



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2016

It has been quite a year in politics for the UK, with Brexit and changes in leadership in the news. By contrast, Clapham has been relatively quiet and peaceful.

The Clapham Society has had a successful year, with many enjoyable events and talks taking place, as well as the usual excellent work by all the Sub-committees. Accounts of their work are summarised below.

We have nearly 800 members, many of whom come to the talks and to other events but, at the risk of sounding repetitive, not as many active members as we need to keep the Clapham Society young, vibrant and effective. Please consider whether you would be able to spare a few hours every other month to sit on the Main Committee or one of the Sub-committees.

The Common and Open Spaces Sub-committee has been hard at work, and needs new recruits. Last year's Convenor, Deryn Watson, had to resign as she was offered a major research project which meant she did not have enough time to devote to the Common. Thank you to Deryn and to Michael Fry, Alison Macnair, Diana Bell, Nicholas Kroll and David Dandridge who have all served on the Sub-committee and made a difference.

Annie Bayley was co-opted to the Clapham Common Management Committee (CCMAC) as the Clapham Society's representative in March 2016. She has attended every monthly meeting of the CCMAC and reported matters raised to the Common and Open Spaces Sub-committee and to the Main Committee and is very proactive. Thank you.

Lambeth Council is in the process of taking a number of decisions which threaten the amenity of Clapham Common. The Council is expected to approve plans to route the Quietway 5 cycle track across the Common, and to erect a new school building on the site of the old One O'Clock Club known as The Spinney. On this issue, we are in the process of preparing representations to the National Planning Inspectorate on matters referred to the Secretary of State, and helping to write a submission from the Society to the parliamentary inquiry into the future of public parks. My thanks to all those who have worked so hard on this – particularly Annie Bayley, Maev Sullivan and Dan Dovar.

Lambeth Council's new strategy for major events for the next several years includes an increase in the maximum permitted decibel levels – making events noisier. It wanted to use the grassy events site for a period of two months for Winterville 2016, but we understand that this has now been cancelled.

We have conducted a survey amongst members and other users of the Common (it is not too late to fill one in, please contact me). So far, the results show that most people felt it was acceptable for Lambeth Council to hold some short, well managed events but that the events are too big, too noisy, too disruptive and that they restrict access for local users of the Common. Of 130 people surveyed so far 110 believe that using the grassy site for 94 days for Winterville is too long.

Local residents worry that the events are destroying the grass, provoke disruptive and anti-social behaviour and are not intended for the local community but to raise money which in turn is not spent on the Common. Locals are disappointed that the one really local event – fireworks on 5 November – has been stopped.

Indeed we have written to Sean Harriss, Chief Executive of Lambeth about the legality of proposed major events: the Lake of Colour held earlier this year, Winterville and Fit London proposed for 2017. If you feel strongly that events on the Common are getting out of hand write to the Chief Executive at Lambeth Council, or email him (SHarriss@lambeth.gov.uk) to tell him what you think. Although a word of caution, I wrote to him in June about Winterville, and am still awaiting a reply!

The Roads and Transport Sub-committee, convened by the hard working Mark Leffler continues to give voice to a range of matters, working closely with Lambeth Council officers. An onsite meeting with Lambeth officers to review the issue of large vehicles entering Rectory Grove resulted in new signage to direct drivers away from Old Town, and this seems to be working.

The Roads and Transport Sub-committee is working constructively with the Clapham BID, now into its second year, on a range of concerns shared with the local business community, among them removing clutter from the High Street and enhancing the local environment. Positive results include the removal of hoardings and advertisements around the Deep Shelter entrances in the High Street, a facelift to the massive structures by TfL has achieved dramatic improvements.

Street cleansing of those areas with the heaviest footfall is a major priority of the BID, as is more effective management of the crowds who flock to Clapham at weekends for an evening out. However, the resources deployed by the BID are sadly plugging gaps left by spending cuts imposed by Lambeth Council and Metropolitan Police.



