
LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

120th Annual Report of the Council of the London Topographical Society for 2019

Our 119th Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at St. Andrew Holborn. The church was full to capacity with some 200 members in attendance. Following the formal part of the meeting, there were talks by Council Members Caroline Barron about St Andrew Holborn and Dorian Gerhold on the research he undertook for this year's publication.

The Society's annual publication for 2019 was *London Bridge and its Houses, c.1209-1761* by Dorian Gerhold and edited by Sheila O'Connell.

Council meetings were held in January, April and September to discuss the Society's publications programme, membership, finances and general administration. A new Council Member, Anne Ramon, was elected to the Council at the 2019 AGM.

The Society's total income for 2019 was £35,844 while expenditure came to £32,427.

The Society made a single grant this year of £1,472 to the London Metropolitan Archives towards the conservation of London drawings by William Alistair MacDonald (1861-1948).

During the year 67 new members joined the Society: at the end of 2019 there were 1230 paid-up members and two honorary members.

The Society's new website (www.londontopsoc.org) was launched in July; it cost £7934. In addition to providing a modern platform for the sale of the Society's publications and memberships applications, it offers access to a large and easily accessible educational resource touching on a wide range of subjects relating to the history of London. As an example, for the first time many of the Society's rare Victorian and Edwardian publications may now be read in a digitised format.

The Society's *Newsletter* was published in May (No. 88) and November (No. 89) with articles ranging widely over London past and present.

No 88: *The London Dock Company and Wapping Street, 1800-1810* by Derek Morris provided revealing details about the character of Wapping before the creation of the London Docks. *Remembering Ruskin* by Laurence Marsh looked at the great Victorian's legacy with a particular reference to south London. And in *Vinyl Revival* David Crawford investigated how in 1907 the Gramophone Company (later EMI) developed a site between the railway and canal at Hayes in Middlesex and what has happened there since.

No 89: Jeremy Smith from the London Metropolitan Archives explained the history and value of the Archive's database in *COLLAGE – The London Picture Archive*. Dorian Gerhold, in *Restoring the Palace of Westminster*, brought readers up to date on the practical problems of the restoration and the issues they raise. In his continuing exploration of the archives relating to the construction of the London Docks, *Sir John Soane and the Port of London, 1807-1812*, Derek Morris revealed the hitherto unacknowledged involvement of the architect Sir John Soane.

Book reviews covered a variety of subjects including the history of Sion Row, Twickenham, Tower Bridge, the art of landscape architecture, London's District Railway, Saxon London and the City's waterfront.

A project was started to fully digitise the *Newsletter* for the website dating back to its first edition in February 1975. All editions of the *Newsletter* will be available to read online by Spring 2020.

Mike Wicksteed
Hon. Secretary

London Topographical Society

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Income and Expenditure Account 2019

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Income	2019 £	2018 £	Expenditure	2019 £	2018 £
Subscriptions paid by members	23149	23158	Members' Subscription publications		
Subscriptions from earlier years		20	Cost of Production	14294	13406
Income Tax from Covenants/Gift Aid	4189	3660	Cost of Distribution	2018	1697
			Total cost of publications	16312	15103
Total subscription income	27338	26838			
			Newsletter	5392	5064
Net profit from sales of Publications	4155	2964	AGM	1188	1461
Interest Received	1324	1179	Website (rebuilt in 2019)	7967	349
Grant: Scouloudi Foundation	1250	1250	Administration	96	64
			GDPR expense		524
Sundry Donations	1714	254	Total Admin costs	14643	7462
Royalties received	63	90			
			Grant to LMA	1472	
			Grant to HTT		8000
Total Income for the year	35844	32575	Total expenditure for year	32427	30565
Surplus	3417	2010			

Balance Sheet 31 December 2019

Assets	2019 £	2018 £	Liabilities	2019 £	2018 £
Money in Bank and Nat Savings	202535	196397	Overseas Members' Post	220	220
Advance payments	4873	3136	Subscriptions paid in advance	5012	3328
			Creditor	3600	3600
Value of Publication Stock			Total Liabilities	8832	7148
Stock at end of previous year	7336	9488			
Additions to Stock	1500	1509	Net Worth of Society	203138	199721
Less value of Publications sold	4275	3661			
			Change in net worth		
Value of Stock at year end	4561	7336	Previous Year's net worth	199721	197711
Total Assets	211970	206869	Surplus	3417	2010
			End of Year Net Worth	203138	199721

These accounts have been sent to our Independent Examiner and were approved by him on 23rd June 2020.
If you have any questions please address them to the Treasurer in advance of the meeting.

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Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2019

I have reviewed the accounts for the society, and the underlying records from which the information has been assembled. I have received all of the explanations I have required about the information included in these accounts.

In my opinion the accounts present a true and fair view of the income and expenditure of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2019 and of its assets and liabilities and balance sheet at that date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Cleaver', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hugh Cleaver ACA
Independent Reviewer and Honorary Auditor

23rd June 2020