

# ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## REPORT OF COUNCIL

### SESSION 2012–2013

#### Officers and Council

- At the Anniversary Meeting on 23 November 2012 the Officers of the Society were re-elected.
- The President retiring under By-law XVI was Professor C D H Jones and the President-elect in his place was Professor P Mandler, BA, MA, PhD.
- The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor M C Finn and Professor P Mandler. Professor R A Burns, BA, MA, DPhil and Professor A M Walsham, BA, MA, PhD were elected in their place.
- The Officer retiring under By-law XVIII was:  
Professor A R Burns, Literary Director. Dr E Griffin, BA, MA, PhD was elected to replace him;
- The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor S Barton, Professor J M Cornwall and Professor C Whatley. Professor J S Henderson, BA, MA, PhD, Professor M J Stoye, BA, DPhil and Professor P Summerfield, BA, MA, DPhil were elected in their place.
- The Society's administrative staff consists of Dr Sue Carr, Executive Secretary and Mrs Melanie Ransom, Administrative Secretary. Dr Jane Gerson replaced Melanie Ransom during maternity leave.
- Kingston Smith were re-appointed auditors for the year 2012–2013 under By-law XXXIX.
- Brewin Dolphin Securities were re-appointed to manage the Society's investment funds.

#### Activities of the Society during the year

The Royal Historical Society is the only representative organisation that can speak for professional historians in the UK. Our aim is to defend, promote and advance historical scholarship. We do this in two main ways. First, the 'outward facing' functions of the Society include disseminating and running campaigns on issues that affect historical research and education. Second, we aim to foster and develop historical scholarship

within the academy through activities that include a programme of research grants, fellowships and conference support. Our publications and lecture programme remain at the heart of our activities, but we are also developing other ways of communicating with our Fellows and Members and with the wider historical community.

In 2012–13, we began a programme to improve our communications. Our aims are to raise the profile of the Society, make our activities better known and appreciated both within the profession and outside it, and develop a stronger relationship with our Fellows and Members. To this end, we are in the process of introducing a new integrated database and website and are overhauling our administrative procedures. We are delighted that Dr Jane Gerson has joined our administrative team as the Society's first Research and Communications Officer. Dr Gerson has responsibility both for overseeing the implementation of the new software systems and also for developing, in conjunction with our Honorary Director of Communications, a communications strategy. For the first time, the RHS now has a Twitter feed (@RoyalHistSoc) and a Facebook page. The new website, which we hope to launch in 2014, will have a fresher, cleaner look, will be continually updated, easier to navigate and will include, for the first time, the ability to pay subscriptions and apply for grants online. The new system will make it easier for Fellows and Members to interact with the Society. It will also be a resource for information about the profession and the work of the Society. The Executive Secretary, Dr Sue Carr, and the Administrative Secretary, Mrs Melanie Ransom, continue to provide first class support for the Society, and it is our aim that the new database and website should preserve and enhance the important relationships that the Society has with its membership and with the wider public.

The Society's work is carried out largely through committees. Reports from each are below. Two of the committees exist to co-ordinate the Society's policy and advocacy in relation to research and education. The other five committees deal with aspects of the Society's internal activities, including the awarding of research grants to postgraduate research 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 (BBIH)* and *Transactions*.

The last year has been a very busy one in terms of our policy work. As detailed below in the report from the Chair of the Education Policy Committee, the Society has been heavily involved in negotiations over the Coalition government's proposed new national curriculum for History, and also proposed changes to GCSEs and A Levels. The Chair of the Research Policy Committee reports below on the work we have done in relation to the implications of Open Access publishing for the financial

infrastructure of research funding, for the viability of journal publishing on the current model and, above all, for the careers of young as well as established scholars.

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, with other learned societies (through the Arts and Humanities User Group), and with history journal editors over 'Open Access' and with History Lab Plus to offer skills and networking sessions to early career historians. The Society continues to work closely with the IHR and its Director, Professor Miles Taylor, and with representatives of university History departments through History UK. 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 2013, including the Society's Centenary and Marshall Fellowships. Collaboration with TNA and the IHR also continues in the form of the Gerald Aylmer seminar. We hope to build on these collaborations with other historical organisations in the coming years.

Two of the Society's meetings were held outside London, at the University of Southampton on 19 October 2012 and the University of Leicester on 27 March 2013. At Southampton, Professor Ian Talbot led a series of papers under the theme 'The Independence of South Asia and its Aftermath'. At Leicester, the Society sponsored a symposium on 'Croatia and Europe' and the President chaired a plenary session. At both institutions Council members held meetings with academic and research staff and postgraduate research students in the Departments of History.

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 thank them both for their expert and dedicated work on the Society's many activities.

#### RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE, 2012–13

The Research Policy Committee continued to coordinate and advise on the Society's relations with all the main bodies related to research funding and policy.

#### Open Access Publishing

Much of the committee's work this year was devoted to alerting policy-making bodies to the potentially disastrous implications for History and

the humanities in general of a headlong rush to implement the Finch Report. The Society made representations to the following bodies: the Dept for Business, Innovation and Skills; a House of Lords Science and Technology Committee Inquiry into the Implementation of Open Access; a House of Commons BIS Committee Inquiry; RCUK and HEFCE. An important meeting was held in conjunction with the Wellcome Trust to consider Open Access licensing for the humanities and social sciences. After RCUK published its policy in May 2013, the President wrote to all Fellows and Members to advise them of the implications and of the Society's intention to monitor the effects so that we can respond fully and appropriately to the review that RCUK have planned for 2014. HEFCE policy for REF 2020 is still in draft form; the Society responded to the July 2013 consultation and will keep fellows and members informed.

#### REF 2014

The Society responded to a call for further nominations to the History REF panel and was pleased to see that nearly all of our nominees were invited to join.

#### Early Career Researchers

Arising from our cooperation with History Lab Plus, the forum for postdoctoral researchers hosted by the IHR, a survey was conducted asking ECRs in History about their experiences and expectations of the academic job market.

Over 200 people replied, expressing a range of concerns, which a small working party was set up to try to address. The survey revealed that relatively small and inexpensive improvements in practice by employers could make a substantial difference to the life and work of an ECR. A Code of Good Practice has been drafted and will be publicised during the academic year 2013–14.

#### Research Councils

The AHRC Strategic Plan 2013–18 made a welcome commitment to sustain responsive-mode funding, as had been urged by Society and other learned societies at meetings held in 2012. It also recognised the importance of funding postgraduate research, although there were no signs of any improvement on the Delivery Plan 2011–15 allocation of 'around one-third' of its budget to PG research grants, which is a reduction on previous levels of about 40%. Stand-alone MA degrees will no longer be funded, although the Strategic Plan states that BGP2 intends to enable institutions to fund MAs that will lead on to doctoral work.

The Society joined other History societies at a meeting convened by the Economic History Association, attended by representatives of the AHRC and the ESRC, in December 2012. The main item of discussion was open access policy. The Society will also, as usual, be represented at the annual AHRC meeting with subject associations in September 2013, where a new vehicle for engagement with the academic community, the AHRC Commons, will be one of the main items on the agenda.

### The National Archive

We are pleased to report that a History student has been appointed as the postgraduate representative to the TNA Advisory Group.

### Gender Equality

The RHS welcomes the initiative by the Equality Challenge Unit to publish a Charter for Gender Equality in the humanities and social sciences, an equivalent to the Athena SWAN Charter for STEM subjects. We have responded to their survey of learned societies, plan to carry out some research of our own and will follow the progress of the proposed Charter, which is planned for 2014.

### Research Policy Forum

The new Society website (to be launched early in 2014) will create a forum for research policy issues so that all fellows and members can be more easily kept informed about this fast-moving landscape.

The Committee has continued to benefit from the contributions of its co-opted members: Valerie Johnson, from TNA; Emily Robinson of History Lab Plus; Anish Vanaik, as the Marshall Fellow (2012–13); and Prof. Andrew Thompson (from February 2013). We record our thanks to them and to all the other committee members for their work.

### EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE, 2012–13

The Education Policy Committee considers all aspects of History in education from schools to postgraduate level, and continues to gain valuable input from its co-opted members, Dr Andrew Foster (representing the Historical Association), Dr Jason Peacey (History UK), Mr Peter D'Sena (HEA Subject Lead for History) and Dr Michael Maddison (Ofsted National Adviser for History). This year we added an early career researcher, Dr Emily Robinson (History Lab Plus) to the Committee, and from November we will also benefit from advice on issues relating to History in the schools from Dr Michael Fordham, senior teaching associate at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education,

who brings both valuable recent classroom experience as head of History at Cottenham Village College, and his curriculum expertise as a co-editor of *Teaching History*.

As last year, government proposals to reform the school curriculum dominated the committee's deliberations, with the processes of change accelerating and requiring extremely rapid and yet often complex and detailed responses. During the course of 2012–13, the Society made several extensive submissions to a series of official consultations: twice on the National Curriculum; once on the abortive English Baccalaureate Certificate proposals; twice on GCSE reform (one to the DfE and one to OfQual) once the EBC had been abandoned; once on A-level assessment practices; and once on A-level reform more generally to the Joint Council on Qualifications. Our most important submissions were made available on the Society website. Throughout the year we worked very closely with the Historical Association, sharing ideas and discussing practicalities in the classroom before making our submissions, and this both enabled us to make more effective responses and reinforced the excellent working relationship between the two organizations which has developed in recent years.

