

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF COUNCIL

SESSION 2010–2011

Officers and Council

- At the Anniversary Meeting on 26 November 2010 the Officers of the Society were re-elected.
- The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Mr R Fisher and Professor D M Palliser. Dr R Baldock, BA, PhD and Professor C Kidd, BA, DPhil were elected to replace them.
- The Officers retiring under By-law XV were Professor J P Parry, Honorary Treasurer and Professor M Cragoe, Honorary Director of Communications. Professor M J Hughes, BA, MSc, PhD and Dr E Griffin, BA, MA, PhD were elected, respectively, to replace them.
- A new Office was created under By-law XV of Honorary Academic Editor (BBIH). Professor S J C Taylor, MA, PhD was elected to this Office.
- The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor S Connolly, Professor T Hitchcock, and Professor N Miller. Professor D Feldman, MA, PhD, Professor A Musson, MA, MusB, LLM, PhD and Dr A Thacker, MA, DPhil, FSA were elected in their place.
- The Society's administrative staff consists of Sue Carr, Executive Secretary and Melanie Ransom, Administrative Secretary.
- Kingston Smith LLP were re-appointed auditors for the year 2010–2011 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 Annual Report contains individual reports of the activities of the seven Committees which support the work of Council: Research Policy, Education Policy (formerly Teaching Policy), General Purposes, Publications, Finance, Membership and Research Support. The remarks which now follow are a preface to these more detailed reports.

Throughout the year the Society has maintained its prominent role in defending and advancing the interests of the discipline and the profession.

As noted last year, the government's research funding strategy, announced in April 2009, protected science funding and seriously disadvantaged some high-scoring History Departments and their institutions. In 2009–10 we saw individual institutions' reactions to the difficult financial situation, including threats to posts in History and related disciplines. In 2010–11 these concerns were overtaken by fears for the whole HE Humanities sector, following the Browne report (October 2010) and the consequent fierce debate about funding and student fees. Neither the short- nor the long-term effects of these drastic changes in the structure of funding on the study of History at universities and the university system as a whole can be clearly forecast. Of similar concern to Council and the Society is the increasing focus on 'strategic' research funding, and the cutbacks, by several different funders, of the small grants schemes vital to much independent, curiosity-driven historical research. The President, Vice-Presidents, Officers and Councillors have contributed to public and private debate on these issues, and are seeking to develop contacts with government to pursue these concerns.

While the Historical Association takes the lead on History in schools, this is another important concern of the Society (curriculum, content, teacher training, continuing professional development of teachers). The President, Professor Peter Mandler, Vice-President and Chair of the Education Policy Committee, and other members of Council met with representatives from several UK examination boards on 29 September 2010, to discuss recent developments in the A-Level History curricula and examinations. This was the latest in a series of annual meetings. On 22 November 2010, the President hosted a dinner with Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education, and a number of distinguished historians. The A-Level syllabus was one topic of discussion. Mr Gove promised to attend a future event organised by the Society. Council also later discussed The Royal Society of Edinburgh Advice Paper: The Teaching of History in Scottish Schools, and its usefulness to the English debate.

The shape of HEFCE's future Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) has become clearer, and the membership of panels and sub-panels has been announced. An ad-hoc subcommittee of Council led by the President and Ms Joanna Innes, Vice-President and Chair of the Research Policy Committee, worked very hard making nominations to these panels, many of which were accepted. The contribution of publications, research environment, and 'impact' to the overall REF assessment was settled but aspects of the assessment criteria and the working methods of the panels are still being worked out; consultation with HEIs closed on 5 October 2011, and the Society has made a detailed response.

The Society is maintaining its contacts with AHRC, and has responded to a number of developments and policy statements. The announcement

of further devolution of BGP funding (in this case for research students' travel and research expenses) to HEIs, at a flat rate of £200 per student, arouses concern that unless institutions put in place policies to guard against it, this could disadvantage those History research students who need significant sums for overseas travel and research. Research Support Committee has noted a rise in applications to the Society for travel grants and is seeking to ensure that HEIs are meeting their obligations to their own students. AHRC announced a reduction, allocated by HEI and not by discipline or subject, in the previously-notified numbers of funded students for 2011. AHRC has also decided to phase out its smaller research grant schemes, in favour of larger grants and a focus on 'research leadership'. Inside and outside Council there has been considerable discussion of government's role in directing research activity, the Haldane principle, and the incorporation of themes such as 'the Big Society' into research council policy statements. In all these areas the Society's representatives have been active and vocal. The annual meetings formerly held between representatives of ESRC and a group of relevant History societies, led by the Economic History Society, have been revived and the first meeting is scheduled for November 2011.

