

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF COUNCIL

SESSION 2011–2012

Officers and Council

- At the Anniversary Meeting on 25 November 2011 the Officers of the Society were re-elected.
- The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor G W Bernard and Ms J Innes. Professor N A Miller, MA, MPhil, DPhil and Professor A D Pettegree, MA, DPhil were elected in their place.
- The Officer retiring under By-law XV was Professor V Harding, Honorary Secretary. Dr A I P Smith, BA, MA, PhD was elected to replace her.
- The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor C Given Wilson, Professor M Ormrod, and Dr D Thomas. Dr L Fischer, BA, PhD, Professor P A Williamson, PhD and Professor D R Wootton, MA, 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 2011–2012 under By-law XXXIX.
- Brewin Dolphin Securities were re-appointed to manage the Society's investment funds.

Activities of the Society during the year

As in previous years, the Society has played a leading role in articulating the interests of the discipline within Higher Education, to government and funding councils, and to the wider society. Through its publication programme and research support, it has also worked to support the work of professional historians, especially postgraduates and early career researchers. The Society's work is carried out largely through sub-committees. Reports from each are below. Two of the sub-committees exist to co-ordinate the Society's policy and advocacy in relation to research and education. As detailed below, these committees have been extremely active this year. Research Policy has monitored, responded and lobbied relevant bodies in relation to the details of the forthcoming

REF, changes to research funding policy, and the proposed 'Open Access' model of publishing among other things. Education Policy has dealt with the continuing fall-out for History Departments from the introduction of some of the highest HE fees in the world. The coalition government has also introduced new policies, or rumours of new policies, in relation to the National Curriculum at primary and Key Stage 3, GCSEs and A Levels. In other words, at all levels of the education system there is upheaval or the threat of it. The Society is determined to represent and advance the interests of history as a discipline and of historians as a profession in all these areas. We believe that there are opportunities as well as threats in the proposed changes, but we will continue to work closely on these issues and build as many contacts as we can with other interested parties.

The other five sub-committees deal with aspects of the Society's internal activities, including the awarding of research grants to postgraduate students and overseeing the Society's publications, which include the *Camden* series of edited texts, the *Studies in History* series of monographs by new authors, the *Bibliography of British and Irish History*, and *Transactions*.

The Society's aim of representing the interests of all parts of the historical profession has been advanced through collaboration with other bodies. Indeed, we believe that without such collaboration, the interests of the discipline cannot be properly defended. We have worked closely with the Historical Association over the issue of the government's proposed A-Level reforms, with the British Academy over 'Open Access', and with History UK across all areas. A successful joint meeting was held with History Lab Plus which represents early career researchers not yet in a permanent post and a representative from History Lab Plus has been co-opted onto Research Committee to ensure that we always hear the voice of an ECR at those meetings. The Society continues to work closely with the IHR and its Director, Professor Miles Taylor. 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 the IHR in June, including the Society's Centenary and Marshall Fellowships. A joint reception was held following the Prothero Lecture on 4 July 2012. Collaboration with TNA and the Institute of Historical Research also continues in the form of the Gerald Aylmer seminar 'Locating the Past', held this year on 29 February at the Institute of Historical Research, focusing on the changing interface between history and geography and new approaches and technologies. We hope to build on these collaborations with other historical organisations in the coming years. As the political environment in which we work continues to change, it may be especially beneficial for the Society to forge links with other Learned Societies in the humanities and social sciences.

Two of the Society's meetings were held outside London, at the University of Glamorgan on 3 November 2011 and the University of Sheffield on 26 April 2012. At Glamorgan, Dr Richard Sugget, Royal Commission and Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales, presented a sponsored plenary lecture 'Landscape and Mindscapes: Visualising the Historic Environment of late-Medieval and Early-Modern Wales'. The President chaired a plenary session at the symposium sponsored by the Society 'Visualising the Past: History, Heritage and Technology'. At Sheffield, Council members held meetings with academic and research staff and postgraduate research students in the Department of History and the Centre for Peace History, and the visit concluded with a well-received lecture by Professor Phil Withington, University of Cambridge, 'The Semantics of Peace in Early Modern England'.

Council and the Officers record their warm gratitude to the Society's excellent administrative staff: the Executive Secretary, Sue Carr and the Administrative Secretary, Melanie Ransom. We also welcome Jane Gerson to a temporary position while Melanie Ransom is on maternity leave. We thank them all for their expert and dedicated work on the Society's many activities.

RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE, 2011–12

Joanna Innes chaired the Committee for its September 2011 meeting, the last one of her dedicated and accomplished three years of service. Nicola Miller chaired the February 2012 meeting and the joint meeting with Teaching Policy Committee held, as in 2011, in July.

The Committee has continued its work of building contacts with the research councils and other research-related institutions, thinking about how to work effectively with the other organisations/societies that represent the historical profession. After support was expressed for co-opting an early career researcher onto the committee, we were delighted to welcome Emily Robinson of History Lab, who joined us for the July meeting and will serve henceforth as a co-opted member.

Research Councils

Relations continued to develop well, building on the work done in previous years. The new Director of Research at AHRC, Professor Mark Llewellyn, attended the joint meeting of Research Policy and Teaching Policy Committees in July. Council received a report on the meeting, which focused on the implications of BGP2, especially for MA funding; the consequences for the discipline of "strategic" research funding; and the importance of working towards establishing more effective mechanisms for meaningful consultation between AHRC and the subject community.

These concerns were also raised at a meeting with Rick Rylance convened by Robin Osborne's Arts and Humanities Users Group (AHUG), held in the Council Room, at which both the RHS and the EHA were represented. Discussions were also held with the Economic History Association to identify shared concerns about the policies of both ESRC and AHRC, notably their 'demand management' strategies; threats to postgraduate funding; the inadequacy of the AHRC Peer Review College. There was concern that the AHRC had difficulty recruiting appropriate people to the college, and over the targeting of AHRC funding toward strategic priorities.

The British Academy

The Committee welcomed the restoration of the Small Grants Scheme, following agreement from government to vire any under-spend on BA Fellowships to this scheme.

The National Archives

Concerns continued to be expressed about the effectiveness of the new catalogue search tool, which has several problems for academic researchers, particularly that it can access only a small percentage of material and offers no online training for research students: essentially it targets entry-level researchers and does little to develop the skills and sophistication of current users. To bring the tool up to professional standard it would benefit from the following additions: a 'search archival description only' key, a browse option for the descriptive catalogue and the online training tools. Ms Innes and Professor Harding expressed willingness to help TNA to develop the tool. Valerie Johnson of TNA gave a report to the February meeting on the new research strategy agreed in the light of limited staffing and reduced budgets; TNA has set out new priorities, in particular the digitisation of archival records and the 20-Year Rule project. It will also look particularly at the effect of digital resources on research and research behaviour.

The British Library

Professor Hitchcock is on the new advisory panel at the BL. Concerns about lack of provision for academic historians, similar to those in relation to TNA, were expressed about the new BL catalogue and its related iPad app. The committee will seek and monitor responses from the community.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Archives and History

Good contacts have been developed with this group, which includes Hywel Francis MP, Tristram Hunt MP and Lord Bew. The President and the President-elect Professor Mandler now attend meetings of the group as observers.

REF 2014

The Committee continued to make an active contribution to discussion about REF 2014, doing most of the groundwork that enables the Society to articulate the interests and concerns of members. A very helpful meeting was held in September 2011 with Councillors, Professor Chris Wickham, chair of the History Sub-Panel and invited representatives from other institutes. The RHS responded to the REF consultation document, commending good practice on Panel C as well as raising concerns expressed by Councillors and other members of the profession, especially definitions of ‘publication’, given the development of electronic media and increasing electronic publication of theses; preference for ‘world-leading’ rather than ‘national’ or ‘international’ excellence; the importance of giving credit for editing; continuing problems with the distinction between evidence of dissemination and evidence of impact. After publication of the Panel Criteria and Working Methods document, the Committee emphasised that there were three aspects of the REF criteria which needed to be communicated clearly to non-historians in university management positions: (i) the relaxed rules on overlap; (ii) the generous rules on the double weighting of books; (iii) the flexible interpretation of evidence needed to demonstrate dissemination of ‘impact’.