One of the challenges of the year was the fact that all three key stages of the school curriculum were in flux at the same time, leaving those engaged in the discussion without fixed points of reference. Moreover, not only was consultation unsatisfactorily limited in the early stages of the process, but even when consultation took place in the later part of the year much of it was sought on a confidential basis, limiting opportunities to seek out views from other interested parties, or to 'join the dots' between consultations involving different parties. In part for these reasons one aim of the Society in its interventions was to try to ensure that the outcomes created a coherent pathway for the study of History in schools, both leading to HE and also delivering an enduring legacy of historical awareness and engagement with the past – not just of Britain but of the wider world, and not just of political history but of past human life in all its multifaceted interest – to those pupils choosing to end their study of the subject at an earlier stage. We were also concerned about the practicalities of implementation for our colleagues teaching in schools, given the particular challenges that any significant alteration to the History curriculum can pose in terms of acquiring new subject knowledge.

Of the various processes mentioned above, the most controversial was the reform of the National Curriculum for History. The publication of the draft Curriculum generated considerable (and sometimes unhelpfully heated) public debate. The Society made its own contributions to this discussion, with the President issuing a joint statement with representatives of History UK, the Historical Association and the British

Academy in response to the first draft issued by the DfE at the start of the year, and the Vice-President (Education) speaking at the Westminster Education Forum. The Committee shared the widespread concern that the initial draft was overly Anglo-centric and overloaded in terms of prescribed (and often age-inappropriate and historiographically dated) content, as well as taking insufficient account of the needs of younger children first encountering History. Following the consultation the DfE surprised many of its critics by engaging in an extensive revision of the proposals in which the Society took an important role, with the Vice-President (Education) attending two roundtables hosted by the Secretary of State and being invited to work in a smaller group on revisions to the draft in the light of these meetings and the consultation exercise. The extensively revised curriculum which emerged from this process was widely welcomed as an improvement on the initial proposal. It retained the strong emphasis on English history taught in broadly chronological sequence that lay at core of the first draft, but now with a more appropriate division between those elements taught at primary and secondary schools at 1066 rather than 1707, thus ensuring that some pre-modern history was delivered in secondary schools (reinforced by an injunction to revisit the pre-1066 period at some point), while a counterbalancing element of more recent history was allocated to the primary curriculum. This has the additional benefit of ensuring that many excellent teaching resources and collaborations with the heritage sector that have developed in recent years for primary schools will not be rendered redundant. Equally welcome was a stronger (though some might argue still insufficient) emphasis on important themes in non-British history in both the primary and secondary curriculum. The new Curriculum, to be introduced from 2014, will not be imposed on academies, but will be very important particularly in the primary sector none the less: it is therefore very pleasing to record the part the Society has played in helping fashion a curriculum which is now widely seen as practicable and in places potentially exciting in the opportunities it creates for imaginative teaching, even among some of those most alarmed by the initial proposals.

One reason why many did not anticipate that the DfE would revise its proposals so extensively was that it had already very publically abandoned the proposals for the English Baccalaureate Certificate announced earlier in the year. This decision was welcome to the Society, which had argued strongly against aspects of the proposals in its submission to the consultation. Some features of the EBC scheme were still prominent in the proposals later announced for the overhaul of GCSE. Here there was much to welcome in the case of the History GCSE, long felt by many to be the weakest aspect of current provision. In particular the Society welcomed an explicit commitment to prevent students concentrating exclusively on the history of the recent past, a more appropriate approach

to engagement with source material, and the explicit inclusion of the study of the history of the locality among the criteria to guide the Awarding Bodies in the development of new curricula. Less welcome was a decision to insist on external examination as the only means of assessment, accompanied by a proposal that the accepted importance of independent research both to the historian and as an especially valuable transferable skill would be acknowledged, but only in an unassessed but still compulsory individual project. In our submission to the consultation the Society argued strongly that independent study should retain a place within the assessed content, and for other changes to the assessment criteria. As in the case of the Curriculum, the Society was invited to consultation meetings at the DfE, and the Vice-President was once more asked to join a small expert advisory group advising on the revision of the draft in the light of the consultations undertaken. As this report is written, the DfE has postponed the implementation of the new specifications to 2016 rather than 2015, and the final version of the History specifications has yet to be approved by ministers. It is therefore too soon to report on the success or otherwise of the representations the Society has made, but those closely involved in the process are optimistic that the end result will represent an improvement on the current specification, and it has once again been encouraging to see the Society's opinion both solicited and having an influence on the shaping of this key qualification.

Turning finally to A-level reform, the Society monitored the ongoing implementation of the reforms discussed in the report for 2011–12. Here our chief concerns have been with the new arrangements being set in place for the ongoing supervision of A-level provision entrusted to the Russell Group universities (but which we are keen to see include representation from a much wider constituency), and with the consequences of the decision that AS level will no longer contribute directly to A2. The difficulties involved in imposing rapid change in A level alongside those already described seem to have encouraged a gradualist approach to change, and initially at least, it is likely that curriculum specifications will not be significantly affected. However, it is clear that for some years university admissions tutors will face a difficult task when confronted not just by 'reformed' A-levels in facilitating subjects, but 'unreformed' A-levels in others, and a divergence in practice between England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. We will continue to consult with other interested parties and intervene in discussions where we believe it appropriate over coming months.

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. The uncertainties of the situation in which



examination boards found themselves as commercial rivals in the context of the reforms inevitably made some issues more sensitive than they have been in the past, but we none the less benefited greatly from our consultation with them, which revealed a reassuring picture of a subject still in good health in the schools, with the 'English Baccalaureate' helping consolidate the strong position of History as a core academic subject. The various processes of reform described above have also served to increase both our formal and informal contact with individual examination boards, where we make our subject expertise available on a non-exclusive basis to any that seek it out. Such contacts proved extremely valuable in crystallising some key issues for consideration in our responses to the various DfE consultations.

Our final contribution to ongoing discussions of History in the schools was our contribution to a panel convened by the Royal Statistical Society to advise them in developing a proposal for embedding statistical methods in teaching across a wide range of subjects including History. In our contribution to the discussions which fed into the report (Roger Porkess, *A World Full of Data: Statistics Opportunities across A-level Subjects*, 2013), we welcomed the opportunity to recognise the potential for good statistical method to inform historical work at A-level with all the additional benefits for numeracy and transferable skills that would bring with it, while remaining sceptical of the desirability of any attempt to make such method a compulsory element in historical education.

Looking ahead to the coming year, the Committee is conscious of the need to engage especially vigorously with History in HE after a year so taken up with Schools issues. The future of Masters courses in the context of the new undergraduate fees regime remains a subject of concern, as do the repercussions of the lifting of caps on the recruitment of high achieving A-level students for departmental recruitment at undergraduate level. Hard and comprehensive as opposed to anecdotal evidence has been slow to surface, although it is clear that the 2012 admissions round was more testing than usual for many departments as others swallowed up much larger numbers than in the past. The 2013 figures, where the sheer novelty of the position will be less significant a factor than in 2012 resulting, one presumes, in fewer instances of sheer miscalculation, will repay close study. The effects on UK Border Agency policy on the recruitment of overseas students, and of changes in policy on the training of teachers in the HE sector, are two further subjects to which we intend to direct our attention in 2013–14.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 2012–13

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.

After discussion with the Literary Directors, the General Purposes Committee committed itself to deciding the Card of Session for two years ahead. Giving invited speakers more time to prepare, it was thought, would help ensure a high standard of papers for both delivery and subsequent publication.

The programme of lectures and visits for 2013 was confirmed, including visits to the University of Leicester in April and Bath Spa University in October. Proposals for 2014 and 2015 have been discussed and speakers invited. Regional symposia and visits to the University of East Anglia and the University of Huddersfield will take place in 2014. 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 2013 Gerald Aylmer Seminar was held in February on 'Why Material Culture?' and discussions with TNA and the IHR for the 2014 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. From 2014 the Rees Davies Prize will be re-configured as a prize for the best dissertation submitted as part of a postgraduate master's degree.

The Society is extremely 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.

Consideration was also given to the establishment of a prize for Public History. It is hoped that this initiative, which emerged from an approach from the Public History Seminar of the Institute of Historical Research, will lead to the announcement of a new prize for an exhibition, television or radio series or programme, with nominations from the broader historical community.

### Meetings of the Society

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

Prothero Lecture: 'Pain: A History of Sensation', Professor Joanna Bourke (4 July 2012)

'On the experience of change in early modern Europe' Professor Judith Pollman (21 September 2012)

At the Anniversary Meeting on 23 November 2012, the President, Professor Colin Jones delivered his final address on 'French Crossings IV: Vagaries of Passion and Power in the Enlightenment'.

'Andres Bello and the Challenges of Spanish American Liberalism', Professor James Dunkerley (8 February 2013)

'Producing Material Culture for Global Markets: Craftspeople of Eighteenth and Twenty-first Century India', Professor Maxine Berg (10 May 2013)

The Colin Matthew Memorial Lecture for the Public Understanding of History was given on Wednesday 7 November 2012 by Professor Justin Champion 'Why the Enlightenment still matters today'. These lectures continue to be given in memory of the late Professor Colin Matthew, a former Literary Director and Vice-President of the Society.

### Prizes

The Society's annual prizes were awarded as follows:

The Alexander Prize for 2012 attracted eleven entries and was awarded to Jasper Heinzen for his article, 'Transnational Affinities and Invented Traditions: The Napoleonic Wars in British and Hanoverian Memory, 1815–1915', *English Historical Review*, vol. 127, no. 529 (2012).

