

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF COUNCIL

SESSION 2009 – 2010

Officers and Council

- At the Anniversary Meeting on 27 November 2009 the Officers of the Society were re-elected.
- The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor A Curry and Dr A Foster. Professor M C Finn, BA, PhD and Professor P Mandler, BA, AM, PhD were elected to replace them.
- The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor P G Burgess, Professor S Foot and Professor G Stone. Professor S M Dixon, BA, PhD, Professor K C Fincham, MA, PhD and Dr J J Lewis, BA, PhD were elected in their place.
- The Society's administrative staff consists of Sue Carr, Executive Secretary and Melanie Ransom, Administrative Secretary.
- Kingston Smith were re-appointed auditors for the year 2009–2010 under By-law XXXIX.
- Brewin Dolphin Securities were re-appointed to manage the Society's investment funds.

Activities of the Society during the year

The Annual Report contains individual reports of the activities of the seven Committees which support the work of Council – Research Policy, Teaching Policy, General Purposes, Publications, Finance, Membership and Research Support – and the remarks which now follow are a preface to these more detailed reports.

Throughout the year the Society has maintained its prominent role in defending and advancing the interests of the discipline and the profession.

A major concern of Council through the year has been the impact of government's attitude towards academic research and teaching, as manifested in spending decisions and prescriptions for the future Research Excellence Framework (REF). As noted last year, the government's research funding strategy, announced in April 2009, protected science funding and seriously disadvantaged some high-scoring History Departments and their institutions. In 2009–10 we have

seen individual institutions' reactions to the difficult financial situation, including threats to posts in history and related disciplines, and we can expect further developments in 2010–11. Council takes this situation very seriously, especially where it appears to endanger the broad study of history, research-led teaching, and the career development of young historians, and the President has written publicly as well as privately in defence of these values.

The shape of the future REF remains an important topic, though the date and criteria have remained uncertain for most of the year, thanks to the long-expected general election in May 2010 and the different pre-election statements and promises of the parties. Officers and Council members have continued to contribute to discussions and debates on the subject, including a round-table session at the North American Conference on British Studies in Louisville, Kentucky, in November 2009, and meetings at the British Academy. The Society submitted a formal response to HEFCE's consultation over the REF, supporting the ongoing primacy of peer review, and suggesting recalibration of the assessment criteria to give greater weight to peer review and research environment as opposed to impact. The Society also strongly recommended postponing the exercise. While the final criteria have yet to be published (pilot studies are still under way), the date of the REF has now been set for 2014 (submissions in 2013), and the Society is responding to the call for nominations of panel members and sub-panel chairs. The Honorary Secretary and Ms Joanna Innes, Vice-President and Chair of the Research Policy Committee, attended a forum for representatives of learned societies and subject associations at the British Academy in May, focusing on the needs and contributions of the humanities and social science research base in the context of the next government spending review. The President attended the launch of the British Academy's report, *Past, present and future, the Public Value of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, drawing on consultations across the sector, in June.

The Society is maintaining a range of contacts with the AHRC. The Honorary Secretary attended a meeting with Rick Rylance, Director of the AHRC, organised by AHUG (Arts and Humanities User Group), in March 2010. The President attended a meeting with the AHRC and subject associations in June, at which Impact and future research funding were discussed, and the AHRC's new strategic areas were outlined. He attended a further meeting on Public Engagement in the Arts and Humanities, funded by the AHRC and put on by the National Coordinating Committee for Public Engagement, also in June. The Society's meetings with The National Archives in July and September 2009 over proposed cuts at TNA resulted in agreement to set up a Strategic Academic Stakeholders' Forum to facilitate communication between the historical research community and senior management at TNA, of which

the President is a member. This forum met in February 2010, but has now been overtaken by the proposal from the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on National Records and Archives to constitute a sub-committee to focus on historical manuscripts and academic research. Membership of this sub-committee has yet to be announced, but the Society will press for representation. Collaboration with TNA also continues in the form of the Gerald Aylmer seminar, held this year on 21 April at UCL, on the theme 'Diverse Histories – One Archive'. A full day of talks, discussion and 'interactive activities', chaired by Baroness Lola Young, explored the problems of identifying sources for diverse histories and their archival preservation and cataloguing. The President and members of Council held a positive meeting with senior management at the British Library in May, at which planned reorganisation there was explained and discussed, and further meetings and contacts proposed. The Honorary Secretary attended a symposium for local history and local record-publishing societies organised by the Victoria County History in May.

The online Bibliography of British and Irish History, a partnership with the Institute of Historical Research and Brepols, was successfully launched on a subscription basis 1 January 2010. The termination of the free service is regretted by Council, especially its impact on the independent researcher, but the take-up of subscriptions has been very encouraging. In accordance with the agreement with our partners, the new honorary post of Academic Editor of the BBIH will be created and an appointment made with effect from 2011.

Council is keenly aware of the importance of communicating with Fellows and Members of the Society and responding to their concerns and suggestions. In autumn 2009, a questionnaire concerning the full range of the Society's activities was circulated to the membership. The President reported on the findings in the May Newsletter. Respondents were appreciative of the work of the Society, and noted the need for a strong voice for history in present times. They also stressed the Society's role as a national body, and the importance of visits and contacts outside south-east England. Perhaps surprisingly, the extent of the Society's support for young researchers was not always well-known or taken up. A number of ideas are now being taken forward, including experimenting with podcasting the Society's lectures, and making more and better use of the Society's website for communications. Council also supports moves to increase Membership of the Society among early career researchers, by offering a reduced rate for postgraduate research students. Further important developments at the operational level include the decision to hold a joint meeting of Research Policy and Teaching Policy Committees once a year, and to increase the number of committees on which individual Councillors serve.

Officers and members of Council made a very successful visit to Glasgow Caledonian University on behalf of the Society on 14 April, on the occasion of a symposium organised by The Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare of Glasgow Caledonian and Strathclyde Universities entitled 'Science and the Human Subject in History'. The Society sponsored the keynote lecture from Professor Hal Cook of Brown University on 'Medical Specifics and the reconfiguration of the Body in Early Modern Europe'. Council members held meetings with academic and research staff and postgraduate research students associated with the Centre, and were later entertained to a reception and dinner on behalf of the University.

The Society continues to work closely with the IHR and its Director, Professor Miles Taylor, on a number of issues, most notably the Bibliography of British and Irish History. Termly meetings of representatives of the Society, the IHR, the HA, and History UK have been held at the IHR. The Honorary Secretary participated in the interviews for Postgraduate Fellowships at IHR in June, including the Society's Centenary and Marshall Fellowships. A joint reception was held following the Prothero Lecture on 30 June.

The President, Dr Andrew Foster, Vice-President and Chair of Teaching Policy Committee, and other members of Council met with representatives from several UK examination boards on 29 September 2009, to discuss recent developments in the A-level History curricula and examinations.

Council and the Officers record their gratitude to the Society's administrative staff: the Executive Secretary, Sue Carr and the Administrative Secretary, Melanie Ransom. We thank them for their expert and dedicated work on the Society's many activities.

RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE, 2009–10

The Committee is maintaining an interest in the implications of the new government's funding plans for the higher education sector. The chair represented the Society at a meeting of subject associations held at the British Academy, which was addressed by representatives of UUK and the Academy, among others. The meeting considered what representation should be made to government, and how.

The Committee has taken a close interest in redundancies planned in certain History departments, and has carefully considered the role it can play in such cases. While it cannot appropriately comment on the details of what universities and departments do, it is thought appropriate for it to emphasise certain principles which it would wish to see observed, and to express concern about the wider ramifications of local planning.

The Committee monitors the activities of the AHRC, informed by comments from Fellows and Council and the Society's representatives on its panels and committees. Concern expressed at the setting of a per capita quota for travel expenses claimable by postgraduate award holders was taken up with the AHRC. It transpires that no reduction in expenditure on this head is planned; the new policy is part of the larger strategy of devolution to institutions, who may allocate the money allotted between students as they think best. The AHRC has made serious efforts to communicate both with universities and with award-holders; universities however are failing to pass information on to departments. The AHRC will do more thinking about its information strategy.

The Committee carefully follows REF arrangements, including the new impact agenda. It is submitting a balanced set of nominations for the Humanities main panel and History sub-panel.

The Committee has continued to nurture its relationship with TNA. Unfortunately a planned reorganisation means the almost immediate phasing out of the new academic stakeholder forum. The Committee will seek opportunities to carry forward the working relationship it was hoped to develop in that context.

The Committee has also begun to develop a relationship with the British Library. A meeting has been held between BL collections staff and members of the society, at which matters including the Library's IT strategy, planning to pass on expertise to a new generation of staff in the light of forthcoming retirements, and the Library's response to overcrowding of its facilities were discussed. Further meetings are planned.

The Committee has been reviewing its own structure and activities and has produced a new statement of purpose. In order to increase opportunities to discuss Research and Teaching Policy matters, and to improve coordination between the two committees, a joint meeting was held in July, which it is intended to repeat in future years. Sarah Richardson also attended that meeting, as Director of the History Subject Centre of the Higher Education Academy, and there was discussion about the ways in which the activities of different bodies representing History in this field can best be coordinated.

TEACHING POLICY COMMITTEE, 2009–10

The Teaching Policy Committee considers all aspects of history in education from schools to postgraduate level, although naturally it relies very much on other organizations to take the lead in areas where they have specific expertise – for example, the Historical Association for schools and History UK (HE) for universities. To this end the committee co-opts representatives from the HA, HUK and also from the Higher Education

Academy's History Subject Centre, so that it might serve as a meeting-point for the various bodies that share an interest in this area. The Society is grateful to Professor Rosemary O'Day, Dr Jason Peacey, Dr Andrew Foster (after he retired as chair of the committee), and Dr Sarah Richardson for acting in this capacity.