During the last year, a number of roads have been resurfaced by TfL and Lambeth Council, in particular Clapham Common South Side, and around Abbeville Road, where potholes had become a significant problem. Lambeth Council introduced a 20mph speed limit on non-TfL roads throughout the Borough, which has had some impact on pedestrian safety, though observance of the new limits is patchy and largely unenforced.

A number of major projects being undertaken by TfL will continue to have an impact on Clapham. Works including removing the gyratory systems and extending the cycle super-highway have impacted seriously on other road users, particularly pedestrians, and buses which are the lifeline for so many Clapham residents. The proposal to redevelop Vauxhall Bus Station remains a major concern for people who pass through this busy interchange.

Locally, pedestrian safety remains a key concern, together with encroachment by businesses onto the public footway and we continue to be concerned at the lack of effective scrutiny of licensing decisions.

The Planning Sub-committee has been very active this year, providing representations on planning applications to influence Council decisions. Headed ably by Philip Ashford, the Sub-committee was notified of 350 applications, of which 60 were reviewed and representations were made on 24. Details are published in the monthly newsletter.

On significant developments, the Sub-committee try to engage with developers before a planning application is made because this is when there is most scope to influence the design. Two significant examples this year are North Street Mews, a site which currently provides useful low-cost employment space and is being redeveloped. We argued successfully for the retention of more employment space on the site.

Similarly, there is a four-acre site sandwiched between the Notre Dame estate and Lambeth College which must be the largest remaining site for re-development. We are currently engaged in the developer's consultation process to try and get a good quality design, the right relationship with neighbours and a suitable mix of uses.

Last November we worked with local residents to persuade Lambeth Planning Committee, against the advice of the planning officers, to refuse the application to extend the Russian Ballet School. We felt the large new dance studio proposed at 42 Clapham Manor Street would damage the special interest of the listed former Clapham General Dispensary that it is attached to, as well as the character of the wider Conservation Area. The applicant has appealed against the decision, and a public inquiry will be held in January 2017. We will be taking part.

We continue to take a pro-active role in ensuring the historic artisans' cottages in Lillieshall Road are properly conserved as Lambeth Council sell them off to new owners. Making photographic records of their features and notifying the Planning Department of unauthorised building work has helped the Council to be vigilant and take appropriate enforcement action where necessary.

The Planning Sub-committee provided a representative for the judging panel on Wandsworth's bi-annual building design

awards. In addition, we have contributed to Lambeth's review and update of Conservation Areas and in particular Northbourne Road and Park Hill.

Derrick Johnson does a splendid job heading up the Local History Sub-committee, fielding enquiries which come in from all over the world via the internet, from people researching their ancestors to TV companies, those doing projects and all manner of other interesting topics.

The highlight of the year was the publication of *Clapham Through Time* an excellent new book in the popular Amberley Publishing series. It features 90 historic images of Clapham coupled with present day photographs taken from exactly the same position. Thanks to Claire Fry for the splendid modern photographs and to Alyson Wilson for the text.

We have reprinted some of the self-guided walks during the year, and these are available for purchase from Alyson Wilson, along with all the other Clapham Society publications.

In October a commemorative Green Plaque was unveiled on Clapham Pottery, the former chapel of Ingleton House Boys' Home, by local celebrity chef Michel Roux junior. Other plaques are in course of preparation. Our thanks to Tim Gosling for designing the plaques.

Members of the Sub-committee led the usual programme of summer walks, some as part of Lambeth and Wandsworth Heritage Festivals, and on Clapham in World War 2 for Bonneville Primary School. We were pleased to discover that some of our walkers come through our increased presence on social media – especially Twitter.

Events and talks this year have been organised by Heather Binney, and we have enjoyed some interesting and entertaining speakers at Omnibus. Thanks to all, and also the staff at Omnibus.

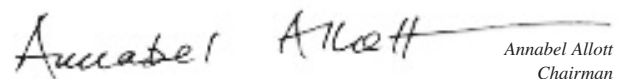
We enjoyed a delightful Summer Party at the Roxburgh's in their beautiful house and garden. Members enjoyed it so much we are tempted to take up their kind offer to use it again next year! A big Thank You to Suzanna and Richard Roxburgh for their hospitality.