The judges' citation read:

This impressively researched and imaginatively conceived article sheds important new light on how cultural memory of the Napoleonic Wars evolved between 1815 and 1915 and its role in the formation of transnational affinities in Britain and Germany. Consistently comparative in character, the article breaks free of the nationalist paradigms within which previous scholarship has been constrained to offer original insights about the complex cultural entanglements and tensions that comprised the Anglo-German relationship in the century preceding the outbreak of the First World War. It advances our understanding of how nostalgia, amnesia and the invention of tradition operated and engages fruitfully with influential claims about their place in the making of modern nationalist ideologies. It has considerable resonance for scholars working in other periods.

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Mark Williams (University of Leicester) for his article 'Between King, Faith and Reason: Father Peter Talbot (SJ) and Catholic Royalist Thought in Exile', *English Historical Review*, 127: 528 (2012).

The David Berry Prize for an article on Scottish history for 2012 attracted two entries and was awarded to Sarah Tebbit (University of Cambridge) for her essay 'Papal pronouncements on legitimate lordship and the formulation of nationhood in early fourteenth-century Scottish writings'

The judges' citation read:

'Papal pronouncements on legitimate lordship and the formulation of nationhood in early fourteenth-century Scottish writings' is a highly original contribution to a central - and otherwise well-trodden - area of medieval Scottish historiography. With precision, sophistication and persuasiveness, Dr Tebbit sets out a series of precedents which informed first Scottish pleadings at the papal curia around 1301 and then, indirectly, the celebrated Declaration of Arbroath of 1320. She shows how formulae employed by Pope Innocent IV in the bull *Ad apostolicas* (1245) when framing the deposition of the Hohenstaufen Emperor Frederick II resurfaced in the way the Scottish canonists of the early fourteenth century depicted the offences of Edward I. Interestingly Sicily – which Frederick wished to incorporate within the Empire – was a papal fief: a telling parallel with the Scottish situation. Moreover, there were also echoes in the Scots pleadings of the case made by Neapolitan lawyers against Charles of Anjou's rule in southern Italy in the second half of the thirteenth century. Dr Tebbit's work serves to remind Scottish historians that the Declaration of Arbroath was not only an appeal to the emotions, but was also – and more importantly – grounded in the juridical concepts apparent in the Scottish pleadings of 1301. In this way Dr Tebbit's article takes onto a new level discussion of the rhetorical universe from which the Declaration of Arbroath emerged. The judges admired the author's formidable technical grasp of Romano-canonical jurisprudence. The range of sources deployed was also particularly impressive. The author's subtle analysis of a range of demanding Latin texts is supported throughout by a working knowledge of scholarship in German and Italian, in addition to the current secondary literature in Scottish historiography. Dr Tebbit brings to the attention of Scottish medievalists a range of materials with which they might otherwise have been unfamiliar. Above all her article is a welcome re-integration of major themes in Scottish history within the mainstream of European history.

The Whitfield Book Prize for a first book on British history attracted thirty-eight entries. The prize for 2012 was awarded to:

Ben Griffin for *The Politics of Gender in Victorian Britain. Masculinity, Political Culture and the Struggle for Women's Rights* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

The judges' citation read:

Ben Griffin's beautifully clear and crystalline monograph makes an important contribution both to Victorian political history and to gender studies. He argues that the fortunes of the women's movement in parliament can only properly be understood by considering the notions of masculinity articulated by the legislators

themselves. By showing the degree to which individual allegiances often shifted, he shows the inappropriateness of simplistic pro-suffrage/anti-suffrage, pro-feminist/anti-feminist categories. The book combines statistical data with some wonderfully executed individual vignettes revealing some very curious species of anxious masculinities. It moves deftly between politics, gender studies, social history, and the history of the law.

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Richard Huzzey (University of Liverpool) for *Freedom Burning: Anti-slavery and Empire in Victorian Britain* (Cornell University Press, 2012).

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

The Prize for 2012 was awarded to:

Joel Isaac (Christ's College, Cambridge) for *Working Knowledge: Making the Human Sciences from Parsons to Kuhn* (Harvard University Press, 2012).

The judges' citation read:

Joel Isaac's *Working Knowledge* is a truly impressive and original book. Tackling some of the most important epistemological controversies of the twentieth century by focusing on academic work undertaken in between the established disciplines at Harvard, Isaac systematically deconstructs a widely accepted teleological narrative, replacing a more conventional and disembodied story of texts and theses by one with the people and contexts put back. The methodology is both sophisticated and convincing. The book is well written and despite the complexity of the subject matter accessible to the non-specialist reader. It will be of interest also to historians who might not otherwise concern themselves with this particular chapter of intellectual history, not least because the story it tells is itself one about history in practice.

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

The Prize for 2012 was awarded to:

Mark Hailwood (University of Cambridge) for 'The Honest Tradesman's Honour': Occupational and Social Identity in Seventeenth-Century England'.

The judges' citation read:

This elegant essay explores the social identity of seventeenth-century tradesmen through their varying representation in ballads. Although the tension between the hard working tradesman and the prodigal gentleman suggests a growing social confidence, nevertheless the marketplace is shown to be as much a threat as an opportunity given the fragility of credit relationships, while the tradesman's patriarchal authority was likewise insecure. It is a fascinating piece at the intersection of class, gender, and occupational identities.

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-one submissions were made.

The Prize for 2012 was awarded to:

Frederick Smith (University of Warwick) for his essay 'Discerning cheese from Chalke: Louvainist Propaganda and recusant identity in 1560s England'.

An article by the prize-winner presenting his research will appear in *History Today* in 2014.

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 2012.

The Frampton and Beazley Prizes for A-level performances in 2012 were awarded to the following on the basis of nominations from the examining bodies:

#### Frampton Prize:

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| OCR:  | Jack Barden de Lacroix (Hampton School, Middlesex)   |
| AQA:  | Nicholas Hudson (Notre dame High School, Sheffield) and Georgia Perry (St Mary's Calne, Wiltshire) |
| WJEC: | Angharad Gilbey (Penglais Comprehensive School, Aberystwyth)                                       |

#### Beazley Prize:

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| CCEA: | Aaron Crossey (Bangor Grammar School)                 |
| SQA:  | Alice Williamson (George Watson's College, Edinburgh) |

The Director of the IHR announced the winners of the Pollard Prize 2012 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 16<sup>th</sup> century England by a postgraduate student.

The Pollard Prize for 2012 was awarded to Marie Legendre (University of Oxford) for 'Not Byzantine nor Islamic? The Duke of the Thebaid and the formation of the Umayyad State' (paper given to the Early Middle Ages seminar). The article will appear in *Historical Research* in 2014.

The runner up was Anish Vanaik (University of Oxford) for 'Representing commodified space: maps, leases, auctions and 'narrations' of property in Delhi c.1900–47' (paper given to the Metropolitan History Seminar).

The Sir John Neale Prize for 2012 was awarded to Joanne Paul (Queen Mary, University of London) for 'The Best Counsellors are the Dead: Counsel and Shakespeare's *Hamlet*'.

#### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2012–13

The Publications Committee remains responsible for the ongoing programme: Dr Emma Griffin 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).

*Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 22 was published during the session, and *Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 23 went to press.

In the Camden, Fifth Series *Documents on Conservative Foreign Policy*, eds John Charmley, Geoff Hicks and Bendor Grosvenor (vol. 41) and *The Diary of Robert Woodford, 1637–1641*, ed. John Fielding (vol. 42) were published during the session.

*Observing Vatican II: the Confidential Reports of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative Bernard Pawley, 1961–5*, eds Andrew Chandler and Charlotte Hansen (vol. 43), and *The Letters of Lady Anne Bacon*, ed. Gemma Allen (vol. 44) went to press for publication in 2012–13.

There has been some interruption in the flow of proposals for new volumes, and while several have come in during recent months, the Society would welcome more. Although the series relates to texts on British history, our interpretation is quite catholic, and proposals relating to Britain's connections with the wider world are welcome.

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). The following volume went to press during the session for publication in 2013:

- *The Irish Rebellion of 1641 and the Wars of the Three Kingdoms*, Eamon Darcy

The series has a number of manuscripts under development with their authors for publication, and continues to receive a steady flow of 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 development of many early career scholars.

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

As in previous years, volumes in the *Camden* and *Studies in History* Series were offered to the membership at a favourably discounted price. Many Fellows and Members accepted the offer for volumes published during the year, and the advance order for further volumes to be published in the year 2013–2014 were encouraging. Boydell and Brewer's decision to republish a number of titles 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, and the Committee is evaluating the likely impact of developments in open access publishing on its series.

During 2013 the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH) continued to develop smoothly, thanks primarily to the work of Peter Salt, Simon Baker and the team of academic section editors. Around 14,000 records have been added to the database over the past twelve months and Brepols (our publisher) continues to make minor improvements to the user interface. The new Project Board, bringing together the academic project team, Brepols and representatives of various user groups, met a second time and provided further useful feedback and advice on the development of the Bibliography.

## Finance

### FINANCE COMMITTEE 2012–13

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.

The Society's expenditure was broadly in line with estimates. Income was somewhat higher than anticipated, due once again to greater than expected revenue from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press (as a result of the on-going sales of the new digital archive). The Society is declaring a surplus of £21,599 for the year 2012–13.



The Society has run a surplus for a number of years, which has allowed it to build up a significant cash reserve. Finance Committee recognises that the coming years will be much more challenging financially than recent years, particularly as the windfall income from the digitisation component of the publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press declines sharply. In addition the Society is now committed to a thorough overhaul of its communications strategy and its back-office functions that will require considerable expenditure. 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 deficit for financial year 2013–14 is likely to be particularly substantial given that much of the anticipated expenditure will occur in this financial year.