One area where this clearing-house function has proved especially useful is in fostering relations between professional historians and the school examination Boards. The committee has organized regular meetings between representatives of historical bodies and the exam boards, particularly to discuss A-Levels and other university-entrance examinations (IB, Pre-U). Constructive ideas have been generated about improving the flow of information in both directions between schools and universities. Another meeting is scheduled for September 2010.

The greatest expansion in student numbers in higher education in recent years has been at Master's level – numbers have grown by a third in the last decade, part-time as much as full-time. The committee considered recent reports by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (the Smith report on postgraduate education, March 2010) and by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) on the characteristics of Master's degrees (April 2010).

This year's announced and predicted cuts in higher-education provision were high on everyone's mind. The committee monitored closely the effects that job cutbacks might have on the coherence and standards of undergraduate History programmes, and representations were made where they were thought to be useful. Attention was drawn to the QAA History benchmark statement, a document that represents the subject community's views on the standards any undergraduate History degree ought to meet (see www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/statements/history07.pdf). At the time of writing the future of such benchmarks, and indeed of the Quality Assurance Agency itself, is also under review as part of government economies. The same applies to the Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency (which performs a similar role for schools curricula) and to the HEA and its Subject Centres. The committee's chair, Professor Peter Mandler (pm297@cam.ac.uk), is always anxious to hear from Fellows of the Society with experience of such quangoes about their views as to what is worth defending (and what is not) in their current briefs.

The joint meeting between the Teaching and Research Policy Committees held in June 2010 did focus on the overarching question of how the Society could help raise public consciousness of the value of historical research, especially at a time when governments of all stripes were stressing utilitarian considerations of 'impact'. This joint meeting will be repeated next year.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 2009–10

The remit of this committee ranges across many activities of the Society. It receives suggestions from Fellows and Council for paper-givers and makes recommendations to Council on the card of session, taking into account the need for a balanced programme in terms of chronological and geographical spread. In addition to the regular sessions held at UCL and outside London, it is also responsible for the Prothero Lecture, the Colin Matthew Lecture and the Gerald Aylmer Seminar.

The programme of lectures and visits for 2010 was confirmed, including visits to Glasgow Caledonian University in April (reported above) and York University, in October. Proposals for 2011 have been discussed and speakers invited. Regional symposia and visits to Lancaster and the University of Wales are planned, and participation in a conference in Cambridge to mark the centenary of J.H. Plumb's birth in July. The Committee continues to review the purpose and success of both lectures and visits, and to consider ways of increasing their reach, for example through podcasting and repeat lectures. The Committee was pleased to receive several proposals for regional symposia, and would like to encourage more departments to make such proposals. The 2010 Gerald Aylmer Seminar was held in April, on 'Diverse Histories – One Archive' (reported above) and discussions with TNA and other interested parties for the 2011 seminar are under way. The President and the Honorary Treasurer held further talks about possible joint events with the Dulwich Picture gallery.

The Committee is also responsible for the appointment of assessors for the Society's prizes, and receives their reports and proposals for award winners. It regularly reviews the terms and conditions of the awards. It is grateful to members of Council for their hard work in reading entries and selecting the prize winners. Attracting entries for the Alexander Prize and the Rees Davies Prize continues to be problematic.

This year the Committee has also considered broader administrative and developmental issues aimed at raising the Society's profile within the academic community. Several initiatives have resulted from the questionnaire circulated to the membership. Work on the website and on the database of Fellows and Members, past and present, has continued.

Meetings of the Society

Five papers were given in London this year.

At the ordinary meetings of the Society the following papers were read:

'The Age of Prothero: British Historiography in the long *fin-de-siècle*, 1870–1920', Professor Michael Bentley (1 July 2009: Prothero Lecture)

‘The Purpose of Religion: Monks and the City in Late Medieval Italy’,
Dr Frances Andrews (25 September 2009)

‘The Reformation of the Landscape: Religion, Identity and Memory in
Early Modern Britain and Ireland’ Professor Alex Walsham (7 May 2010)

At the Anniversary Meeting on 27 November 2009, the President,
Professor Colin Jones delivered his first address on ‘French Crossings
I: Tales of Two Cities’.

The Colin Matthew Memorial Lecture for the Public Understanding of
History was given on Wednesday 11 November 2009 by Professor Charles
Saumarez Smith on ‘The Institutionalisation of Art in Early Victorian
England’. These lectures continue to be given in memory of the late
Professor Colin Matthew, a former Literary Director and Vice-President
of the Society.

Prizes

The Society’s annual prizes were awarded as follows:

The Alexander Prize for 2009 attracted six entries and was awarded to George
Molyneaux for his article ‘The Old English Bede: English Ideology or Christian
Instruction?’ in *English Historical Review*, 124 (2009).

The judges’ citation read:

George Molyneaux’s article subjects the Old English translation of Bede’s *Historia
Ecclesiastica* to close scrutiny. By studying the strategies adopted by the translator, not
least his numerous omissions or abbreviations, doubt is cast on the notion that the
English were believed to be a single chosen people who enjoyed a special relationship
with God. Learned, penetrating and unfailingly lucid, this is a highly impressive article.
The author analyses with great skill a body of material that is diverse, fragmented
and technically very difficult to master, expressing the fruits of his scholarship in a
clear, elegant, narrative voice. His conclusions will contribute much to the debate about
the nature and political significance of English consciousness in the ninth and tenth
centuries.

The David Berry Prize for an article on Scottish history for 2009
attracted two entries and was awarded to Sandip Hazareesingh for his
article ‘Interconnected synchronicities: the production of Glasgow and
Bombay as modern global ports c. 1850–1880’, in *Journal of Global History*,
4 (2009).

The judges’ citation read:

The article critically examines the Cain/Hopkins proposition that imperialism was
focussed on the City of London, and suggests instead that imperial projects could involve
‘a far wider range of networked commercial actors interacting with both the imperial
and the colonial state’. It does so largely through a case-study of the port of Bombay,

showing how a network of mainly Scots with Glaswegian connections tried to impose their model on India. It achieves its object convincingly, both at a theoretical and at an empirical level; it has impressive intellectual breadth, and it tackles something quite new in Scottish historical studies. It also provides a model example for further work on the Scottish contribution to the British Empire which deserves to be widely read.

The Whitfield Book Prize for a first book on British history attracted 29 entries. The prize for 2009 was awarded to:

Nicholas Draper, *The Price of Emancipation: Slave-ownership, Compensation and British Society at the End of Slavery* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

The judges citation read:

When in 1833 the imperial parliament agreed to abolish slavery in British dominions, slave owners were offered compensation. Nicholas Draper's highly original and illuminating monograph draws on documentation generated by this process to develop a social and cultural history of slave owners in mainland Britain. At the core of his study lies a painstaking analysis of who the slave owners were; around this central relationship often accreted other legal and financial complications, which makes this task harder to discharge accurately than some previous scholars have realised. Draper shows that, while slave ownership was characteristic of a distinct community, the passage of property in slaves through family gifts and inheritance means that individuals within this community were diverse, and their relations with the slave economy often highly mediated. He makes a significant and original contribution to women's history by showing that family strategies often placed property in slaves in the hands of women. He also offers a nuanced account of ways in which slave owners represented themselves in different contexts, an account of parliamentary debates around the issue of compensation, and of the administration and workings of the compensation process. His is a broadly conceived, empirically dense yet lucid study, at once hard headed and humane, which offers striking new perspectives on several key topics in modern British history.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:

Guy Ortolano for *The Two Cultures Controversy: Science, Literature and Cultural Politics in Postwar Britain* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

The Gladstone Book Prize for a first book on non-British history attracted 15 entries.

The Prize for 2009 was awarded to:

Alice Rio, *Legal Practice and the Written Word in the Early Middle Ages: Frankish Formulae c. 500–1000* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

The judges' citation read:

This work is a formidable achievement on many levels. It is methodologically innovative, forging a new path for our understanding of early medieval Merovingian and Carolingian society. Written in a crisp and readable style, it adopts an engaging approach which renders its subject relevant for historians of any period. Drawing upon meticulous research in French, German, Italian and Latin, Alice Rio asks us to rethink the utility of a source often dismissed as unusable: legal formulae, the compilations made by

scribes in which data about historical context were stripped out to create instructive case studies for contemporaries or later generations. While critiquing the way these sources were catalogued by nineteenth-century German scholars, Dr Rio provides an ambitious alternative methodology. She then demonstrates the rewards of a flexible approach, testing her theories in a case study of early medieval slavery or 'unfreedom'. The judges felt that the book engaged with major historical questions and was also highly reflective about the practice of history as a whole. In short, it is a work which transcends its time period and offers salutary lessons for any historian.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:

Maurizio Isabella for *Risorgimento in Exile. Italian Émigrés and the Liberal International in the Post-Napoleonic Era* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

The Society's Rees Davies Essay Prize was not awarded in 2009.

In order to recognise the high quality of work now being produced at undergraduate level in the form of third-year dissertations, the Society continued, in association with *History Today* magazine, to award an annual prize for the best undergraduate dissertation. Departments are asked to nominate annually their best dissertation and a joint committee of the Society and *History Today* select in the autumn the national prizewinner from among these nominations. The prize also recognizes the Society's close relations with *History Today* and the important role the magazine has played in disseminating scholarly research to a wider audience. 35 submissions were made.

The Prize for 2009 was awarded to:

Eleanor Betts (Queen Mary, University of London) for her dissertation 'Who Will Help? The Impact of the 1866 cholera epidemic on the children of East London'.

An article by the prize-winner presenting her research will appear in *History Today* in 2010.