Research Policy Forum

The Committee discussed the possibility of utilising the RHS website to raise a forum for research policy issues and improve the Committee’s presence in the public arena. This idea will be taken forward in the coming year.

Open Access Publishing

In light of the publication of the Finch Report in June 2012, followed by the President’s letter to the membership, the possible implications of OA publishing for the historical profession are the subject of ongoing discussions.

The Education 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, History UK and the Higher Education Academy, 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 Dr Andrew Foster, Dr Jason Peacey, and Mr Peter D’Sena (HEA Subject Lead for History) and also to Dr Michael Maddison (Ofsted National Adviser for History) for acting in this capacity.

Government proposals to reform the school curriculum dominated the Committee’s deliberations this year. At first attention was focused on the national curriculum (to age 14, although some proposals would have extended its purview to age 16). The Society’s interest lay particularly in the knock-on effects that reform of the national curriculum might have for History at GCSE and A-Level. However, as it became clear that the national curriculum would not be extended to schools with academy status, and as more secondary schools acquired academy status, the relevance of national-curriculum reform even to government seemed to wane. Attention then shifted to A-Levels. The Secretary of State for Education proposed that universities and learned societies play a much greater role in the development and validation of A-Levels; here the Society’s interests were very much at stake, and the Committee has discussed the future of A-Levels extensively with academics, the examination boards, the Historical Association, and others. A formal response was made to the Ofqual consultation on the Secretary of State’s proposals over the summer of 2012.

The Committee continues to monitor closely the uptake of History GCSE and A-Level, principally through its annual meeting with representatives of the examination boards for England and Wales, which was held again this year, though now also more regularly and informally with our network of contacts in those boards. The institution of the ‘English Baccalaureate’ will have effects on the extent and nature of this uptake that the Committee will consider at its next meeting in autumn 2012.

As a result of the Committee’s deliberations on school curriculum issues, Council agreed to cosponsor with the Raphael Samuel History Centre and the Historical Association a major national conference on ‘History, the Nation and the Schools’, which was held at the Bishopsgate Institute in London in July 2012. The conference was organized by Professor Barbara Taylor of the RSHC and the University of East

London, and the Society was delighted to be able to work with Professor Taylor, the RSHC and the HA to help stimulate national debates on History in the school curriculum at a time of rapidly-changing public policy.

The Committee also monitored the effects of the new tuition fee regime on applications for admission to History courses beginning in 2012. History applications dropped 7.4% vs. 2011, almost exactly the average for all subjects. The meeting that the President organized with the Universities Minister, David Willetts, provided an opportunity for representatives of the Society to raise these issues with the Minister and his Chief of Staff.

Concern was also expressed about the effects of the new fee regime on progression to postgraduate study. There was particular anxiety about the prospects of sharp increases in postgraduate fees and about the decision by the Arts and Humanities Research Council to phase out Master's funding and curtail PhD funding. The Society instigated a meeting of learned societies (through the good offices of the Arts and Humanities User Group, organized by Professor Robin Osborne) to discuss these latter cuts with Professor Rick Rylance, chief executive of the AHRC, and the annual joint meeting between the Education and Research Policy Committees in June was held to meet with Professor Mark Llewellyn, the AHRC's director of research. These efforts to convey the high value that all learned societies in the humanities place on the AHRC's investment in postgraduate education seemed to bear fruit, and it was hoped that the Society would continue to cooperate closely with other learned societies in order to provide a clear and united voice for the humanities at a time when fiscal and utilitarian considerations seem to be putting our subjects at a discount.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 2011–12

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 2012 was confirmed, including visits to Sheffield University in May and the University of Southampton in October. Proposals for 2013 have been discussed and speakers invited. Regional symposia and visits to Bath Spa University and the University of Leeds will take place in 2013. 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 2012 Gerald Aylmer Seminar was held in February on 'Locating the Past' (reported above) and discussions with TNA and the IHR for the 2013 seminar are under way.

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:

Prothero Lecture: 'History from the Top, from Below – AND from the Middle', Professor Paul Kennedy (29 June 2011)

'The challenger: Hugh Hamilton Lindsay and the rise of British Asia, 1830s-60s' Professor Robert Bickers (23 September 2011)

The Colin Matthew Memorial Lecture for the Public Understanding of History was given on Wednesday 16 November 2011 by Professor Alun Howkins 'A Lark Arising: the rural past and urban histories, 1881–2011'. These lectures continue to be given in memory of the late Professor Colin Matthew, a former Literary Director and Vice-President of the Society.

At the Anniversary Meeting on 25 November 2011, the President, Professor Colin Jones delivered his third address on 'French Crossings III: The Smile of the Tiger'.

'Entrusting Western Europe to the Church, 400–750', Professor Ian Wood (3 February 2012)

'Supernatural Politics in Stalin's Russia and Mao's China', Professor Steve Smith (4 May 2012)

Prizes

The Society's annual prizes were awarded as follows:

The Alexander Prize for 2011 attracted thirteen entries and was awarded to Levi Roach for his article, 'Public Rites and Public Wrongs: Ritual Aspects of Diplomas in Tenth- and Eleventh-Century England', *Early Medieval Europe* 19 (2011), 182–203.

The judges' citation read:

A meticulous and thought-provoking piece of comparative history, this article skilfully analyses Anglo-Saxon diplomas by drawing on insights about medieval ritual that have previously been applied to sources from continental Europe. After a succinct survey of the current historiography, it offers a fascinating account of public rituals of conveyance in ninth- and tenth-century England. Adventurous in the questions it poses, but discriminating in its assessment of what answers the methodological approach adopted can offer, this article is an exemplary addition to the literature on ritual in medieval society. It will be of interest not only to all medievalists but also to historians of any period interested in the ritual aspects of power.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:

John Sabapathy, 'A Medieval Officer and a Modern Mentality? *Podesta* and the Quality of Accountability', *The Medieval Journal*, 1:2 (2011), 43–79.

The David Berry Prize for an article on Scottish history for 2011 attracted seven entries and was awarded to Aaron M. Allen for his article 'Conquering the Suburbs: Politics and Work in Early Modern Edinburgh', *Journal of Urban History*, 37(3) (2011), 423–443.

The judges' citation read:

The winning article by Aaron M. Allen, entitled, 'Conquering the Suburbs: Politics and Work in Early Modern Edinburgh', stood out for its deftness of expression, fluency and lucidity, in addition to the other qualities which it shared with the rest of the submissions. The article sets the phenomenon of the early modern suburb in its wider European context, and highlights the sharp contrast in meaning between the suburb of today and its counterpart of the early modern era. Far from being a leafy commuter dormitory, the early modern suburb was a scene of lawlessness beyond the reach of municipal jurisdiction; though, by the same token, it was also a place of refuge beyond the rigidities of entrenched civic establishments. Moreover, certain trades tried to evade onerous civic burdens by relocating outside the formal bounds of the city. Suburbs became important elements in the urban economy, though it was sometimes difficult to define the differences between mere suburbs and neighbouring burghs. The article traces the difficulties faced by the Edinburgh authorities in asserting control, by way of obtaining feudal superiority, over nearby burghs of barony and regality. The suburbanization of neighbouring towns was a means of absorbing potential economic rivals. The article is characterised by a patient attention to detail, a rich blend of analysis and illustration, and an outward-looking comparative approach which is the hallmark of the new generation of Scottish historians.

The Whitfield Book Prize for a first book on British history attracted forty-four entries.

