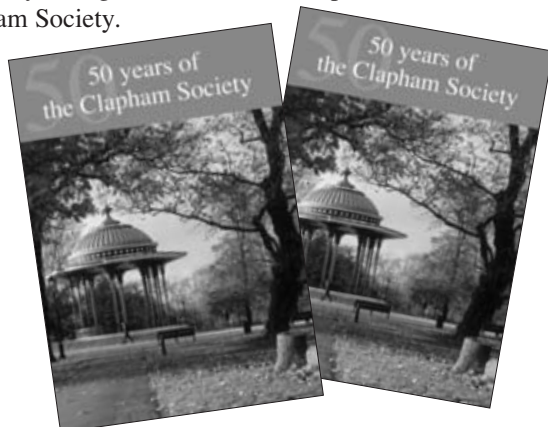




ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2013

The Clapham Society in its 50th year remains as vigorous and committed to the local community as it was at the inauguration in 1963. Membership numbers have remained steady over the last few years at around 800.

We started the celebration of our 50th anniversary this year with the publication of an excellent small booklet giving a snapshot of the Society's activities over this period. This was compiled from our records, and personal memories by Jill Cramphorn, Peter Jefferson Smith and Alyson Wilson, and designed by Claire Fry. Members received copies of this free booklet in July, but all are welcome to have more copies and we hope they will give it to friends to spread the word about the Clapham Society.



The celebration continued with our annual Summer Party held in the garden of our President, Martin Drury for which, many thanks. This was a most pleasant evening with good weather and an excellent turnout.

We concluded the celebrations on Sunday, 1 September with a most enjoyable jazz concert on the Bandstand. Junction Jazz, a local ten-piece band played a wonderful selection of music and the sun shone. Thank you to Peter Jefferson Smith for organising a memorable afternoon at the Bandstand.

One of our members said to me recently: 'We love it when a fresh newsletter comes through the letterbox, we fight to get at it first'. Not being involved in the production of the monthly newsletter, I can boast proudly that it remains one of the very best of all local society newsletters. It has continued as in previous years, with the same team and mostly the same deliverers. After many years Kath Derrig and Liz Coulson have retired as newsletter deliverers. We are grateful to them both for long and dedicated service in this essential role.

The self-guided walks leaflets continue to sell quite well, but sales of our books have been rather sluggish. Copies of our free Clapham Common history map, published in 2010 and of last year's free guide to the trees on Clapham Common are still available.

Our website has been maintained and regularly updated by Christina Bonnett, and we have recently added information about our latest Green Plaque which was unveiled in June.

Two volumes on Battersea are the latest in the *Survey of London* series. They cover the area's topographical and architectural history, giving a description of its buildings (including many which have been demolished), and explaining how they came into being, outlining their significance and historical associations. Since some western and northern parts of Clapham are included, this is very fitting for our anniversary year and we are looking forward to publication in November.

The Common and Open Spaces Sub-committee, ably led by Anna Jefferson Smith, has continued to meet bi-monthly with a plentiful supply of emails exchanged between meetings. Pressure on this much-valued green space has continued to mount, with many new activities ranging from growing pumpkins to the increasing sport of slacklining (a sort of tightrope walking on bands strung between two trees).

The Society has strong representation on the Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee and has been involved in the development of a number of projects including the repair/replacement of the changing rooms on West Side, the installation of a fitness trail, implementation of the tree strategy and work on the Long Pond. We expressed doubts about introducing training for young fishermen to the Long Pond, as there is already a monopoly for anglers in both Mount and Eagle Ponds. Some people find the practice of continually catching the same fish and returning them to the water distressing.

We continue to monitor events on the Common. So far in this year there has only been one large event, 'SW4'. Bad weather and a heavy footfall of 25,000 has left the events area badly scarred in spite of strenuous efforts to reinstate it. We also continue to press for lucrative commercial fitness enterprises to contribute towards the maintenance of the facilities they enjoy.

The consultation period before the implementation of Lambeth's Cooperative Parks Programme is now under way. The Society will be contributing to any discussions in the hope



of transparent and positive outcomes for Clapham Common, Agnes Riley Gardens, Grafton Square and Eden at St. Paul's.

We are very fortunate to have staff of the calibre of Victor Chin-Kit, our Area Parks Officer, and Jeff Macdonald of Veolia, who remain enthusiastic and positive in the face of cuts and an ever-increasing workload.

During the year we reviewed the workload of the Planning Sub-committee and agreed it would be timely to re-establish a sub-committee to concern itself with issues relating to highways and public transport.