The value of the Society's investments rose to £2.62 millions in June 2013, an increase from the previous year's figure of £2.36 million. The return on investments is benchmarked against the APCIMS Balanced (Total Return) index. 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. Finance Committee will in 2013–14 be undertaking a review of investment strategy.

Council records with gratitude the benefactions made to the Society by:

- Professor G Alderman
- Dr G Bakker
- The Bibliographical Society
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- Professor J A Cannon
- Professor C R Cole
- Lord Cormack
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- Dr G P Tapsell
- Dr E R Turton
- Professor J P Von Arx
- Mr T V Ward
- Mr F R Welsh
- Mr A Yavari

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2012–13

The following were elected to the Fellowship:

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Andrea M Galdy, MA, PhD  
Elizabeth A Gemmill, BA, PhD, MA by special resolution  
Shirli Gilbert, B.Mus, M.St., DPhil  
Christopher R Gilley, MA, MA, PhD  
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Simon D Hall, BA, MA, PhD  
Elizabeth Harvey, BA, DPhil  
Joel Hayward, ZDaF, BA, MA, PhD  
Christopher R Hilliard, BA, MA, PhD  
Jane Humphries, BA, PhD  
Arnold Hunt, BA, PhD  
Richard Huzzey, MA, M.St, DPhil

Edward A Impey, BA, DPhil  
William M Jacob, MA, LL.B, PhD  
Andrew Jennings, PhD  
Paul J E Kershaw, BA, MPhil, PhD  
Zoe Knox, BA, PhD  
Alastair M Kocho-Williams, BA, MA, PhD  
Harshan Kumarasingham, BA, MA, PhD  
Christopher R Kyle, BA, MA, PhD  
L. Calvin Lane, BA, MTS, PhD  
Mak Lanver, BA, MA, PhD  
Sjoerd Levelt, MA, MPhil, PhD  
Nicholas Lewkowicz, BA, MA, PhD  
Paul Lim, BA, ThM, PhD  
Marisa Linton, BA, MA, PhD  
Suzannah R G Lipscomb, MA, M.St, DPhil  
Julia Lovell, BA, MPhil, PhD  
Michael J Lyon, B.Ed, MA, PhD  
Anna K Maerker, MPhil, MA, PhD, FHEA  
Alastair J Mann, BA, PhD  
Steven N Mason, BA, MA, PhD  
Deborah H Mawer, BMus, LRAM, FHEA, PhD  
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Sean McGlynn, BA, MA, PGCE  
Stephen Meredith, BA, MA, MSc, PhD  
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 Brodie Waddell, BA, MA, PhD  
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 Matthew G Yeo, MA, PhD

Over the year ending on 30 June 2013, 127 Fellows and 131 Members were elected, and the total membership of the Society on that date was 3,377 (including 2,040 Fellows, 652 Retired Fellows, 77 Emeritus Fellows, 78 Corresponding and Honorary Fellows, 12 Honorary Vice Presidents, 41 Associates and 477 Members).

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

Professor Richard J Evans – Fellow - KBE for Services to Scholarship.  
 Professor Hew Strachan – Fellow - KBE for Services to the Ministry of Defence.

Professor Aled Jones – Fellow - was appointed the Librarian of the National Library of Wales.

Council was advised of and recorded with regret the deaths of 1 Honorary Vice-President, 5 Fellows, 18 Retired Fellows, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 1 Life Fellow and 1 Member.

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| Professor R Ashton  | Retired Fellow |
| Professor G R Batho | Retired Fellow |

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| Professor J M Bean       | Fellow                  |
| Professor J Brown        | Fellow                  |
| Professor J H Burns      | Honorary Vice-President |
| Dr M Chibnall, FBA       | Retired Fellow          |
| Dr C Cooper              | Member                  |
| Professor F M Crouzet    | Corresponding Fellow    |
| Professor C M Crowder    | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor R W Bushaway   | Fellow                  |
| Professor R B Dobson     | Retired Fellow          |
| Mr K Emsley              | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor P H J H Gosden | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor J W Hiden      | Retired Fellow          |
| Dr P J W Higson          | Fellow                  |
| Professor E W Ives       | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor D Jenkins      | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor G E Jones      | Retired Fellow          |
| Dr M H Jones             | Retired Fellow          |
| Dr M H Keen, OBE         | Fellow                  |
| Mrs L Le Claire          | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor G H L Le May   | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor W Rodney       | Retired Fellow          |
| Professor C T Stannage   | Retired Fellow          |
| Dr E G Thomas            | Retired Fellow          |
| Dr J Wall                | Retired Fellow          |
| Lt Cmdr D W Waters       | Life Fellow             |

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 Vanessa Harding on the Board of the British Records Association

## Grants

### RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE 2012–13

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 166 awards to researchers at over 150 different institutions, of which 18 grants were to support research within the UK, 45 to support research outside the UK, 50 to support the attendance of advanced doctoral students at conferences to deliver papers, and one, the Martin Lynn Scholarship, to support research in Africa. In addition, it made awards to 52 conference and seminar organisers to support the participation and attendance of early career researchers at their events and to fund sessions designed to develop students' skills for academic employment. The topics funded by the Committee reflect the Society's contribution to a wide spectrum of sub-fields within the historical discipline, as well as to interdisciplinary research with a substantial historical component. Successful applicants' end of award reports confirm that Society funding significantly enhances the opportunities for early career researchers to conduct original archival research and to gain feedback on their work in international settings. The quality of applications is impressively high and regretfully we are unable to offer awards to all the excellent applications from eligible candidates we receive. In the last year, however, the funds available to support these Society schemes have been enhanced by generous grants from *History Workshop Journal* and *Past & Present*, each of £5000. Awards made under the *HWJ* grant prioritise self-funded PhD students, not in receipt of research council or other institutional funding; awards made the *P&P* grant allow us to provide support to researchers regardless of nationality. The Society expresses its deep gratitude to these journals for their help in assisting our initiatives in this area.

The coming year will see a significant overhaul of the way in which the application process is administered, coinciding with the development of the Society's new website. It is hoped too, that the new website will enable the Society to publicise the outcomes of the research it funds and to highlight the ways in early career researchers have benefited from the Society's support.

For the academic year 2012–13, the Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship was awarded to Emilie Murphy (University of York) for research on 'Music and post-Reformation English Catholics 1575–1640'. The Society's P J Marshall Fellowship was awarded to Stewart McCain (University of Oxford) for research on 'The Language Question under Napoleon'.

### Travel to Conferences

- Angela Ballone, University of Liverpool  
Histories and Memories of Early Modern Popular Revolts in Oral Culture Conference, Caen Basse-Normandie, France, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Nicholas Barnett, Liverpool John Moores University  
Britain and the World Conference 2013, University of Texas, USA, 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- Katherine Basanti, University of Aberdeen  
On the Edge 2013: Transitions, Transgressions and Transformations in Irish and Scottish Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013
- Olga Bertelsen, University of Nottingham  
The 44<sup>th</sup> ASEEEES Annual Convention (Slavic, East European, or Eurasian Studies), New Orleans, USA, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Harman Bhogal, Birkbeck, University of London  
Demons and Illness: Theory and Practice from Antiquity to the Early Modern Period, University of Exeter, UK 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2012
- Katherine Buchanan, University of Stirling  
The Problematical 'Towerhouse', Amersfoort, Netherlands, 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 2013
- Imogen Clarke, University of Manchester  
24<sup>th</sup> International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine  
University of Manchester, 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Justin Colson, Institute of Historical Research  
North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Nicola Cowmeadow, University of Dundee  
North Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Rosie Doyle, University of St Andrews  
International Congress of Americanists, Vienna, Austria, 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> July 2012
- Cynthia Fry, University of St Andrews  
Splendid Encounters: Diplomats and Diplomacy in Europe, 1500-1750  
Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland, 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2013
- George Gilbert, University of East Anglia  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, USA, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Marco Giudici, Bangor University  
War and Displacement Research Network Spring Conference, Munich, Germany, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May 2013



- Allison Goudie, University of Oxford  
La miniature en Europe, Institut de France, Fondation Simone et Cino del Duca Paris, France, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2012
- Jessica Hammett, University of Cambridge  
Voluntary Action Historical Society, Fifth Annual Conference, University of Huddersfield, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Eliza Hartrich, University of Oxford  
European Association for Urban History: 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Urban History, Prague, Czech Republic, 29<sup>th</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012
- Paul Huddie, Queen's University Belfast  
On the edge: transitions, transgressions, and transformations in Irish and Scottish studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013
- Grace Huxford, University of Warwick  
Social History Society Conference, University of Leeds, UK, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- Leslie James, London School of Economics  
African Studies Association Annual Conference, Research Frontiers in the Study of Africa, Philadelphia, USA, 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012
- Anna Jenkin, University of Sheffield  
Gender and Sexuality in the Crime Genre, University of Galway, 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013
- Christopher Jeppesen, University of Cambridge  
British Scholar Society – Britain and the World, University of Texas, Austin, USA, 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- Emily Jones, University of Oxford  
On Liberties: Victorian Liberals and their Legacies, Gladstone's Library, Hawarden, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Hanna Kilpi, University of Glasgow  
International Medieval Congress Leeds 2013, University of Leeds, UK, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Kimberley-Joy Knight, University of St Andrews  
Australian & New Zealand Association for Medieval & Early Modern Studies Conference: 'Cultures in Translation', Melbourne, Australia, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 2013
- Chloe Kroeter, King's College, Cambridge  
Writing Against the Grain: Dissent, Minorities and the Press in History, Kingston University, London, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- James Lees, University of Cambridge  
Clemens, Wenzeslaus 200 Jahre Todestag Symposium [Bicentary Symposium for the death of Clemens Wenzeslaus], Trier, Germany, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2012