The German History Society, in association with the Society, agreed to award a prize to the winner of an essay competition. The essay, on any aspect of German history, including the history of German-speaking people both within and beyond Europe, was open to any postgraduate registered for a degree in a university in either the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland.

The prize for the winning essay in 2009 was awarded to:

Mark Hobbs (University of Glasgow), for his essay 'Weimar Berlin's house-building programme: a case study'.

The Frampton and Beazley Prizes for A-level performances in 2009 were awarded to the following nominations from the examining bodies:

Frampton Prize:

Welsh JEC: Natalie Williams (Blaengwawr Comprehensive School, Aberdare)

OCR: Lucy Parker (Oxford High School, Oxford)

Beazley Prize:

SQA: Arthur Learoyd (Morrison's Academy, Perthshire)

CCEA: Emily Hamilton (Methodist College, Belfast)

The Director of the Institute of Historical Research announced the winners of the Pollard Prize 2010 awarded annually to the best postgraduate student paper presented in a seminar at the IHR, and the Sir John Neale Prize for the best essay on the study of 16th century England by a postgraduate student.

The Pollard Prize for 2010 was awarded to Julie Mumby for her paper 'The descent of family land in later Anglo-Saxon England' given to the Economic and Social History of the Premodern World, 1500 – 1800 seminar.

The Sir John Neale Prize for 2010 was awarded to Charlotte Panofré (St Edmund's College, Cambridge) for her essay 'Radical Geneva? The publication of Knox's "First Blast of the Trumpet" and Goodman's "How Superior Powers ought to be Obeyed" in context'.

Publications**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, 2009–10**

The transition from the Royal Historical Society Bibliography to the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH) passed smoothly on 1 January 2010. A very good working relationship between the Society, the Institute of Historical Research, and Brepols has been established, and the publishers have already responded to user feedback in implementing compatibility with the freely available bibliographic software, Zotero. BBIH works according to the routines established by the RHS Bibliography, and we have already exceeded our annual target of 10,000 new records: the total currently stands at over 17,500. We have recruited two new section editors, Dr Matthew Kelly and Dr Beth Hartland, to cover the Irish material. Although the climate is not good for library subscriptions, the take up of the service has well exceeded our expectations. We remain concerned about users not in Higher Education Institutions, and we hope that in the medium term we will be able to negotiate a more favourable deal for them.

Lists of local record society publications (formerly known as *Texts and Calendars*) are now available through the Society's website, and will be updated annually. The Committee is grateful to the Executive Secretary for her work on this invaluable resource.

Another project that has come to fruition over the past year is the digitisation of the entire back list of Camden volumes through the Digital Archive at Cambridge Journals On-Line. The Society is very grateful to Daniel Pearce and his colleagues at the Press for driving this forward.

The Publications Committee remains responsible for the ongoing programme. Professor Arthur Burns represents the Society's interests on the Studies in History Editorial Board, while Dr Ian Archer edits *Transactions*, and they share responsibility for Camden volumes.

Transactions, Sixth Series, Volume 19 was published during the session, and *Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 20 went to press, to be published in November 2010.

In the Camden, Fifth Series, Stuart Dynastic Policy and Religious Politics, 1621–1625, ed. Michael Questier (vol. 34) and The Political Diaries of the Fourth Earl of Carnarvon, 1857–1890: Colonial Secretary and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, ed. Peter Gordon (vol. 35) were published during the session and The Life of John Rastrick, 1650–1727, ed. Andrew Cambers (vol. 36) and British Envoys to Germany, 1816–1866. Vol. IV: 1851–1866, eds. Markus Mösslang, Chris Manias, Torsten Rlotte (vol. 37) went to press for publication in 2010–11.

The *Studies in History* Editorial Board continued to meet throughout the year. The second series continued to produce exciting volumes. Professor Daniel Power and Dr Bernhard Rieger joined the Editorial Board. The following volumes were published, or went to press, during the session:

- *The Political Life of Josiah C Wedgwood. Land, Liberty and Empire, 1872–1943*, Paul Mulvey
- *Pathways of Power in late-Carolingian Catalonia: charters and connections on a medieval border*, Jonathan Jarrett
- *Law and Kinship in Thirteenth Century England*, Samantha Worby
- *Trade and Trust in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World: Spanish Merchants and their Overseas Networks*, Xabier Lamikiz

As in previous subscription years, volumes in *Studies in History* series were offered to the membership at a favourably discounted price. Many Fellows, Associates and Members accepted the offer for volumes published during the year, and the advance orders for further copies of the volumes to be published in the year 2010–2011 were encouraging.

A very welcome development in 2011 will be the reissue of nineteen recent volumes from the series in paperback. The Boydell Press have initiated the reissue (which is very welcome to the Society) at their own

risk, but will pay both authors and the Society royalties. If it is a success, it is hoped to extend the reissue to other volumes

The Society acknowledges its gratitude for the continuing subventions from the Economic History Society and the Past and Present Society to the *Studies in History* series.

Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2009–10

The Finance Committee approves the Society's accounts each financial year and its estimates for the following year. This year, as before, the accounts were very professionally audited by Kingston Smith. They are presented elsewhere in *Transactions*, together with the Trustees' Annual Report. Since that Report discusses the main financial developments of the year, there is very little more to say here.

The value of the Society's investments has recovered from £1.97m in June 2009 to £2.16m. The total return for the year, when withdrawn dividend income is taken into account, is 12.68%. The portfolio continues to be managed by Brewin Dolphin for the longer term, and is now practically fully invested. The proportion in fixed interest securities remains higher than in most recent years at 25.7%, owing to the corporate bond and other purchases in 2008–9. Dividend income declined, mainly because of the travails of the financial sector and BP, but also because of a deliberate slight shift away from the very defensive investment strategy that had been pursued in recent years. Even so, at £78,000, dividends still practically matched our withdrawals for income.

Moreover in future it would be possible for the Society, if it chooses, to withdraw smaller sums each year, owing to the cushion that it now has in the shape of the COIF current account that was set up in 2008. This new account also allows us to save money that will be required to meet the expenses of the Bibliography of British and Irish History in future years. We will need to budget to spend between £20,000 and £30,000 a year on the Bibliography for the six years of the new contract, 2010–15.

Income and expenditure have been in line with our estimates at the beginning of the year, and there were no major surprises on either side. However there was a pleasing increase in income from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press, mainly owing to initial sales of the new digital archive.

Paul folkes Davis resigned as an external member of the Finance Committee in February. His advice on the management of the portfolio over the last few years has been very useful and we are very grateful for his service. Dr Nick Draper joined the Committee as an external member

in the course of the year, and we hope to make another appointment in September 2010.

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 - Professor A P Jenkins
 - Professor P M Kennedy
 - Dr M T Lofthouse
 - Dr M Lynn
 - Dr E Magennis
 - Professor S E Marks
 - Professor P J Marshall
 - Professor J A North
 - Professor P O'Dochartaigh
 - Professor H Ono
 - Past & Present Society
 - Sir George Prothero
 - Dr L Rausing
 - Miss E M Robinson
 - Professor H Schulze
 - Professor Lord Smith of Clifton
 - Professor D P Smyth
 - Mr H M Stuchfield
 - Dr G P Tapsell
 - Mr T V Ward
 - Mr H Williams

Membership

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 2009–10

The Committee reviews all applications for Fellowship and Membership received by the Society, and makes recommendations to Council. We reported last year that we were advising the President and Council in a review of the Society's criteria for admission to both categories,

partly for greater transparency but also to encourage more applications. We are very pleased that this policy has been successful, especially in maintaining a considerable increase in the numbers of new Members. We are always glad to receive applications in either category, and we would like to emphasise that we favour a broad definition of history in assessing candidates.

The following were elected to the Fellowship:

Maher Abu-Munshar, PhD
 Martin R Allen, PhD
 Craig R Armstrong, BA, PhD
 Jonathan A Arnold, BA, MA, PhD
 Geoff Baker, BA, MA, MRes, PhD
 Gregory A Barton, PhD
 Bernardo Batiz-Lazo, BSc, MSc, PhD
 James B Bell, BA, MDiv, DPhil
 Francis R Bongiorno, BA, PhD
 Mercedes M Camino, PhD
 Hugh Chignell, BA, MA, PhD
 Gillian G Cockram, BA, MA, PhD
 Patrick T Cormack, BA
 John H Darch, BA, MA, PhD
 Kenneth R Dark, BA, PhD
 Andrew M Davies, BA, PhD
 John D Davies, MA, DPhil
 William J Davies, MA
 Michael Davis, BA, MA, Juris Doctorate
 Russell Deacon, BA, PhD
 Kent Gang Deng, PhD
 Caroline Dodds Pennock, BA, MSt, DPhil
 Helen Doe, MA, PhD
 Wayne Dooling, PhD
 Alex Drace-Francis, BA, MA, PhD
 Gillian M Draper, BA, MA, PhD
 Jonathan C Edmondson, MA, PhD
 Michael J Edwards, BA, MPhil, MA, PhD
 Christiane Eisenberg, DPhil
 Benjamin J Elton, MA, PhD
 Joel Felix, BA, MA, Doctorat
 Katherine L French, BA, MA, PhD
 Philip W Gardner, BA, MA, DPhil, PGCE, FRSA
 Keith Gildart, BA, DPhil
 Jacqueline Glomski, BA, MA, MSc, PhD
 Andrew M Godfrey, MA, LLB, PhD

