

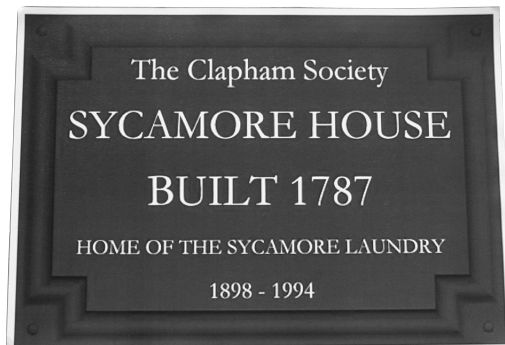


The Clapham Society

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2010

Like the rest of London, Clapham and its population are in constant flux, manifesting and reflecting movements in society and the economy throughout the wider world. The Clapham Society is a relatively stable and consistent feature, offering people who live and work in the area ways in which they can connect with their predecessors' history, and ensure that Clapham goes on into the future being an attractive and enjoyable place to live. This has been another year when the Society's work has built on the achievements of its past.

We will soon see the first of the Society's commemorative plaques identifying some of Clapham's most significant buildings. We decided to give priority to places that have changed use, of which the first will be Sycamore House, the former laundry in the Old Town, whose owner, Tim Gosling, generously contributed his professional skills by producing an attractive and appropriate design.



We have produced a one-page folded map of the Common, featuring local buildings and events. This was inexpensive to produce and we are able to give it out free, simultaneously increasing awareness of Clapham's history and of the Society. We are continuing to update our series of self-guided walks leaflets around the area, and have revised the ones on Nightingale Lane and the Common.

The Society's website (www.claphamsociety.com) is increasingly the way people find out about us and our work. Recognising this, we are posting more written material and pictures on it, such as, recently, an article on *The Oldest Inhabitant* (the title of a study of local history that was originally delivered as a talk in 1859). The website is an increasingly rich source of information, particularly about the area's history, disseminating the knowledge held, and research

done, by our members. For those who want to delve further back into the Society's past and the proceedings of the Clapham Antiquarian Society (CAS), we have scanned all the Occasional Sheets of the CAS and Clapham Society newsletters from 1973 to 2007 on to CDs and can make copies available.

Our regular talks in Clapham Manor School focus on subjects of local interest. For those unable to get to the meetings there are summaries in the newsletter on the website. We had talks about an old building – Sycamore House in Old Town – and a new one, Lambeth College on South Side. We were told about the Garden Museum, and some of the subjects of its exhibitions; and about the history of the movement for animal welfare in Battersea, including the dramatic history of the Brown Dog statue. September's Eric Smith lecture was about the forthcoming *Survey of London* volume on Battersea – probably the most significant current contribution to the record of local history.

During a generally disappointing summer we had two enjoyable guided walks. On the first we saw inside St Barnabas' Church and on the second, we were able to show people the interiors of Sycamore House and St Paul's Church, thanks to Tim Gosling and the Rev. Deborah Matthews respectively. The Society's summer party took place on another fine summer evening. Members staffed the Society's stalls at local summer fairs on three weekends in June, at Ben & Jerry's Sundae on the Common, and on the Car Free Day in the Old Town.



Learning the story of the Temperance Fountain on our July walk



This year saw the planting of many trees on the Common, among them two for which the Society paid: one (near Holy Trinity Church) to commemorate the life of the late Norman Marsh who was a founder member of the Society, worked tirelessly on its behalf for over 40 years and became its first President, and another (near Eagle Pond) in recognition of the work done for the Society by John How, another member of very long standing who held various offices in the Society over the years and has now left Clapham. We are glad that Lambeth has found sources from which to invest in the Common, improving the tennis courts, the facilities for cricketers and the Circus Site. While the Friends of Clapham Common put their energies particularly into the fabric of the Common, our longstanding relationship with the wider community means that our focus is more on local people's concerns. We provide a continuous channel of communication, on subjects large and small, between people who spend time on the Common and Lambeth Council officers. We are represented on the Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee and Lambeth Parks Forum.

The most significant proposals for Clapham's built environment to emerge during the year were for 'Clapham Gateway' – the redevelopment of the Old Town. As members will recall, the money that makes this possible is from Transport for London's budget and is available because of the Old Town's current function as a place where buses park. Before settling on the Society's response, we hosted a public meeting where the developers put forward their ideas and local people put their views across. We wanted the Society's response to be informed by the views of people who live, work and travel in and around the Old Town. Moreover, while we naturally want the Society's own views to prevail, we also want to help the local authority and the developers find out what the impact of their proposals will be from the individuals who will be most affected.