The prize for 2011 was awarded to:

Jacqueline Rose for *Godly Kingship in Restoration England: The Politics of the Royal Supremacy, 1660–1688* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

The judges' citation read:

Godly Kingship is an outstanding book. It is based on deeply impressive research, which establishes the different lines of argument in what are often difficult theological, ecclesiastical, legal and political tracts. Time and again, her readings are rich and sensitive. It has a long (and appropriate) chronological span, and it offers new interpretations of central historical problems. As well as the main argument about the large implications of the royal supremacy and its flexible and disputed qualities, it has numerous particular interpretations that will variously engage historians of the Reformation, the Elizabethan and early Stuart periods, the Interregnum, the Restoration and 1688, and historians of religion, the churches, politics, ideas and the law. It offers the most compelling account yet of the 'long Reformation'. This is a book which is already influencing historical discussions. More importantly, it has the breadth, assurance and insight to ensure that it will be a book of substantial and enduring significance.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:

Helen Jacobsen for *Luxury and Power: The Material World of the Stuart Diplomat, 1660–1714* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

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

The Prize for 2011 was awarded to:

Wendy Ugolini for *Experiencing War as the 'Enemy Other': Italian Scottish Experience in World War II* (Manchester University Press, 2011).

The judges' citation read:

This book explores the phenomenon of 'hybrid identity', of belonging to two cultures which are at war with each other, in this case second generation Italian migrants in Scotland in the Second World War. The Italians had brought ice-cream parlours and, so the author argues, fish and chip shops to Scotland and many of their sons fought in the British Armed Forces. But their shop windows were broken and they were vilified as fascists when war broke out. In June 1940 internment was introduced and twenty per cent of the Scottish-Italian community of 5000 was locked up. Weeks later the *Andora Star*, a liner which had been converted into a troop ship to transport the internees across the Atlantic, was sunk on its voyage to Canada. Over four hundred Italian internees from Scotland were drowned. Wendy Ugolini examines the impact of this tragedy on the Scottish Italians themselves and on their neighbours. Using interviews with 45 members of the community, she looks at the role of Italian and *fasci* clubs in the 1930s and the increased suspicion of all things Italian which developed early in the war. The book contrasts personal narratives with national and local government records, secret service reports and newspapers to paint an informative and detailed account of the lives of one small alien community. In so doing it adds another dimension to our knowledge of social interaction and identity in the Second World War.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:

Tim Grady for *The German-Jewish Soldiers of the First World War in History and Memory* (Liverpool University Press, 2011).

The Society's Rees Davies Essay Prize for the best article based on a conference paper delivered by a recipient of a Royal Historical Society travel grant attracted seven entries.

No prize was awarded in 2011.

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. Thirty submissions were made.

The Prize for 2011 was awarded to:

Richard Lowe-Lauri (University of Durham) for his essay *The Decline of the Stamford Bull-Running, c. 1788–1849*.

An article by the prize-winner presenting his research will appear in *History Today* in 2012.

The German History Society, in association with the Society, agrees 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. No prizewinner was announced in 2011.

The Frampton and Beazley Prizes for A-level performances in 2011 were awarded to the following nominations from the examining bodies:

Frampton Prize:

OCR: Kishan Koria (Kent College, Canterbury)
AQA: Helena Kipling (Parkstone Grammar School, Dorset)

Beazley Prize:

CEA: Andrew Henderson (Banbridge Academy, Belfast)
SQA: Alice Williamson (George Watson's College, Edinburgh)

The Director of the Institute of Historical Research announced the winners of the Pollard Prize 2011 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 2011 was awarded jointly to Samantha Sagui for her paper on ‘The Hue and Cry in English Towns’, and Christopher Dillon for his paper on ‘“Tolerance Means Weakness”: the Dachau Concentration Camp SS, Militarism, and Masculinity’. The articles will appear in *Historical Research* in 2013. The Sir John Neale Prize for 2011 was awarded to Victoria Smith for her essay ‘The Elizabethan Succession Question in Roger Edwardes’s “Castra Regia” (1569) and “Cista Pacis Anglie”(1576)’.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, 2011–12

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. Professor Stephen Taylor is Honorary Academic Editor of the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH).

In 2012 the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH) celebrated its 10th anniversary as an on-line resource. The project has continued to develop smoothly, thanks largely to the work of Peter Salt, Simon Baker and the team of academic section editors – close to 15,000 records have again been added to the database over the past twelve months and minor improvements have been made to the user interface. The most significant developments have been the offer of a reduced rate subscription for Fellows and Members of the Society and the creation of a Project Board. The latter, chaired by Professor Phillip Schofield of Aberystwyth University brings together the academic project team, Brepols (our publisher) and representatives of various user groups to provide feedback and advice on the future development of the Bibliography.

Transactions, Sixth Series, Volume 21 was published during the session, and *Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 22 went to press.

In the Camden, Fifth Series, *The Making of the East London Mosque, 1910–1951*, ed. Humayun Ansari (vol. 38), *The Papers of the Hothams: Governors of Hull during the Civil War*, ed. Andrew Hopper (vol. 39) and *A Monastic Community in Local Society: the Beauchief Cartulary*, eds, David Luscombe, David Hey and Lisa Liddy (vol. 40) were published during the session. Ansari’s volume was launched at a well attended reception at the East London Mosque, at which all the copies of the volume on the publisher’s stand were sold, indicating the level of interest in the local community in this particular volume, which both in subject matter and period represents an important development for the series. The Society continues to receive excellent proposals for editions of texts for all periods, with the twentieth century now beginning to generate a significant number among them. The inclusion of the Camden series within the online resources made

available by Cambridge University Press has seen the volumes reach new audiences worldwide; the Committee will seek to work with the publishers to develop the full potential of this resource in the coming years.

Documents on Conservative Foreign Policy, 1852–1878, eds, Geoff Hicks, John Charmley and Bendor Grosvenor (vol. 41), and *The Diary of Robert Woodford, 1637–1641*, ed., John Fielding (vol. 42) went to press for publication in 2012–13.

The *Studies in History* Editorial Board continued to meet throughout the year. The Second Series continues to produce exciting and widely discussed volumes (one of the 2011 titles, Samantha Williams' *Poverty, Gender and Life-Cycle under the English Poor Law, 1760–1834*, attained the distinction of featuring on the *Today* programme on BBC Radio 4). Professor Hannah Barker and Professor Alex Walsham retired from and Dr Selina Todd and Professor Alec Ryrie joined the Editorial Board. The following volumes went to press during the session for publication in 2012–13:

- *The Local Church and Generational Change: Mainstream Christianity in Birmingham, c. 1945–1998*, Ian Jones
- *Chasing Pirates: the War at Sea in Ireland, 1641–1653*, Elaine Murphy

As in previous subscription years, volumes in the *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 2012–2013 were encouraging. Boydell and Brewer's decision to republish a number of volumes in a paperback format has proved extremely successful and it is intended to extend the selection from the backlist that will be made available in this form. Next year will see some of the series become available as e-publications for the first time.

The series has a considerable number of manuscripts under development with their authors for publication, and continues to receive a steady flow of high-quality proposals. During the course of the year it was decided that the Society should offer its authors a contract at an earlier stage in the development of their volumes in recognition of the importance of commitments to the career prospects of many early career scholars.

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 2011–12

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 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 little more to say here.

The Society's expenditure was broadly in line with estimates. Income was much higher than anticipated, however, largely due a greater than expected income from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press (due to on-going sales of the new digital archive). The Society is declaring a surplus of £100,107 for the year 2011–12.

The Society has run a surplus for a number of years, which has allowed it to build up a significant cash reserve. The Finance Committee recognises that the coming years will be much more challenging financially than recent years, particularly as income from the digitisation component of the publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press declines sharply. It is for this reason that the Society anticipates continuing to hold a substantial cash reserve in the expectation that it will be drawn down in future years to cover a series of planned in-year deficits.

The value of the Society's investments rose to £2.36 millions in June 2012, a decline from the previous year's figure of £2.54 million. The total return was below the APCIMS Balanced (Total Return) index against which performance is benchmarked. The issue has been extensively discussed by Finance Committee and with the fund managers (Brewin Dolphin). The Society's portfolio is invested for the long-term and members of Finance Committee are confident that the current spread of investments is appropriate. Dividend income increased in 2011–12.