Ingrid A Gregg, BA, MSc, PhD
 Mark S Hagger, MA, MLitt, PhD
 Peter W Hammond, BA, BSc
 Stephen A Hart, BA, MA, PhD
 Barbara Hately-Broad, BA, MA, PhD
 Bridget M Heal, BA, MA, PhD
 Irving R Hexham, BA, MA, PhD
 Konrad Hirschler, PhD
 Katrina Honeyman, BA, PhD
 Caroline Humfress, BA, MA, PhD
 Norman Ingram, BA, MA, PhD
 Robert Ingram, BA, MA, PhD
 Anthony P Jenkins, BA, MA
 Keith G Jones, BA, MA, PhD, MBIM
 Peter T Kirby, BA, PhD
 Christian Koller, MA, PhD
 Helen E Lacey, BA, MA, PhD
 Ryan L Lavelle, BA, MA, PhD
 Avi Lifschitz, MA, DPhil
 Cheng Liu, MPhil, DPhil
 John W Lockington, BA, BD, MTh, PhD, DD
 Anthony R Margrave
 Benjamin J Marsh, BA, MPhil, PhD
 Shin Matsuzono, BA, MA, PhD
 Stephen A Mileson, BA, MSt, DPhil
 Peter Mitchell, BA, MA, PhD
 Kevin W Mitchinson, BA, MA, PhD, PGCE
 Jorg Monar, PhD PhD
 Anne L Murphy, BA, MA, PhD
 James H Murphy, BA, BD, PhD, Dlitt
 Claire V Noble, BA, MA, PhD
 John A North, MA, DPhil
 Pol O'Dochartaigh, BA, PhD, BA
 Allen G Packwood, BA, MPhil
 James T Palmer, BA, MPhil, PhD
 Elizabeth Parkinson, BSc, MA, PhD
 Julie Peakman, PhD
 Mark Peel, BA, MA, PhD
 Michael A Penman, MA, PhD
 Hilary D Perraton, MA, PhD, DUniv
 David R Pratt, MA, PhD
 Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre, MA, PhD
 James E Renton, BA, PhD
 Stephen A Royle, MA, PhD, MRJA, C.Ceog, FRGS

Alexandra Sanmark, BA, MA, PhD
 Clare T M Shawcross, BA, MPhil, DPhil, Maitrise
 Caroline Shenton, MA, DPhil
 James G Shields, MA, PhD, DLitt
 Deborah L Simonton, BA, MA, PhD
 Sujit Pradin Sivasundaram, MA, MPhil, PhD
 Christopher J Skidmore, BA, MSt
 A R Kristina Spohr Readman, BA, MPhil, PhD
 Alan L Strathern, BA, MA, DPhil
 John Swift, BA, MA, PhD
 James C Taylor, BA, MA, PhD
 Geoffrey C Tyack, MA, MLitt, PhD
 Karine N Varley, BA, MA, PhD
 Anna von der Goltz, BA, MPhil, DPhil
 Paul Ward, BA, PhD
 Daniel Wildmann, Lic.phil, Dr.phil
 Glenn R Wilkinson, BA, PhD
 Clive Wilkins-Jones, BA, PhD
 Samuel B A Willis, BA, MA, PhD
 Jon E Wilson, BA, MA, PhD
 Philip J Withington, BA, PhD

The following was announced in the Queen's Honours' Lists during the year:

Professor Michael Prestwich – Fellow – O.B.E. for services to Scholarship

The following were elected to the Fellowship of the British Academy:

Mr Robin Briggs – Fellow, Professor Bruce Campbell – Fellow, Mrs Jean Dunbabin – Retired Fellow and Professor Alex Walsham- Fellow.

Council was advised of and recorded with regret the deaths of 11 Fellows, 25 Retired Fellows, 1 Life Fellow and 3 Associates.

These included:

Professor G E Connell-Smith – Retired Fellow
 Professor P M Crawford – Retired Fellow
 Professor J H Denton – Retired Fellow
 Professor S R Dockrill – Fellow
 Professor C R Elrington – Retired Fellow
 Dr C J Erickson – Retired Fellow
 Mr M W Farr – Fellow
 Professor R C Finucane – Fellow
 Professor N Gash – Fellow

Mr J M Golby – Fellow
 Professor M A R Graves – Fellow
 Dr G E Gregg – Retired Fellow
 Major A G Harfield – Retired Fellow
 Miss M C Hill – Life Fellow
 Professor G A Holmes – Retired Fellow
 Reverend Father T G Holt – Retired Fellow
 Dr R F Hunnisett – Retired Fellow
 Mr F R Johnston – Associate
 Reverend D R Jones – Associate
 Professor M Lester – Retired Fellow
 Colonel O J M Lindsay – Retired Fellow
 Professor H V Livermore – Retired Fellow
 Mr J R Lowerson – Fellow
 Dr J F A Mason – Retired Fellow
 Mr J S Matthews – Retired Fellow
 Dr R C Oresko – Fellow
 Dr F A Peake – Retired Fellow
 Professor J A Ramsden – Retired Fellow
 Dr A C Ross – Retired Fellow
 Mr A D Saunders – Retired Fellow
 Professor J Saville – Fellow
 Dr A N E D Schofield – Retired Fellow
 Professor B Semmel – Retired Fellow
 Professor R E F Smith – Retired Fellow
 Miss R Spalding – Fellow
 Professor D J Sturdy – Retired Fellow
 Mr J Taylor – Fellow
 Mr A F Thompson – Retired Fellow
 Professor D E Underdown – Retired Fellow
 Mr J O Wood – Associate

Over the year ending on 30 June 2010, 101 Fellows and 61 Members were elected, and the total membership of the Society on that date was 2,997 (including 1946 Fellows, 652 Retired Fellows, 15 Honorary Vice-Presidents, 86 Corresponding and Honorary Fellows, 52 Associates and 246 Members).

The Society exchanged publications with 15 societies, British and Foreign.

Representatives of the Society

- The representation of the Society upon other various bodies was as follows:

- Dr Julia Crick on the Joint Committee of the Society and the British Academy established to prepare an edition of Anglo-Saxon charters;
- Professor Nicholas Brooks on a committee to promote the publication of photographic records of the more significant collections of British coins;
- Dr Christopher Kitching on the Council of the British Records Association;
- Mr Phillip Bell on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Annual Register*;
- Professor Claire Cross on the Council of the British Association for Local History; and on the British Sub-Commission of the Commission Internationale d' Histoire Ecclesiastique Comparée;
- Professor Rosamund McKitterick on a committee to regulate British co-operation in the preparation of a new repertory of medieval sources to replace Potthast's *Bibliotheca Historica Medii Aevi*;
- Professor Richard Rathbone on the Court of Governors of the University of Wales, Swansea;
- Professor Mark Ormrod on the National Council on Archives;
- Professor John Breuilly on the Steering Committee of the British Centre for Historical Research in Germany
- Professor Colin Jones on the board of the Panizzi Foundation and the Advisory Council of the Committee for the Export of Objects of Cultural Interest
- Professor Chris Whatley on the Court of the University of Stirling

Grants

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE, 2009–10:

The committee met five times in the course of the year to distribute research funds to early career historians (primarily research students but also recent PhDs not yet in full-time employment) through a process of peer review. In total, the Committee made 115 awards to researchers at over forty UK institutions, of which 15 grants were to support research within the UK, 35 to support research outside the UK, 33 to support attendance at conferences to deliver papers, 31 to allow conference organisers to subsidise attendance of early career researchers at their events and one (the Martin Lynn Scholarship) to support research within Africa. The broad range of topics funded by the Committee attests both to the vibrancy of the discipline in sub-fields that extend from medieval European religious history to contemporary South African history. Successful applicants' end-of-award reports confirm that RHS funding significantly enhances postgraduate students' opportunities to conduct substantial archival research projects and to hone their ensuing dissertation chapters and first publications through participation in

national and international workshops and conferences. The calibre of applicants continues to be high, with significantly more qualified applicants than the committee is able to fund – a circumstance that recent and impending reductions of research funding at both university and Research Council-level will likely exacerbate in the coming year. Further, to ensure that its limited funds are allocated to the most appropriate candidates, the Committee devoted considerable time this year to clarifying and streamlining its application process and criteria.

The Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship was awarded in the academic year 2009–2010 to Bianca Gaudenzi (Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge) for work on ‘Commercial Advertising in Germany and Italy, 1918–1945’ and Niels Van Manen (University of York) for work on ‘The Climbing Boy Campaigns: Chimney Sweep Apprentices, Cultures of Reform, Languages of Health and Experiences of Childhood in Britain, c. 1770–1840.’

The Society’s P.J. Marshall Fellowship was awarded in the academic year 2009–2010 to Valentina Pugliano (Mansfield College, University of Oxford) for work on ‘Botanical Artisans: Apothecaries and the Study of Nature in Venice and London, 1550–1630.’

