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John Schofield
Chair of the Publications Committee
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156th ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION YEAR ENDING
30th SEPTEMBER 2011

Council met five times during the year.
Members of Council and others continued to represent the Society at meetings of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee, the London Archaeological Forum, and the Council for British Archaeology London.

Lecture meetings

The lecture series season ran from October 2010 to May 2011, in the Clore Learning Centre, Museum of London, and was organised very successfully by Cheryl Smith. All of the lectures were very well attended and Council would like to express its appreciation to Cheryl for her hard work in organising the lecture programme.

The meetings began with the Fifth Annual Joint Lecture of LAMAS and the London Natural History Society by Dr Sandra Knapp, Curator, Natural History Museum, entitled ‘Dreams for Dinner: The Natural and Social History of Nightshades’. In November Glynn Davis and Adam Corsini, Archaeological Collections Officers at LAARC, Museum of London, spoke about the ‘Volunteer Inclusion Programme: Inclusive Archaeology at the London Archaeological Archive and Research Centre’, and in December Sam Moorhead, Finds Adviser for Iron Age & Roman Coins, Portable Antiquities & Treasure Department, British Museum, gave a talk on ‘How the Portable Antiquities Scheme is Changing Our Understanding of Roman Coin Use in Britain and London’. In January Bruce Watson, gave an entertaining talk on ‘Anne Mowbray: London’s Forgotten 15th-century Princess’, whilst the talk in March was given by Dr David Bartle, Archivist at the Haberdashers’ Company, entitled ‘Moving to Smithfield: A History of the Halls of the Haberdashers’ Company’. In April the subject of Museum of London curator Alex Werner’s talk was, ‘Expanding City: 1670s–1850s. Creating One of the New Galleries of Modern London at the Museum of London’, and in May, John Shepherd spoke on ‘The Glassworkers of Roman London’.

At the AGM in February the President, Professor Caroline Barron, gave her third and final Presidential Address, on ‘The London Boyhood of Thomas More’.

In May, Cheryl also organised an evening visit to the Guildhall Library, which was attended by 20 members who were given a talk about the history of the Library and shown some of its seldom displayed treasures. It is hoped to organise further tours in the future.

Publications, Newsletter and Website

The Newsletter appeared three times under the editorship of Meriel Jeater, continuing to include a wide range of reviews and short articles as well as news of the activities of our own and other societies. Council would like to express its thanks to Meriel for her work on the Newsletter. Transactions volume 60 appeared and Council continues to appreciate the hard work carried out by our Production Editor Lynn Pitts, our Hon Archaeological Editor, Natalie Cohen and our Hon Local History Editor, Eileen Bowlt. Our website is managed for us by Adam Lewis and continues to attract web users.

Membership (report by Patricia Clark)

Membership for the year was 667 (including 7 honorary and 18 life members) compared with 675 last year and 660 for 2009. 46 new members joined the Society, including 13 by way of the Society’s website and a further 21 using PayPal via the website.

Research Fund

Council had agreed that a sum totalling £5000 should be awarded for the Research Fund for 2010/2011.
In the event, an award of £4,955.00 was made to Nick Holder for new research into London’s Medieval Friaries.

John Stow Commemoration Service

This service is held every three years and is sponsored jointly by LAMAS and the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors. In 2011 the service was held on 6 April and was attended by LAMAS President, Professor Martin Biddle (also a Merchant Taylor), Chair, Laura Schaaf, Hon Treasurer, Martin Williams, Hon Secretary, Jackie Kelly, members of Council, Jessica Freeman and Colin Bowlt, and Chair of the Local History Committee, Eileen Bowlt, as well as a number of LAMAS members. The address, ‘John Stow and the “River of Thames”’ was given by Gustav Milne, of University College London and the Thames Discovery Programme. LAMAS would like to extend its thanks to the Merchant Taylors for organising the event.