Since a Roads and Transport Sub-committee last met nearly ten years ago, the Planning Sub-committee has retained an active watching brief in this area. It played a leading role in the lengthy detailed discussions with Lambeth Council and Transport for London (TfL) over proposals for reconfiguration of bus stands and rationalization of the road system around Old Town, and the creation of an attractive new piazza to provide a 'Gateway' to the area. This major £2.4m scheme finally obtained crucial TfL approval in January and is now underway as the Clapham Old Town Regeneration Project.

Mark Leffler agreed to convene a new sub-committee to take up the reins on transport matters, and this met for the first time in May. The sub-committee has set itself a broad remit that includes: the quality and maintenance of Clapham's streetscape; health and safety of road users and pedestrians; improvements to the local road network; public transport issues; and the operation of parking policy and controls across the area.

The intention is to work closely with the Planning Sub-committee where significant development proposals often have traffic implications, and this was reflected in comments submitted on the Council's draft revised Local Plan.

A key issue with which the sub-committee is currently engaged is the detailed implementation of Clapham Old Town Regeneration Project – whether it unduly disadvantages residents or local businesses, and whether these impacts can be mitigated. It is also looking at whether the current framework of parking controls and charges is appropriate and supported. The committee is looking to work with the local business community on matters of common concern and with the Town Centre Manager on townscape and other amenity issues.

These remain very early days for the new sub-committee, and it is still getting into its stride with new members, but I have no doubt it will provide a useful addition to the work of the Society in promoting the wellbeing of Clapham.

The Planning Sub-committee, headed up by Philip Ashford, has been hard at work on our behalf. Lambeth Council has recently published its draft local plan for consultation. It contains planning policies which will set the pattern for change in the borough for the next fifteen years. We have urged that the section on Clapham places greater emphasis on the need to keep the night time economy in the High Street under control. We were encouraged to see policies which aim to retain what is left of the retail role of the High Street and local centres like Abbeville Road by limiting the number of premises that can change from shops to restaurants and bars.

Otherwise there are no new large-scale development sites left in Clapham; all are either built, on site or already have planning permission. So pressure for extra housing space will take the form of proposals to extend buildings and for small new developments where sites can be found. The draft plan contains policies to ensure that such changes maintain the character of Clapham and are well designed, and we had made recommendations to beef them up where we think necessary.

The Local History Sub-committee, headed up by Derrick Johnson has had a productive year, with plaques being unveiled on the former Odeon Cinema on Balham Hill, and the Old Fire Station on The Pavement. A big thank you to Tim Gosling, the well-known local designer, who drew up the original design of the plaque, and has adapted the design for each new plaque.

As usual, we have received a steady flow of enquiries, many from overseas, from people seeking information on Clapham whilst researching their forebears. We spoke to many members of the public at Holy Trinity Fayre and St Paul's Fair, and at the Abbeville and Nightingale Lane fetes and were able to answer questions. Many others joined us for the summer walks and we also ran a walk for the Wandsworth Heritage Festival, at which Peter Jefferson Smith gave a talk 'The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful' which was well received.

We would like to record a very special thanks to Michael Green, who resigned in June after ten years on the Local History Sub-committee. His input has been invaluable in so many areas, but most notably the geophysical survey of Clapham Court, the Norman Manor House and Clapham Place.

Throughout the year, we have had interesting speakers at our meetings and have covered a wide range of topics including Trees for Cities, the Cinema Museum, the new US Embassy at Nine Elms, Lambeth architecture 1919-1939, Emily Wilding the suffragette, 575 Wandsworth Road, a sewing cafe and we had a very spirited Local Issues meeting where members expressed their views and concerns.

The Clapham Society was pleased to donate 100 chairs to Omnibus, the new arts centre for Clapham, the brainchild of George Owen. George has worked tirelessly for several years to raise money and to plan the multi-arts centre, which is due to open shortly in the old library on North Side. Omnibus offers a mix of theatre, music, opera, talks and exhibitions. It has a splendid bar as well as meeting rooms and performance spaces. From the start of 2014 we propose to hold our meetings in The Studio at Omnibus on the third Monday of the month. Details of these meetings will be in the forthcoming newsletters. I hope more members and friends will join us at the meetings, and at the bar before and afterwards! Meetings are free and not restricted to Clapham Society members.

The continuing success and vigour of the Clapham Society is due to all our members, but especially to a small but hardworking group of Committee and sub-committee members whose names appear over and over again. Thank you.

