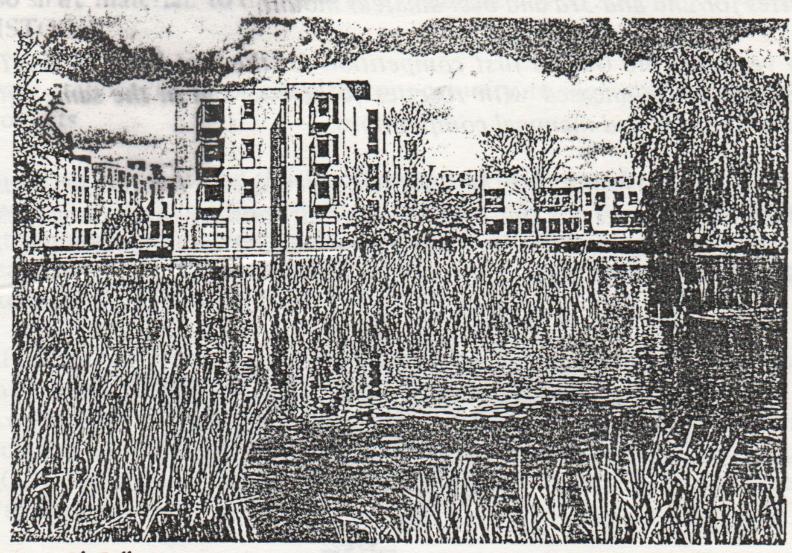
Guild of Taxidermists

CONFERENCE 86

to be held at the University of York 26th - 28th September, 1986



Langwith College

Join Britain's top Taxidermists for TWO days of talks, demonstrations and conversation in the beautiful historic City of York. The 10th Anniversary Conference is to be held at the University of York situated on an attractively landscaped campus only a short distance from the City centre. The nearby University lake, the largest expanse of water in the York area, provides an excellent habitat for ducks, geese and other wildlife.

As well as talks on a variety of aspects of taxidermy there will be informal on-going demonstrations of bird mounting by Thurston Watson of the British Museum whilst runner-up in last year's Squirrel Competition, Mike Gadd, will demonstrate his Squirrel Mounting Technique. Steve Massam will demonstrate various aspects of case making, Dave Weatherley will be producing a full Otter Mount over two days and Brian Jackson will follow up his Fox Mask demonstration of last year by offering some hints on preparation of the form.

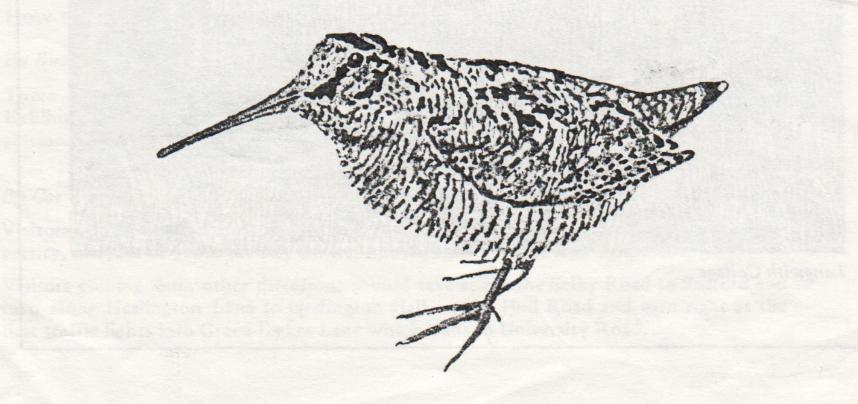
Competitions, open to both amateur and professional members of the Guild, are as follows for this year:

The B.A.S.C. Trophy for the best single WOODCOCK, cased or uncased, plus rosettes for 2nd, 3rd and best amateur mount? Bright will be gaight to a gaight to a gaight.

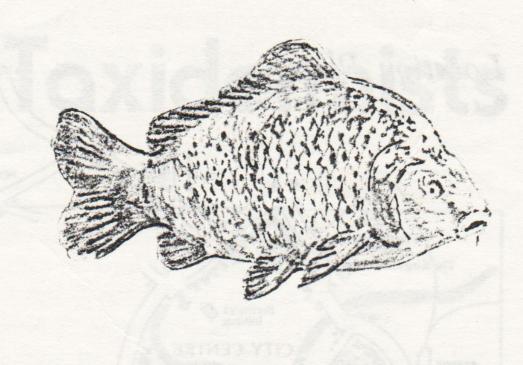
The Mammal Trophy for the best single MINK, cased or uncased, plus rosettes for 2nd and 3rd and best amateur mount of activities of YACTEN

This year sees the Guild's first competition for the best FISH MOUNT or CAST, cased or uncased with rosettes to be awarded in the same categories as the bird and mammal competitions.

