman leader of the Conservative Party (11 February 1975), and, in the same year, the Sex Discrimination Act (27 December 1975). These two landmark events struck a chord with the VS – but not till a quarter of a century later.

In Millennium Year the Cardinals who form the VS council withdrew to their Sistine Chapel to prepare for a Presidential election. After due deliberation we were able to issue a puff of white smoke, and to declare "Habemus Feminam". Democratically, this recommendation of the Boule was put before the Ecclesia, where it was received with a thunderclap from Olympus (3 June 2000).

When Clare Furse became the first woman Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange (25 January 2001), the Share Index (the FTSE 100) shot up 50 points. Professor Braund's appointment did not have the same dramatic effect, but it was widely welcomed.

Shortly after her appointment, Professor Braund fled the red tape of British universities in search of a "New Haven" at Yale, but she returned to the VS on several occasions, including, of course, for her Presidential Address (17 May 2003).

SEXAGESIS

(OUR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY) (2003)

Attitudes towards the age of 60 vary. Modern Britain is full of positive approaches, from the Monarchy (2012) to the radio programme 'The Archers' (2011). A marriage of 60 years is celebrated as a Diamond Anniversary, and we often hear the phrase "Life begins at Sixty". But to the Romans 60 was (theoretically) the end of the road, a millstone rather than a milestone. There is a Latin proverb *sexagenarios de ponte* ("sixties down from the bridge"). Some interpret this as a measure to remove the burden of old age, from the individual and from the state, by hurling sexagenarians into the Tiber, anticipating Enoch Powell's vision in his "Rivers of Blood" speech (20 April 1968) of "the river Tiber foaming with much blood" (*Aen.* 6.87). More sober scholars say the "bridge" refers to the approach to the voting booths, and to the disenfranchisement of those over sixty.

However that may be, the VS kept a low profile, as it had done with other conventional milestones;

- its coming of age at 21 (1964).
- its silver jubilee at 25 (1968).
- its 30th birthday (1973).
- its 40th birthday (1983).

The only celebration was to honour Malcolm Willcock with the Vice-Presidency (17 May 2003). But I felt it was a turning point for the Society and for myself. Having previously circulated a memo designed to reinvigorate the Council, I decided to hang up my stylus and jump before I was pushed. I was in my seventies, and triskaidekaphobia was lurking in the background. I calculated that I had been Archivist for 13 years, a Member of Council for 3 times 13 Years, and a member of the Society for 13 years before that. Time for the gerontocracy to loosen its grip: I tendered my resignation as Archivist.

As a Parthian shot, I offered to deliver a Valedictory Address. I was intrigued by one of the Menippean satires of the Roman polymath M. Terentius Varro, entitled *Sexagesis*.

This is a *hapax legomenon* not found in standard Latin dictionaries. Michael Coffey (*Roman Satire*, note 56) thinks it is equivalent to *sexagenarius*, “the man aged sixty”. I suggest that it is a bilingual pun (as described in Horace, *Sat.* 1.10) combining the Latin *sexages* (60 times) and the Greek *exegesis* (explanation). It is a Roman version of the Rip van Winkle story: a boy falls into a deep sleep, and wakes up at the age of 60 (or 60 years later) to a world completely changed. It would have been interesting to compare the Virgil Society of 1943 with that of 2003, including (for example) changing attitudes to Catholicism, to elitism, to T. S. Eliot, to W. F. J. Jackson Knight, and so on. But my offer to write (or deliver) such an address fell on deaf ears. Ten years later, the challenge is open to someone else.

MARINA WARNER

(2003–2004)

We have not yet succumbed to Harriet Harman’s demand for all-women shortlists, but, as if to emphasise our commitment to the Sex Equality Act, our first woman President was followed immediately by our second. Marina Warner was invited as an international literary figure, filling several packed inches in *Who’s Who*. She attracted a very large audience, needing a special venue for her Presidential Address, ‘Ghosts and Demons’ (23 October 2004).

Because her address fell outside her technical tenure of office, it was not delivered at the AGM as laid down by the existing Constitution, but no one was bothered.

EGIL KRAGGERUD

(2004–2008)

Egil Kraggerud, Emeritus Professor of Classical Philology in the University of Oslo, Norway, was our first overseas President, and the first for many years to hold the post for four years. (This again was unconstitutional, but by now the constitution was creaking). A distinguished Virgilian, he had been a Life Member of the VS for many years, a previous lecturer, and a contributor to *PVS*.

His Presidency in the “mid-noughties” heralded an upsurge in the activities of the VS, a “mini-Renaissance” as it were, marking a period of expansion and innovation in several directions.

Under the tutelage of Treasurer / Membership Secretary Jill Kilsby, our finances were healthy, and we were able to issue 2 full volumes of *Proceedings* edited by Jonathan Foster:

PVS 25 (27 November 2004), 168 pages

PVS 26 (10 May 2008), 126 pages

A welcome innovation (particularly for those unable to attend meetings) was a twice-yearly *Newsletter*. Proposed by Jill Kilsby, it was launched in September 2004, and edited by the Archivist Peter Agrell until his illness at the end of the decade. As well as news, it contained notes on meetings and speakers (past and forthcoming), original articles and reprints, original verses, and book reviews or short notices.

Until 2005, the combination of AGM followed by the Presidential Address (and sometimes preceded by a Council Meeting) completed the programme for the day. In May 2006, for the first time a second address was delivered (in the morning) and a buffet Lunch provided (if ordered). This was the brainchild of our Treasurer / Membership Secretary and was developed by Carlotta Dionisotti and Stephen Moorby. Subsequent AGMs have been further extended to embrace other activities, including poetry readings, a play reading, and an Open Forum. This has transformed the atmosphere of the day from that of a Business Meeting to a Cultural Symposium.