Publications Committee (report by John Schofield, Chair)

The Committee met three times during the year. Volume 60 (for 2009) of *Transactions* was published in 2010, with a range of papers and reviews totalling 325 pages, the thickest for many years. Discussion continued about the publication of monographs. The idea of Occasional Papers is put aside, but the Special Papers (the last one being produced in 1991) may be revived. The Notes for Authors are being revised. During the year the Hon Archaeological Editor Nathalie Cohen indicated her wish to retire from the editorship, and a new editor has been found in Bruce Watson. We thank Nathalie for her outstanding work in producing five issues of the journal. The Committee promoted the idea of digitising all the back issues of the journal, to be placed freely on the Society’s website. This was agreed by Council and funds allocated. It is intended that the technical work will be undertaken in late 2011 and the journals, with a moving five-year wall at the most recent end to encourage membership to obtain the current journal in paper form, will be in the public domain in early 2012.

Archaeology Committee (report by Jon Cotton, Secretary)

The Archaeology Committee met three times during the year: in January, May and September. Reports on archaeological fieldwork and related matters were received from MOLA, GLAAS, CBA London and LAARC. The Committee were heartened to hear that MOLA were busy, and that a number of large infrastructure projects were likely to offer further opportunities for fieldwork. The Memorandum of Understanding between LAMAS and CBA London has continued to exercise the Committee, as has the future of a number of local authority museums across Greater London. Of further concern was the impact that projected budgetary savings were likely to have on staffing levels at the MOL. A sub-group of the Committee has been pushing forward with the preparation for publication of John Kent’s excavations at South Mimms Castle. This project is now at an advanced stage.

The Committee organised the 48th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists, held in the Weston Theatre at the MOL on 9 April. The meeting was chaired by Martin Biddle, who presented the 15th Ralph Merrifield Award jointly to Jacqui Pearce and the Hendon and District Archaeological Society for their work on the archaeology of the Hendon area. The ensuing morning session contained talks on Mesolithic Vauxhall, and excavations at Carshalton, 8—10 Moorgate, the British Museum and Borough Market.

The afternoon session on ‘The Archaeology of Modern London’ was addressed by Heather Knight (The Theatre, Shoreditch); Andrew Westman (A London Circus-Theatre-Cinema); Nigel Jefferies (The Archaeology of Modern London); Gustav Milne (The SS Great Eastern); and Roy Stephenson (Past Lives).

Local History Committee (report by John Hinshelwood, Secretary)

The Committee held three meetings, in October 2010, and January and May, 2011.

The Annual Local History Conference took place on 17 November 2010 at the Museum of London. The theme of the conference was ‘London Under Attack: Wars and Insurrections’ and consisted of five talks: ‘Enclosing Londinium, the Roman Landward and Riverside Wall’ by Harvey Sheldon, Birkbeck College; “‘Londoners at Arms’ from the Viking Wars to the Wars of the Roses’ by John Clark, Curator emeritus, MOL; ‘Revival, Division and Restoration: The Artillery Company of London, 1611–1660’ by Ismini Pells, Honourable Artillery Company; ‘London’s Citizen Soldiers, 1757–1908’ by Peter Boyd, National Army Museum; and ‘First World War in Sound and Film, from the Imperial War Museum Archive’ introduced by Dr Cathy Ross, Director of Collections & Learning, MOL. The conference was so well attended that it was fully sold out before the day and as a result it produced a financial surplus. The Local History Publications award for 2011 was divided into two prizes, each of £100, to be given
to the best book and the best journal published by an Affiliated Society between February 2010 and January 2011. The publications were judged on a range of criteria, the principal one being that it showed evidence of original research that added to the knowledge of the history of Greater London. The competition attracted nine books from seven societies, and nine societies submitted publications for the journals award. The book prize was awarded to Twickenham Local History Society for the *The Coloured Mass*, by David G C Allan, and the journal prize was awarded to the Friends of Hackney Archive for its journal *Hackney History*.

The local history workshops were continued in the spring and the autumn. In October 2010 a workshop involving twelve people from nine societies covered the principles of databases and the use of spreadsheets to perform simple statistical manipulation of data. In April 2011 a workshop on getting the best out of the 1911 census had to be postponed at the last minute due to the tutor’s indisposition but was rescheduled for October 2011.