The Society introduced a new system of identifying and weighting risk during the year. Each meeting of Finance Committee considers whether the current risk assessment - on matters both financial and non-financial - is appropriate (and reports accordingly to Council).

- Council records with gratitude the benefactions made to the Society by:
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2011–12

The Committee reviews all applications for Fellowship and Membership received by the Society, and makes recommendations to Council. The Committee is keen to encourage applications for Fellowship on the basis of scholarly achievement in history, whose definition is not limited to traditional forms of publication, but also includes, for example, the curatorship of exhibitions and publication in newer media. The Committee is glad to receive applications to join the Society in either the Fellowship or Membership category, and emphasises that it favours a broad view of what constitutes history when assessing candidates.

The Anniversary Meeting in November 2011 approved the introduction of the new category of Emeritus Fellow, to commence in the 2012–13 subscription year. Fellows over the age of seventy-five years or who have forty or more consecutive years of Fellowship of the Society may request to transfer to this category which does not incur a subscription. Emeriti will continue to enjoy the usual benefits of Fellowship with the exception

of the annual copy of *Transactions* which may be purchased separately. The number of senior Fellows transferring to this category has been encouraging.

The Committee would also like to draw the attention of supervisors and postgraduate students to the recently introduced category of Postgraduate Member. The first intake of Postgraduate Members started their Membership in the July 2010- June 2011 subscription year. Postgraduate Members apply in the same way as regular Members but if they are current research postgraduates (UK or overseas) they are entitled to their first two years' subscriptions at £10 (with all the same benefits of regular Membership), after which they automatically revert to normal Member status. The discounted first two years still applies even if the students finish their degree during that time. The Society does require proof of postgraduate research student status, but only at the time of election.

The following were elected to the Fellowship:

William J Adam, BA, LL.M, PhD
 John R Alban, BA, PhD
 Dhara Anjaria, BA, PhD
 Sarah L T Apetrei, BA, DipTh, MSt, DPhil
 Nir Arielli, BA, MA, PhD
 Lauren Arrington, BA, MA, DPhil
 Bruce E Baker, MA, PhD
 Sara K Barker, BA, MA, PhD
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 Philip J Stern, BA, MA, MPhil, PhD
 Matthew F Stevens, BA, PhD
 Gareth Stockey, MA, MA, PhD
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 Jeremy Taylor, BA, BA, PhD
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 Laura Ugolini, BA, MA, PhD
 Wendy Ugolini, BA, MA, PhD
 Andrew Vincent, BA, PhD
 Bryan Ward-Perkins, BA, DPhil
 Giles Waterfield, BA, MA
 Jennifer A Weir, BA, PhD
 Emily R West, BA, MA, PhD
 Samantha K Williams, BA, MSc, PhD
 Tim Wilson, BA, MA, DPhil
 Alun R Withey, BA, MA, PhD
 Matthew J Wright, BA, BA, MA
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 Margaret Yates, BA, DPhil
 Jonathan Yeager, BA, MCA, ThM, PhD
 Natalie A Zacek, BA, MA, PhD
 Eric Zuelow, BA, MA, PhD

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

Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch – Fellow – KBE for Services to Scholarship

Professor Richard J Evans – Fellow – KBE for Services to Scholarship

Council was advised of and recorded with regret the deaths of 1 Honorary Vice-President, 11 Fellows, 14 Retired Fellows, 2 Corresponding Fellows and 1 Associate.

Mr J S Appleby – Fellow
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 Dr P F Brandon – Fellow
 Mr G R Bussey – Retired Fellow
 Dr M Chibnall, FBA – Retired Fellow
 Professor P Collinson – Honorary Vice-President
 Professor J P Cornford – Fellow
 Dr A F Cowan – Retired Fellow
 Professor F M Crouzet – Corresponding Fellow
 Professor C M Crowder – Retired Fellow
 Dr M J C Dowling - Fellow
 Mr J P W Ehrman – Retired Fellow
 Mrs S J Gurney – Associate
 Professor N Hampson, FBA – Retired Fellow
 Dr M Heppell – Retired Fellow
 Professor K Honeyman - Fellow
 Professor S W Jackman – Retired Fellow
 Dr R J Lee – Fellow
 Dr P C Lowe – Retired Fellow
 Dr P H Lyon – Fellow
 Professor W H Maehl – Retired Fellow
 Reverend Dr J C A Mantle – Fellow
 Professor R B McDowell – Retired Fellow
 Professor J M Powell – Corresponding Fellow
 Professor W Rodney – Retired Fellow
 Professor K M Sharpe – Fellow
 Rt Reverend Dr K W Stevenson – Fellow
 Professor R B Tate – Retired Fellow
 Miss J A Youings – Retired Fellow

Over the year ending on 30 June 2012, 154 Fellows and 119 Members were elected, and the total membership of the Society on that date was 3,209 (including 1,980 Fellows, 691 Retired Fellows, 14 Honorary Vice-Presidents, 79 Corresponding and Honorary Fellows, 41 Associates and 404 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 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 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
- Professor V Harding on the Board of the British Records Association

Grants

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE, 2011–12:

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 topics funded by the Committee demonstrate the Society's contribution to the full spectrum of sub-fields within the discipline of History as well as to interdisciplinary research with a substantial historical component. Successful applicants' end-of-award reports confirm that RHS funding significantly enhances early career researchers' opportunities to conduct original archival research 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: the supply of fundable applications consistently and significantly exceeds our available funding.

In last year's report, the committee noted that recent and impending reductions of research funding at both university and Research Council-level would place increasing pressures on its resources. To respond to this increased demand, the Society augmented the committee's annual allocation by £5,000 and sought additional external funding for its research support activities. We are delighted to report that two generous subventions have been received for this purpose. *History Workshop Journal* has awarded the Society a £5,000 subvention for each of the next two years, with priority to be given to 'self-funding' PhD students (that is, doctoral students who are not in receipt of a full fees and maintenance award for their studies). The *Past & Present* Society has awarded the RHS a three-year annual subvention of £5,000, a sum which will allow us to

expand our funding of early career researchers regardless of nationality. Together these two generous and timely awards will significantly enhance the Research Support Committee's ability to foster the growth of the profession by investing in the next generation of historians.

The Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship was awarded in the academic year 2011–2012 to Roberta Cimino (University of St Andrews) for research on 'Italian queens in the ninth and tenth centuries'.

The Society's P J Marshall Fellowship was awarded in the academic year 2011–2012 to Anish Vanaik (Balliol College, Oxford) for research on 'Changing the plot: Property Relations in Colonial Delhi, 1857–1920'.

Travel to Conferences (Training Bursaries)

- Jason Berg, University of Leeds
Histories on the Margin: Contemporary Approaches to Conceptualizing the 'Other', Alberta, 1st-2nd March 2012
- Alexander Berland, University of Nottingham
International Conference of Historical Geographers, Prague, Czech Republic, 6th-10th August 2012
- Richard Blakemore, University of Cambridge
6th International Congress of Maritime History, Gent, Belgium, 2nd-6th July 2012
- Anna Bocking-Welch, University of York
North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado, 18th-20th November 2011
- Charles Bow, University of Edinburgh
Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society Annual Conference 2011, University of Aberdeen, 7th-10th July 2011
- Sophie Brockmann, University of Cambridge
XVIth World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 9th-13th July 2012
- Erica Buchberger, University of Oxford
International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 10th-13th May 2012
- Lise Butler, University of Oxford
Empire and International History: The 4th Annual Postgraduate Intensive, Sydney, Australia, 26th-27th July 2012
- William Carruthers, University of Cambridge
8th Science and Technology in the European Periphery Meeting, Corfu, Greece, 21st-25th June 2012
- Sarah Chaney, UCL
Body and Mind in the History of Medicine and Health, Utrecht, 1st-4th September 2011
- Nathalie Chernoff, Lancaster University