One direct result of the extended AGM was an increase in the number of lectures. Thanks to our Meetings Secretaries (Carlotta Dionisotti and Jonathan Foster), in the year 2005–06 there were 7 lectures, including a record attendance for Richard Thomas (20 February 2006, held jointly with King’s College London). In addition, on the initiative of Luke Houghton, two Virgil meetings were held in Glasgow:

(a) talk by Anne Rogerson, on Ascanius (8 March 2008).

(b) talk by David Wishart, author of *I, Virgil* (7 March 2009).

Technically speaking, these were not VS meetings, but they were organised by a member of Council with VS support.

In the early years of the VS, encouraged by Robert Speaight and friends, and later by F. R. Dale and boys from the City of London School, Virgil Recitations in Latin and / or English were a regular feature. The Kraggerud quadriennium saw a modest revival, organised by Stephen Moorby, initially with extracts from *Aeneid* 12, read by a group of students (23 February 2008). <Further readings of Virgil in Latin by VS members, under the leadership of John Hazel, have preceded every AGM since 26 May 2011.>

Simultaneously with these activities the council was working on the Revised Constitution (*q.v.*).

HARRY EYRES

(2008–2009)

Writing a weekly column in the *Financial Times* is not an obvious qualification for the VS Presidency, but, inspired by “The Slow Lane”, one Member of Council proposed the author Harry Eyres, who was duly elected President for 2008–09. The choice proved felicitous as well as fortuitous, and we were regaled with an entertaining talk on ‘Virgil and Horace’ (22 May 2010)

In the spirit of previous “cultural days”, the Presidential Address was preceded by:

- a. a tribute to Herbert Huxley (*ob.* 5 May 2010).
- b. a reading of a play by Oliver Chadwick (*ob.* 11 February 2009).
- c. a recitation from Virgil organised by Stephen Moorby.

Strictly speaking, this Presidential Address fell outside the limits of the President’s tenure, but (as with Marina Warner) no one complained.

JASPER GRIFFIN

(2009–2013)

Our most recent President is Professor Jasper Griffin, a distinguished classicist and former Public Orator.

His term of office saw two innovations:

- a. Our lectures have (nearly) always been followed by questions and discussion. For the first time a whole session was devoted entirely to discussion, chaired by Carlotta Dionisotti (23 January 2010).

Similar discussions followed, including an Open Forum on ‘The Virgil Society: Past, Present and Future’ (21 May 2011).

- b. After 68 years of lectures starting at 3 p.m., the 2011–12 season adopted a 2.30 start.

Professor Griffin has already given 2 lectures to the VS, as well as making a valuable contribution to the above “Open Forum”. At the time of writing, we await his Presidential Address (26 May 2012).²

CONSTITUTION

The original Constitution was completed in about nine weeks (*Pente*, pp.61–63). The first revision (in two stages) took rather longer, but was a solo effort by the Secretary at the time (*Pente*, p.47). The present constitution was decidedly more prodigal in time and paper.

2005 was the year of constitutions – the European Union, Iraq – and the Virgil Society. Council Minutes (26 February 2005) record the need to update the Constitution, and action “to prepare a draft ... for AGM in 2007”. In the event, deliberations dragged on for several years, with long soporific sessions, enlivened only by acrimonious Punch-and-Judy performances between the leading protagonists (who cannot be named for legal reasons) providing an exuberant end-of-the-pier entertainment.

In the end a ceasefire was declared – *concordia discors*, as Horace calls it (*Ep.* 1.12.19). A text was approved by Council (9 October 2010) and presented to and approved by the AGM (21 May 2011).

It was a Marathon effort, but I think we can say, in the words of Ovid (*Her.* 2.85) *exitus acta probat* – the end justifies the means.

FINANCES

In 1993 our Jubilee activities (*Pentekontaetia* £2,000 + *PVS* £1,700 + conference £360) virtually wiped out our £3,500 balance, leaving us with a technical deficit of £1,160. However, this was offset partly by donations and partly by an increase in subscriptions. Since then, under Malcolm Willcock and Jill Kilsby, our finances have remained healthy, with a gradual increase in our assets, and only moderate increases in subscriptions. The subscription increases have been as follows:

² Now published as ‘Aeneas, *Pietas* and the Gods’, *PVS* 28 (2014), 123–40 [ed].

1984	£4	(<i>PVS</i> alone £7)
1995	£8	(<i>PVS</i> alone £12)
2003	£10	(<i>PVS</i> alone £15)
2012	£12	(<i>PVS</i> alone £15)

PROSPECT

In the present economic and political climate (I write this on New Year's Day 2012) one cannot ignore the doom and gloom which the pundits predict. However, while admitting that the Virgilian “outlook is uncertain” (*spes incerta futuri*, *Aen.* 8.580), this brief survey indicates that the VS is not only thriving but positively vibrant. We are not complacent – those who rest on their laurels can expect funeral wreaths – but we are optimistic and aware of potential developments.

I forego the temptation to enlarge upon my 1993 scenarios (*Pente*, pp.56–59), but take, just one example, *viz.* future topics. After 70 years there is still scope to investigate the ancient manuscripts, modern translations, film versions, astronomy and astrology, plants and animals, the Old Testament, the New Testament, the *Anthologia Latina*, the Sortes Vergilianae, the *Carmina Burana*, the Parodies and Travesties, and a host of individual authors, *e.g.* Euripides, Philodemus, Ennius, Columella, Martial, Silius Italicus, Aulus Gellius, Macrobius, Fulgentius, Hyginus, Petrarch, Chaucer, Spenser, Montaigne, Corneille, Sainte-Beuve, William Barnes, C.S. Lewis ... The list seems endless.

Our 1943 ‘Manifesto’ expressed the belief that the VS would “play an important part in the intellectual life of the country, in reversing the present descent to vulgarization of taste and debasement of standards” (*Pente*, p.78).

I leave the final exhortation to Virgil himself, in the mouth of Apollo, patron of culture:

MACTE VIRTUTE (AEN. 9.641) BEST OF LUCK!