One issue – whether the buses should be moved so that they are parked along the south side of The Polygon and The Pavement, blocking views towards and from the Common and otherwise affecting the environment for the worse, or left in the Old Town – has dominated the reaction to these proposals. The position the Society took in its formal response was that with qualifications, the option of moving the buses had the edge, though neither option was wholly convincing. We felt we had to come down in favour of this alternative, because this space was and is Clapham's historic centre – it may have even been a village green once – and has the potential for revitalisation and place-making that cannot be fully exploited so long as the bus stands dominate the space. If this opportunity for a significant physical improvement is not taken now, we will probably not get another.

The Society was notified about 345 applications in the Borough of Lambeth for planning permission. The members of our Planning Sub-committee looked at 75 which might justify some response on our part, and eventually made representations about 40. The applications we made representations on were all relatively small scale and have been detailed in the newsletters. 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 ones.

There are very few large sites in our area which do not have outstanding planning permission, even if, because of the recession, they have not yet been built on. One is 35-51 Bedford Road, currently a builders' merchant. Lambeth Council has already designated the site for mixed-use redevelopment, so any objections will have to accept that principle. An application to redevelop the site was made earlier in the year but subsequently withdrawn. We looked at an application to change the proposed use of part of the stalled development on the Cannon's site, and objected, on the grounds that if it was used for living space the impact on people in Orlando Road would be unacceptable, and the housing itself would not offer adequate amenity.

There cannot be many civic amenity societies that are able to draw on so many skills, and so much knowledge, from their members. Everything the Society has been able to achieve in the last year was the result of people giving their time and effort voluntarily.

Thank you to everyone who has done his or her bit, whether it was to deliver newsletters, maintain our membership records and accounts, participate in meetings, enable meetings to happen by preparing agendas and minutes, engaging speakers, arranging premises and (most challenging of all ...) getting the IT to function; allowing their homes to be invaded for parties or visits, work on the subjects that our members and wider community want to know about, produce our newsletter, or maintain our website.

Among all these people who have been so generous with their time and their gifts, special thanks are due to the Richard and Susannah Roxburgh for letting us use their house and garden for the summer party, to Alyson Wilson for all the work she does to get the newsletter out, and to Peter Jefferson Smith, who this year finally resigned as Convenor of the Local History Sub-committee but whose vast knowledge of the subject we will fortunately still be able to draw on.

Alison Macnair

*Alison Macnair
Chair*



THE CLAPHAM SOCIETY (Charity No. 279595)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2010

	2010			2009		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME						
Subscriptions: Standing Order	3,219		3,219	3,253		3,253
Other	1,153		1,153	986		986
	<u>4,372</u>		<u>4,372</u>	<u>4,239</u>		<u>4,239</u>
Donations	1,465	375	1,840	1,556		1,556
Income Tax recoverable	2	169	169	315		315
Summer Party	642		642	660		660
Musical evening	580		580			
Interest receivable	100	3	103	465	138	603
	<u>7,328</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>7,706</u>	<u>7,235</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>7,373</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Newsletter printing	1,906		1,906	1,878		1,878
Printing, postage and stationery	416		416	559		559
Meeting room hire	810		810	810		810
Summer Party	747		747	176		176
Musical evening	522		522			
Events expenses	356		356	470	424	894
Subscriptions & affiliations	105		105	310		310
Insurance	230		230	230		230
Donations: Trees for Cities	1,350	375	1,725	1,000		1,000
Other	95		95	225		225
Conference on plaques	406		406	187	621	808
Website maintenance	169		169	135		135
Depreciation	7,112	375	7,487	5,980	1,045	7,025
	<u>216</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>1,255</u>	<u>-907</u>	<u>348</u>
Surplus						
Deficit from publications	-274		-274	-117		-117
Surplus for the year	<u>-58</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-55</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>-907</u>	<u>231</u>
Balance brought forward	40,837	3,686	44,523	39,699	4,593	44,292
	<u>40,779</u>	<u>3,689</u>	<u>44,468</u>	<u>40,837</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>44,523</u>

Publications

Sales	1,361	2,899
Stock brought forward	12,181	15,417
Purchases		66
Other publication expenses	13	122
Stock carried forward	-11,103	-13,246
Cost of sales	<u>1,091</u>	<u>2,359</u>
Surplus:	270	540
Bank interest		408
Stock written down	-544	-1,065
Deficit for year	-274	-117
Balance brought forward	<u>18,659</u>	<u>18,776</u>
Designated Fund	<u>3</u> <u>18,385</u>	<u>18,659</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Subscription income showed a slight increase compared to last year. The Society has funded the planting of trees on the Common to commemorate Norman Marsh and John How and their work on behalf of the Society. The Society was pleased to receive a generous donation from the Marsh family in respect of the plantings.