- Grants during the year were made to the following:

Travel to Conferences (Training Bursaries):

- Alexandra Bacopoulos-Viau, University of Cambridge
- Cheiron: the International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (Annual Meeting), Syracuse, New York, 24th-27th June 2010
- Lucy-Ann Bates, University of Durham
- Material Cultures: Technology, Textuality, and Transmission, University of Edinburgh, 16th-18th July 2010
- Sebastian Buckle, University of Southampton
- European Social Sciences History Conference, Ghent, 13th-16th April 2010
- Say Burgin, University of Leeds
- International Sociological Association’s World Congress of Sociology: Sociology on the Move, Gothenburg, 11th-17th July 2010
- Marie Chenard, London School of Economics
- The external relations of the EU, historical and contemporary perspectives, Melbourne, Australia, 24th-25th September 2009
- Rebecca Conway, University of Manchester
- Social History Society Conference 2010, Glasgow, 30th March – 1st April 2010

- Benjamin Dabby, University of Cambridge
- Symposium on Fictions of the Industrial Age: Historical Readings of C19th Literature
- Los Angeles, 23rd-24th October 2009
- Robert Decker, University of Leeds
- Locating the hidden Diaspora: The English in the Anglo-phone world, Northumbria University, 8th-10th July 2010
- Ceri-Anne Fidler, Cardiff University
- Social History Society Conference 2010, Glasgow, 30th March – 1st April 2010
- Jasper Heinzen, University of Cambridge
- 33rd Annual German Studies Conference, Washington DC, 8th-11th October 2009
- Lucy Hewitt, University of Edinburgh
- Agency and Action, 34th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association
- Long Beach, California, 12th-15th November 2009
- Simon Hill, Liverpool John Moores University
- Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750–1850, Charleston, 25th-27th February 2010
- Jochen Hung, Institute of Germanic & Romance Studies
- Ideology in Motion: on the relationship of sports and politics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 4th-5th December 2009
- Mark Hutchinson, Canterbury Christ Church University
- Elizabeth I and Ireland, Connecticut, 12th-14th November 2009
- William Jackson, University of Leeds
- Performing Colonial Modernity: Postgraduate and Early-Career Researchers Conference, University of Edinburgh, 18th-19th May 2010
- Sarah Kelly, University of Cambridge
- Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (PCCBS), Claremont, 19th-21st March 2010
- Simon Lambe, St Mary's University College
- Propaganda: purpose and practice in the 16th and 20th centuries, Brussels, 23rd October 2009
- Phoebe Luckyn-Malone, University of Cambridge
- Modern Standard Arabic (Upper Intermediate/Advanced) and private tuition
- Arabic Language Institute, Fez, Morocco, 20th June – 31st July 2010
- Natasha Mihailovic, University of Exeter
- The Social Context of Death, Dying and Disposal, 9th Biennial Conference
- University of Durham, 9th-12th September 2009
- Rachel Milestone, University of Leeds

- Seventh Biennial Music in Nineteenth-Century Britain Conference, University of Bristol, 23rd-26th July 2009
- Liz Mylod, University of Leeds
- International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 13th-16th May 2010
- Samantha Owen, University of Reading
- XX International Association of Italian Studies Conference: Languages, Cultures, Identities of Italy in the World, Pennsylvania, 3rd-6th December 2009
- Zsuzsanna Papp, University of Leeds
- Writing Central Eastern Europe, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, 11th-12th June 2010
- Natalia Petrovskaia, University of Cambridge
- International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 12th-15th July 2010
- Simon Pooley, University of Oxford
- First World Congress on Environmental History, Copenhagen, 4th-8th August 2009
- Charles Rozier, University of Durham
- Leeds International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, 12th-15th July 2010
- Michelle Sikes, University of Oxford
- Social History Society Conference 2010, Glasgow, 30th March – 1st April 2010
- Emma Sutton, University College London
- Cheiron: the International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (Annual Meeting), Syracuse, New York, 24th-27th June 2010
- Christopher Webb, University of Huddersfield
- Columbia University Oral History Summer Institute, Columbia University, New York, 7th-18th June 2010
- David Willimott, University of East Anglia
- VIII International Council for Central and East European Studies World Congress
- Stockholm, 26th-31st July 2010
- Sara Wolfson, University of Durham
- The 16th Biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Sarasota, 10th-14th March 2010
- Alexander Wragge-Morley, University of Cambridge
- History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Phoenix, 19th-22nd November 2009
- Reza Zia-Ebrahimi, University of Oxford
- 8th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Los Angeles, 27th-30th May 2010

Research Expenses Within the United Kingdom:

- Kristen Brill, University of Cambridge
- Archives in Bristol, 14th-18th June 2010
- Denis Clark, University of Oxford
- Archives in London, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Carlisle, 14th September – 14th December 2009
- Tommy Dickinson, University of Manchester
- Archives in London and Edinburgh, March 2010 – March 2014
- Mark Gjessing, University of Leeds
- Archives in Greenwich, Cambridge and Southampton, 31st May – 18th June 2010
- Richard Hammond, University of Exeter
- Archives in London, Middlesex and Hampshire, October 2009 – March 2010
- Vincent Hiribarren, University of Leeds
- Archives in London, 7th-11th September 2009
- Deborah Jewison, De Montfort University
- Archives in London, 27th June – 2nd July 2010
- Giulio Marchisio, University of Durham
- National Archives London, 11th-16th January 2010
- Katie McDade, University of Nottingham
- Archives in Bristol, 28th January – 21st May 2010
- Benjamin Mountford, University of Oxford
- Archives in Scotland, Hatfield and London, May – August 2010
- Rebecca Roberts, University of Teesside
- Centre for Kentish Studies Maidstone, March 2010
- Allison Stagg, University College London
- Archives in Newcastle upon Tyne, 25th-26th August 2009
- Helen Walsh, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Archives in Farnham and London, 7th – 18th June 2010
- May Witwit, University of Bedfordshire
- Archives in Cambridge, Newcastle, London and Strathclyde, August – December 2009
- Jacqueline Young, University of Glasgow
- Archives in London, March 2010

Research Expenses Outside the United Kingdom:

- George Adamson, University of Brighton
- Archives in Boston, USA, October 2010
- John Burman, University of Cambridge
- Archives in Istanbul, 14th October – 13th November 2009
- Berris Charnley, University of Leeds

- Archives in Canberra, Australia, 17th-27th July 2009
- Robert Decker, University of Leeds
- Archives in Boston, New York and Washington, August – October 2010
- Daniel De Groff, Queen Mary, University of London
- Archives in France, March 2010
- Arabella De Steiger Khandwala, University of Exeter
- Archives in Granada and Cordoba, Spain, 10th-23rd September 2009
- Christopher Dennis, Cardiff University
- Archives in Paris, 12th-16th January 2010
- Jonathon Earle, University of Cambridge
- Archives in Uganda, October 2009 – June 2010
- Edina Eszenyi, University of Kent
- Archives in Rome and Venice, 1st June – 31st August 2010
- Jennifer Farrar, University of Sheffield
- Archives in Paris, December 2009
- Mark Gjessing, University of Leeds
- Archives in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney and Jervis Bay, 1st July – 3rd September 2010
- Matthew Graham, University of Sheffield
- Archives in South Africa, 1st September – 15th October 2009
- Robert Hearn, University of Nottingham
- Archives in Italy, September 2009 – September 2010
- Lars-Christopher Huening, University of Sheffield
- Interviews in Kinshasa, 20th June – 8th July 2010
- Lars-Christopher Huening, University of Sheffield
- Archives in Belgium, October 2009 – January 2010
- Leslie James, London School of Economics
- Archives in Washington, D.C., 13th-27th June 2010
- Emmanouil Kalkanis, University of Durham
- Archives in Los Angeles, June – July 2010
- Rei Kanemura, University of Cambridge
- Archives in San Marino, California, 18th July – 23rd September 2010
- Claire Knight, University of Cambridge
- Archives in Moscow, 15th June – 15th August 2010
- Kate Law, University of Sheffield
- Archives in South Africa, March – April 2010
- Esther Meininghaus, University of Manchester
- Archives in Syria, March – June 2010
- Marie Molloy, Keele University
- Archives and libraries in USA, 9th May – 9th June 2010
- Ana Otero-Cleves, University of Oxford
- Archives in Washington, D.C. and New York, June – August 2010
- Kenneth Parker, Royal Holloway, University of London
- Archives in Cairo, 29th October – 14th November 2009

- Shirley Pemberston, School of Advanced Study, University of London
- Archives in St Kitts/Nevis, 6th March – 20th April 2010
- Anna Pilz, University of Liverpool
- Archives in New York, 1st February – 31st March 2010
- Bryan Roby, University of Manchester
- Archives in Jerusalem, 25th May – 1st September 2010
- Melania Savino, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- Archives in Turkey, October 2009 – May 2010
- Kate Smith, University of Warwick
- Archives in Delaware, 29th March – 22nd April 2010
- Daniel Spence, Sheffield Hallam University
- Archives in Trinidad and the Cayman Islands, 9th June – 21st July 2010
- David Stokes, University of St Andrews
- Archives in Vienna, 23rd November – 5th December 2009
- Aya Tsuruta, University of Edinburgh
- Archives in Brussels and Tervuren, 3rd July – 7th August 2010
- Stephen Tuffnell, University of Oxford
- Archives in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, 22nd July – 25th September 2010
- Christopher Vaughan, University of Durham
- Archives in France, 4th-17th October 2009
- Elizabeth Vigurs, University of Leeds
- Archives at Pforzheim, Karlsruhe and Natzweiler/Sruthof, October – November 2009

Conference Organisation (Workshop):

- James Ainsworth
- “New Research into the History of Warfare: An International Graduate Conference”
- Cambridge, 7th-8th August 2010
- Katie Barclay
- “New perspectives on seventeenth and eighteenth century Scotland”, Economic and Social History Society of Scotland Annual Conference, Dundee, 7th-8th May 2010
- Richard Blakemore
- “Education and Learning in Early Modern Britain”, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 24th September 2010
- Matthew Broad
- “European Integration and the Cold War, 1945–1989”, History of European Integration Research Society, 15th-16th April 2010
- Anne Byrne