FLOREAT SOCIETAS

PART TWO – ANNALS

PERSONALITIES

PRESIDENTS

For reference I publish a complete list of VS Presidents. It contains 2 members of the House of Lords and 2 knighthoods. Other distinctions (before or after their term of office) include the Order of Merit, the Nobel Prize for Literature, Poet Laureate, Professor of Poetry at Oxford, and a niche in Poets' Corner, plus many presidencies of similar organisations (*e.g.* Roman Society, Classical Association). In addition, at least 3 have been commemorated by annual lectures or lectureships, or literary prizes.

PRESIDENTS (1943–72)

1. T. S. Eliot (1943–44)
2. J. W. Mackail (1945)
3. G. M. Young (1946)
4. Cyril Bailey (1947)
5. Lord Wavell (1948)
6. W. F. Jackson Knight (1949–50)
7. E. V. Rieu (1951)
8. F. R. Dale (1952–54)
9. W. S. Maguinness (1955–57)
10. Robert Speaight (1957–60)
11. Sir John Lockwood (1960–63)
12. Michael Grant (1963–66)
13. Sir James Mountford (1966–69)
14. F. H. Sandbach (1969–72)
15. R. D. Williams (1972–76)

PRESIDENTS (1976–2013)

16. W. A. Camps (1976–89)
17. Lord Dacre (1989–90)
18. David West (1990–92)
19. H. H. Huxley (1992–93)
20. Peter Levi (1993–95)
21. Harry Currie (1995–98)
22. Ted Hughes (1998–99)
23. Tony Harrison (1999–2000)
24. Susanna Braund (2000–03)
25. Marina Warner (2003–04)
26. Egil Kraggerud (2004–08)
27. Harry Eyres (2008–09)
28. Jasper Griffin (2009–13)
29. Richard Jenkyns (2013–<17>)

VICE-PRESIDENTS

On vacating office many Presidents joined the list of Vice-Presidents. In addition, the following have been elected Honorary Vice-Presidents:

T. J. Haarhoff (16 February 1963)	A. C. Dionisotti (23 May 2009)
A. J. Gossage (23 February 1974)	E. Kraggerud (18 May 2013)
M. M. Willcock (17 May 2003)	<J. Griffin (17 May 2014)
D. W. Blandford (10 May 2008)	R. Jenkyns (13 May 2017)>
J. C. B. Foster (10 May 2008)	

OFFICERS

MEMBERSHIP	Malcolm Willcock (1982–2003)	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	Jill Kilsby (2003 –	
MEETINGS SECRETARY	Carlotta Dionisotti (1987<–2017)>	odd years
	David Vessey (1988–1998)	even years
	Jonathan Foster (2000–2007)	even years
	Bruce Gibson (2008-	even years
	<Luke Houghton (2017-	odd years>
EDITOR OF <i>PVS</i>	David Vessey	- vol. 21 (1993)
	Jonathan Foster	- vol. 22 (1996)
		vol. 23 (1998)
		vol. 24 (2002)
		vol. 25 (2004)
		vol. 26 (2008,
		with Stephen
		Moorby)
	Daniel Hadas	- vol. 27 (2011)
		<vol. 28 (2014)
		vol. 29 (2017)>
ARCHIVIST	Dennis Blandford (1990–2003)	
	Peter Agrell (2003–2013)	
	Martin Hughes (2013-	

COUNCIL

In addition to the officers listed above, the following have served on the Council since 1993:

James Morwood (1994–1996)	Rosemary Hackney (2004–2009)
Michael Gunningham (1996–1999)	Stephen Moorby (2006–2011)
Carol Magner (1997–2000)	Luke Houghton (2007–2010)
Peter Pickering (1998–2001)	Judith Garner (2009–
Roland Mayer (1999–2002)	Philip Harris (2010–
Oliver Dickson (2000–2003)	Naoko Yamagata (2013–
Mike Belbin (2002–2006)	<John Hazel (2015–
Alessandro Schiesaro (2003–2006)	

SPEAKERS

Our speakers are not confined to University Classics Departments: they come from several academic fields, with a wide variety of experience, providing a rich smorgasbord of subjects, and reflecting to some extent the changing face of Virgilian scholarship.

They choose their own topics, ranging from core issues to peripheral preferences. (I have included a complete list). I recall one recent lecture (31 March 2007) which did not even mention Virgil – until well into the discussion period. It was ever thus: an early lecture (13 April 1946) had the non-Virgilian title ‘Latin in Post-war Europe’.

Since 1952, most lectures have been published in *PVS*. Some have never been published, and, more recently, several have been published elsewhere, either in other journals or in larger works.

Naturally, a few problems with speakers have arisen, notably: last-minute confirmations, last-minute cancellations, late announcement of titles, late alteration of titles, unforeseen length of lecture, etc, etc. No doubt our Meetings Secretaries could enlarge upon the list of problems – they are faced with the task of solving them. But, on the whole, we have been very well served by our speakers, and we are grateful to them and to those who invited them.

MEMBERS

We are a small Society: our annual “Gathering of the Clans” does not reach epic proportions. In 1993 (at the start of this survey) we had 115 subscribing members, 39 Life members, and 85 subscribing Institutions (*i.e.* purchasing *PVS* without membership). The present figures are comparable.

But statistics are not everything. In many large Societies members are mere ciphers, regarded purely as sources of revenue (to put it crudely, cash cows), a silent majority with few

opportunities to express their opinions. In the VS, the “Discussion Meetings” introduced in 2010 and the “Open Forum” (21 May 2011) have given them a more vocal role, and they have always participated freely in our post-lecture question sessions and teatime gatherings, often leading to lively exchanges best described as a “Whetstone of Wit” (to borrow an archaic title).