During the year the Committee made contributions to the Council’s discussion on membership matters and the Council’s response to the Greater London Historic Environment Research Strategy.

**Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee** (report by Jon Finney, Chair)

The Committee met monthly throughout the year and dealt with a total of 495 cases mostly from the inner London Boroughs (Southwark, Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, and Hammersmith and Fulham) but with some interesting Applications from outer Boroughs such as Harrow, Bromley and Richmond. The coverage is still not even, in that some Authorities refer cases even when not strictly necessary and others, such as Barnet, refuse to refer cases even where partial demolition is clearly involved. This is something that we are pursuing through the CBA.

The CBA have themselves been the subject of much discussion at our meetings during this year with the loss of funding from the British Council causing some concern. However we are pleased to note that the CBA remain firmly committed to looking at the totality of a site or structure and understanding the relationship that exists between below ground finds and above ground structures within a particular landscape. In November we welcomed Jon Wright, the CBA’s new Conservation and Community Officer, to our meeting where we discussed future procedures and specific cases, particularly Convoys Wharf with which we are still involved.

Specific cases that we have looked at include several from south-east London including, at the beginning of the year, ongoing proposals for the Cutty Sark and surrounding area. Then there were proposals for the Woolwich Arsenal site and for a site between two graving docks at Woolwich Dockyard. On the other side of the Thames, there were poorly designed schemes for the development of a site on the Highway E2 — directly opposite Hawkmoor’s St George-in-the-East, and backing on to Tobacco Wharf. More welcome was the proposed Limehouse Cut Conservation Area.

More central projects of note have been proposals for the Cloisters, Westminster Abbey, the Royal Academy and Bonhams, with contentious proposals for sites at both Spitalfields and Bunhill Fields. The Olympics had an impact with proposals for a vast, detrimental, floating park along the north bank, and for signage and lighting on Tower Bridge. Elsewhere, we campaigned to secure the Listing of the Cleveland Road Workhouse, now protected and saved from demolition. A 'theme' has been 20th-century buildings, with proposals for the Finsbury Health Centre; the Fire Service HQ on Albert Embankment; the Wormholt Centre, W12; Owen Williams’ Pioneer Centre in Peckham; and Jim Stirling’s Brunswick Park School.

Another 'theme' seems to have been transport buildings with the obvious impact of the Crossrail proposals, particularly at Paddington, development at Victoria Station and proposals for a number of Listed suburban stations such as Hatch End, Rayners Lane and Peckham Rye. Other outer London projects have included proposals for Mansions such as Sundridge Park in Bromley; Forty Hall, Enfield; Bentley Priory in Harrow; and the Kings Observatory in Richmond; as well as alterations to smaller structures such as the Gothic Lodge at Fulham Palace, a Barn at Hadley Wood Golf Course, Church Farm and the Old Barn Studios in Pinner, a Norwegian Church and a Tibetan Buddhist Centre. Overall, another year of richly varied and interesting case work!

Given the very heavy work load I would, once again, like to thank all Members of the Committee for their time, energy and commitment. Finally, once again, I have to specifically thank Vicki Fox, our Honorary Secretary, without whose skills, patience and organisation we would not be able to function.

**BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL**

Laura Schaaf
Chairman of Council

Karen Thomas
Acting Honorary Secretary, during absence of Jackie Kelly, Hon Secretary
LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2011

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| Total Net Assets | 98,048 | 85,389 |
| Total Funds | 98,048 | 85,389 |

Notes to the Accounts
1. These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.
2. The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared using the “Natural” classification recommended by the Charity Commission as an optional form of presentation.
3. Restricted Funds are funds whose use has been restricted by the donor - in this instance, English Heritage.
4. The Library Fund has been created to emphasise that the value of the library does not represent liquid funds and cannot be used to meet current expenditure.

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society

Having examined the finances of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society for the year ended 30th September 2011 and having received satisfactory explanations to my enquiries I find the attached Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet to be in accordance with the Society’s accounts and records and to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

Stuart S. Forbes
Independent Examiner
4 Gable Court, Lawrie Park Avenue, London SE26 6HR

(Signed) S. S. Forbes
16th February 2012