- Jamie Miller, University of Cambridge  
African Studies Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, USA,  
29<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012
- Stuart Minson, University of Oxford  
North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada,  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Joel Morley, Queen Mary, University of London  
War and Memory: artistic and cultural representations of individual,  
collective and national memories in C20th Europe at War, Warsaw,  
Poland, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- Peter Morton, University of Edinburgh  
Qui Sum? Provincialis? Manifestations Identitaires dans le cadre supra-  
civique. Les identités provinciales et régionales, Dijon, France, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
June 2013
- Emilie Murphy, University of York  
Music and Theology in the European Reformations, Leuven, Belgium,  
19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2012
- Emilie Murphy, University of York  
What is Early Modern English Catholicism?, Durham University, 28<sup>th</sup>  
June - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013
- Fergus Oakes, University of Glasgow  
Leeds International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, UK, 1<sup>st</sup>-  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Angel-Luke O'Donnell, University of Liverpool  
Empire and Imagination in Early America and the Atlantic World,  
Bayreuth Institute, Germany, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2012
- Timothy Rogan, University of Cambridge  
North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada,  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Susan Royal, Durham University  
Sin and Salvation in Reformation England, The Shakespeare Institute,  
Stratford-upon-Avon, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Jade Shepherd, Queen Mary, University of London  
North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada,  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Scott Siggins, University of East Anglia  
National Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and  
Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, USA, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Blair Smith, University of Dundee  
American Historical Association 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New  
Orleans, USA, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Claudia Soares, University of Manchester  
North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada,  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2012

- Ljubica Spaskovska, University of Exeter  
Trust and Distrust in the Eastern Bloc, 1956–1991, University College London, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Stephen Spencer, Queen Mary, University of London  
Sourcing Emotions in the Medieval and Early Modern World, Perth, Australia, 17<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Marjolein Stern, University of Nottingham  
15<sup>th</sup> International Saga Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2012
- Kate Stevens, University of Cambridge  
Pacific Historical Association Conference, Wellington, New Zealand, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2012
- Nicolas Stone Villani, University of Oxford  
The Place of Renaissance Humanism in the History of Philosophy, Groningen, Netherlands, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Florence Sutcliffe-Braithwaite, University of Cambridge  
5<sup>th</sup> Christina Conference on Gender Studies, Helsinki, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Pheroze Unwalla, SOAS  
2012 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, US, 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Victoria Van Hyning, University of Sheffield  
Renaissance Society of America, San Diego, California, USA, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Darren Wagner, University of York  
Canadian Society for C18th Studies Annual Conference, Edmonton, Canada, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October 2012
- Faridah Zaman, University of Cambridge  
22<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on South Asian Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July 2012

#### Research Expenses within the UK

- Katherine Allen, University of Oxford  
Archives in London, September 2012
- Alex Brayson, University of York  
Archives in London, July - August 2012
- William Butler, University of Kent  
Archives in Belfast, Northern Ireland, 15<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Carly Collier, University of Warwick  
Archives in Norwich and Aberdeen, March 2013
- Jennifer Depold, University of Oxford  
Archives in Worcester, Lincoln and Manchester, June - July 2013

- Stephanie Duensing, University of Manchester  
Archives in London, October 2012 - March 2013
- Fiona Duncan, University of Stirling  
Archives in London, October 2012
- Justin Fantauzzo, University of Cambridge  
Liddle Collection, University of Leeds, 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December 2012
- James Freeman, University of Cambridge  
Archives in Warminster, London and Cambridge, October -  
December 2012
- Janette Garrett, Teesside University  
Archives in London, October 2012
- Anna Gurun, University of Dundee  
Archives and interviews in London, August - September 2012
- Sally Osborn, University of Roehampton  
Archives in Hereford, Taunton, Warwick and Preston, June - July 2013
- Edward Owens, University of Manchester  
Archives in Windsor, Brighton, Lewes, Gloucester and London,  
December 2012 - January 2013
- Michael Robinson, University of Liverpool  
Archives in Belfast, July 2013
- Sheng-Chi Shu, University of Cambridge  
Archives in London, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Samuel John Tranter, University of St Andrews  
Archives in London, 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Marie Ventura, University of St Andrews  
Archives in London and Cambridge, 17<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Thomas Wright, University of York  
Archives in Birmingham, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Hull, August  
2012

#### Research Expenses outside the UK

- Rachael Abbiss, University of Chester  
Archives in Boston, Cambridge and Worcester, Massachusetts, USA,  
2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Rakesh Ankit, University of Southampton  
Archives in Washington, Missouri, Boston and Connecticut, 27<sup>th</sup> July  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013
- Ivor Bolton, University of Birmingham  
Oral interviews in Berlin, Leipzig and Eisenhüttenstadt, 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August  
2013
- Louisa Cantwell, University of Cambridge  
Archives and oral interviews in Botswana and South Africa, 24<sup>th</sup> June  
- 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013

- William Carruthers, University of Cambridge  
Archives in Philadelphia, USA, 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December 2012
- Rosalind Coffey, LSE  
Archives Pretoria, Johannesburg, South Africa, 16<sup>th</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- John Condren, University of St Andrews  
Archives in Genoa, Mantua, Parma and Turin, Italy, May - July 2013
- Claire Connor, University of Bristol  
Archives in Melbourne Victoria, Australia, January - April 2013
- Poppy Cullen, University of Durham  
Archives in Nairobi, Kenya, 4<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Rabia Dada, University of Leeds  
Archives in Karachi and Lahore, Pakistan, 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Jan-Arend De Graaf, University of Portsmouth  
Archives in Paris, France, 25<sup>th</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Maximilian Drephal, University of Loughborough  
Archives in New Delhi, India, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012 - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Macdara Dwyer, King's College, London  
Archives in Dublin, 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Justin Fantauzzo, University of Cambridge  
Archives in Poughkeepsie, New York, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Alex Ferguson, University of Southampton  
Archives in Maryland, USA
- Alice Freeman, University of Oxford  
Archives in Tokyo, Japan, 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Agnibho Gangopadhyay, University of Oxford  
Archives and interviews in India, August 2012 - October 2013
- Flavia Gasbarri, King's College London  
Archives in Pretoria, South Africa
- Shantelle George, SOAS  
Archives and interviews in Grenada, January 2013
- Daisy Gibbs, UCL  
Archives in Paris, France, 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013
- Jennifer Griffiths, University College London  
Archives in St Petersburg and Moscow
- James Heath, University of Warwick  
Archives in Louisville, Kentucky, USA, 17<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Garrick Hileman, London School of Economics  
Archives in New York, USA, December 2012
- Anna Jenkin, University of Sheffield  
Archives in Paris, France, 17<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- Gillian Kennedy, King's College London  
Interviews in Cairo, Egypt, October - November 2012

- Simon Mee, University of Oxford  
Archives in Frankfurt and Dortmund, Germany, 30<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013
- David Napolitano, University of Cambridge  
Archives in Florence and San Gimignano, December 2012
- Meleisa Ono-George, University of Warwick  
Archives in Kingston, Jamaica, 1<sup>st</sup> May - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Anna Orofino, Swansea University  
Archives in Valladolid-Castilla y Leon, Spain, 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Dhvani Patel, King's College London  
Archives in Rome, Italy, October 2012
- Selina Patel, Newcastle University  
Archives in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, Brazil, 30<sup>th</sup> March - 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013
- Carin Peller Semmens, University of Sussex  
Archives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA, 9<sup>th</sup> May - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Aaron Rietkerk, London School of Economics  
Archives in Stockholm, Sweden, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Bartley Rock, UCL  
Archives in Russia, October 2012 - April 2013
- Mara Sankey, University College London  
Archives in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; Princeton, New Jersey; and Washington D.C, USA, 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Nancy Thornley, University of Leeds  
Archives and interviews in Uganda, November 2012
- Elisabetta Tollardo, University of Oxford  
Archives in Switzerland, August - September 2012
- Gabor Toth, University of Oxford  
Museums, libraries and site visits in Italy, September - October 2012
- Imaobong Umoren, University of Oxford  
Archives in Paris and Aix-en-Provence, France, March 2013
- Mark Walmsley, University of Leeds  
Archives at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA, 4<sup>th</sup> February - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- Maarten Walraven, University of Manchester  
Archives in Duisburg, Dusseldorf, Hamm and Essen in Germany, January 2013
- Mark Whelan, Royal Holloway, University of London  
Archives in Munich, Germany, 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013
- Malgorzata Wloszycka, University of Southampton  
Archives, oral interviews and observation in Mszana Dolna, Krakow and Warsaw, Poland, 24<sup>th</sup> August - 1 September 2013
- Fei Yan, University of Oxford  
Archives in Stanford, USA, 1<sup>st</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013

- James Yeoman, University of Sheffield  
Archives in Spain, August - September 2012

