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30th SEPTEMBER 2012

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 and the Council for British Archaeology London.

Lecture meetings

The lecture series season ran from October 2011 to May 2012, 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 Barney Sloane of English Heritage speaking on ‘The Black Death in London 1348–9: New Research’. In November Peter Maplestone, Master of the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks, gave a lecture on the history of that Company and in December Glynn Davis (Museum of London) and Catherine Elliot (Dept of Africa, Oceania and the Americas, British Museum) told us all about ‘Thomas Layton’s Artificial Curiosities: Oceanic Collections of an “Old World Type”’. 2012 started with Julian Hill of the Museum of London Archaeology talking on ‘Mapping Roman London: from Site Context to Town Plan’, whilst the talk in March was given by Ellis Charles Pike, Hon Verger of St James Garlickhyther & Vintry Ward Beadle, was on the unusual topic of ‘Jimmy Garlick, the Mummified Man of St James Garlickhythe’. In April Robert Hulse of the Brunel Museum gave an entertaining talk on ‘The Thames Tunnel: Eighth Wonder of the World?’ and in May, Stephen Myers, water engineer spoke on ‘The Walbrook: its Archaeology and History, a Water Engineer’s view’.

At the AGM in February the President, Professor Martin Biddle, gave his first Presidential Address, on ‘Reconstructing Nonsuch: Evidence, Elevations and a Model’.

In April, Cheryl also organised, with Jane Sidell, an evening visit to the Spitalfields Charnel House beneath the pavements of Bishops Square. The trip was well attended and much enjoyed by all.

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 61 appeared and Council continues to appreciate the hard work carried out by our Production Editor Lynn Pitts, our Hon Archaeological Editor, Bruce Watson 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 Pat Clark)

Membership for the year was 654 (including 6 honorary and 18 life members) compared with 667 last year and 675 for 2010. 44 new members joined the society, including 9 by way of the Society’s website and a further 17 using PayPal via the website.

Research Fund

Council had agreed that a sum totalling £5000 should be awarded for the Research Fund for 2011/2012. In the event, an award of £4,904.00 was made to Harvey Sheldon for work on the Highgate Wood Roman Pottery Kilns originally discovered in 1962.
Publications Committee (report by John Schofield, Chair)

The Committee met three times during the year. Bruce Watson is now the Archaeological Editor of Transactions, and volume 61 (for 2010) was published in November 2011. We updated the Notes for Contributors, looking forward to the discussed re-launch of the Society's Special Papers series (which ran to 15 volumes up to 1992). The first of these, Special Paper 16, will be the report on John Kent's excavations of 1960–1 at the Norman motte of South Mimms, Hertfordshire, which following John Kent's death is being worked on by Derek Renn and a group of LAMAS colleagues. During the year we also had all the volumes of the Transactions scanned and placed on the Society's website, for free access. This has been rightly praised as a fine gesture by the Society.

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 has maintained its campaigning role with regard to the adequate re-display of the temple of Mithras excavated by Professor Grimes in 1954. Furthermore the funding of CBA London in the face of CBA retrenchment has continued to exercise minds.

The Memorandum of Understanding between LAMAS and CBA London has now been signed after a long gestation. This should secure LAMAS's position with regard to CBA London over membership, conferences and publications. The future of a number of local authority museums across Greater London has required, and will continue to require, close monitoring.

After six years’ work on the part of a sub-group of the Committee, the publication of John Kent’s excavations at South Mimms Castle is now imminent as a LAMAS Special Paper.

The Committee organised the hearteningly well-attended 49th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists, held in the Weston Theatre at the MOL on 24 March. The meeting was once again chaired by Harvey Sheldon, who presented the 16th Ralph Merrifield Award jointly to Jenny Hall and Jon Cotton in recognition of their work on London’s early past. The ensuing morning session contained talks on the Thameslink Project, a pawnbroker’s burial ground in Bethnal Green, King’s Cross Station, Three Quays House, City, and new work on the temple of Mithras. The afternoon session on ‘Roman Greater London’ was addressed by Isobel Thompson (‘The Foundation of Londinium — a View from the North’); Harvey Sheldon (‘Highgate Wood Roman Pottery’); Martin Dearne (‘Roman Enfield’); Alistair Douglas (‘Roman Shadwell’); and David Bird (‘The Villa and Tileworks at Ashtead Common’).

Local History Committee (report by John Hinshelwood, Secretary)

The Committee held three meetings, in October 2011, and January and May, 2012.

The Annual Local History conference took place on 17 November 2011 at the Museum of London. The theme of the conference was ‘Sporting London’ and consisted of six talks: ‘Sports and Pastimes in Medieval London’ by Eileen Bowlt; ‘From Feats of Arms to Amateur Sports: Changing Attitudes to Exercise in Tudor and Stuart London’ by Rosemary Weinstein; ‘Cricket: the History of Lord’s 1787 onwards’ by Stephen Green; “Rowing as a Way of Life” — the Root and Branch of Rowing on London’s River’ by Christopher Dodd; ‘Leaps and Bounds: Young Women Gymnasts in East London 1917–21’ by Carol Bentley; and ‘London’s Olympic Yesterdays’ by Murray Hedgecock. In spite of low ticket sales the conference was regarded as a success and, in spite of the many negative comments we had about the topic, it proved to be an interesting day to all who attended.