- “From Coronation to Chari-vari: the many uses of ritual and ceremony in the early modern world”, Birkbeck, University of London, 23rd-24th September 2010
- Isabel Divanna
- “Intellectual Networks and Exchanges”, Wolfson College, Oxford, 1st-2nd July 2010
- Michael Finn
- “Third Annual History of Science, Technology and Medicine Postgraduate Workshop and Tyndall Correspondence Symposium”, University of Leeds, 22nd-24th June 2010
- Maria Fusaro
- “New Researchers in Maritime History”, University of Exeter, 12th-13th March 2010
- Graeme Gooday
- “Managing Knowledge in the Techno-sciences, 1850–2000”, University of Leeds, 5th-8th July 2010
- Rachel Hammersley
- “Ageing and Health in French History”, Society for the Study of French History Annual Conference, Newcastle University, 27th-29th June 2010
- Bridget Heal
- “Reformation Studies Colloquium”, University of St Andrews, 7th-9th September 2010
- Diane Heath
- “Bad Behaviour in Medieval and Early Modern Europe,” one-day postgraduate colloquium, University of Kent, 3rd December 2009
- Karen Heath
- “Historians of the Twentieth Century United States: Third Annual Conference”
- University of Sussex, 1st-3rd July 2010
- Emma Jones
- “Politics and Practices: The History of Post-war Women’s Health”, University of Manchester, 22nd-23rd October 2010
- Axel Korner
- “Rewriting Histories – The Transnational Challenge”, University College London, 30th April – 1st May 2010
- Christoph Laucht
- “British Nuclear Culture: Themes, Approaches, Perspectives”, University of Liverpool, 17th-18th June 2010
- Matthew McHaffie
- “Gender and Transgression Postgraduate Conference”, St Andrews Institute of Medieval Studies, 23rd-24th April 2010
- Alison Montgomery
- “Body on Display, from Renaissance to Enlightenment (c.1400-c.1800)”, University of Durham, 6th-7th July 2010

- Jason Peacey
- “Making the British Empire, 1660–1800” (including Neale Lecture by Professor Steve Pincus ‘Reconceptualising the Origins of the British Empire’), University College London, 19th-20th March 2010
- Kirsty Reid
- “Writing the empire: scribblings from below”, University of Bristol, 24th-26th June 2010
- Jessica Reinisch
- “The Forty Years’ Crisis: Refugees in Europe, 1919–1959”, Birkbeck, University of London, 14th-16th September 2010
- Sarah Richardson
- “Performing the Self: Women’s Lives in Historical Perspective”, University of Warwick, 10th-12th September 2010
- Thomas Roebuck
- “John Selden, 1584–1654”, Magdalen College, Oxford, 24th-26th June 2010
- Laura Stewart
- “The Early Modern State: Comparative Perspectives”, Birkbeck, University of London, 13th-14th July 2010
- Katherine Tubb
- “Beyond Glitter and Doom: New Perspectives on the Weimar Republic”
- Institute of Germanic & Romance Studies, 30th September – 1st October 2010
- Laura Ugolini
- “Distribution Networks for Textiles and Dress, c.1700–1945”, University of Wolverhampton, 8th-9th September 2010
- Nicola Verdon
- “Rural History 2010”: An International Conference, University of Sussex, 13th-16th September 2010
- Tiago Viula de Faria
- “English and Portuguese in Exchange (1100–1500)”: A workshop on forms of ‘international’ contact in medieval Western Europe, University of Oxford, 28th May 2010
- Paul Ward
- “Identity and the ‘Other British Isles’”, University of Huddersfield, 23rd-25th June 2010
- Sethina Watson
- “York 1190: Jews and Others in the Wake of Massacre”, University of York, 22nd-24th March 2010
- Dhan Zunino Singh
- “Blocked Arteries: Circulation and Congestion in History”, Institute of Historical Research, 25th-26th November 2010

Martin Lynn Scholarship:

- Nana Antwi-Ansorge, University of Oxford
- Archives in Liberia, October – December 2009

Royal Historical Society Postgraduate Speakers Series (RHSPSS):

- Bath Spa University
- University of Warwick
- Cardiff University

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2010

**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

The members of Council present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2010. The information shown on page 1 forms a part of these financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society was founded on 23 November 1868 and received its Royal Charter in 1889. It is governed by the document 'The By-Laws of the Royal Historical Society', which was last amended in January 2008. The elected Officers of the Society are the President, six Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Director of Communications and not more than two Literary Directors. These officers, together with twelve Councillors constitute the governing body of the Society, and therefore its trustees. The Society also has two executive officers: an Executive Secretary and an Administrative Secretary.

Appointment of Trustees

The identity of the trustees is indicated above. All Fellows and Members of the Society are able to nominate Councillors; they are elected by a ballot of Fellows. Other trustees are elected by Council.

The President shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Committees appointed by the Council; and the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Director of Communications and the Literary Directors shall, unless the Council otherwise determine, also be *ex-officio* members of all such Committees.

In accordance with By-law XVII, the Vice-Presidents shall hold office normally for a term of three years. Two of them shall retire by rotation, in order of seniority in office, at each Anniversary Meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election before the Anniversary Meeting of the next year. In accordance with By-law XX, the Councillors shall hold office normally for a term of four years. Three of them shall retire by rotation, in order of seniority in office, at each Anniversary Meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election before the Anniversary Meeting of the next year.

At the Anniversary Meeting on 27 November 2009, the Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor A Curry and Dr A Foster. Professor M Finn and Professor P Mandler were elected to replace them. The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor G Burgess, Professor S Foot and Professor G Stone. In accordance with By-law XXI, Professor S Dixon, Professor K Fincham and Dr J Lewis were elected in their place. Professor N Miller was re-elected in accordance with By-law XXII for one year from the Anniversary Meeting in November 2009.

Trustee training and induction process

New trustees are welcomed in writing before their initial meeting, and sent details of the coming year's meeting schedule and other information about the Society and their duties. They are advised of Committee structure and receive papers in advance of the appropriate Committee and Council meetings, including minutes of the previous meetings. Trustees are already Fellows of the Society and have received regular information including the annual volume of *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* which includes the annual report and accounts. They have therefore been kept apprised of any changes in the Society's business. Details of a Review on the restructuring of the Society in 1993 are available to all Members of Council.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:	Professor D Palliser – Chair Professor G Burgess (to November 2009) Professor T Hitchcock (to November 2009) Professor C Given-Wilson (from November 2009) Professor C Whitley (from November 2009)
RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE:	Professor M Finn – Chair (from November 2009) Professor G Bernard – Chair (to November 2009) Professor S Barton (from November 2009) Professor K Fincham (from November 2009) Professor S R I Foot (to November 2009) Professor T Hitchcock (to November 2009) Professor N Miller (from November 2009) Professor M Ormrod (to November 2009)
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Professor G Bernard – Chair Professor S Connolly

	Dr N Draper (from November 2009) Mr P Firth Mr P ffolkes-Davis (to November 2009) Professor P Mathias (to November 2009) Professor G Stone (to November 2009) The six officers (President – Chair)
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:	Mr R Fisher – Chair Professor S Barton (from November 2009) Professor S Foot (to November 2009) Professor C Given-Wilson (from November 2009) Dr J Lewis (from November 2009) Professor N Miller (to November 2009) Professor G Stone (to November 2009) The six officers
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:	Professor G Bernard – Chair (from November 2009) Professor A Curry – Chair (to November 2009) Professor G Burgess (to November 2009) Professor S Dixon (from November 2009) Professor C Given-Wilson (to November 2009) Professor T Hitchcock Professor M Ormrod (from November 2009) The six officers
TEACHING POLICY COMMITTEE:	Professor P Mandler – Chair (from November 2009) Dr A Foster – Chair (to November 2009) Dr C Brooks Professor M Cornwall (to November 2009) Professor A Curry Professor E Evans (to November 2009) Professor K Fincham Professor R O'Day (to November 2009) Professor C Whatley (from November 2008) The six officers
RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE:	Ms J Innes – Chair Professor S Connolly Professor M Cornwall (from November 2009) Dr D Thomas The six officers
STUDIES IN HISTORY EDITORIAL BOARD:	Professor J S Morrill – Convenor Professor H Barker Professor A Burns – Literary Director Dr S Church (to 2009) Professor N Goose Dr N Gregor (to 2009) Dr R Hammersley Professor C Kidd Dr J Lawrence Professor J Parry – Honorary Treasurer Professor D Power (from 2009) Professor B Rieger (from 2010) Professor A Walsham

Risk assessment

The trustees are satisfied that they have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, that they have taken action to mitigate or manage those risks and that they have systems in place to monitor any change to those risks.

OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Society has referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Society remains the foremost society in Great Britain promoting and defending the scholarly study of the past. The Society promotes discussion of history by means of a full programme of public lectures and conferences, and disseminates the results of historical research and debate through its many publications. It also speaks for the interests of history and historians for the benefit of the public.

The Society offers grants to support research training, and annual prizes for historical essays and publications. It produces (in conjunction with Brepols Publishers and the Institute of Historical Research) the *Bibliography of British and Irish History*, a database of over 490,000 records, by far the most complete online bibliographical resource on British and Irish history, including relations with the empire and the Commonwealth. The *Bibliography* is kept updated, and includes near-comprehensive coverage of works since 1901 and selected earlier works.

The Society's specific new objectives for the year are set out in 'Plans for Future Periods' below.

The Society relies on volunteers from among its Fellows to act as its elected Officers, Councillors and Vice-Presidents. In many of its activities it also relies on the goodwill of Fellows and others interested in the study of the past. It has two salaried staff, and also pays a stipend to the Series Editor of *Studies in History* and to certain individuals for work on the Society's *Bibliography*.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Grants

The Society awards funds to assist advanced historical research, by distributing grants to individuals. A wide range of people are eligible for these research and conference grants, including all postgraduate students registered for a research degree at United Kingdom institutions of higher education (full-time and part-time). The Society also considers applications from individuals who have completed doctoral dissertations within the last two years and are not yet in full-time employment. It operates five separate schemes, for each of which there is an application form. The Society's Research Support Committee considers applications at meetings held regularly throughout the year. In turn the Research Support Committee reports to Council. This year the grants budget was maintained at £30,000, and this was fully allocated, though the accounts show a higher sum expended, as grants paid after last year's travel are also included.