Our members come from a wide spectrum, ranging from professional classicists with First Class Honours Degrees to others with no Latin at all. Do not be put off by the rumour that we conduct our conversations in Virgilian hexameters. We are a friendly Society: each year our “fixture card” declares “All Welcome”. In Virgilian terms we reject the imperious bidding of the Sibyl: “Go away, outsiders” – *procul, o procul este, profani* (*Aen.* 6.258) – in favour of the more affable approach of Pallas: “Be a guest at our abode” – *nostris succede penatibus hospes* (*Aen.* 8.123).

PUBLICATIONS

THE ARCHIVES

The Archives fall into two distinct categories:³

1. Unpublished material relating to the early history of the VS, mostly correspondence and minutes of meetings. The items in this “Pandora’s Box” (*Pente*, pp.4–5) are unique and irreplaceable, and are jealously guarded by the Archivist.
2. Published material relating to the early history of the VS, prior to the launch of *PVS* in 1962, *viz*:
 - (A) Printed pamphlets, numbered 1–24, listed below.
 - (B) Duplicated summaries, numbered 1–53, listed below.

My private collection was deposited in the Joint Library of the Institute of Classical Studies (8 May 1993) and is available for consultation and / or photocopying.

In addition:

The Joint Library holds many duplicates available on loan *e.g.*:

- Shelf 99L - T. S. Eliot Presidential Address.
- Tract Box 48 - 11 Pamphlets (8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24).
 - 4 Summaries (24, 30, 32, 34).
- Tract Box 69 - Pamphlet 17.
- Tract Box 70 - Pamphlet 18.
- Tract Box 115 - Pamphlet 23.

³ Only the items in category 1 are the property of the Virgil Society. Items in category 2 remain in the Joint Library [ed].

The Warburg Institute holds 16 of the pamphlets, and 45 of the summaries, as well as a complete run of *PVS*.

The British Library holds 9 pamphlets and 31 Summaries (*Pente*, p.103).

A. PAMPHLETS

There is no public collection of these pamphlets, and no published list. The following is based on my private collection. The numbering is for reference purposes only. With a few exceptions, these pamphlets were specially printed for members. Many of them are Presidential Addresses. In 1962 Pamphlets and Summaries ceased to be published separately and were incorporated in the new *Proceedings*.

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4	19 Jan. 1946	N. H. Watts: Virgil and Wordsworth	14
5	?	R. Speaight: <i>Pietas Telluris</i>	10
6	12 Oct. 1946	G. M. Young: Hesperia	20
7	18 Oct. 1947	C. Bailey: Virgil and Lucretius	23
*	17 Jan. 1948	L. A. S. Jermyn: Virgil's Agricultural Lore	21
8	13 Oct. 1948	Earl Wavell: Arms and the Man <Now available at digitalvirgil.co.uk >	22
9	21 Jan. 1950	W. F. J. Knight: Vergil and Homer	19
10	6 Jan. 1951	W. S. Maguinness: Some Reflections of the <i>Aeneid</i>	14
11	24 Feb. 1951	R. G. Austin: The Fourth Book of the <i>Aeneid</i>	24
12	19 Jan. 1952	L. A. S. Jermyn: The Ostrakon	15
13	5 Feb. 1952	D. M. Low: Virgil and the English Augustans	15
14	8 Mar. 1952	F. R. Dale: The Stateliest Measure	16
15	17 Jan. 1953	G. E. L. Carter: The Parentalia in the <i>Aeneid</i> (duplicated, not printed, at author's expense)	13
16	14 Mar. 1953	F. R. Dale: Character and Incident in the <i>Aeneid</i>	16
17	16 Jan. 1954	J. O. Thomson: <i>Geographica Vergiliana</i>	8

18	19 Feb. 1955	W. S. Maguinness: The Tragic Spirit of the <i>Aeneid</i>	12
19	28 Apr. 1956	T. J. Haarhoff: Vergil, Prophet of Peace	16
20	17 Nov. 1956	W. S. Maguinness: The Thirteenth Book of the <i>Aeneid</i>	15
21	18 Jan. 1958	R. Speaight: The Virgilian <i>Res</i>	16
22	15 Nov. 1958	R. Speaight: A Modern Virgilian	16
23	7 Nov. 1959	P. Grimal: <i>Pius Aeneas</i>	12
24	18 Feb. 1961	J. F. Lockwood: Virgil Now	8