Jennifer Everett has completed the labelling of recent photographs of local streets and passed them to Lambeth Archives for storage and eventual internet access.

The Sub-committee organised a very well attended talk by Chris Nix of London Transport Museum on the history and reopening to the public of the wartime Deep Shelter under Clapham South Station. Chris kindly led two private tours for Society members which proved popular despite the 180 steps involved!

Our ever-popular Newsletter is written and compiled by Alyson Wilson with a fantastic team of designers, deliverers and proof readers. Christina Bonnett has helped enormously with our website. Thank you to Alyson Wilson, Bill Emmett, Jennifer Everett and all the Newsletter deliverers.

David Brown does a quiet but efficient job keeping our finances in order, so thank you to him for his hard work. Finally, thank you to all the Members who keep the Clapham Society vigorous and effective.


Annabel Allott
Chairman



THE CLAPHAM SOCIETY (Charity No. 279595)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2016

	2016			2015		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME						
Subscriptions: Standing Order	3,745		3,745	3,650		3,650
Other	806		806	678		678
	<u>4,551</u>		<u>4,551</u>	<u>4,328</u>		<u>4,328</u>
Donations	1,010	0	1,585	1,361	224	1,585
Income Tax recoverable	92		151	151		151
Summer Party	854		656	656		656
Interest receivable	12		12	12		12
	<u>6,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,519</u>	<u>6,508</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>6,732</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Newsletter costs	1,532		1,532	2,034		2,034
Printing, postage and stationery	140		140	527		527
Meeting room hire	1,868		1,868	1,338		1,338
Summer Party	455		455	782		782
Events expenses	813		813	1,079		1,079
Subscriptions & affiliations	119		119	132		132
Insurance	252		252	252		252
Donations: St. Mary's Church Spire Fund	200		200	0		0
Sponsoring Clapham Opera Festival	0		0	500		500
Others	200		200	370		370
Commemorative plaques	629		629	1,068		1,068
Website hosting & design	1,577		1,577	2,043		2,043
Professional fees	0	0	0	2,126	274	2,400
Depreciation	217		217	440		440
Sundry expenses	25		25	80		80
	<u>8,027</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,027</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>13,045</u>
Deficit	<u>(1,508)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,508)</u>	<u>(6,263)</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>(6,313)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) from publications	(86)		(86)	(2,640)		(2,640)
Deficit for the year	<u>(1,594)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,594)</u>	<u>(8,903)</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>(8,953)</u>
Balance brought forward	19,388	453	19,841	28,291	503	28,794
	<u>17,794</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>18,247</u>	<u>19,388</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>19,841</u>

Publications

Sales	648		848
Stock brought forward	3,697		7,067
Purchases	296		0
Other publication expenses	366		130
Stock carried forward	<u>(3,613)</u>		<u>(6,573)</u>
Cost of sales	746		624
(Deficit)/Surplus:	<u>(98)</u>		<u>224</u>
Bank interest	12		12
Stock written down	0		<u>(2,876)</u>
Deficit for year	<u>(86)</u>		<u>(2,640)</u>
Balance brought forward	15,574		18,214
Designated Fund	<u>15,488</u>		<u>15,574</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2016

	2016			2015		
	Website & Software	Newsletter CD/Display Boards	Total	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Cost	1,331	1,462	2,793			2,793
Less: Depreciation	<u>(1,331)</u>	<u>(1,094)</u>	<u>(2,425)</u>			<u>(2,209)</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>368</u>			<u>584</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock of publications			3,613			3,697
Debtors: HM Revenue and Customs		2,965			3,353	
Other & Prepayments		<u>1,402</u>	4,367		<u>1,753</u>	5,106
Cash at bank and in hand:						
NatWest Bank		1,533			1,995	
Charities Aid Foundation: Main Account		<u>9,223</u>	10,756		<u>9,203</u>	11,198
			18,736			20,000
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors & prepaid income			857			743
Net Current Assets			<u>17,879</u>			<u>19,257</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>18,247</u>			<u>19,841</u>
Represented by:						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Fund			2,306			3,814
Designated Publication Fund	3		<u>15,488</u>			<u>15,574</u>
			<u>17,794</u>			<u>19,388</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Local History Fund			453			453
Legal Action Fund			0			0
			<u>453</u>			<u>453</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>18,247</u>			<u>19,841</u>