The Local History Publications awards presented during the annual conference in November 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 of 2011 a repeat workshop involving seventeen people from eight societies provided a guide to the 1911 census; this had been oversubscribed when previously run in March. A further workshop was proposed and planned, in conjunction with the Education Department of the Museum of London, to explore the local historian’s role in supporting the teaching of local history in schools.
Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee (report by Jon Finney, Chair)

The Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee has met monthly throughout 2012, dealing with an average of 40 cases at each meeting.

The Committee comments on behalf of the CBA on all Listed Building applications referred within the Greater London area, making us one of the busiest of all the CBA’s Agents. There were in total, 364 cases (pretty much one a day!), and among the more interesting were:

January — 7 Grange Walk, alterations to a 17th-century house incorporating remains of the medieval Bermondsey Abbey; development in the City with the re-location of the Temple of Mithras.

February — development behind the frontage of the London Fruit and Wool Exchange Building, objected to by us and others, and by the LPA, but approved controversially by the Mayor.

March — alteration to the neo-Tudor Liberty’s Building in Regent Street and proposals for Hawley Wharf at Camden Market, both schemes felt to be harmful to the heritage character.

April — consideration of the Sugar House Lane development just south of the Olympic Park, with questions as to the nature of the Olympic legacy, and enhancement of the Lea Valley.

May — further consideration of Olympic issues with proposed alterations to Tower Bridge for hanging symbols and projecting advertising from the upper walkway and on to the towers.

June — proposals for landscaping and for new structures within Walpole Park by Pitzhanger Manor, Ealing and proposals for Redchurch Street E2, a rare pair of 17th-century weaver’s cottages.

July — proposals affecting the remarkable 18th-century Kelmscott House W6, which was William Morris’s home from 1878, and the Arts and Crafts Debenham House W14 by Halsey Ricardo.

August — the redevelopment of the Fleet Building, a massive former 1960s telephone exchange, an unlovely building though it had Listed panels on the Farringdon Road frontage.

September — proposed development at various Wharf sites at Fulham with archaeological and heritage interest and unauthorised changes to the medieval Hand in Hand PH in Pinner.

October — huge new proposals for the sites around Battersea Power Station, raising queries about the setting of the historic building, and concerns about its future use and sub-division.

November — proposals for a hotel at Cannon Workshops in Docklands were considered in detail following site visits, as a result of which we raised no objections subject to Conditions.

December — controversial scheme for the conversion of the Gatehouse at Woolwich Arsenal together with a strange scheme to add a storey to a Harley Street property by raising its roof.

Other issues have included the on-going discussions on the Convoys Wharf development, and the problems around our working with the new CBA web-site. Much time has also been spent on planning our Conference which will take place on Saturday, 28 September 2013.

The work of the Committee is also to feature in the CBA Newsletter focusing on the Temple of Mithras case considered at the January meeting and the Fleet Building with its 1960 decorative ceramic panels by Dorothy Annan, which the Committee considered in August 2012.

Given the very heavy workload I would, again, like to thank all Members of the Committee for their time, energy and commitment; with specific thanks to 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
Hon Secretary
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2011 net incoming resources £21,042
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### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2012

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**Notes to the Accounts**

1. These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.
2. The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet have been prepared using a natural classification in accordance with the Charities' Acts 1993 – 2011.
3. Restricted Funds are Funds whose use has been restricted by the donors – English Heritage (£12,468) and Birkbeck College (£2,000 for publication of the Syon Abbey Report).
4. In 2012 LAMAS was required to formalise the long-standing arrangement where the LAMAS Library was held within the library of the Museum of London, as the Museum cannot take long-term responsibility for things it does not own. Council decided to transfer ownership to the Museum of most of the books to ensure their continuing availability to Members. A few books which are duplicates or not required by the Museum will be offered to Members to purchase from 2013 onwards and those unsold will be disposed of. To reflect this change the asset of the Library in LAMAS’ Balance Sheet (and its matching Fund) have been written down to zero in 2011 / 12. The proceeds of the sale of surplus books will be recorded in LAMAS Accounts after they occur. Under Museum of London ownership a Member’s access to the former LAMAS library is unchanged. Council considers that this transfer of ownership does not have a real financial value as it carries with it responsibility for safe keeping, storage and access. Accordingly this transaction does not affect the Statement of Financial Activities.

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

Having examined the financial statements of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society for the year ended 30th September 2012 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 Acts 1993 – 2011.

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

(Signed) S. S. Forbes 23rd January 2013