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2	18 Mar. 1944	E. H. Warmington: Virgil, Poet and Prophet	
3	15 Apr. 1944	W. F. J. Knight: <i>Patriis Virtutibus</i>	3
4	20 May 1944	W. F. J. Knight: Virgil and Europe (at Cambridge)	3
5	20 Jan. 1945	R. J. Getty: James Henry	2
6	17 Feb. 1945	J. M. C. Toynbee: Art in the Virgilian Age	3
7	24 Nov. 1944	Sir W. Munday: Virgil's Dido (at Exeter)	4
8	17 Mar. 1945	Francesca Marton: Virgil and Peace Aims	3
9	14 Apr. 1945	W. F. J. Knight: <i>Callida Iunctura</i>	3
10	17 Nov. 1945	B. Scott James: How to Read Virgil	4
11	16 Feb. 1946	H. Mattingly: Virgil's Fourth <i>Eclogue</i>	2
12	25 Oct. 1945	W. F. Knight: Our <i>Aeneid</i> (at Exeter)	4
13	18 May. 1946	J. T. Sheppart: The Initiation of Aeneas	3
14	6 June 1946	L. A. Harvey: Some Virgilian Animals (at Exeter)	4
15	16 Mar. 1946	J. E. Lowe: The Problem of Dido and Aeneas	18
16	15 June 1946	J. Murray: <i>Facilis Descensus Averno</i>	5
17	15 Mar 1947	A. H. Armstrong: The Latin Christian Classics	3
18	17 May 1947	B. Tilly: Some Virgilian Places	2
19	15 Nov. 1947	C. A. Raleigh Radford: The Mosaic at Low Ham	4
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27	21 Oct. 1950	L. P. Wilkinson: The Art of the <i>Georgics</i>	3
28	17 Nov. 1951	A. J. Gossage: Virgil in the Roman Epic Tradition	6
29	20 Oct. 1951	J. F. Lockwood: Aeneas' Task in Italy	12
30	15 Nov. 1952	A. H. Armstrong: Virgil and Greek Pastoral Poetry	3
31	14 Feb. 1953	R. D. Williams: Virgil's Aeneas	1
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33	6 Mar. 1954	O. Skutsch: Sound and Sense in Virgil	6
34	16 Oct. 1954	C. G. Hardie: The Pseudo-Virgilian <i>Ciris</i>	3
35	15 Jan. 1955	J. Murray: Virgil, Dante and the <i>Res Romana</i>	5
36	22 Oct. 1955	B. Tilly: More Excursions into Virgil's Country	3
37	18 Feb. 1956	E. Laughton: Virgilian Mediaevalism	10
38	19 Jan. 1957	E. T. Dubois: Some Imitations of Virgil in France	7
39	16 Feb. 1957	M. L. Clarke: Virgil in English Education	7
40	10 Jan. 1957	R. V. Schoder: Vergil's Use of the Cumae Area	6
41	16 Mar. 1957	K. Wellesley: Virgil's Home	7
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43	15 Feb. 1958	D. R. Dudley: A Plea for Aeneas	6
44	16 Nov. 1957	E. C. Woodcock: Virgil's Philosophy of Religion	11
45	18 Oct. 1958	W. F. J. Knight: Some Divine Monitions	
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47	21 Feb. 1959	A. J. Gossage: Statius and Virgil	8
48	17 Oct. 1959	H. MacL. Currie: Virgil and Valerius Flaccus	6
49	16 Jan. 1960	M. Coffey: Virgil and the Epic Simile	2
50	22 Oct. 1960	C. G. Hardie: <i>Eclogue</i> VI	10
51	19 Nov. 1960	W. S. Maguinness: Virgil and Milton	2
52	20 Feb. 1960	H. H. Huxley: <i>Virgo Bellatrix</i>	4
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Early editions (nos 1–10) were edited by Peter Agrell.

Subsequent numbers <(14–19)> have been produced by Jill Kilsby and Carlotta Dionisotti, with contributions from Peter Pickering and other members of Council. <Nos 20–24 have been edited by Derek Scales, with contributions from Peter Pickering and others>.

PROCEEDINGS

The author's original text contained tables of the contents of PVS 21–27. Printing these tables here did not seem necessary, as these issues of PVS are now online at digitalvirgil.co.uk [ed].

PROGRAMMES OF MEETINGS

1991–92

23 November – R. G. Mayer: *The Ivory Gate Revisited* (PVS 21, 53–63).

15 February – A. C. de la Mare: *Humanistic Manuscripts of Virgil*.

14 March (joint meeting with the Classical Association; school parties welcome) – M. Winterbottom: *Aeneas and the Idea of Troy* (PVS 21, 17–34).

9 May – D. A. West: Presidential Address, *How not to translate the Aeneid or anything, by an expert* (PVS 21, 1–16).

The Presidential Address was extended to include ‘The Julian Star’.

1992–93

5 December – Charles Martindale: *Reading ambiguity: Virgil and the critics* (PVS 21, 111–50).

12 January – Dennis Blandford: Anniversary Lecture, *Pentekontaetia: The Virgil Society 1943–1993* (PVS 21 Supplement). The Society was founded on this very day in 1943.

Visitors were cordially invited to join in a celebratory drink after the lecture.

23 January – Matthew Leigh: *Trees and trophies in Virgil and Lucan* (PVS 21, 89–110).

20 March – Adrian Hollis: *Virgil, friend of Varius Rufus* (PVS 22, 19–33).

8 May – H. H. Huxley: Presidential Address, *Wielder of the stateliest measure* (PVS 22, 1–18).

27 September – Conference (See *Pente s.v.* ‘Herbert Huxley’).

1993–94

30 October – Don Fowler: “*Pater noster*”: *God the father in Virgil and others* (PVS 22, 35–52).

22 January – Niall Rudd: *Virgil’s Contribution to Pastoral* (PVS 22, 53–77).

26 February – Sandra Clark: *Virgil, Shakespeare and Romance* (PVS 22, 79–100).

7 May – Gerard O’Daly: *Orpheus after Virgil*.

1994–95

21 October – Priscilla Martin: *Chaucer and Virgil* (PVS 23, 1–21).

21 January – Ian Martin: *Hector Berlioz and Les Troyens: A lifelong passion for Virgil* (PVS 23, 22–24).

18 March – Howard Erskine-Hill: *Lauderdale, Dryden, and a Jacobite Virgil*.

20 May – Peter Levi: Presidential Address, *The Whole Note* (PVS 23, 25–49).

1995–96

- 21 October – Stephen Willink: *Virgil's Silenus*.
 9 December – Jane Fisher: *Wayward sisters: From Purcell to Berlioz* (PVS 23, 51–71).
 24 February – Carol Magner: *Imperium sine fine: Virgil, Augustus and Frederick Barbarossa* (PVS 23, 73–100).
 16 March – Duncan Kennedy: *The anxieties of empire: Virgil in the twentieth century*.
 27 April – Monica Gale: *War and Peace in Lucretius and the Georgics* (PVS 23, 101–28).

1996–97

- 26 October (joint meeting with Classical Association) – Suzanna Morton Braund: *Personalities and conflicts: the case of Aeneas and Dido* (PVS 23, 129–147).
 25 January – John Henderson: *Valediction: Virgil, Eclogue 9* (PVS 23, 149–76).
 15 March – Should have been Professor Barrie Hall: *Virgil in Africa*. The substitute lecture was: A. C. Dionisotti: *Aeneas the Cad*.
 24 May – H. MacL. Currie: Presidential Address, *Virgil and the Military Tradition* (PVS 23, 177–91).