Notes to the Accounts

- General** - These Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.
- Income Tax Recoverable** - The amount of £92 represents the estimated sum recoverable for the year of £573 less unrecoverables from prior years.
- Unrestricted Funds** - The historic surpluses on publications are held in a "Designated Fund" for financing future publications.
- Risk Policy** - The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.
- Other Statutory Information** - Details of the committee of the Society and the Treasurer's Report are shown in this Report.

Annabel Allott, Chairman

David Brown ACIS Treasurer
10 July 2016

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report

The income of the Society was slightly increased and expenditure was heavily reduced compared to last year leading to a greatly reduced deficit.

A donation of note was that made to the St Mary's Church spire fund.

We are continuing to make claims for tax recoverable under the Gift Aid Scheme and would welcome any donations to the Legal Action Fund so that we will be able to cover professional (legal) fees incurred by the work of the Society.

David Brown ACIS - Treasurer 10 July 2016

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee

I report on the Accounts of the Society for the year to 31st March 2016, as set out above.

Respective Responsibilities of Executive Committee and Examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Committee Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
- to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Anna Long FCA, 58 Crescent Lane, Clapham SW4. 10 July 2016



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Diana Armstrong Bell, (until January 2016), Annie Bayley (from March 2016), Mary Dickinson, Jennifer Everrett, Michael Fry (until January 2016), Nicholas Kroll (until July 2016), Alison Macnair (until March 2016).

Events

Heather Binney (Convenor), Annabel Allott, Alyson Wilson.

Local History

Derrick Johnson (Convenor), Annabel Allott, Monique Hood, Peter Jefferson-Smith, Timothy Walker, Alyson Wilson, Anne Wilson.

Planning

Philip Ashford (Convenor), John Adams, Roger Armstrong, Sarah Bridger, Peter Copley, Martin Pratt, David Whitestone, Mark Leffler (Transport Sub-committee liaison).

Roads and Transport

Mark Leffler (Convenor), John Adams, Philip Ashford, Jenny Copley, Jill Cramphorn, Jon McIver, Deborah Saunt, Virginia Stevens.

Newsletter Delivery

The following members were responsible for distributing the monthly newsletters in 2015-2016. If you would like to know who delivers to you, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Alan Bevan, Nicholas Butler and Rosaleen Hughes, Ann Dunkley, Jennifer Everrett, Michael Fry, Marian Gleeson, Sue Keegan (from December 2015), Derrick and Janet Johnson, Val Johnson, Pauline Khng, Anna Long, Margi Mahoney, Lili Massey, Jennifer Pearson, Stewart Pedge, Vivienne Pickering, Martin Richards, Anna Roads, Joan Sinclair, Hazel Smith (until December 2015), Maev Sullivan, Jean Virgoe, Helen Widgery, Alyson Wilson.

PUBLICATIONS

Clapham through Time Alyson Wilson and Claire Fry. Amberley Publishing (2015) 96 pages. Ninety historic images of Clapham coupled with recent photographs taken from exactly the same position, with a linking historical text. A fascinating record of how Clapham has changed over the years. £15.00

Discovering Clapham. (2007) 104 pages. The book starts with an overview of the history of Clapham, setting out how it developed from a small rural village to the bustling part of inner London it is today. The following seven chapters take seven different areas of Clapham, and illustrate a selection of the interesting buildings, giving some background and details to put them in context. Illustrations and information about some notable former residents are included in appropriate places. Many of the pictures are photographs taken specifically for the book, and older pictures include prints and drawings, historic photographs as well as paintings and watercolours, which for the first time we are able to do justice to by printing in colour. £6.00 (members) or £7.50 (non-members)