### Conference Organisation

- Patrick Andelic  
Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) Annual Conference, Northumbria University, Newcastle, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Jason Berg  
Networks and Neighbours: A Symposium on Early Medieval Correlations, University of Leeds, 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Edward Browne  
Elites in Discord in North-West Europe, c.900-c.1500, University of Aberdeen, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Alison Carrol  
A Century Later: New Approaches to French History, 1914-1945, Maison Francaise, Oxford (organized by Birkbeck College/Brunel University), 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013
- Roberta Cimino  
Politics and Texts in Late Carolingian Europe, c.870-1000, St Andrews Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Patrick Clibbens  
The Savage State?: Violence in Nationalism and Nation-building (Graduate symposium), University of Cambridge, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Tom Cutterham  
Charles Beard, Economic Interpretation and History, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013
- Rachel Douglas  
The Black Jacobins Revisited: Rewriting History, International Slavery Museum, Liverpool and Bluecoat Arts Centre, 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Gian Ghirardini  
Association for the Study of Modern Italy Postgraduate Summer School, University of Reading, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Meggen Gondek  
Runes, Monuments and Memorial Carvings International Research Network Workshop, University of Chester, 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Tim Grady  
Minorities and the First World War, University of Chester, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- Clare Griffin  
Trading Medicines: the global drug trade in perspective, London School of Economics, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- Mark Hailwood  
History from below in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013
- Niall Hodson  
Translation and the Circulation of Knowledge in Early Modern Science, The Warburg Institute, London, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Katherine Hunt  
Working it out: a day of numbers in early modern writing, Birkbeck, University of London, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Grace Huxford, Elodie Duche  
Representations of Prisoner of War Experience, University of Warwick, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013
- Yvonne Inall  
Iron Age Research Student Symposium, Universities of Bradford and Hull, 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Melissa Julian-Jones  
'In the Hands of God's Servants': the Power of the Bishop in Europe 1100-1300, Cardiff University, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Hanna Kilpi  
Conflict and Rebellion in the North Sea World: Creating, managing and resolving conflict in the 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, University of Glasgow, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- Martha Kirby  
Defining Decades: Key Moments in History, Dundee, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Jessica Knowles  
Durham, UEA, KCL and York Postgraduate Conference 2013, University of York, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Elisabeth Leake  
Negotiating Independence: new directions in the histories of decolonisation and the Cold War, Trinity College, Cambridge, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Kevin Linch  
War, Society and Culture in Britain, c.1688-1830: New Perspectives, University of Leeds, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Giorgio Lizzul  
The Fourth London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought: 'Global Order and Disorder in the History of Political Thought', Senate House, London, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Tracey Loughran  
Infertility in History, Science and Culture, University of Edinburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Robin Macdonald  
Sensing the Sacred; Religion and the Senses, 1300-1800, University of York, 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013



- Jessica Moody  
Little Britain's Memory of Slavery: the local nuances of a 'national sin', University College London, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- Frank Muller  
Monarchical Succession and the Political Culture of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe, University of St Andrews, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2013
- Kevin Passmore  
Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of French History, Cardiff University, 30<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013
- Catriona Pennell  
The First World War in the Classroom: A Teacher Academic Exchange, IHR, Senate House, London, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February 2013
- Malcolm Petrie  
Politics and the Public in Scotland, c.1300–2000, Institute of Scottish Historical Research, University of St Andrews, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Catherine Rider  
Demons and Illness: Theory and Practice from Antiquity to the Early Modern Period, University of Exeter, 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Thomas Smith  
Power Manifest: Structures and Concepts of Ecclesiastical Authority in the High to Late Middle Ages, Institute of Historical Research, London, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Abigail Stevenson  
Revealing Records V, King's College London, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Laura Tompkins  
Gender and Transgression in the Middle Ages, St Andrews Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Emma Vickers  
Lessons of War: Gender History and the Second World War, University of Lancaster, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- Alexandra Walsham  
Record Keeping in the Early Modern World, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, Cambridge, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- Mark Whelan  
Speaking in Tongues: Language, Communication and Power in the Middle Ages, Institute of Historical Research, London, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Sarah Wood  
Beyond History: a History Lab North West Interdisciplinary Workshop, University of Manchester, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013
- Elena Woodacre  
Kings & Queens II: Making Connections, University of Winchester, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2013

- Armin Yavari  
Symposia Iranica: First Biennial Iranian Studies Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Deborah Youngs  
Anchorites in their Communities, University of Wales Conference Centre, Gregynon, Newtown, Powys, 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Martin Lynn Scholarship

- Temilola Alanamu, University of Exeter  
Archives in Nigeria, September - December 2012

Royal Historical Society Postgraduate Speakers Series

- Queen's University Belfast
- Newcastle University
- Bangor University
- University of Huddersfield
- University of St Andrews
- University of Birmingham
- University of Exeter
- University of Reading
- University of Leicester
- University of Wolverhampton

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**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****Members of Council:**

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| Professor C D H Jones, BA, DPhil, FBA     | President - Officer (to November 2012)                             |
| Professor P Mandler, BA, AM, PhD          | President - Officer (from November 2012)                           |
| A Smith, BA, MA, PhD                      | Honorary Secretary – Officer                                       |
| I W Archer, MA, DPhil                     | Literary Director - Officer  |
| Professor R A Burns, MA, DPhil            | Literary Director - Officer (to November 2012)                     |
| E Griffin, BA, MA, PhD                    | Literary Director - Officer (from November 2012)                   |
| Professor M J Hughes, BA, MSc, PhD        | Honorary Treasurer - Officer                                       |
| Professor J C Fox, BA, PhD                | Honorary Director of Communications – Officer (from November 2012) |
| E Griffin, BA, MA, PhD                    | Honorary Director of Communications – Officer (to November 2012)   |
| Professor S J C Taylor, MA, PhD           | Honorary Academic Editor - BBIH - Officer                          |
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| Professor R A Burns, MA, DPhil            | Vice President (from November 2012)                                |
| Professor M C Finn, BS, PhD               | Vice President (to November 2012)                                  |
| Professor C C Kidd, BA, DPhil             | Vice President   |
| Professor P Mandler, BA, AM, PhD          | Vice President (to November 2012)                                  |
| Professor N A Miller, PhD                 | Vice President (from November 2012)                                |
| Professor A Pettegree, MA, DPhil          | Vice President   |
| Professor A M Walsham, BA, MA, PhD, FBA   | Vice President (from November 2012)                                |
| Professor S F Barton, BA, MA, DPhil       | Councillor (to November 2012)                                      |
| Professor J M Cornwall, PhD               | Councillor (to November 2012)                                      |
| Professor S Dixon, MA, PhD                | Councillor   |
| Professor D M Feldman, BA, PhD            | Councillor   |
| Professor K C Fincham, MA, PhD            | Councillor   |
| Dr L Fischer, BA, PhD                     | Councillor   |
| Professor J S Henderson, BA, MA, PhD      | Councillor (from November 2012)                                    |
| J J Lewis, BA, PhD                        | Councillor   |
| Professor A J Musson, BA, MusB, LL.M, PhD | Councillor   |
| Professor M J Stoyle, BA, DPhil           | Councillor (from November 2012)                                    |
| Professor P Summerfield, BA, MA, DPhil    | Councillor (from November 2012)                                    |
| A T Thacker, MA, DPhil, FSA               | Councillor   |
| Professor C A Whatley, BA, PhD            | Councillor (to November 2012)                                      |
| Professor P A Williamson, PhD             | Councillor   |
| Professor D R Wootton, MA, PhD            | Councillor   |

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S E Carr, PhD

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**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

The members of Council present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013. 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 (BBIH). 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 23 November 2012, the President retiring under By-law XVI was Professor C Jones; Professor P Mandler was elected in his place. The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor M Finn and Professor P Mandler; Professor A Burns and Professor A Walsham were elected in their place. The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor S Barton, Professor J Cornwall and Professor C Whately. In accordance with By-law XXI, Professor J Henderson, Professor M Stoyle and Professor P Summerfield 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.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Professor C Kidd – Chair  
 Professor S Barton (to November 2012)  
 Professor K Fincham  
 Professor P Williamson  
 Professor P Summerfield (from November 2012)

**RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE:**

Professor M Finn – Chair (to November 2012)  
 Professor A Walsham – Chair (from November 2012)  
 Professor M Cornwall (to November 2012)  
 Professor S Dixon (from November 2012)  
 Professor D Feldman (to November 2012)  
 Dr J Lewis (from November 2012)  
 Professor N Miller – (to November 2012)  
 Professor M Stoyle (from November 2012)  
 Dr A Thacker (To November 2012)  
 Professor D Wootton (from November 2012)

- FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dr R Baldock (from November 2012)  
Mr A Broadbent  
Professor S Dixon (to November 2012)  
Dr N Draper  
Professor D Feldman (from November 2012)  
Professor C Kidd  
Professor P Mandler (to November 2012)  
Professor A Musson (to November 2012)  
Dr A Thacker (from November 2012)  
The seven officers (President – Chair)
- PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Dr R Baldock - Chair  
Professor S Dixon (from November 2012)  
Dr L Fischer (to November 2012)  
Professor J Henderson (from November 2012)  
Dr J Lewis  
Professor P Mandler (to November 2012)  
Professor A Musson (from November 2012)  
Professor A Pettegree  
Professor M Stoye (from November 2012)  
Dr A Thacker (to November 2012)  
Dr D Thomas (to November 2011)  
The seven officers
- GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: Professor A Pettegree – Chair (from November 2012)  
Dr R Baldock (from November 2012)  
Professor M Cornwall (to November 2012)  
Dr L Fischer (from November 2012)  
Professor J Henderson (from November 2012)  
Dr J Lewis (to November 2012)  
Professor P Mandler (to November 2011)  
Professor A Musson (to November 2012)  
Dr A Thacker (from November 2012)  
Professor P Williamson  
The seven officers
- TEACHING POLICY COMMITTEE: Professor P Mandler – Chair (to November 2012)  
Professor A Burns – Chair (from November 2012)  
Mr P D'Sena  
Dr A Foster  
Professor K Fincham  
Dr L Fischer (to November 2012)  
Dr M Maddison  
Professor N Miller  
Dr J Peacey  
Professor P Summerfield  
The seven officers
- RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE: Professor N Miller – Chair  
Professor S Barton (to November 2012)  
Professor A Burns (from November 2012)  
Professor D Feldman  
Professor M Finn (to November 2012)  
Professor T Hitchcock  
Dr V Johnson  
Professor P Mandler (to November 2012)  
Professor A Musson (from November 2012)  
Professor A Walsham (from November 2012)  
Professor D Wootton  
The seven officers
- STUDIES IN HISTORY  
EDITORIAL BOARD: Professor J Morrill – Convenor  
Professor A Burns – Literary Director (to 2012)  
Professor B Doyle  
Professor N Goose (to 2013)  
Dr E Griffin – Literary Director (from 2013)  
Dr R Hammersley  
Professor M Hughes - Honorary Treasurer  
Professor C Kidd  
Professor D Power  
Dr B Rieger  
Professor A Rylie  
Dr S Todd

### **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 534,000 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 £45,000.