1997–98

- 25 October – Roy Gibson: *Aeneas as hospes in Aeneid I and 4*.
 31 January – F. M. A. Jones: *Virgil's Inheritors* (PVS 24, 1–9).
 7 March – Philip Hardie: *Virgilian Fama in the Visual Arts*.
 9 May – Neil Wright: *Semper honos nomenque tuum laudesque manebunt: Virgil in the Middle Ages?* (PVS 24, 11–29).

1998–99

- 31 October – Damien Nelis: *Virgil's Aeneid and Cameron's Callimachus*.
 27 February – Lecture cancelled. Should have been Robert R. Dyer: *Cicero and Plato in Virgil's Aeneid*.
 27 March – Alessandro Schiesaro: *Virgil in Bloomsbury* (PVS 24, 31–47).

1999–2000

- 20 November – Norman Vance: *Aeneas and Caratacus as Victorian Heroes*.
 12 February – Andrew Laird: *The Poetics and Afterlife of Virgil's Katabasis* (PVS 24, 49–80).
 25 March – Rosemary Barrow: *Painting Virgil: Victorian Choices* (PVS 24, 81–101).
 3 June – Tony Harrison: Presidential Address (PVS 24, 103–120).

2000-01

- 28 October – Emma Gee: *Anchises and the Somium Scipionis*.
 25 November – Jonathan Bate: *The Elizabethan Virgil*.
 20 January – Egil Kraggerud: *What kind of epic is the Aeneid?*
 24 February – Francis Cairns: *Pollio and the Eclogues*.
 19 May – Bruce Gibson: *Calpurnius Siculus and Virgil (PVS 25, 1–14)*.

2001-02

- 27 October – Mike Belbin: *Virgil: modern classic (PVS 25, 15–26)*.
 24 November – Ingo Gildenhard: *Viewing Gigantomachy: from Virgil to Cornelisz van Haarlem (PVS 25, 27–48)*.
 19 January – Llewelyn Morgan: *Vergilii opera? Purcell's Dido and Aeneas and the Glorious Revolution (PVS 25, 49–62)*.
 23 February – Elena Theodorakopoulos: *Myth and History in Aeneid 5 (PVS 25, 63–72)*.
 18 May – Fiona Cox: *Virgilian Landscapes of the Twentieth Century (PVS 25, 73–82)*.

2002-03

- 26 October – Gillian Clark: *City of God(s): Virgil and Augustine (PVS 25, 83–94)*.
 23 November – Peter Agrell: *Aeneid 4: The night in the cave again (PVS 25, 95–110)*.
 18 January – Christopher Gill: *Character and Passion in Virgil's Aeneid (PVS 25, 111–24)*.
 22 February – Mark Grant: *Plants and Food in Virgil (PVS 25, 125–34)*.
 17 May – Susanna Morton Braund: *Presidential Address, Evergreen Virgil (PVS 25, 135–146)*.

2003-04

- 25 October – Robin Seager: *The Eminent Bard and the Soldierly Greek: Refractions between Virgil and Ammianus Marcellinus (PVS 25, 147–160)*.
 22 November – Anton Powell: *Aeneas, Sex and the Importance of Misery*.
 17 January – Colin Burrow: *The Appendix Virgiliana and its Renaissance Readers (PVS 26, 1–16)*.
 21 February – Peter Pickering: *Careless writing? Verbal repetition in Virgil and later epic*.
 15 May – John Henderson: *The Song of Roland: Austin's Aeneid*.

2004-05

- 23 October – Marina Warner: Presidential Address, *Ghosts and Daemons: The Revival of Myth and Magic* (PVS 26, 17–31).
 27 November – John Mair: *Some glimpses of Virgil in Late Antiquity* (PVS 26, 32–40).
 22 January – Angus Bowie: *Aeneas narrator* (PVS 26, 41–51).
 26 February – Alison Sharrock: *Servius and Virgil: The Critic as Intertext*.
 21 May – Donald Hill: *Statius' Debt to Virgil* (PVS 26, 52–65).

2005-06

- 22 October – Stephen Moorby: *Fidus Achates: Faithful Friend or Poetic Fraud?* (PVS 26, 66–75).
 3 December – Ruth Morello: *Segregem eam fecit: Camilla and the scholiasts*.
 21 January – Richard Jenkyns: *Dryden's Virgil in a comparative light* (PVS 26, 76–88).
 20 February (joint meeting with King's College London) – Richard Thomas: *What IS a classic? T. S. Eliot Revisited*.
 18 March – Anne Rogerson: *Ascanius and the End of the Aeneid*.
 20 May – [1] Luke Houghton: *Virgil the "Renaissance Man" and his Medieval Antecedents* (PVS 26, 89–104); [2] Egil Kraggerud: Presidential Address (PVS 26, 105–110).

2006-07

- 21 October – Keith McLennan: *Humour in Virgil* (PVS 27, 1–13).
 2 December – Should have been Samantha Smith: *The Dark Night of the Soul: Virgil's Influence on Epic Night Raids*. This was replaced by Oliver Chadwick: *Virgil's Georgics*.
 30 January – Caroline Butler: *Virgil in the Classroom* (PVS 27, 14–25).
 31 March – Susan Walker: *The Fall of Alexandria in Roman Art*.
 19 May – [1] Jasper Griffin: *The Aeneid: The Grand Design*; [2] Emily Gowers: *Trees and Family Trees in the Aeneid*.

2007-08

- 20 October – Martin Dinter: *Epitaphic Gestures in Virgil*.
 15 December – Rosemary Hackney: *Reflections of Virgil's Aeneid and Other Classics in Jean Racine's Andromaque*.
 19 January – John Davie: *Virgil and Milton* (PVS 27, 26–37).
 23 February – John Eidinow: *Dumas Père* (PVS 27, 38–55).
 10 May – [1] Bob Cowan: *Hopefully Surviving: Despair, Futility, and the Limits of devotio in Virgil and Others* (PVS 27, 56–98); [2] William Fitzgerald: *Virgil and Music*.