- 119th American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC, 4th-7th August 2011
- Eleanor Davey, Queen Mary, University of London
International Conference on Human Rights and the Humanities, Beirut, 9th-11th May 2012
 - Lucinda Dean, University of Stirling
Kings and Queens: Politics, Power, Patronage and Personalities in Medieval and Early Modern Monarchy, Corsham Court, 19th-20th April 2012
 - Virginia Dillon, University of Oxford
News in Early Modern Europe, Sussex, 5th-7th June 2012
 - Val Dufeu, University of Stirling
International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 9th-12th July 2012
 - Joanne Edge, Royal Holloway, University of London
Science and the Occult: From Antiquity through the Early Modern Period, 2012, Purdue University, Indiana, 20th-21st April 2012
 - David Feller, University of Cambridge
North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado, 18th-20th November 2011
 - Gergely Gallai, University of Southampton
14th International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Toronto, Canada, 5th-11th August 2012
 - Mark Hailwood, IHR
North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado, 18th-20th November 2011
 - Alexander Hall, University of Manchester
North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado, 18th-20th November 2011
 - Eilidh Harris, University of St Andrews
Leeds International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 9th-12th July 2012
 - David Hary, University of Bristol
Religious Men in the Middle Ages, Huddersfield, 6th-8th July 2012
 - Liam Haydon, University of Manchester
Renaissance Old Worlds, London, 29th June – 1st July 2012
 - Alexander Hodgkins, University of Leeds
Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, 27th-30th October 2011
 - Samantha Hughes-Johnson, Birmingham City University
The 58th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Washington D.C., 22nd-24th March 2012
 - Laure Humbert, University of Exeter
East-West Cultural Exchanges During the Cold War, Jyvaskyla, Finland, 14th-16th June 2012
 - Simon Huxtable, Birkbeck, University of London

- Association for Slavonic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C., 17th-20th November 2011
- Aaron Jaffer, University of Warwick
Community and the Sea in the Age of Sail, Aalborg, Denmark, 24th-25th May 2012
 - Olesya Khromeychuk, UCL
Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC, 17th-20th November 2011
 - Kimberley Knight, University of St Andrews
Religious Men in the Middle Ages, Huddersfield, 6th-8th July 2012
 - Marie-Louise Leonard, University of Glasgow
International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 10th-13th May 2012
 - Eilidh Macrae, University of Glasgow
North American Society for Sport History, California, 1st-4th June 2012
 - Jessica Moody, University of York
Slavery and Memory Sessions: American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, New York, 24th-28th February 2012
 - Margery Masterson, University of Bristol
Race, Nation and Empire on the Victorian Popular Stage, Lancaster, 11th-14th July 2012
 - Stephen Miles, University of Glasgow
International Geographical Union Pre-Conference Symposium, Trier, Germany, 22nd-25th August 2012
 - Catriona Murray, University of Edinburgh
The 58th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Washington D.C., 22nd-24th March 2012
 - Raluca Musat, UCL
European Social Science History Conference 2012, Glasgow, 11th-14th April 2012
 - Christian O'Connell, Heidelberg Spring Academy, Heidelberg, 26th-30th March 2012
 - Ben Offler, University of Nottingham
Continuity and Change in US Presidential Foreign Policy: Plans, Policies and Doctrines, Salzburg, 6th-10th October 2011
 - Kenneth Parker, Royal Holloway, University of London
Eighth Quadrennial Conference of the Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East, Caceres, Spain, 25th-29th June 2012
 - Laura Paterson, University of Dundee
Social History Society Annual Conference, Brighton, 3rd-5th April 2012
 - Emily Rootham, Glasgow Caledonian University
European Conference on Educational Research 2011, Berlin, 13th-16th September 2011
 - Melania Savino, SOAS

Cultures of Curating: Curatorial Practices and the Production of Meaning 1650–2000, Lincoln, 12th-13th July 2012

- Louise Seaward, University of Leeds
‘Communities and Networks’ – Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, 5th-8th January 2012
- Samantha Shave, University of Sussex
European Social Science History Conference 2012, Glasgow, 11th-14th April 2012
- Daniel Smith, UCL
Reading Conference in Early Modern Studies, University of Reading, 18th-20th July 2011
- Nimrod Tal, University of Oxford
The Legacy of the Civil War: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Philadelphia, 10th-12th November 2011
- Steven Taylor, University of Leicester
Social History Society Annual Conference, Brighton, 3rd-5th April 2012
- Laura Tompkins, University of St Andrews
International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 9th-12th July 2012.
- Martha Vandrei, King’s College London
North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado, 18th-20th November 2011
- Caroline Watkinson, Queen Mary, University of London
North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado, 18th-20th November 2011
- Christopher Webb, University of Huddersfield
International Oral History Conference 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 4th-7th September 2012
- Reza Zia-Ebrahimi, University of Oxford
9th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 1st-5th August 2012.

Research Expenses Within the United Kingdom

- William Arthur, University of Oxford
Archives in London, August – October 2011
- Lise Butler, University of Oxford
Archives in Glasgow, Cambridge, Brighton and London, May – June 2012.
- Miriam Cady, University of Leicester
Archives in Doncaster, Carlisle, Penrith and London, September – October 2011
- Derek Elliott, University of Cambridge
Archives in London, July – September 2011
- Claire Fetherstonhaugh, University of Cambridge

- Archives in London, 24th July – 21st August 2011
- Chikara Hashimoto, Aberystwyth University
Archives in London, Cambridge, Oxford and Coventry, November 2011 – February 2012
 - Mark King, University of Cambridge
Archives in London, January – February 2012
 - Shivan Mahendrarajah, University of Cambridge
Archives in London and Oxford 2012
 - Brant Moscovitch, University of Oxford
Archives in London and Hull, October – December 2011
 - Cai Parry-Jones, Bangor University
Archives and interviews in Wrexham and Welshpool, January – February 2012
 - Helen Rajabi, University of Manchester
Archives in London and Aberystwyth, October – November 2011
 - Helen Walsh, Manchester Metropolitan University
Archives and interviews in London and Bognor Regis, August 2011
 - Tracey Wedge, University of Southampton
Archives in London, March 2012

Research Expenses Outside the United Kingdom

- George Adamson, University of Brighton
Archives in India
- Judith Allan, University of Birmingham
Archives in Florence, Italy, June 2012
- Lida Barner, UCL
Archives in Russia, February 2012
- Emily Baughan, University of Bristol
Archives in California, USA, October 2012
- Andras Becker, University of Southampton
Archives in the USA, 1st–14th September 2011
- Eliud Biegón, University of Cambridge
Archives and interviews in Datoga, Tanzania, December 2012.
- Kristin Bourassa, University of York
Archives in Paris and Chantilly, France, and Vienna, Austria, July – August 2012
- Denis Clark, University of Oxford
Archives in the USA, France and Poland, January – March 2012
- William Carruthers, University of Cambridge
Archives in Egypt, 5th September 2011 – 30th June 2012
- Tamina Chowdhury, University of Cambridge
Archives in New Delhi and Kolkata, India, June – September 2012
- William Coleman, UCL

