



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2012

2012 has been a remarkable year for London with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics and the Paralympics. Clapham has been an ideal base for enjoying the various 'reign-soaked' Jubilee and sporting events.

The Pride House event, scheduled to take place on Clapham Common throughout the Olympics, failed through lack of sponsorship. Although pressure on Lambeth Borough Council's Events Team to generate income has grown during the year, there has been a reduction in large events on Clapham Common, again due to lack of sponsorship. The condition of the events site remained excellent until the rains during the latest music festival caused damage.

The Clapham Society representative, Anna Jefferson Smith, has worked tirelessly from within the Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC) on a number of projects and initiatives affecting the Common. The new skate park on Rookery Road is proving a great success.

The CCMAC and the Clapham Society continue to monitor the use, overuse and misuse of the Common and are thrilled at the outcome of two recent licence applications: the London Borough of Lambeth Planning Committee refused the application from Sky Television for several domes to be used for filmed auditions for the programme 'Got to Dance', although they can be on site for 28 days from 6 September without planning permission. The London Borough of Wandsworth refused Nike's application to extend their three month 'temporary structure', the Nike Fuel Station, on the west side of the Common until May 2013. Both decisions were well reported in the *South London Press*. The increased length and frequency of these events changes the character of the Common which is a conservation area, reduces its amenity value as an open space for residents, and damages its fabric.

We are very fortunate to have Victor Chin-Kit as Clapham Common Manager in post with his enthusiasm and commitment. Jeff Macdonald of Veolia remains an example of the contribution that long serving staff offer the Common, even in the face of cutbacks.

The Planning Sub-committee, ably led by Philip Ashford, has been notified of 390 applications, of which 105 have been reviewed and representations have been made on 26 applications. The applications we have made representations on have all been

detailed in the newsletters. In order to complement the Council's licensing initiative to curb expansion of the often out of control night-time economy, we have objected to associated planning applications both in the High Street and at the Artesian Well on Wandsworth Road. Most representations have been objections because there is simply not enough time to submit positive comments on all the acceptable applications, although we do explicitly support the very good schemes.

Lambeth Council is auctioning off the early listed Victorian cottages that it owns in Lillieshall Road and has licensed to housing co-operatives since the 1970s when the Society campaigned against their demolition and redevelopment. Notwithstanding the effect on the lives of tenants, new owners are making rapid changes to modernise the houses, and removing many original features in the process. Where possible we are now photographing the internal features in the remaining unsold cottages prior to sale so that there is at least a record of what they were originally like; and trying to improve protection for listed building consent.

Sub-committee members have taken an active role in Clapham Old Town Project (previously known as Clapham Gateway) design review meetings and consultation events supporting approaches which maximise the environmental improvements whilst maintaining effective bus operations. In April, the Society organised another open meeting for Lambeth and the project designers to explain the fundamental options on which members' views were invited.

We have enjoyed an excellent year of talks, gatherings and walks, and we have welcomed the opening of the pedestrianised Venn Street, the Leisure Centre in Clapham Manor Street and the Community Hub/Library at the re-developed Mary Seacole House in Clapham High Street. Our summer party, which was held on one of the rare rain-free evenings in July in the secluded gardens of the Hibbert Almshouses in Wandsworth Road, was most enjoyable.

A number of the monthly talks during the year involved aspects of Clapham's heritage and development. We heard about the monastery and St Mary's Church, Clapham Park Road; the restoration of Brixton Windmill; and the 'green' restoration of a small mid-Victorian house in Broadhinton Road. Christopher Claxton Stevens hosted popular visits to his restored Victorian terraced house in Clapham. The Eric Smith



lecture was given by Fiona Leach, Professor Emeritus of Education at Sussex University, on the life of Sarah Winsor, a former governess in the Rev John Venn's household. John Adams told us about the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City and we heard from Karen Sorab about her charity Beyond Autism and the Rainbow School for children with autism spectrum disorders. After the AGM in October, Tim Cook OBE, chair of the Grants Committee of the Lambeth Community Fund, gave us an insight into the problems faced by charities today.

Thanks to all of our speakers for such stimulating talks. The meetings were held in Clapham Manor Primary School, and our thanks go to the school's headmaster, Brian Hazell and his facilities management team led by Pat Ellis, the school's Business Manager.

Our summer walks are always popular, and all seven of the walks leaflets have been revised and are available for sale. Anne Wilson, a new member of the Local History Sub-committee, led the central Clapham walk.