2008-09

- 18 October – Dunstan Lowe: *Rustic Fantasies and “Primitive” Italy in the Aeneid* (PVS 27, 99–128).
- 22 November – Helen Lovatt: *Aeneid 1 and the Epic Gaze in the Carlias of Ugolino Verino* (PVS 27, 129–54).
- 17 January – Jean-Michel Hulls: *Re-casting the Master: Further Faces of Virgil in Imperial Rome* (PVS 27, 155–83).
- 21 February – Stephen Harrison: *Laudes Italiae* (Georgics 2.136–76): *Virgil as a Caesarian Hesiod*.
- 23 May – [1] Jonathan Powell: *Aeneas the Spin-Doctor: Rhetorical Self-Presentation in Aeneid 2* (PVS 27, 184–202); [2] Andrew Laird: *The Aeneid from the Aztecs to the Dark Virgin: Virgil, Native Tradition and Latin Poetry in Colonial Mexico*.

2009-10

- 24 October – Peter Heslin: *Aeneas in Pompeii*.
- 12 December – Daniel Hadas: *Eclogue 4 and the Latin Fathers*.
- 23 January – Discussion Meeting: *Virgil and Textual Criticism*.
- 20 March – Discussion Meeting: *Virgil and the Next Generation*.
- 24 April – Robin Sowerby: *Night attacks: Iliad 10 and Aeneid 9 through Dryden, Pope and Byron* <(PVS 28, 1–18)>.
- 22 May – [1] Reading of *Virgil and his Muse*, a play by Oliver Chadwick (ob. 2009); [2] Harry Eyres: Presidential Address, *Virgil and Horace – Friendship with Differences*.

2010-11

- 9 October – Gesine Manuwald: *Dido: Concepts of a Literary Figure from Virgil to Purcell* <(PVS 28, 19–40)>.
- 18 December – Discussion Meeting: *Virgil and Textual Criticism* (continued).
- 29 January – Katharine Earnshaw: *Lucan’s Georgic Pharsalia*.
- 5 March – Roger Rees: *Ausonius and Virgil’s Nether Regions* <(PVS 28, 41–53)>.
- 21 May – [1] Open Forum: *The Virgil Society, Past, Present, and Future*; [2] Philip Hardie: *Dido and Lucretia* <(PVS 28, 55–80)>.

2011–12

- 29 October – Discussion Meeting: *Ordering the Words in Virgil*.
 3 December – Anthony Holbourn: *Virgil and Humanity*.
 28 January – Naoko Yamagata: *Female Warriors in the Aeneid and the Japanese Tale of the Heike: Camilla, Amazons and Tomoe* <(PVS 28, 81–98)>.
 10 March – Steven Green: *Roman Responses to the End of the Aeneid* <(PVS 28, 99–122, on different topic)>.
 26 May – [1] Reading the poet: pastoral songs (John Hazel and Carlotta Dionisotti); [2] Jasper Griffin: Presidential Address, *Aeneas, Pietas, and the Gods* <(PVS 28, 123–40)>.

2012–13

- 27 October – Discussion Meeting: *Lacrimae volvuntur inanes; Slippery subjects (or who does what?) in Aeneid 4*.
 8 December – Diederik Burgersdijk: *Virgil in French Romanticism: Parallel Novels of Benjamin Constant and Germaine de Stael* <(PVS 28, 141–72)>.
 26 January – Claire Stocks: *The Colours of Carthage – Viewing Tyrian Purple in Virgil's Aeneid* <(PVS 28, 173–96)>.
 9 March – Catherine Ware: *Virgil as Panegyrist in Late Antiquity* <(PVS 29)>.
 18 May – [1] Reading the poet: Virgil's Underworld (VS members led by John Hazel); [2] Ceri Davies: *The prophecies of Fferyll: Virgilian Reception in Wales* <(PVS 29)>.

<2013–14

- 26 October – Dominic Berry: *Dido and Aeneas through Roman Eyes* (PVS 28, 197–217).
 7 December – Discussion Meeting: *Careless or crafty? Verbal repetitions in Virgil* (led by Peter Pickering).
 25 January – Richard Danson Brown: *“And sweetest love-”: Virgilian Half-Lines in Spenser's Faerie Queene* (PVS 29).
 8 March – Anita Frizzarin: *‘Si mens non laeva fuisset ...’: Counterfactuals in the Aeneid* (PVS 29).
 17 May – [1] Reading the poet: selections from the *Georgics* (VS members led by John Hazel); [2] Richard Jenkyns: Presidential Address, *Virgil and the Unspoken* (PVS 29).

2014-15

- 25 October – Discussion Meeting: *Virgil's elisions: their nature and purpose* (led by John Hazel).
 7 December – Nora Goldschmidt: *Authoring Virgil*.
 24 January – Danielle Frisby: *Staius' Capaneus and Virgil's Lacöon* (PVS 29).
 7 March – Laura Jansen: *Rereading the Classics: Borges' Virgil*.
 17 May – [1] Reading the poet: *Aeneid 4* (VS members led by John Hazel); [2] John Roberts: *The Virgil Commentary of Juan Luis de la Cerda*.

2015-16

- 24 October – Discussion Meeting: *How Virgil's poetry sounded* (led by John Hazel).
 5 December – Calypso Nash: *Fatum and fortuna: religion and philosophy in Virgil's Aeneid* (PVS 29).
 23 January – Sheldon Brammall: *The Shaping of the Virgilian Canon: Joseph Scaliger and the Appendix Vergiliana*.
 5 March – Anton Powell: *Virgil and Neptune: Defying Homer?*
 17 May – [1] Reading the poet: *Aeneid 2* (VS members led by John Hazel); [2] Ahuvia Kahane: *'Vitae' and 'Mortes': Virgil's Biography and the Parity of Life and Words* (PVS 29).