The Society was also able to award its Centenary and Marshall Fellowships this year. Those eligible are doctoral students who are engaged in the completion of a PhD in history (broadly defined) and who will have completed at least two years' research on their chosen topic (and not more than four years full-time or six years part-time) at the beginning of the session for which the awards are made. Full details and a list of awards made are provided in the Society's Annual Report.

Lectures and other meetings

During the year the Society held meetings in London and at universities outside London at which papers are delivered. Lectures are open to the public and are advertised on the website. In 2009–10 it sponsored a session at a colloquium held at Glasgow Caledonian University with the University of Strathclyde. It continues to sponsor the joint lecture for a wider public with Gresham College. It meets with other bodies to consider teaching and research policy issues of national importance. Together with The National Archives, it organised the annual Gerald Aylmer seminar, between historians and archivists, in April. Full details are provided in the Annual Report.

Publications

This year, as in previous years, it has delivered an ambitious programme of publications – a volume of *Transactions*, two volumes of edited texts in the *Camden* Series and six further volumes in the *Studies in History* Series have appeared. It has increased its financial support for the *Bibliography of British and Irish History*, in its new format as a Brepols publication from January 2010. The *Bibliography* is offered to all universities at institutional rates, and made available free to members consulting it at the Institute of Historical Research.

Library

The Society continues to subscribe to a range of record series publications, which, with its other holdings, are housed either in the Council Room or in the room immediately across the corridor; in the UCL History Library. A catalogue of the Society's private library holdings and listings of record series and regional history society publications (Texts and Calendars) have been made available on the Society's website. The record series publications as well as the Society's private library are available for consultation by the Society's membership, and to non-members by appointment.

Membership services

In accordance with the Society's 'By-laws', the membership is entitled to receive, after payment of subscription, a copy of the Society's *Transactions*, and to buy at a preferential rate copies of volumes published in the *Camden* series, and the *Studies in History* series. Society Newsletters continue to be circulated to the membership twice annually, in an accessible format. The membership benefits from many other activities of

the Society including the frequent representations to various official bodies where the interests of historical scholarship are involved.

Investment performance

The Society holds an investment portfolio with a market value of about £2.16 million (2009: £1.97 million). It has adopted a “total return” approach to its investment policy. This means that the funds are invested solely on the basis of seeking to secure the best total level of economic return compatible with the duty to make safe investments, but regardless of the form the return takes.

The Society has adopted this approach to ensure even-handedness between current and future beneficiaries, as the focus of many investments moves away from producing income to maximising capital values. The total return strategy does not make distinctions between income and capital returns. It lumps together all forms of return on investment – dividends, interest, and capital gains etc, to produce a “total return”. Some of the total return is then used to meet the needs of present beneficiaries, while the remainder is added to the existing investment portfolios to help meet the needs of future beneficiaries.

During the year Brewin Dolphin plc continued to act as investment managers. They report all transactions to the Honorary Treasurer and provide three-monthly reports on the portfolios, which are considered by the Society’s Finance Committee which meets three times a year. In turn the Finance Committee reports to Council. A manager from Brewin attends two Finance Committee meetings a year.

The Society assesses its portfolio against the FTSE APCIMS balanced benchmark. During the year the portfolio generated a total return of 12.68% against 16% for the benchmark. This slight underperformance reflects the defensive nature of the portfolio in a period of market recovery. Fees are 0.5% of the value of the portfolio. The estimated yield on current values is 3.7%. This is a reduction from last year, reflecting not only the increase in capital value but also a policy decision to move to a slightly less defensive portfolio together with a short-term reduction in income from some formerly reliable blue chip stocks. The Society has a policy of not drawing down more than 3.5% of the market value of the portfolio (valued over a 3-year rolling period) in any one year. Though the Society operates a total return investment policy, in fact dividend income this year virtually matched capital withdrawals.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

The Society generated a modest surplus of £27,222 this year (2009: £50,195). Income from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press increased, mainly owing to initial sales of the new digital archive. Council has reviewed the joint publishing arrangement and has resolved to renew it for another five years. Subscription income was maintained. However, there was a decline in investment income, as discussed above.

Expenditure was broadly similar to last year’s. As noted in last year’s report, from January 2010 the Society bears substantially increased costs for the production of the Bibliography of British and Irish History. The cost to the Society is estimated to average £25,000 per year over the next three years. These costs will be more visible in next year’s accounts. The Society has set up a new cash investment account, partly in order to ensure that it has reserves immediately available to meet this cost. At the year end there is £58,000 in the account, in line with our targets.

Fixed assets

Information relating to changes in fixed assets is given in notes 5 and 6 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

Council has reviewed its policy towards its investment portfolio. It considers it to be primarily an investment fund held to produce income which is required for the Society’s day-to-day operations. It needs sufficient reserves to generate an investment income of £70,000–£80,000 a year. A conservative annual draw-down policy has been adopted, in order to maintain the real value of the capital funds over the long-term and thus to balance the needs of current and future beneficiaries as required by charity law. In view of the relatively stable nature of the Society’s subscription income, and the conservative drawdown policy in relation to the portfolio’s capital value, Council has determined that it requires only a small additional free cash reserve. It has set this additional cash reserve at £75,000, one-third of normal annual expenditure. At 30

June 2010 its cash reserves amounted to £88,587. Council is satisfied with this level. The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

The Society’s restricted funds consist of a number of different funds where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds which are legally binding. The purposes of these funds are set out in notes 11–13.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Council plans to set up a new Communications Group, supervised by the Hon. Director of Communications, to ensure that the Society communicates as effectively as possible with Fellows and Members and remains of maximum benefit to them. The new website, updated during the year, will play an important part in this strategy. Council proposes to introduce a new Membership category, for postgraduate students, to encourage more early career researchers to join the Society. Council also plans to continue its extensive involvement in public discussions about teaching and research issues. It will continue to offer support for wide-ranging seminar/lecture events outside London each year, some to be held at universities, and some run by consortia of local universities and other academic institutions. Council will continue to review the role, function, and membership of its committees, focusing first on the Teaching Policy and Research Policy Committees.

The Society intends to maintain the level of its current financial support to postgraduate and other young historians. It will increase the stipend for the Centenary and Marshall Fellowships from October 2010, and will continue to be actively involved in the selection procedure for the Fellowships, organised by the Institute of Historical Research. From 2010, the Bibliography of British and Irish History is available to the public on a subscription basis, in order to provide the resources necessary to continue to update it; the Society will increase its own subsidy of the operation.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council members are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Royal Charter. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In determining how amounts are presented within items in the statement of financial activities and balance sheet, the Council has had regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting policies or practice.

AUDITORS

Kingston Smith LLP were appointed auditors in the year. They have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a proposal for their re-appointment will be presented at the Anniversary meeting.

By Order of the Board
Honorary Secretary
Professor V Harding

24 September 2010

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2010 £	Total Funds 2009 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>						
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	9,792	–	1,000	10,792	18,086
Investment income	6	76,346	–	2,343	78,689	103,996
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>						
Grants for awards	–	–	10,000	10,000	11,000	6,000
Grants for publications		8,000	–	–	8,000	6,000
Subscriptions		103,147	–	–	103,147	102,685
Royalties		53,986	–	–	53,986	39,890
<i>Other incoming resources</i>		666	–	–	666	2,614
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		251,937	–	13,343	265,280	284,271
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>						
Investment manager's fees		10,456	–	323	10,779	10,519
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Grants for awards	3	56,479	–	13,007	69,846	62,725
Lectures and meetings		14,900	–	–	14,900	13,513
Publications		71,643	–	–	71,643	78,773
Library		5,161	–	–	5,161	4,245
Membership services		47,781	–	–	47,781	45,080
<i>Governance</i>		18,309	–	–	18,309	19,220
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	4a	224,728	–	13,330	238,418	234,076
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		27,208	–	13	26,862	50,195
Gross transfers between funds		(670)	–	670	–	–
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE GAINS		26,538	–	683	26,862	50,195
<i>Other recognised gains and losses</i>						
Net (loss)/gain on investments	6	196,624	6,081	–	202,705	(395,450)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		223,162	6,081	683	229,567	(345,255)
Balance at 1 July		1,976,355	56,195	2,912	2,035,462	2,380,716
Balance at 30 June		2,199,517	62,276	3,595	2,265,029	2,035,462

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2010

	Note	2010 £	2010 £	2009 £	2009 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		794		907
Investments	6		2,162,298		1,970,280
COIF Investments			<u>57,671</u>		<u>71,097</u>
			2,220,763		2,042,284
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	46,901		2,118	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>30,916</u>		<u>16,601</u>	
		77,817		18,719	
LESS: CREDITORS					
Amounts due within one year	8	<u>(33,191)</u>		<u>(25,541)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>44,626</u>		<u>(6,822)</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,265,389</u>		<u>2,035,462</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
<i>Endowment Funds</i>					
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	10		41,697		37,643
The David Berry Essay Trust			20,579		18,552
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	11		1,551		1,762
P J Marshall Fellowship			-		-
The David Berry Essay Trust			1,044		1,150
The Martin Lynn Bequest			1,000		-
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
Designated – E M Robinson Bequest	12		108,115		98,514
General Fund	13		<u>2,091,403</u>		<u>1,877,841</u>
			<u>2,265,029</u>		<u>2,035,462</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Council on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Professor C Jones – **President**

.....
Professor J Parry – **Honorary Treasurer**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2010

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include the revaluation of fixed assets including investments which are carried at market value, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", published in March 2005, with applicable accounting standards and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated by reference to the cost of fixed assets using a straight line basis at rates considered appropriate having regard to the expected lives of the fixed assets. The annual rates of depreciation in use are:

Furniture and equipment	10%
Computer equipment	25%

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Library and Archives

The cost of additions to the library and archives is written off in the year of purchase.