Under the guiding hand of Derrick Johnson, the Local History Sub-committee had a productive year, focusing mainly on the placing of interpretative plaques. The Society's second plaque was unveiled on the surviving wing of Eagle House on South Side. The ceremony, performed by Lord Hankey whose ancestors owned the site, was followed by a delightful drinks party hosted by Sinclair and Madeline Johnston in their restored drawing room. Permission has been received from owners for plaques on the old fire station in The Polygon and on the former Odeon cinema on Balham Hill, and it is hoped to unveil these before the year end.

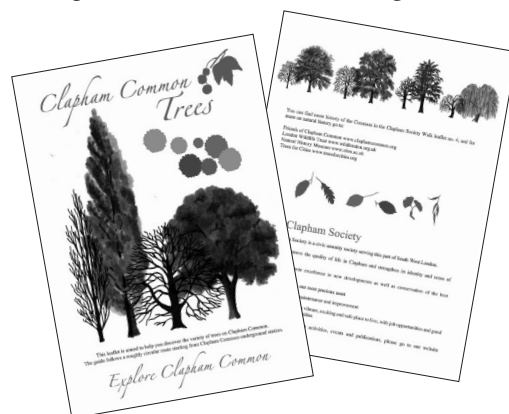


Members of the Sub-committee have helped the Survey of London team whose two-volume work on Battersea is due for publication in 2013, and have also contributed to the Wandsworth Heritage Festival with a walk 'Around Nightingale Lane' and a talk 'In pursuit of Violet Piercey'.

A photographic survey of streets pilot scheme was completed and we hope to proceed with this project shortly. Work is now complete on the Geophysical Survey of Clapham Court, the Norman Manor House and Clapham Place which we supported, and results will be added to the website. Our thanks to Michael Green for his scholarly report.

The website has been maintained and regularly updated by Christina Bonnett, at whose suggestion we have this year taken ownership of the web address instead of its being hosted by Outlines. We are grateful to Christina for the considerable amount of work involved in the process of transferring all the information.

The excellent newsletter has continued as usual, produced by Bill Emmett, Jennifer Everett and Alyson Wilson. We continue to receive interesting comments and contributions from members, and overseas readers of the newsletter on the internet, which are very welcome. These often relate to family connections with Clapham, and provide useful historical background.



Our free Clapham Common history map is still available and has been distributed at local events this year. We have also produced a new free guide to the trees on Clapham Common. This attractive leaflet, researched and written by Jennifer Everett and designed by Claire Fry, is proving very popular. Members may have additional copies of the tree guide if they wish. Claire also redesigned our display boards at very short notice, and, as for several years, has designed this report.

Our thanks to Maev Sullivan, convenor of our Events Sub-committee and Society solicitor, who is standing down this year. We are seeking someone to take over both these roles. If any member is interested in either, please do contact me.

Very sadly, we have to report the death of Michael Wilson, husband of Alyson Wilson. He was one of our longstanding members whose help to the Society has been invaluable over the years. He will be remembered with great affection and respect and missed at all our events.

Finally, I should like to offer my particular thanks to all the Committee Members and to Newsletter deliverers – and of course to all members of the Clapham Society for their continued support and interest.

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Chairman



THE CLAPHAM SOCIETY (Charity No. 279595)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2012

Note	2012			2011		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
INCOME						
Subscriptions: Standing Order	3,639		3,639	3,435		3,435
Other	730		730	779		779
	4,369		4,369	4,214		4,214
Donations	1,560		1,560	1,569		1,569
Income Tax recoverable	741		741	389		389
Summer Party	750		750	888		888
Events	0		0	165		165
Interest receivable	23		23	26	3	29
	<u>7,443</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,443</u>	<u>7,251</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7,254</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Newsletter printing	1,599		1,599	1,394		1,394
Printing, postage and stationery	300	1	301	525		525
Meeting room hire	720		720	1,149		1,149
Summer Party	840		840	922		922
Events expenses	353		353	0		0
Subscriptions & affiliations	218		218	530		530
Insurance	250		250	200		200
Donations: Committee member	95		95	46		46
Commemorative plaques	2,039		2,039	61		61
Website maintenance	721		721	460		460
Society map	0		0	1,450		1,450
Geophysical/architectural fees	1,486		1,486	3,090	3,238	6,328
Depreciation	262		262	262		262
	<u>8,883</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8,884</u>	<u>10,089</u>	<u>3,238</u>	<u>13,327</u>
Deficit	-1,440	-1	-1,441	-2,838	-3,235	-6,073
Surplus from publications	-896		-896	-81		-81
Deficit for the year	<u>-2,336</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2,337</u>	<u>-2,919</u>	<u>-3,235</u>	<u>-6,154</u>
Balance brought forward	37,860	454	38,314	40,779	3,689	44,468
	<u>35,524</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>35,977</u>	<u>37,860</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>38,314</u>