- Archives in Washington, D.C., March – May 2012
- Mark Condos, University of Cambridge
Archives in New Delhi, Chandigarh and London, September 2011 – January 2012
 - Katie Crone Barber, University of Sheffield
Archives in the USA, 1st-30th September 2011
 - Tom Cutterham, University of Oxford
Archives in the USA, September 2011
 - Stephen Dean, King's College London
Archives in Ireland and the UK, February 2012
 - Karst de Jong, Queen's University Belfast
Archives in Jamaica, October 2012
 - Stephanie Derrick, University of Stirling
Archives in Wheaton and New York, 23rd February – 17th March 2012
 - James Doherty, University of Southampton
Archives in Dublin, Ireland and Belfast, Northern Ireland, May – June 2012.
 - Josette Duncan, University of Warwick
Archives in Greece, October 2011
 - Emma Folwell, University of Leicester
Archives in Mississippi, May – June 2012
 - Oliver Godsmark, University of Leeds
Archives in India, January – April 2012
 - Allison Goudie, University of Oxford
Archives in Naples, Autumn 2011
 - Giovanni Graglia, LSE
Archives in Rome, 19th-31st March 2012
 - Rachel Hoffman, University of Cambridge
Archives in Berlin, November 2011
 - Jack Hogan, University of Kent
Archives and interviews in Zambia, August – November 2011
 - Simon John, Swansea University
Archives in France, December 2011
 - Iain Johnston, University of Cambridge
Archives in Canada, September 2011
 - Nicola Kindersley, University of Durham
Archives in Amsterdam, 1st-14th April 2012
 - Michael Martin, King's College London
Archives and interviews in Kabul, Afghanistan, May 2012.
 - Ruth Martin, University of Cambridge
Archives in the USA, 5th-16th September 2011
 - Julia McClure, University of Sheffield
Archives in Spain, 1st-19th August 2011

- Aaron McGaughey, University of Nottingham
Archives in Finland and Russia, June – September 2012
- Stephen McNair, University of Edinburgh
Archives, interviews and site visits in the USA, April – May 2012
- Christopher Minty, University of Stirling
Archives in New York, 4th-15th June 2012
- James Perkins, Birkbeck College, University of London
Archives in Montreal, Canada, September 2012.
- Catherine Porter, University of Cambridge
Archives and interviews in Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of Congo, July-October 2012
- Mindaugas Sapoka, University of Aberdeen
Archives in Poland, December 2011 – March 2012
- Teresa Segura-Garcia, University of Cambridge
Archives in India, 9th October – 20th December 2011
- Carin Peller Semmens, University of Sussex
Archives in the USA, 25th April – 5th June 2012
- Spike Sweeting, University of Warwick
Archives in New Haven, Boston and Philadelphia, 28th May – 16th June 2012
- Declan Taggart, University of Aberdeen
Manuscript Studies, Eighth International Summer School, Reykjavik, 10th-18th August 2011
- Edward Teversham, University of Oxford
Archives and interviews in Skukuza and Bushbuckridge, South Africa, June – July 2012
- Darshi Thoradeniya, University of Warwick
Archives in the USA, 29th August – 19th September 2011
- Jennifer Tomlinson, University of York
Archives in France, January – July 2012
- Justine Trombley, University of St Andrews
Archives in Italy, March 2012
- Pheroze Unwalla, SOAS
Archives in Turkey, January – April 2012
- Danelle Van Zyl-Hermann, University of Cambridge
Archives and interviews in Somerset West and Cape Town, South Africa, July – September 2012
- Joanna Warson, University of Portsmouth
Archives in Aix-en-Provence, France, September 2012
- Michael Weatherburn, Imperial College, London
Archives in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Ottawa, 1st-27th May 2012
- Harriett Webster, University of Bristol

- Archives in France, 2nd-8th September 2011
- Katherine Weikert, University of Winchester
Site visits in Normandy, France, July 2012
- Elliott Weiss, UCL
Archives in Pennsylvania and Illinois, USA, June 2012
- Fiona Whelan, University of Oxford
Archives in France, January 2012
- Rachael Whitbread, University of York
Archives in Paris, France, June 2012
- Naomi Wood, University of Warwick
Archives in Pennsylvania, USA, September 2012
- Larysa Zariczniak, University of Exeter
Archives and interviews in Kiev and Lviv, Ukraine, June 2012

Conference Organisation (Workshops)

- Rabah Aissaoui
Algeria Revisited: Contested Identities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Periods, University of Leicester, 11th-13th April 2012
- Harriet Archer
The Mirror for Magistrates, 1559–1946, Magdalen College, Oxford, 14th-15th September 2012
- Lucy Bland
'Looking Back – Looking Forward': The Twentieth Annual Women's History Network Conference, The Women's Library, 9th-11th September 2011
- Mike Carr
The Writing of Medieval History: Debates, Definitions and Approaches, Senate House, London, 15th June 2012
- Lucinda Dean
Representations of Authority to 1707: Scotland and her Nearest Neighbours, University of Stirling, 20th-21st August 2012
- Sylvia Gill
22nd Annual Conference of the European Reformation Research Group, University of Durham, 3rd-4th September 2012
- Craig Griffiths
What is LGBT(Q) History and where do we stand? History Postgraduates and LGBT History, Queen Mary, University of London, 7th November 2012
- Kate Hill
Cultures of Curating: Curatorial Practices and the Production of Meaning c.1650–2000, University of Lincoln, 12th-13th July 2012
- Jonathan Lawrence

- Research Colloquium on the Secondary Analysis of British Social Survey Data, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 7th-8th September 2012
- Eilidh Macrae
Fresh Perspectives on the Past, University of Glasgow, 3rd-4th May 2012
 - Christopher Nicholson
Crisis: Interruptions, Reactions and Continuities in Central and Eastern Europe, UCL, 15th-17th February 2012
 - Adam Marks
English Communities Abroad, c.1500–1800, University of Manchester, September 2012
 - Christopher Millington
Political Violence in Interwar Europe, Cardiff University, 19th-21st September 2012
 - Sunil Purushotham
Genealogies of Colonial Violence, University of Cambridge, 1st-2nd June 2012
 - Daniel Roach
Orderic Vitalis: New Perspectives on the Historian and his World, University of Durham, 9th-11th April 2013
 - Alec Ryrie
Reformation Studies Colloquium 2012, University of Durham, 4th-6th September 2012
 - Pamela Schievenin
Association for the Study of Modern Italy Postgraduate Summer School 2012, UCL, 28th-29th June 2012
 - Patricia Skinner
Care and Cure: diseases, disabilities and therapies, Swansea University, 15th-16th June 2012
 - Robert Smith
Writing the Lives of People and Things, AD 500–1700, Chawton House Library, 1st-2nd March 2012
 - Letty Ten Harkel
Landscape and Scale: the first in a series of one-day symposia on the study of landscapes from prehistory to the Middle Ages, Oxford, 13th June 2012
 - Jan Vandeburie
Contextualising the Fifth Crusade: an interdisciplinary colloquium on the Crusading Movement in the First Half of the 13th Century, University of Kent, 13th April 2012
 - Marie Ventura
The Changing Experience of Time in the Long 19th Century: Local, Regional, Transnational and Global Perspectives, University of St Andrews, 18th-19th May 2012

- Ulrike Weiss
Emblems of Nationhood: Britishness 1707–1901, University of St Andrews, 10th–12th August 2012

Workshop Funding for Marshall and Centenary Fellows

Graham Barrett
Jack Lord

Martin Lynn Scholarship

Zoe Cormack, University of Durham
Archives and interviews in South Sudan, October – December 2011

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THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

The members of Council present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2012. 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 June 2010. The elected Officers of the Society are the President, six Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Director of Communications, not more than two Literary Directors and the Honorary Academic Editor (BIH). 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, the Literary Directors and the Honorary Academic Editor 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 25 November 2011, the Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor G Bernard and Ms J Innes. Professor N Miller and Professor A Pettegree were elected in their place. The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor C Given Wilson, Professor M Ormrod and Dr D Thomas. In accordance with By-law XXI, Dr L Fischer, Professor P Williamson and Professor D Wootton were elected in their place.