The Wagstaffe Trophy will be awarded, once again, for the best cased exhibit. (The Judges for this competition will consider three categories in making their decision: the mount, the groundwork or presentation of the mount and the case itself.)







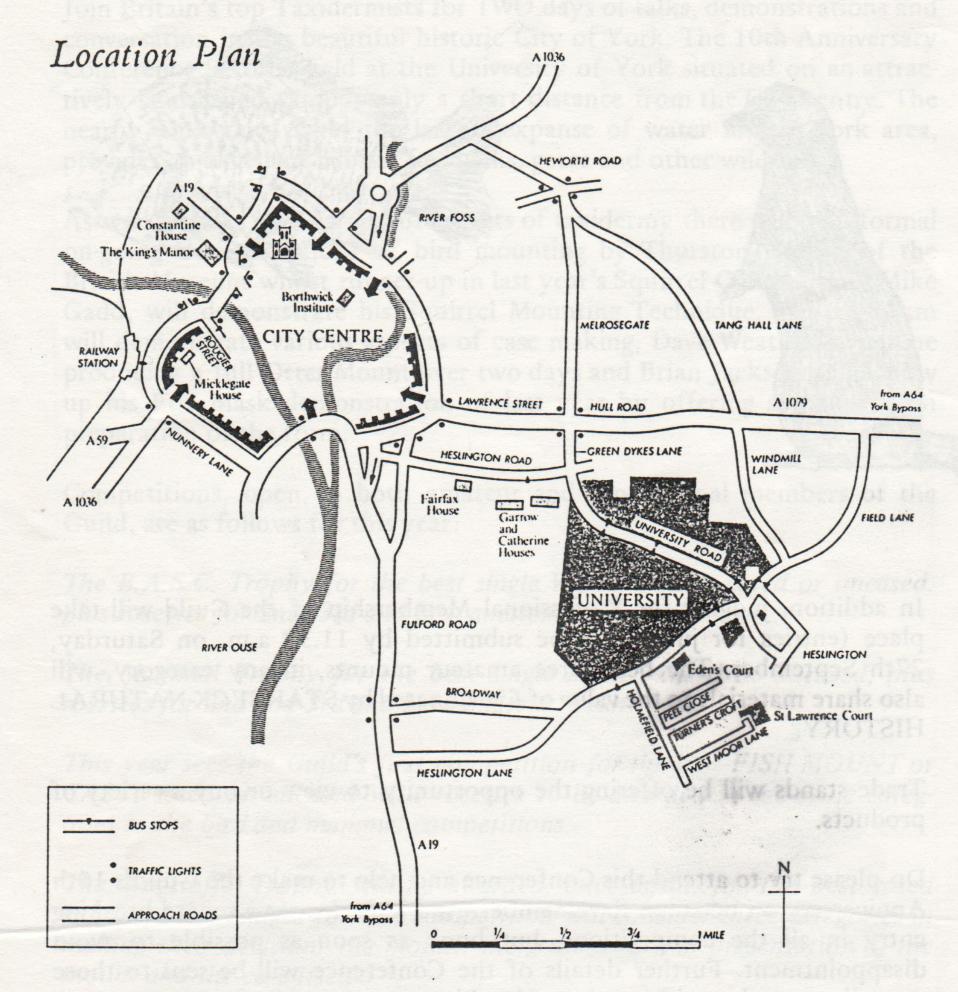
In addition, judging for Professional Membership of the Guild will take place (entries for judging to be submitted by 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 27th September. The best three amateur mounts, in any category, will also share materials to the value of £50 donated by STARBECK NATURAL HISTORY.

Trade stands will be offering the opportunity to view or buy a variety of products.

Do please try to attend this Conference and help to make the Guild's 10th Anniversary an occasion to remember. And ice's also a record breaking entry in all the competitions, but book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Further details of the Conference will be sent to those attending together with receipt of booking.

N.B. Nominations for Chairman and two committee members are required. Any member may stand for election provided they are nominated and seconded by two other Guild members. Nominations should reach the Secretary no later than 27th August. The results will be announced at the A.G.M. which will take place at the Conference at 3 p.m. on Saturday 27th September, 1986.

For further details or enquiries about Conference please contact either David Astley 10 Newton Way, Strensall, York YO3 5ZE or Mike Gadd, 18 Walton Road, Wetherby, W. Yorks. Tel. 61285



How to reach the University

By Bus

There are regular buses to Heslington from the railway station, Rougier Street and Exhibition Square (near The King's Manor). The scheduled journey time from the railway station to Heslington is 20 minutes.

By Car

Visitors approaching York from the A64 should turn off at one of the exits marked University, in order to avoid the city centre. Subsequent turns are also signposted.

Visitors coming from other directions should take either the Selby Road to Fulford and turn along Heslington Lane to Heslington Hall, or the Hull Road and turn right at the first traffic lights into Green Dykes Lane which leads to University Road.