The Clapham Sect. Margaret Bryant (2004) 64 pages. The story of a group of people whose activities changed the world. Wealthy Clapham businessmen and religious philanthropists, they fought to change the moral climate of their times, and campaigned against the injustices of slavery and the slave trade. Led by William Wilberforce in Parliament, their greatest achievement was the outlawing of the Atlantic slave trade in 1807. Margaret Bryant paints a vivid picture of these remarkable people and their lives in late eighteenth century Clapham and reminds us how much our modern world owes to them. £6.00 (members) or £7.50 (non-members)

Clapham in the Twentieth Century. (2002) 236 pages. A collection of letters, diaries and memories of Clapham during the century, from Graham Greene, Jack Hobbs and Noel Coward to immigrants from the West Indies, Poland and Kosovo, local businessmen, shopkeepers and schoolchildren. In the words of those who witnessed them, the book tracks the changes in Clapham from the last years of Queen Victoria's reign through two World Wars, depression, revival and gentrification to the lively, popular family area that it had become by 2000. **REDUCED TO £5.**

Clapham Saints and Sinners. Eric Smith (1987) 78 pages. A fascinating selection of extracts from the Occasional Sheets of the Clapham Antiquarian Society, packed with information about the history of Clapham and its residents. £ 5.00. Full collection of the Occasional Sheets (1947-1992) also available on CD. An invaluable resource for anyone researching Clapham history. Price on application.

Clapham Walks: Self-guided walks leaflets, each covering a different area of Clapham. Price £1 each or all seven walks for £5.00.

1. Old Clapham. A walk starting at the centre of modern Clapham and tracking back through its past, via The Polygon, Old Town, Grafton Square, North Street, Hibbert Almshouses in Wandsworth Road, Matrimony Place, St Paul's Church, Rectory Grove and back to the former Clapham Library on North Side. (Revised edition 2015)

2. Clapham North. From Clapham North Underground Station through developments of different periods, which include St John's Church, the Clapham Rise Estate (Gauden Road, Sibella Road, Chelsham Road and Bromfelde Road) Larkhall Park, Christ Church, the Springfield and Larkhall Estates, and back along Clapham Manor Street to Clapham High Street. (Revised edition 2015)

3. Around Nightingale Lane. From Clapham South Underground Station to Malwood Road and along Nightingale Lane as far as The Nightingale PH, coming back via Thurleigh Road, St Luke's Church and Hightrees House, and along the side of the Common back to Clapham South. (Revised edition 2010)

4. Clapham Common. A tour of the Common starting from Clapham Common Underground Station, taking in Holy Trinity Church, the Bandstand, Windmill Drive, and all three ponds. (Revised edition 2010)

5. South Side. From Clapham South Underground Station this walk goes along the south east border of the Common towards Clapham High Street, including a brief diversion down Narbonne Avenue, The Windmill on the Common, Notre Dame Estate and Crescent Grove. (Revised edition 2015)

6. West Side. Starting at Hightrees House at the corner of West Side and Nightingale Lane this walk follows the west side of the Common to Broomwood Road, then through the side streets to return to Canford Road and along West Side back to Broomwood Road, passing houses of various periods and detailing their former residents. (Revised edition 2015)

7. North Side. This walk starts at Clapham Common Station, going past Holy Trinity Church all along North Side, covering Church Buildings, Trinity Hospice, Cedars Terraces, Eaton House The Manor School, Parkgate House School as far as St Barnabas' Church and The Shrubbery in Lavender Gardens. The walk ends at the top of Battersea Rise. (Reprinted 2015)

We also have stocks of several FREE publications: Clapham Common History, Clapham Common Trees and CS50, our 50th anniversary celebration booklet. If you would like copies of these please contact Alyson Wilson.

Publications may be obtained from:

Alyson Wilson, 22 Crescent Grove, London SW4 7AH. Tel. 020 7622 6360

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Please telephone or email to check postal charges which will vary according to your order. Cheques payable to The Clapham Society

Details of meetings, activities and a full list of our publications are on the Clapham Society website at claphamsociety.com

Our books are also available at Clapham Books, 26 The Pavement, SW4 0JA.