2016-17

- 29 October – Discussion Meeting: *The evidence for our knowledge of the way Latin was spoken in Virgil's time* (led by John Hazel).
 3 December – Beverley Back: *"Seven Hells" and "Using the Force": On-screen Fantasy and Teaching the Aeneid*.
 21 January – Stephen Heyworth: *Aeneas the Villain*.
 4 March – Fiachra Mac Góráin: *Virgil in Friel's Translations*.
 13 May – [1] Reading the Poet: *Aeneid 12* (VS members led by John Hazel); [2] Niklas Holzberg: *From deus absconditus to Soter: Octavian in Virgil and Early Augustan Poetry*.>

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Rogerson, A.	18 Mar. 06
Rudd, N.	22 Jan. 94
Schiesaro, A.	27 Mar. 99
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Smith, S.	2 Dec. 06
Sowerby, R.	24 Apr. 10
Stocks, C.	26 Jan. 13
Theodorakopoulos, C.	23 Feb. 02
Thomas, R.	20 Feb. 06
Walker, S.	31 Mar. 07
Ware, C.	9 Mar. 13
Warner, M.	23 Oct. 04
West, D.	9 May 92
Willink, S.	21 Oct. 95
Winterbottom, M.	14 Mar. 92
Wright, N.	9 May 98
Yamagata, N.	28 Jan. 12

PENTEKONTAETIA: ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA

- p.v For *9 Jan 42* read *9 Jan 43*.
- p.15 Delete the (meaningless) words *and slightly to shift his historical allusion*.
- p.17 For *Underword* read *Underworld*.
- p. 17 For *Stalingrad* (Now Volgograd) read *Leningrad* (now St. Petersburg).
- p.33 The President was George Malcolm Young (1882–1959).
- p.34 The President was Cyril Bailey (1871–1957)
- p.39 The Presidential Address by E. V. Rieu was published in *PVS* 21 (1993), 35–51.
- p.45 *PVS* volume 1 was edited (in so far as any editing was necessary) by A. J. Gossage (AJG to DWB, 18 Sept. 1993). This should be added to the *res gestae* of AJG on p.48, and corrected in references to *PVS* 1 on pp.99, 107, 108.
- p.46 For (*Minutes 16 Feb 65*) read (*Minutes 16 Feb 63*).
- p.48 *PVS* 21 (1993) now holds the record at 171 pages. <Volumes from *PVS* 27 onwards have more pages, due to a change in format.>
- p.57 A set of VS publications has been deposited in the Joint Library (8 May 93)
- p.57 A group visit to Cumae was held (24–31 October 1993) and a report circulated to members. This should be added to p.68.
- p.68 For (G&R 1959, 85–86) read (G&R 1959, 86–89 + 2 plates).
- p.68 For £25 read £5.25.
- p.69 *s.v.* ‘finances’. The list of headings has been scrambled, and should follow the order on pp.69–73.
- p.69 For *increase was applied for* read *increase was implemented*.
- p.88 The mis-spelling of Maguinness is due to the original.

PUBLICATIONS

Other related publications include:

Meminisse iuvabit (*Pente*, pp.113–114) on shelf 95.19Y

ORVA (*vide infra*) on shelf 95.19Q

GWK Biography (*Pente*, p.93) on shelf 204B

- p.104 I have copies of Pamphlet 3 (T. S. Gregory) and Pamphlet 5 (R. Speaight) but no dates of delivery – if ever delivered.
- p.105 Conversely, Summary 2 (E. H. Warmington) remains a mystery: this was delivered, but I wonder if it was ever published.
- p.114 *Meminisse Iuvabit* is now a Duckworth title (£11.95). Another publication with some resemblance to *Meminisse iuvabit* is S. J. Harrison (ed), *Oxford Readings*

in *Vergil's Aeneid* (*ORVA*), 1990, Oxford. This contains 26 essays on the *Aeneid* (including 4 reprints from *PVS*, 3 of them also reprinted in *Memnisse*) plus the VS lecture of 15 January 1972, which was not published by the VS.

MEETINGS

- p.116 For *R.D. William* read *R.D. Williams*.
- p.119 *s.v.* 15 Mar 47 delete *Revd*.
- p.120 *s.v.* 15 May 48 delete *Revd*
- p.121 *s.v.* 10 Mar 51 add *PVS* 21, 35–51.
- p.129 *s.v.* 19 Mar 66 add *ORVA* 25, 449–465.
- p.131 *s.v.* 14 Nov 70 cf. *ORVA* 9, 191–207.
- p.132 *s.v.* 15 Jan 72 add *ORVA* 7, 145–166.
- p.133 *s.v.* 10 Nov 73 add *ORVA* 6, 127–144.
- p.134 *s.v.* 22 Nov 75 add *ORVA* 15, 295–304.
- p.135 *s.v.* 13 Jan 79 cf. *G&R* April 79, 61–80.
- p.135 *s.v.* 10 Feb 79 cf. *G&R* Oct 82, 143–168.
- p.136 *s.v.* 19 Jan 80 add *ORVA* 20, 378–389.
- p.138 *s.v.* 15 May 84 cf. *ORVA* 9, 191–201.
- p.141 *s.v.* 2 Mar 91 add *PVS* 21, 65–79.
- p.142 *s.v.* 23 Nov 91 add *PVS* 21, 53–63.
- p.142 *s.v.* 14 Mar 92 add *PVS* 21, 17–34.
- p.142 *s.v.* 9 May 92 add *PVS* 21, 1–16.
- p.142 *s.v.* 5 Dec 92 add *PVS* 21, 111–150 ('Descent into Hell').
- p.142 *s.v.* 23 Jan 93 add *PVS* 21, 89–110 ('Hopelessly Devoted').
- p.143 Add to Index: Austin, R.G. 24 Feb 51.
- p.145 *s.v.* Williams. For *14 Nov 71* read *14 Nov 70*, and for *24 Feb 79* read *24 Nov 79*.