

Recent Books and Articles on Wells

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BARBARA BELFORD *Violet: The Story of the Irrepressible Violet Hunt and her Circle of Lovers and Friends - Ford Madox Ford, H.G. Wells, Somerset Maugham, and Henry James* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1990).

BENNY GREEN 'H.G. Wells's Short Stories' *Folio* (Spring, 1990) pp.20-25.

STANISLAW LEM 'H.G. Wells's *The War of the Worlds*' in *Science Fiction Roots and Branches: Contemporary Critical Approaches* eds., Rhys Garnett and R.J. Ellis (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1990), pp.18-29. [Translation of the epilogue to a Polish edition of *The War of the Worlds*, first published in 1974.]

PATRICK PARRINDER and CHRISTOPHER ROLFE eds. *H.G. Wells Under Revision: Proceedings of the International H.G. Wells Symposium, London, July 1986* (Selinsgrove: Susquehanna University Press, 1990; London: Associated University Presses, 1990). [Reviewed elsewhere in this issue of the *Wellsian*.]

W. WARREN WAGAR 'H.G. Wells and the Scientific Imagination' *Virginia Quarterly Review* 65 (1990), pp.390-400.

H.G. WELLS *Short Stories* ed. with an introduction by Tim Heald (London: Folio Society, 1990).

Aims and Functions of the Society

The H.G. Wells Society was founded in 1960. It has an international membership, and aims to promote a widespread interest in the life, work and thought of Herbert George Wells, and generally to stimulate a Wellsian outlook on the many old and new problems facing Man in the latter part of the twentieth century. It publishes an annual journal and a newsletter.

Bibliography and Reprints

As part of its celebrations during the Wells Centenary Year (1966), the Society published the first comprehensive bibliography of Wells's works to be compiled. A fourth edition of this book was issued in 1986. A number of reprints of books by Wells, including several which has been out-of-print for any years, have also been published. The first of these, a collected edition of Wells's last two books, *The Happy Turning* and *Mind at the End of its Tether*, was published in 1968 and reissued as a paperback in 1982.

Meetings, Exhibitions and School Groups

The extensive range of Wells's thought and ideas is reflected in the diversity of subjects on which the Society has held or sponsored meetings. These have included birth control, the problems of the international exchange of information, educational reform, housing associations and town planning, steps towards a unified world and human rights. The Society arranges exhibitions, both in Britain and abroad, to stimulate interest in Wells and his work. It also encourages the formation of study groups and class-room projects on Wells.

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