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 C Kidd – Chair
 Professor S Barton
 Professor K Fincham (from November 2011)
 Professor C Whatley (to November 2011)
 Professor P Williamson (from November 2011)

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

Professor M Finn – Chair
 Professor M Cornwall
 Professor D Feldman
 Professor K Fincham (to November 2011)
 Dr A Thacker
 Professor N Miller (from November 2011)

FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Professor G Bernard (to November 2011) Mr A Broadbent Professor S Dixon Dr N Draper Professor C Kidd (from November 2011) Professor P Mandler (from November 2011) Professor A Musson The seven officers (President – Chair)
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:	Dr R Baldock - Chair Professor S Barton (to November 2011) Dr L Fischer (from November 2011) Dr J Lewis Professor P Mandler (from November 2011) Professor A Pettegree (from November 2011) Dr A Thacker Dr D Thomas (to November 2011) The seven officers
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:	Professor G Bernard – Chair (to November 2011) Professor A Pettegree – Chair (from November 2011) Professor M Cornwall (from November 2011) Professor S Dixon (to November 2011) Dr J Lewis Professor P Mandler (from November 2011) Professor A Musson Professor M Ormrod (to November 2011) Professor P Williamson (from November 2011) The seven officers
TEACHING POLICY COMMITTEE:	Professor P Mandler Mr P D'Sena (from November 2011) Dr A Foster Professor K Fincham Dr L Fischer (from November 2011) Ms J Innes (to November 2011) Dr M Maddison (from November 2011) Professor N Miller (from November 2011) Professor C Whatley (to November 2011) The seven officers
RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE:	Ms J Innes – Chair (to November 2011) Professor N Miller – Chair (from November 2011) Professor S Barton (from November 2011) Professor M Cornwall (to November 2011) Professor D Feldman Professor M Finn (from November 2011) Professor P Mandler Dr D Thomas (to November 2011) Professor D Wootton (from November 2011) The seven officers
STUDIES IN HISTORY EDITORIAL BOARD:	Professor J Morrill – Convenor Professor H Barker (to 2011) Professor A Burns – Literary Director Professor B Doyle Professor N Goose Dr R Hammersley Professor M Hughes Professor C Kidd Professor D Power Dr B Rieger Professor A Rylie (from 2012) Dr S Todd (from 2012) Professor A Walsham (to 2012)

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 500,000 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 individuals 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. 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 raised to £35,000.

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 2011–12 it sponsored sessions at the University of Glamorgan (co-organised by the University of Swansea) and the University of Sheffield. 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. Full details are provided in the Annual Report.

Publications

During 2011 the RHS has delivered an ambitious programme of publications – a volume of *Transactions*, three volumes of edited texts in the *Camden* Series and a number of further volumes in the *Studies in History* Series have appeared. It has continued its financial support for the Bibliography of British and Irish History. The Bibliography is offered to all universities at institutional rates, and made available free to members consulting it at the Institute of Historical Research. Fellows who are not attached to an academic institution will in future be able to subscribe to the Bibliography at a preferential rate payable on top of the normal subscription.

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.

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 £2.36 millions at 30 June 2012 (2011: £2.54 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 financial 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, since the focus of many investments lies in maximising capital value rather than producing income. 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 regular 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 investment performance against the FTSE APCIMS Balanced (Total Return) index. Investment returns on the Society's portfolio were below the benchmark in 2011–12. This was against the background of a turbulent market (it should be noted that in 2010–11 investment performance was well ahead of the benchmark). The reasons for the underperformance have been discussed extensively both with the investment managers and by Finance Committee. The Society can afford to take a long view of its investment portfolio and is confident that the investment strategy remains prudent. Fees are 0.5% of the portfolio. The Society has a policy of not drawing down more than 4% of the market value of the portfolio (valued over a 3-year rolling period). The drawdown in 2011–12 was less than 3.3% (measured against the portfolio value at year end).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

The Society generated a surplus of £100,868 (£2010–11: £42,189). This very high surplus was accounted for by income from Society's joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press which was once again ahead of expectations in 2011–12 due to on-going sales of the digital archive. Subscription income was slightly increased over the previous year. There was a slight increase in investment income compared with 2010–11 (although as noted earlier the capital value of the portfolio declined). Expenditure in 2011–12 was slightly higher than the previous year (in part reflecting an increase in support offered to postgraduate students). The Society continues to bear substantial 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 two years. The Society maintains a very significant cash reserve as a result of the accumulated surplus of the previous few years. The Society expects to enter a period over the next few years when it declares significant in-year deficits which will be funded by part of this accumulated surplus. This surplus will also be used to fund potential new initiatives.

Fixed assets

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

Reserves policy

Council has reviewed the reserves of the Society. To safeguard the core activities in excess of the members' subscription income, Council has determined to establish unrestricted, general, free reserves to cover three years operational costs (approximately £750,000). Unrestricted and general free reserves at 30 June 2012 were around £2.4 million (after adjusting for fixed assets).

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 10–13.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Council plans to develop its website in order to improve communication with both Fellows and the General Public. Council will also continue to monitor closely how policy and funding changes at the national level are likely to impact on the work of historians. It will also continue to monitor the challenges currently faced by local archives in an uncertain funding environment. Council is also paying considerable attention to current policy initiatives that affect the teaching of History in schools and colleges. 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.

The Society intends to increase considerably the level of its current financial support to postgraduate and other young historians (primarily due to generous support offered by *History Workshop Journal* and *Past and Present*). It will continue to support the stipends for the Centenary and Marshall Fellowships (and will continue to be involved in the selection procedure for the Fellowships, organised by the Institute of Historical Research). As noted above, the Society anticipates running deficits in future years in order to fund these developments and its other activities, following a period in which it has built up a cash surplus.

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 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

Dr A Smith

21 September 2012

**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Historical Society for the year ended 30 June 2012 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable laws and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. We have been appointed as auditors under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditor (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2012 and of the charity incoming/outgoing resources and application of resources for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respects with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Devonshire House
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Kingston Smith LLP
Statutory auditor

Date:

Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2011 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>						
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	9,612	–	1,000	10,612	16,545
Investment income	6	77,309	–	2,361	79,670	74,944
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>						
Grants for awards		–	–	13,100	13,100	11,000
Grants for publications		5,000	–	–	5,000	5,000
Subscriptions		110,499	–	–	110,499	106,657
Royalties		127,335	–	–	127,335	64,810
<i>Other incoming resources</i>		1,394	–	–	1,394	124
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		331,148	–	16,461	347,609	279,080
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>						
Investment manager's fees		11,270	–	349	11,619	11,530
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Grants for awards	3	57,902	–	15,350	73,252	66,632
Lectures and meetings		15,806	–	–	15,806	12,336
Publications		68,573	–	–	68,573	74,038
Library		7,155	–	–	7,155	5,405
Membership services		50,793	–	–	50,793	48,271
<i>Governance</i>		19,543	–	–	19,543	18,679
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	4a	231,042	–	15,699	246,741	236,891
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		100,107	–	762	100,868	42,189
Gross transfers between funds		–	–	–	–	–
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE GAINS		100,107	–	762	100,868	42,189
<i>Other recognised gains and losses</i>						
Net (loss)/gain on investments	6	(161,926)	(5,008)	–	(166,934)	388,905
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(61,819)	(5,008)	762	(66,066)	431,094
Balance at 1 July		2,618,310	73,944	4,228	2,696,483	2,265,389
Balance at 30 June		2,556,491	68,936	4,990	2,630,418	2,696,483

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012 £	2012 £	2011 £	2011 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		568		681
Investments	6		2,358,108		2,535,967
COIF Investments			<u>81,209</u>		<u>115,302</u>
			2,439,885		2,651,950
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	11,018		6,156	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>216,668</u>		<u>82,646</u>	
		227,687		88,802	
LESS: CREDITORS					
Amounts due within one year	8	<u>(37,154)</u>		<u>(44,269)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>190,533</u>		<u>44,533</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,630,418</u>		<u>2,696,483</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
<i>Endowment Funds</i>					
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	10		46,136		49,475
The David Berry Essay Trust			22,800		24,469
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	11		2,060		1,806
P J Marshall Fellowship			–		–
The David Berry Essay Trust			1,931		1,422
The Martin Lynn Bequest			1,000		1,000
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
Designated – E M Robinson Bequest	12		117,904		126,798
General Fund	13		<u>2,438,587</u>		<u>2,491,513</u>
			<u>2,630,418</u>		<u>2,696,483</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 18 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Council on 21 September 2012 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Professor C. Jones – **President**

.....
Professor M.J. Hughes – **Honorary Treasurer**

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2012

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the revised Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” and applicable accounting standards.