Annabel Allott
Chairman



THE CLAPHAM SOCIETY (Charity No. 279595)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2013

Note	2013			2012		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
INCOME						
Subscriptions: Standing Order	3,626		3,626	3,639		3,639
Other	740		740	730		730
	<u>4,366</u>		<u>4,366</u>	<u>4,369</u>		<u>4,369</u>
Donations	1,785		1,785	1,560		1,560
Income Tax recoverable	306		306	741		741
Summer Party	828		828	750		750
Interest receivable	21		21	23		23
	<u>7,306</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,306</u>	<u>7,443</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,443</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Newsletter costs	1,625		1,625	1,599		1,599
Printing, postage and stationery	504		504	300	1	301
Meeting room hire	814		814	720		720
Summer Party	676		676	840		840
Events expenses	308		308	353		353
Subscriptions & affiliations	148		148	218		218
Insurance	252		252	250		250
Donations: Committee member	0		0	95		95
Others	1,552		1,552	0		0
Commemorative plaques	611		611	2,039		2,039
Website maintenance	1,104		1,104	721		721
Consultants re events noise levels	500		500	0		0
Trees leaflet	1,354		1,354	0		0
Geophysical survey	198		198	1,486		1,486
Depreciation	538		538	262		262
Sundry expenses	154		154	0		0
	<u>10,338</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,338</u>	<u>8,883</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8,884</u>
Deficit	<u>-3,032</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-3,032</u>	<u>-1,440</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1,441</u>
Surplus/-Deficit from publications	521		521	-896		-896
Deficit for the year	<u>-2,511</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-2,511</u>	<u>-2,336</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2,337</u>
Balance brought forward	35,524	453	35,977	37,860	454	38,314
	<u>33,013</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>33,466</u>	<u>35,524</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>35,977</u>

Publications

Sales	1,327		790
Stock brought forward	8,034		9,337
Purchases	0		292
Other publication expenses	175		113
Stock carried forward	-7,383		-9,058
Cost of sales	<u>826</u>		<u>684</u>
Surplus:	501		106
Bank interest	20		22
Stock written down	0		-1,024
Surplus/-Deficit for year	521		-896
Balance brought forward	17,408		18,304
Designated Fund	<u>17,929</u>		<u>17,408</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report

The income of the Society was slightly less than last year. Noteworthy items of expenditure were the publication of the 'Clapham Common Trees' leaflet (£1,354) and a £500 contribution towards a survey of noise generated by events on the Common. Donations included £500 to St Mary's and £750 for the benefit of the Pavilion.

Regarding Income Tax Recoverable, note 2, there is a significant amount of work involved in compiling a tax reclaim, and I regret that this was not done for 2009. I have given an undertaking that I will make claims for future years.
David Brown ACIS - Treasurer 30 August 2013

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee

I report on the Accounts of the Society for the year to 31st March 2013.

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 2013

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2013

Note	2013			2012		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Cost	1,331	1,462	2,793			2,087
Less: Depreciation	-788	-443	-1,231			-693
	<u>543</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,562</u>			<u>1,394</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock of publications			7,383			8,034
Debtors: HM Revenue and Customs		3,133			2,827	
Other & Prepayments		109	3,242		1,209	4,036
Cash at bank and in hand:						
NatWest Bank		1,605			2,637	
Charities Aid Foundation: Main Account		20,168			20,130	
In hand		18	21,791		0	22,767
			<u>32,416</u>			<u>34,837</u>
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors & prepaid income			512			254
Net Current Assets			<u>31,904</u>			<u>34,583</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>33,466</u>			<u>35,977</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Represented by:						
General Fund			15,084			18,116
Designated Publication Fund	3		17,929			17,408
			<u>33,013</u>			<u>35,524</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Local History Fund			453			453
			<u>453</u>			<u>453</u>
			<u>33,466</u>			<u>35,977</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 £306 represents the estimated sum recoverable for the year of £842 less £536 unrecoverable for 2009.
- 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 2013*



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Local History

Derrick Johnson (Convenor), Annabel Allott, Mary Coales, Joan Deckker, Michael Green (until June), 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.

Roads and Transport

Mark Leffler (Convenor), John Adams, Philip Ashford, Jenny Copley, Jill Cramphorn, Teresa Israel.

Newsletter Delivery

The following members were responsible for delivering the monthly newsletters in 2012-2013. 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 (until April), Kath Derrig (until January), 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, Martin Richards (from May), Anna Roads (from February), 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 'the former 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).**

We also have stocks of several FREE publications: History map of Clapham Common, Clapham Common Trees and *50 Years of the Clapham Society*, our 50th anniversary celebration booklet. If you would like copies of any of these please contact Alyson Wilson (see below) Publications may be obtained from:

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Email: alysonwilson.sw4@virgin.net. **Personal callers by prior arrangement.**

Postage and packing £2 per book. Walks leaflets 50p for up to seven. 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