Subscription Income

Subscription income is recognised in the year it became receivable with a provision against any subscription not received.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Any surplus/deficit arising on revaluation is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Dividend income is accounted for when the Society becomes entitled to such monies.

Donations and Other Voluntary Income

Donations and other voluntary income are recognised when the Society becomes legally entitled to such monies.

Royalties

Royalties are recognised on an accruals basis in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreement.

Grants Payable

Grants payable are recognised in the year in which they are approved and notified to recipients.

Funds

Unrestricted: these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated: these are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted: these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes defined by the benefactor and within the objects of the charity.

Endowment: permanent endowment funds must be held permanently by the trustees and income arising is separately included in restricted funds for specific use as defined by the donors.

The purpose and use of endowment, restricted and designated funds are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Allocations

Wages, salary costs and office expenditure are allocated on the basis of the work done by the Executive Secretary and the Administrative Assistant.

Pensions

Pension costs are charged to the SOFA when payments fall due. The Society contributed 12.5% of gross salary to the personal pension plan of two of the employees.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2010	2009
	£	£
G R Elton Bequest		424
Donations via membership	1,254	1,134
Gladstone Memorial Trust	600	600
Browning Bequest		–
Vera London	–	7,997
Lisbet Rausing trust	5,000	5,000
Martin Lynn scholarship	1,000	–
Sundry income	–	–
Gift Aid reclaimed	2,938	2,931
	<u>10,792</u>	<u>18,086</u>

3. GRANTS FOR AWARDS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2010 £	Total funds 2009 £
RHS Centenary Fellowship	10,000	–	10,000	10,000
Research support grants (see below)	32,932	1,087	34,019	27,141
A-Level prizes	300	–	300	400
AS Whitfield prize	–	1,000	1,000	1,000
E M Robinson Bequest	–	–	–	–
Grant to Dulwich Picture Library	4,000	–	4,000	4,000
Gladstone history book prize	1,000	–	1,000	1,000
P J Marshall Fellowship	–	10,670	10,670	10,663
David Berry Prize	–	250	250	250
Staff and support costs (Note 4a)	8,247	–	8,247	8,271
	<u>56,479</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>69,487</u>	
30 June 2009	<u>48,421</u>	<u>14,304</u>		<u>62,725</u>

During the year Society awarded grants to a value of £34,019 (2009 – £27,141) to 131 (2009 – 123) individuals.

GRANTS PAYABLE	2010 £	2009 £
Commitments at 1 July	1,300	–
Commitments made in the year	61,239	55,754
Grants paid during the year	(54,469)	(54,454)
Commitments at 30 June	<u>8,069</u>	<u>1,300</u>

Commitments at 30 June 2010 and 2009 are included in creditors.

4a. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	Staff costs £ (Note 4b)	Support costs £ (Note 4b)	Direct costs £	Total £
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>				
Investment manager's fee	–	–	10,779	10,779
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Grants for awards (Note 3)	5,890	2,357	61,240	69,487
Lectures and meetings	5,890	1,178	7,832	14,901
Publications	10,471	4,715	56,457	71,643
Library	2,618	1,179	1,365	5,162
Membership services	32,721	11,787	3,273	47,781
<i>Governance</i>	7,853	2,357	8,098	18,308
Total Resources Expended	<u>65,443</u>	<u>23,574</u>	<u>149,043</u>	<u>238,059</u>
30 June 2009	<u>63,267</u>	<u>25,772</u>	<u>145,036</u>	<u>234,075</u>

4b. STAFF COSTS	2010 £	2009 £
Wages and salaries	53,360	51,687
Social security costs	5,390	5,194
Other pension costs	6,691	6,386
	<u>65,440</u>	<u>63,267</u>

4c. SUPPORT COSTS	2010 £	2009 £
Stationery, photocopying and postage	12,669	12,788
Computer support	490	460
Insurance	920	923
Telephone	254	255
Depreciation	113	583
Bad debts	–	–
Other	9,126	10,763
	<u>23,572</u>	<u>25,773</u>

The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2009 – 2). There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 in the year.

During the year travel expenses were reimbursed to 20 (2009: 24) Councillors attending Council meetings at a cost of £3,311 (2009 – £2,201). No Councillor received any remuneration during the year (2009 – £Nil).

Included in governance is the following:

	2010 £	2009 £
Auditors Remuneration – current year	7,461	7,100
Auditors Remuneration – in respect of prio years	88	524
Auditors Remuneration for non-audit services	550	1,398
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £	Furniture and Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010	<u>33,224</u>	<u>2,307</u>	<u>35,531</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2009	33,224	1,400	34,624
Charge for the year	<u>–</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>113</u>
At 30 June 2010	<u>33,224</u>	<u>1,513</u>	<u>34,737</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2010	<u>–</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>794</u>
At 30 June 2009	<u>–</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>907</u>

All tangible fixed assets are used in the furtherance of the Society's objects.

6. INVESTMENTS

	General Fund £	Designated Robinson Bequest £	Whitfield Prize Fund £	David Berry Essay Trust £	Total £
Market value at 1 July 2009	1,812,658	98,514	39,405	19,703	1,970,280
Additions	725,577	39,434	15,776	7,887	788,674
Disposals	(735,412)	(39,968)	(15,987)	(7,994)	(799,361)
Net loss on investments	<u>186,489</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>4,054</u>	<u>2,027</u>	<u>202,705</u>
Market value at 30 June 2010	<u>1,989,312</u>	<u>108,115</u>	<u>43,248</u>	<u>21,623</u>	<u>2,162,298</u>
Cost at 30 June 2010	<u>1,906,917</u>	<u>103,637</u>	<u>41,455</u>	<u>20,727</u>	<u>2,072,736</u>

	2010 £	2009 £
UK Equities	999,392	1,335,916
UK Government Stock and Bonds	551,602	283,132
Overseas Equities	575,604	304,545
Uninvested Cash	<u>35,700</u>	<u>46,687</u>
	<u>2,162,298</u>	<u>1,970,280</u>
Dividends and interest on listed investments	78,092	102,281
Interest on cash deposits	<u>597</u>	<u>1,715</u>
	<u>78,689</u>	<u>103,996</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2010 £	2009 £
Other debtors	2,261	650
Royalty debtor	42,366	1,017
Prepayments	<u>2,274</u>	<u>451</u>
	<u>46,901</u>	<u>2,118</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year	2010	2009
	£	£
Sundry creditors	13,486	6,408
Taxes and social security	1,210	1,444
Subscriptions received in advance	6,345	5,289
Accruals and deferred income	12,150	12,400
	<u>33,191</u>	<u>25,541</u>

Included within Sundry creditors is an amount of £398 (2009: £358) relating to pension liabilities.

9. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Society has the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which expire:

	2010	2009
	£	£
Within 1–2 years	9,846	–
Within 2–5 years	–	9,846
	<u>9,846</u>	<u>9,846</u>

10. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance at 1 July 2009	Investment Gain	Balance at 30 June 2010
	£	£	£
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	37,643	4,054	41,697
The David Berry Essay Trust	18,552	2,027	20,579
	<u>56,195</u>	<u>6,081</u>	<u>62,276</u>

A S Whitfield Prize Fund

The A S Whitfield Prize Fund is an endowment used to provide income for an annual prize for the best first monograph for British history published in the calendar year.

The David Berry Essay Trust

The David Berry Essay Trust is an endowment to provide income for annual prizes for essays on subjects dealing with Scottish history.

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 July 2009	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2010
	£	£	£	£	£
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	1,762	1,563	(1,774)	–	1,551
P J Marshall Fellowship	–	10,000	(10,670)	670	–
The David Berry Essay Trust	1,150	780	(886)	–	1,044
Martin Lynn Bequest	–	1,000	–	–	1,000
	<u>2,912</u>	<u>13,343</u>	<u>(13,330)</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>3,595</u>

A S Whitfield Prize Fund Income

Income from the A S Whitfield Prize Fund is used to provide an annual prize for the best first monograph for British history published in the calendar year.

P J Marshall Fellowship

The P J Marshall Fellowship is used to provide a sum sufficient to cover the stipend for a one-year doctoral research fellowship alongside the existing Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship at the Institute of Historical Research.

The David Berry Essay Trust Income

Income from the David Berry Trust is to provide annual prizes for essays on subjects dealing with Scottish history.

The Martin Lynn Bequest

This annual bequest is used by the Society to give financial assistance to postgraduates researching topics in African history.

12. DESIGNATED FUND	Balance at 1 July 2009	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Investment Loss	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2010
	£	£	£	£	£	£
E M Robinson Bequest	<u>98,514</u>	<u>3,905</u>	<u>(4,439)</u>	<u>10,135</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>108,115</u>

E M Robinson Bequest

Income from the E M Robinson Bequest is to further the study of history and to date has been used to provide grants to the Dulwich Picture Gallery.

13. GENERAL FUND	Balance at 1 July 2009	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Investment Loss	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2010
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	<u>1,877,841</u>	<u>248,032</u>	<u>(220,289)</u>	<u>186,489</u>	<u>(670)</u>	<u>2,091,403</u>

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	794	–	–	–	794
Investments	1,989,312	108,115	2,595	62,276	2,162,298
COIF investments	<u>57,671</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>57,671</u>
	<u>2,047,777</u>	<u>108,115</u>	<u>2,595</u>	<u>62,276</u>	<u>2,220,763</u>
Current assets	76,817	–	1,000	–	77,817
Less: Creditors	<u>(33,191)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(33,191)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)	<u>43,626</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>44,626</u>
Net Assets	<u>2,091,403</u>	<u>108,115</u>	<u>3,595</u>	<u>62,276</u>	<u>2,265,389</u>