Publications

Sales	790		1,254
Stock brought forward	9,337		10,559
Purchases	292		117
Other publication expenses	113		14
Stock carried forward	-9,058		-9,865
Cost of sales	684		825
Surplus:	<u>106</u>		<u>429</u>
Bank interest	22		18
Stock written down	-1,024		-528
Deficit for year	-896		-81
Balance brought forward	18,385		18,385
Designated Fund	<u>3</u>	<u>17,489</u>	<u>18,304</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2012

Note	2012			2011		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Cost	1,331	756	2,087			1,687
Less: Depreciation	-467	-226	-693			-431
	<u>864</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>1,394</u>			<u>1,256</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock of publications			8,034			9,337
Debtors: HM Revenue and Customs		2,827			2,087	
Other & Prepayments		1,209	4,036		851	2,938
Cash at bank and in hand:						
NatWest Bank		2,637			8,436	
Charities Aid Foundation: Main Account		20,130	22,767		19,633	28,069
Bandstand Restoration Fund Account			0			1
Local History Fund Account			0			453
			34,837			40,798
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors & prepaid income			254			3,740
Net Current Assets			<u>34,583</u>			<u>37,058</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>35,977</u>			<u>38,314</u>
Represented by:						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Fund			18,035			19,556
Designated Publication Fund	3		17,489			18,304
			<u>35,524</u>			<u>37,860</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Clapham Bandstand Restoration Fund			0			1
Local History Fund			453			453
			<u>453</u>			<u>454</u>
			<u>35,977</u>			<u>38,314</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 £741 represents the estimated sum recoverable for this year.
- 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 on other pages of this Report.

Annabel Allott, Chairman

David Brown ACIS Treasurer
30 August 2012

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Income was slightly increased compared to last year. The Society has funded the production and placement of commemorative plaques and has made further payment towards the costs of a geophysical survey.

David Brown ACIS - Treasurer
30 August 2012

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee

I report on the Accounts of the Society for the year to 31st March 2012.

Respective Responsibilities of Executive Committee and Examiner

As trustees of the Committee you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(b) of the Act, 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 of the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Euan S Kennedy FCA, 5 Gauden Road, Clapham SW4 6LR
30 August 2012



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Local History

Derrick Johnson (Convenor), Annabel Allott, Mary Coales, Michael Green, Monique Hood, Peter Jefferson Smith, Alyson Wilson, Anne Wilson.

Planning

Philip Ashford (Convenor), John Adams, Roger Armstrong, Peter Copley, Ellen Leslie, Martin Pratt, David Whitestone.

Newsletter Delivery

The following members were responsible for delivering the monthly newsletters in 2011-2012. If you would like to know who delivers to you, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Christine Armstrong, Alan Bevan, Nicholas Butler and Rosaleen Hughes, Liz Coulson, Kath Derrig, Ann Dunkley, Jennifer Everett, Mike Fry, Marian Gleeson, Keith Grant-Peterkin, Monique Hood, Derrick and Janet Johnson, Val Johnson, Anna Long, Lili Massey, Charity McEvoy, Jennifer Pearson, Stewart and Ros Pedge, Vivienne Pickering, Joan Sinclair, Hazel Smith, Jean Virgoe, Helen Widgery, Alyson Wilson.

PUBLICATIONS

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.

This is our first colour publication. 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. **NOW REDUCED TO ONLY £6.**

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

CD of Clapham Antiquarian Society Occasional Sheets. (2005) The entire collection of monthly sheets (see above) issued between 1947 and 1992 by the CAS, which merged with the Clapham Society in 2005, on a CD. An invaluable resource for anyone researching Clapham history. Price £30.00

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 Clapham Library on North Side. **(Revised edition 2011)**

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 2011)**

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 2011)**

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 2011)**

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. **(New Walk 2011).**

The Drinking Fountain, Clapham Common. Christmas 1906. Greetings card. Sepia photograph of the Drinking Fountain in the snow printed on high quality white board. 12.7 x 17.6 cm. folded. Inside blank. Pack of 10 cards with envelopes £4.00.

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Postage and packing £2 per book. Greetings cards £1 for one pack, £2 for 2 or 3 packs. Please make cheques payable to The Clapham Society.

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