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 2012–13 it sponsored sessions at the University of Southampton and the University of Leicester. 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 2012–2013 the RHS has delivered an ambitious programme of publications – a volume of *Transactions*, two volumes of edited texts in the *Camden* Series and 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. The Society's membership who are not attached to an academic institution are now 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) are 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 £2.62 million at 30 June 2013 (2012: £2.36 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 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. The Society will be considering over the coming months whether this strategy remains the most appropriate at the current time, and any changes will be detailed in next year's report.

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. The Society can afford to take a long view of its investment portfolio and is confident that the investment strategy remains prudent. 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 2012–13 was around 3% (measured against the portfolio value at year end).

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Results

The Society generated a surplus of £21,599 (2011–12 £100,868), before gains on investments. This surplus was once again accounted for by higher than expected income from Society's joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press due to on-going sales of the digital archive. Subscription income was slightly increased over the previous year. There was a slight decline in investment income compared with 2011–12 (although as noted earlier the capital value of the portfolio increased). Expenditure in 2012–13 was slightly higher than the previous year (in part due an increase in grants made as well as moderate inflation-driven cost rises). 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 be around £25,000 over the next year. 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 (see below).

### 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). Finance Committee will be reviewing its reserves policy in the coming year.



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

It was noted last year that Council plans to develop a new communications strategy in order to improve communication with both its membership and the general public. This will incur considerable expenditure in financial year 2013–14 when the Society expects to record a significant deficit. 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 continues to pay 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 maintain its current high level of financial support for postgraduate and other young historians (in part thanks to the generous support of *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 is 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 Council is 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 2011, 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.

The Council is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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

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Honorary Secretary

Dr A Smith

27 September 2013

## 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 2013 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 the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2013 and of the charity's 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  
60 Goswell Road  
London EC1M 7AD

**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.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2012<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2011<br>£ |
|---|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                                 |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| <i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>            |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources        | 2    | 10,248                     | –                       | –                        | 10,248                   | 10,612                      |
| Investment income   | 6    | 73,308                     | –                       | –                        | 73,308                   | 79,070                      |
| <i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>      |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| Grants for awards   |      | –                          | –                       | 12,000                   | 12,000                   | 13,100                      |
| Grants for publications                                   |      | 5,000                      | –                       | –                        | 5,000                    | 5,000                       |
| Subscriptions   |      | 113,374                    | –                       | –                        | 113,374                  | 110,499                     |
| Royalties   |      | 88,460                     | –                       | –                        | 88,460                   | 127,335                     |
| <i>Other incoming resources</i>                           |      | 3,432                      | –                       | –                        | 3,432                    | 1,394                       |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>                           |      | <b>293,822</b>             | <b>–</b>                | <b>12,000</b>            | <b>305,822</b>           | <b>347,609</b>              |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                                 |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| <i>Cost of generating funds</i>                           |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| Investment manager's fees                                 |      | 11,634                     | –                       | 360                      | 11,994                   | 11,619                      |
| <i>Charitable activities</i>                              |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| Grants for awards   | 3    | 66,048                     | –                       | 13,093                   | 79,141                   | 73,252                      |
| Lectures and meetings                                     |      | 16,627                     | –                       | –                        | 16,627                   | 15,806                      |
| Publications  |      | 95,304                     | –                       | –                        | 95,304                   | 68,573                      |
| Library   |      | 6,438                      | –                       | –                        | 6,438                    | 7,155                       |
| Membership services                                       |      | 53,961                     | –                       | –                        | 53,961                   | 59,793                      |
| <i>Governance</i>   |      | 20,698                     | –                       | –                        | 20,698                   | 19,543                      |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>                           | 4a   | <b>270,770</b>             | <b>–</b>                | <b>13,453</b>            | <b>284,223</b>           | <b>246,741</b>              |
| <b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before transfers</b> |      | <b>23,053</b>              | <b>–</b>                | <b>(1,453)</b>           | <b>21,599</b>            | <b>100,868</b>              |
| Gross transfers between funds                             |      | 1,096                      | –                       | (1,096)                  | –                        | –                           |
| <b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources before gains</b>   |      | <b>24,149</b>              | <b>–</b>                | <b>(2,549)</b>           | <b>21,599</b>            | <b>100,868</b>              |
| <b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>                  |      |                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |
| Net gain / (loss) on investments                          | 6    | 269,948                    | 8,349                   | –                        | 278,297                  | (166,934)                   |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>                              |      | <b>294,096</b>             | <b>8,349</b>            | <b>(2,549)</b>           | <b>299,896</b>           | <b>(66,066)</b>             |
| Balance at 1 July   |      | 2,550,491                  | 68,936                  | 4,991                    | 2,630,418                | 2,696,483                   |
| <b>Balance at 30 June</b>                                 |      | <b>2,850,587</b>           | <b>77,285</b>           | <b>2,442</b>             | <b>2,930,314</b>         | <b>2,630,418</b>            |

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

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## BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2013

|                                   | Note | 2013<br>£       | 2013<br>£        | 2012<br>£       | 2012<br>£        |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>               |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| Tangible assets                   | 5    |                 | 455              |                 | 568              |
| Investments                       | 6    |                 | 2,618,996        |                 | 2,358,108        |
| COIF Investments                  |      |                 | <u>81,812</u>    |                 | <u>81,209</u>    |
|                                   |      |                 | 2,701,263        |                 | 2,439,885        |
| <b>Current Assets</b>             |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| Debtors                           | 7    | 13,074          |                  | 11,018          |                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand          |      | <u>253,247</u>  |                  | <u>216,668</u>  |                  |
|                                   |      | 268,322         |                  | 227,687         |                  |
| <b>Less: Creditors</b>            |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| Amounts due within one year       | 8    | <u>(39,271)</u> |                  | <u>(37,154)</u> |                  |
|                                   |      |                 | <u>229,051</u>   |                 | <u>190,533</u>   |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>         |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                 |      |                 | <u>2,930,314</u> |                 | <u>2,630,418</u> |
| <b>Represented By:</b>            |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| <i>Endowment Funds</i>            |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| A S Whitfield Prize Fund          | 10   |                 | 51,702           |                 | 46,136           |
| The David Berry Essay Trust       |      |                 | 25,583           |                 | 22,800           |
| <i>Restricted Funds</i>           |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| A S Whitfield Prize Fund          | 11   |                 | 677              |                 | 2,060            |
| P J Marshall Fellowship           |      |                 | 1,157            |                 | -                |
| The David Berry Essay Trust       |      |                 | 608              |                 | 1,931            |
| The Martin Lynn Bequest           |      |                 | -                |                 | 1,000            |
| <i>Unrestricted Funds</i>         |      |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| Designated - E M Robinson Bequest | 12   |                 | 130,949          |                 | 117,904          |
| General Fund                      | 13   |                 | <u>2,719,638</u> |                 | <u>2,438,587</u> |
|                                   |      |                 | <u>2,930,314</u> |                 | <u>2,630,418</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 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Professor P Mandler – **President**

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

## THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

## 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 resources 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**

|                          | 2013          | 2012          |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | £             | £             |
| Donations via membership | 6,540         | 5,336         |
| Gladstone Memorial Trust | 600           | 600           |
| Martin Lynn scholarship  | –             | 1,000         |
| Sundry income            | –             | 587           |
| Gift Aid reclaimed       | 3,108         | 3,089         |
|                          | <u>10,248</u> | <u>10,612</u> |

**3. Grants for Awards**

|                                     | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total funds<br>2013 | Total funds<br>2012 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | £                     | £                   | £                   | £                   |
| RHS Centenary Fellowship            | 11,000                | –                   | 11,000              | 12,100              |
| Research support grants (see below) | 40,145                | 1,000               | 41,145              | 32,838              |
| A-Level prizes                      | 600                   | –                   | 600                 | 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                 | 10,843              | 13,706              | 15,963              |
| David Berry Prize                   | –                     | 250                 | 250                 | 250                 |
| Alexander Prize                     | 250                   | –                   | 250                 | 250                 |
| Rees Davies Prize                   | –                     | –                   | –                   | 100                 |
| Staff and support costs (Note 4a)   | 10,190                | –                   | 10,190              | 9,352               |
|                                     | <u>66,048</u>         | <u>13,093</u>       | <u>79,141</u>       | <u>73,253</u>       |
| 30 June 2012                        | <u>57,902</u>         | <u>15,350</u>       |                     | <u>73,253</u>       |

During the year Society awarded grants to a value of £41,229 (2012 - £34,281) to 151 (2012 - 139) individuals.