David Brown ACIS - Treasurer
30 August 2010

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee

I report on the Accounts of the Society for the year to 31st March 2010, as set out last year.

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:

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

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

(b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Euan S Kennedy FCA, 5 Gauden Road, Clapham SW4 6LR
30 August 2010

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2010

	2010			2009		
	Website	Newsletter	CD	£	£	£
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Cost	931	756	1,687			
Less: Depreciation	-93	-76	-169			
	<u>838</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>1,518</u>			
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock of publications			10,559		12,181	
Debtors: HM Revenue and Customs		1,698			1,919	
Other & Prepayments		<u>1,377</u>	<u>3,075</u>		<u>790</u>	<u>2,709</u>
Cash at bank and in hand:						
NatWest Bank		6,340			6,993	
Charities Aid Foundation: Main Account		<u>19,594</u>	<u>25,934</u>		<u>19,546</u>	<u>26,539</u>
Bandstand Restoration Fund Account	4		3,236			3,233
Local History Fund Account	4		453			453
			<u>43,257</u>			<u>45,115</u>
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors & prepaid income			307		592	
Net Current Assets			<u>42,950</u>		<u>44,523</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>44,468</u>		<u>44,523</u>	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Fund			22,394		22,178	
Designated Publication Fund	3		<u>18,385</u>		<u>18,659</u>	
			<u>40,779</u>		<u>40,837</u>	
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Clapham Bandstand Restoration Fund	4		3,236		3,233	
Local History Fund	4		453		453	
			<u>3,689</u>		<u>3,686</u>	

Notes to the Accounts

1. 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.

2. Income Tax Recoverable - The amount of £169 is made up of £735 for this year less £407 not claimed in time for 2003/04 and £159 overprovided for 2004/05 (2009 £536 overprovision).

3. Unrestricted Funds - The historic surpluses on publications are held in a "Designated Fund" for financing future publications.

4. Clapham Bandstand Restoration Fund and Local History Fund - The funds have been included in these Accounts as Restricted Funds.

5. 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.

Alison Macnair, Chair

David Brown ACIS Treasurer
30 August 2010



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Events

Maev Sullivan (Convenor), John Adams, Jill Cramphorn, Alison Macnair, Peter Jefferson Smith, Alyson Wilson.

Local History

Peter Jefferson Smith (Convenor until April), Annabel Allott, Mary Coales, Joan Deckker (from July), Catherine Fuller (from February), Michael Green, Monique Hood (from April), Brian Hutchinson (from February), Derrick Johnson (Convenor from April), David Perkin, Alyson Wilson.

Planning

Philip Ashford (Convenor), John Adams, Roger Armstrong, Jeremy Bayliss, Ellen Leslie, Emma Nicholson (until July), Martin Pratt, David Whitestone.

Newsletter Delivery

The following members were responsible for delivering the monthly newsletters in 2009-2010. If you would like to know who delivers to you, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Christine Armstrong, Alan Bevan, Nicholas Butler and Rosaleen Hughes (from April), Liz Coulson, Kath Derrig, Ann Dunkley (from March), Jennifer Everett, Mike Fry, Marian Gleeson, Keith Grant-Peterkin, Sonia Hancock (until July), Peter Holland (until February), Derrick and Janet Johnson, Val Johnson, Anna Long, Lili Massey, Charity McEvoy, Jennifer Pearson (from September), Stewart and Ros Pedge, David Perkin, 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. £10.00 (members) or £11.95 (non-members)

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. £ 9.00

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 50p each.

1. Old Clapham. A walk round the centre of Clapham, including The Polygon, Old Town, Rectory Grove and St Paul's Church and back to North Side, Holy Trinity Church and Trinity Hospice. (2003)

2. Clapham North. From Clapham North Underground Station to St John's Church, round the Clapham Rise Estate (Gauden Road, Sibella Road, Chelsham Road and Bromfelde Road) to Larkhall Park and the Springfield and Larkhall Estates, and back along Clapham Manor Street. (2007)

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 part of West Side. (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. (2010)

5. South Side. From Clapham South Underground Station 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. (2007)

6. West Side. Starting at Hightrees House at the corner of West Side and Nightingale Lane following along the side of the Common to St Barnabas Church and Alverstoke on North Side, and returning along streets one block back from West Side. (2007)

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.

Publications may be obtained from:

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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