The following principal accounting policies, which are unchanged from the previous year, have been consistently applied in preparing the financial statements.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to receipt and the amount is quantifiable.

Grant income

Grant income is deferred only where the donor has specified that it may only be used for a future period or has imposed conditions that must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement to the grant.

Subscription income

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

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.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Wherever possible costs are directly attributed to these headings. Costs common to more than one area are apportioned on the basis of staff time spent on each area.

Grants Payable

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

Cost of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are those costs of seeking potential funders and applying for funding.

Allocation of costs

Indirect costs are those costs incurred in support of the charitable objectives. These have been allocated to the resources expended on a basis that fairly reflects the true use of those resource within the organisation.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with the constitutional and statutory requirements.

Library and Archives

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

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.

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.

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%

Funds*Unrestricted:*

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of the Royal Historical Society 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2012	2011
	£	£
Donations via membership	5,336	1,487
Gladstone Memorial Trust	600	600
Vera London	–	4,696
Lisbet Rausing trust	–	5,500
Martin Lynn scholarship	1,000	1,000
Sundry income	–	–
Gift Aid reclaimed	3,089	3,262
	<u>10,612</u>	<u>16,545</u>

3. GRANTS FOR AWARDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2012	Total funds 2011
	£	£	£	£
RHS Centenary Fellowship	12,100	–	12,100	13,200
Research support grants (see below)	31,838	1,000	32,838	29,632
A-Level prizes	400	–	400	400
AS Whitfield prize	–	1,000	1,000	1,000
Gladstone history book prize	1,000	–	1,000	1,000
P.J. Marshall Fellowship	2,863	13,100	15,963	11,740
David Berry Prize	–	250	250	250
Alexander Prize	250	–	250	500
Rees Davies Prize	100	–	100	100
Staff and support costs (Note 4a)	9,352	–	9,352	8,810
	<u>57,902</u>	<u>15,350</u>	<u>73,252</u>	<u>66,632</u>
30 June 2011	<u>52,642</u>	<u>13,990</u>		<u>66,632</u>

During the year Society awarded grants to a value of £34,281 (2011 - £29,632) to 139 (2011 - 127) individuals.

GRANTS PAYABLE	2012	2011
	£	£
Commitments at 1 July	7,305	8,069
Commitments made in the year	63,901	57,822
Grants paid during the year	<u>(65,344)</u>	<u>(58,586)</u>
Commitments at 30 June	<u>5,862</u>	<u>7,305</u>

Commitments at 30 June 2012 and 2011 are included in creditors.

4a. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Support costs £	Direct costs £	Total £
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>				
Investment manager's fee	–	–	11,618	11,618
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Grants for awards (Note 3)	6,182	3,170	63,900	73,252
Lectures and meetings	6,182	1,585	8,039	15,806
Publications	10,991	6,339	51,243	68,573
Library	2,748	1,585	2,823	7,155
Membership services	34,347	15,849	596	50,793
<i>Governance</i>	8,243	3,170	8,130	19,543
Total Resources Expended	<u>68,693</u>	<u>31,697</u>	<u>146,349</u>	<u>246,741</u>
30 June 2011	<u>67,360</u>	<u>27,481</u>	<u>142,049</u>	<u>236,891</u>

(Note 4b)

(Note 4c)

4b. STAFF COSTS

	2012 £	2011 £
Wages and salaries	55,988	55,030
Social security costs	5,729	5,570
Other pension costs	6,976	6,760
	<u>68,694</u>	<u>67,360</u>

4c. SUPPORT COSTS

	2012 £	2011 £
Stationery, photocopying and postage	16,861	15,382
Computer support	1,425	392
Insurance	1,032	951
Telephone	311	287
Depreciation	113	113
Other	11,955	10,356
	<u>31,697</u>	<u>27,481</u>

The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2011 - 2). There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 in this year or in the previous year.

During the year travel expenses were reimbursed to 22 (2011: 16) Councillors attending Council meetings at a cost of £5,566 (2011 - £3,866). No Councillor received any remuneration during the year (2011 - £Nil).

Included in governance is the following:

	2012 £	2011 £
Auditors Remuneration - current year	8,130	7,848

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £	Furniture and Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 July 2011	33,224	1,134	34,358
At 30 June 2012	<u>33,224</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>34,358</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2011	33,224	453	33,677
Charge for the year	–	113	113
At 30 June 2012	<u>33,224</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>33,790</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2012	<u>–</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>568</u>
At 30 June 2011	<u>–</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>681</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 2011	2,333,090	126,798	50,719	25,360	2,535,967
Additions	295,070	16,036	6,414	3,208	320,728
Disposals	(395,120)	(16,583)	(6,633)	(3,317)	(331,653)
Net loss on investments	(153,579)	(8,347)	(3,339)	(1,669)	(166,934)
Market value at 30 June 2012	<u>2,169,461</u>	<u>117,904</u>	<u>47,161</u>	<u>23,582</u>	<u>2,358,108</u>
Cost at 30 June 2012	<u>2,331,997</u>	<u>126,798</u>	<u>51,281</u>	<u>25,891</u>	<u>2,535,967</u>

	2012 £	2011 £
UK Equities	1,160,664	1,831,858
UK Government Stock and Bonds	469,889	—
Overseas Equities	690,345	659,937
Uninvested Cash	<u>37,211</u>	<u>44,173</u>
	<u>2,358,109</u>	<u>2,535,968</u>
Dividends and interest on listed investments	78,693	74,294
Interest on cash deposits	<u>977</u>	<u>650</u>
	<u>79,670</u>	<u>74,944</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2012 £	2011 £
Other debtors	6,632	4,056
Royalty debtor	3,448	1,162
Prepayments	<u>938</u>	<u>938</u>
	<u>11,018</u>	<u>6,156</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year

	2012 £	2011 £
Sundry creditors	15,325	17,080
Taxes and social security	1,565	1,566
Subscriptions received in advance	4,814	7,416
Accruals and deferred income	<u>15,450</u>	<u>18,207</u>
	<u>37,154</u>	<u>44,269</u>

Included within Sundry creditors is an amount of £582 (2011: £577) relating to pension liabilities.

9. LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

	2012 £	2011 £
Under the 1 year	—	3,282
Within 1 – 2 years	—	—
Within 2 – 5 years	<u>5,900</u>	—

10. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance at 1 July 2011 £	Investment Loss £	Balance at 30 June 2012 £
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	49,475	(3,339)	46,136
The David Berry Essay Trust	<u>24,469</u>	<u>(1,669)</u>	<u>22,800</u>
	<u>73,944</u>	<u>(5,008)</u>	<u>68,936</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 2011 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2012 £
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	1,806	1,486	(1,232)	–	2,060
P J Marshall Fellowship	–	13,100	(13,100)	–	–
The David Berry Essay Trust	1,422	875	(366)	–	1,931
Martin Lynn Bequest	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	–	1,000
	<u>4,228</u>	<u>16,461</u>	<u>(15,699)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,990</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 2011 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Investment Loss £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2012 £
E M Robinson Bequest	<u>126,798</u>	<u>3,935</u>	<u>(4,481)</u>	<u>(8,347)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>117,904</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 2011 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Investment Loss £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2012 £
	<u>2,491,513</u>	<u>327,213</u>	<u>(226,561)</u>	<u>(153,578)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,438,587</u>

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	568	—	—	—	568
Investments	2,169,461	117,904	1,807	68,936	2,358,108
COIF investments	81,209	—	—	—	81,209
	<u>2,251,238</u>	<u>117,904</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>68,936</u>	<u>2,439,885</u>
Current assets	224,504	—	3,183	—	227,687
Less: Creditors	(37,154)	—	—	—	(37,154)
Net current assets/(liabilities)	<u>187,350</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,183</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>190,533</u>
Net Assets	<u>2,438,587</u>	<u>117,904</u>	<u>4,990</u>	<u>68,936</u>	<u>2,630,418</u>