**Grants Payable**

|                              | 2013            | 2012            |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | £               | £               |
| Commitments at 1 July        | 5,862           | 7,305           |
| Commitments made in the year | 68,951          | 63,901          |
| Grants paid during the year  | <u>(68,951)</u> | <u>(65,344)</u> |
| Commitments at 30 June       | <u>5,862</u>    | <u>5,862</u>    |

Commitments at 30 June 2013 and 2012 are included in creditors.

**4a. Total Resources Expended**

|                                 | Staff costs<br>£<br>(Note 4b) | Support costs<br>£<br>(Note 4c) | Direct costs<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Cost of generating funds</i> |                               |                                 |                   |                |
| Investment manager's fee        | -                             | -                               | 11,994            | 11,994         |
| <i>Charitable activities</i>    |                               |                                 |                   |                |
| Grants for awards (Note 3)      | 6,509                         | 3,681                           | 68,951            | 79,141         |
| Lectures and meetings           | 6,509                         | 1,780                           | 8,338             | 16,627         |
| Publications                    | 11,571                        | 7,120                           | 76,673            | 95,364         |
| Library                         | 2,893                         | 1,780                           | 1,766             | 6,438          |
| Membership services             | 36,159                        | 17,801                          | -                 | 53,961         |
| <i>Governance</i>               | 8,678                         | 3,560                           | 8,460             | 20,698         |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b> | <u>72,318</u>                 | <u>35,722</u>                   | <u>176,182</u>    | <u>284,223</u> |
| <b>30 June 2012</b>             | <u>68,693</u>                 | <u>31,697</u>                   | <u>146,349</u>    | <u>246,741</u> |

**4b. Staff Costs**

|                       | 2013<br>£     | 2012<br>£     |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Wages and salaries    | 59,731        | 55,988        |
| Social security costs | 5,528         | 5,729         |
| Other pension costs   | 7,058         | 6,976         |
|                       | <u>72,318</u> | <u>68,694</u> |

**4c. Support Costs**

|                                      | 2012<br>£     | 2011<br>£     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Stationery, photocopying and postage | 14,743        | 16,861        |
| Computer support                     | 2,816         | 1,425         |
| Insurance                            | 1,084         | 1,032         |
| Telephone                            | 296           | 311           |
| Depreciation                         | 113           | 113           |
| Other                                | 16,549        | 11,955        |
|                                      | <u>35,601</u> | <u>31,697</u> |

The average number of employees in the year was 3 (2012 - 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 (2012: 22) Councillors attending Council meetings at a cost of £4,206 (2012 - £5,566). No Councillor received any remuneration during the year (2012 - £Nil).

Included in governance is the following:

|                                       | 2013<br>£    | 2012<br>£    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Auditor's Remuneration – current year | <u>8,460</u> | <u>8,130</u> |

**5. Tangible Fixed Assets**

|                       | Computer<br>Equipment<br>£ | Furniture<br>and<br>Equipment<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                            |                                    |               |
| At 1 July 2012        | <u>33,224</u>              | <u>1,134</u>                       | <u>34,358</u> |
| At 30 June 2013       | <u>33,224</u>              | <u>1,134</u>                       | <u>34,358</u> |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                            |                                    |               |
| At 1 July 2012        | 33,224                     | 566                                | 33,790        |
| Charge for the year   | -                          | 113                                | 113           |
| At 30 June 2013       | <u>33,224</u>              | <u>679</u>                         | <u>33,903</u> |
| <b>Net Book Value</b> |                            |                                    |               |
| At 30 June 2013       | <u>-</u>                   | <u>455</u>                         | <u>455</u>    |
| At 30 June 2012       | <u>-</u>                   | <u>568</u>                         | <u>568</u>    |

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

**6. Investments**

|                              | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Designated<br>Robinson<br>Bequest<br>£ | Whitfield<br>Prize Fund<br>£ | David Berry<br>Essay Trust<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Market value at 1 July 2012  | 2,169,461            | 117,904                                | 47,161                       | 23,582                          | 2,358,108  |
| Additions                    | 625,907              | 34,017                                 | 13,607                       | 6,803                           | 680,334    |
| Disposals                    | (641,924)            | (34,887)                               | (13,935)                     | (6,977)                         | (697,743)  |
| Net gain on investments      | 256,033              | 13,915                                 | 5,566                        | 2,783                           | 278,297    |
| Market value at 30 June 2013 | 2,409,477            | 130,949                                | 52,379                       | 26,191                          | 2,618,996  |
| Cost at 30 June 2013         | 1,958,833            | 106,458                                | 42,583                       | 21,292                          | 2,129,166  |

|  | 2013<br>£ | 2012<br>£ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| UK Equities                                  | 1,156,070 | 1,160,664 |
| UK Government Stock and Bonds                | 361,242   | 469,889   |
| Overseas Equities                            | 994,381   | 690,345   |
| Uninvested Cash                              | 107,303   | 37,211    |
|  | 2,618,996 | 2,358,109 |
| Dividends and interest on listed investments | 72,585    | 78,693    |
| Interest on cash deposits                    | 723       | 977       |
|  | 73,308    | 79,670    |

**7. Debtors**

|                | 2013<br>£ | 2012<br>£ |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other debtors  | 11,296    | 6,632     |
| Royalty debtor | 840       | 3,448     |
| Prepayments    | 938       | 938       |
|                | 13,074    | 11,018    |

**8. Creditors: Amounts due within one year**

|                                   | 2013<br>£ | 2012<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sundry creditors                  | 16,563    | 15,325    |
| Taxes and social security         | 1,171     | 1,565     |
| Subscriptions received in advance | 5,703     | 4,814     |
| Accruals and deferred income      | 15,834    | 15,450    |
|                                   | 39,271    | 37,154    |

Included within Sundry creditors is an amount of £577 (2012: £582) relating to pension liabilities.

**9. Lease Commitments**

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

|                    | 2013<br>£ | 2012<br>£ |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Under 1 year       | —         | —         |
| Within 1 – 2 years | —         | —         |
| Within 2 – 5 years | 7,080     | 5,900     |

**10. Endowment Funds**

|                             | Balance at<br>1 July 2012<br>£ | Investment<br>Gain<br>£ | Balance at<br>30 June 2013<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A S Whitfield Prize Fund    | 46,136                         | 5,566                   | 51,702                          |
| The David Berry Essay Trust | 22,800                         | 2,783                   | 25,583                          |
|                             | 68,936                         | 8,349                   | 77,285                          |



*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<br>1 July 2012<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>Resources<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Balance at<br>30 June 2013<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| A S Whitfield Prize Fund    | 2,060                          | –                          | (1,240)                    | (143)          | 677                             |
| P J Marshall Fellowship     | –                              | 12,000                     | (10,843)                   | –              | 1,157                           |
| The David Berry Essay Trust | 1,931                          | –                          | (370)                      | (953)          | 608                             |
| Martin Lynn Bequest         | 1,000                          | –                          | (1,000)                    | –              | –                               |
|                             | <u>4,991</u>                   | <u>12,000</u>              | <u>(13,453)</u>            | <u>(1,096)</u> | <u>2,442</u>                    |

The transfer from the Restricted fund to the general fund represents a correction to the fund balances arising from the investment portfolio analysis.

*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<br>1 July 2012<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>Resources<br>£ | Investment<br>Gain<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Balance at<br>30 June 2013<br>£ |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| E M Robinson Bequest | 117,904                        | 3,629                      | (4,500)                    | 13,915                  | –              | 130,949                         |
|                      | <u>117,904</u>                 | <u>3,629</u>               | <u>(4,500)</u>             | <u>13,915</u>           | <u>–</u>       | <u>130,949</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.

| <b>13. General Fund</b> | Balance at<br>1 July 2012 | Incoming<br>Resources | Outgoing<br>Resources | Investment<br>Gain | Transfers    | Balance at<br>30 June 2013 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                         | £                         | £                     | £                     | £                  | £            | £                          |
|                         | <u>2,438,587</u>          | <u>290,193</u>        | <u>(266,270)</u>      | <u>256,033</u>     | <u>1,096</u> | <u>2,719,638</u>           |

The transfer from the Restricted fund to the general fund represents a correction to the fund balances arising from the investment portfolio analysis.

#### 14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

|                                  | General<br>Fund  | Designated<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Funds | Endowment<br>Funds | Total            |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                                  | £                | £                  | £                   | £                  | £                |
| Fixed assets                     | 455              | -                  | -                   | -                  | 455              |
| Investments                      | 2,409,477        | 130,949            | 1,285               | 77,285             | 2,618,996        |
| COIF investments                 | 81,812           | -                  | -                   | -                  | 81,812           |
|                                  | <u>2,491,744</u> | <u>130,949</u>     | <u>1,285</u>        | <u>77,285</u>      | <u>2,701,263</u> |
| Current assets                   | 267,165          | -                  | 1,157               | -                  | 268,322          |
| Less: Creditors                  | (39,271)         | -                  | -                   | -                  | (39,271)         |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | <u>227,894</u>   | <u>-</u>           | <u>1,157</u>        | <u>-</u>           | <u>229,051</u>   |
| Net Assets                       | <u>2,719,638</u> | <u>130,949</u>     | <u>2,442</u>        | <u>77,285</u>      | <u>2,930,314</u> |