The society maintains good relations with The National Archives through formal and informal meetings, especially between the President and the CEO of TNA, Mr Oliver Morley, although the Society is not formally represented on the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on National Records and Archives. Collaboration with TNA also continues in the form of the Gerald Aylmer seminar, held this year on 25 February at the Institute of Historical Research, focusing on the understanding and use of medieval and early modern archives, with two panel discussions and an attendance of some fifty people. The IHR's support for the event was very welcome, and it is hoped that the organisation of the seminar will in future become a wider partnership.

The online Bibliography of British and Irish History, in partnership with the Institute of Historical Research and Brepols, has now been running on a subscription basis for over a year, with a very encouraging level of subscriptions. Professor Stephen Taylor was elected to the new honorary post of Academic Editor of the BBIH.

Following initiatives suggested last year, the Society has begun to record and podcast its lectures. Discussions of the Society's website, and the ways in which it can be made more useful and attractive to Fellows, are continuing. Dr Emma Griffin was elected Honorary Director of Communications, in succession to Professor Matthew Cragoe, and her first edited newsletter has appeared.

In accordance with normal practice, Council appointed two subcommittees to search for the next President of the Society, in succession to Professor Jones, who retires from office in November 2012,

and the Honorary Secretary, in succession to Professor Harding, who retires in November 2011. The Presidential subcommittee comprised Dr Baldock (in the chair), the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, and Professor Fincham. After consultation and discussion they nominated Professor Peter Mandler, currently a Vice-President and formerly Honorary Secretary, and the nomination was unanimously approved by Council at its May meeting. The second subcommittee comprised Professor Bernard (in the chair), Professor Dixon, Dr Lewis and the President; after similar consultation and discussion, they nominated Dr Adam Smith, UCL, and the nomination was unanimously approved by Council.

Officers and members of Council made two visits this year on behalf of the Society, to the University of York on 29 October 2010 and to Lancaster University on 16–17 June 2011. At York, Council members held meetings with academic and research staff and postgraduate research students in the Department of History, and the visit concluded with a very well-attended and well-received lecture by Professor Catherine Hall, UCL. At Lancaster, Council members held a meeting with postgraduate research students of the History Department and the President chaired a plenary session at the symposium sponsored by the Society ‘Edges of Europe: Frontiers in Context’.

The Society continues to work closely with the IHR and its Director, Professor Miles Taylor, on a number of issues, most notably the Bibliography of British and Irish History. 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, including the Society’s Centenary and Marshall Fellowships. A joint reception was held following the Prothero Lecture on 29 June 2011.

Council and the Officers record their gratitude to the Society’s administrative staff: the Executive Secretary, Sue Carr and the Administrative Secretary, Melanie Ransom. We thank them for their expert and dedicated work on the Society’s many activities.

RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE, 2010–11

It is not obvious how most effectively to intervene in public policy discussions in the current rather ideological policy climate, in which moreover bodies in receipt of public money tend to be ‘captured’ by a government agenda, to which they feel compelled to defer, limiting their ability to reflect back to policymakers the views of their own constituencies. The Committee continues to discuss this, as well as how it can best work together with other bodies such as History HE UK and the Historical Association in this connection, and in what terms it

is best to contest the many problematic elements of public discourse. It has noted with interest the establishment in the United States of a National Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences, charged with identifying 'the top ten actions that Congress, state governments, universities, foundations, educators, individual benefactors, and others should take now to maintain national excellence in Humanities and social scientific scholarship and education, and to achieve long-term national goals for our intellectual and economic well-being; for a stronger, more vibrant civil society; and for the success of cultural diplomacy in the 21st century?' (<http://www.humanitiescommission.org>). It will monitor the proceedings of this Commission, to see whether it might provide a useful reference point.

The Committee was pleased to learn that, following an initiative from Dr Tristram Hunt MP, the All-Party Group on Archives is extending its remit to become the Group on Archives and History.

A meeting held at the British Academy on the subject of the Haldane Principle was attended by Professor Peter Mandler on behalf of the Society.

The Committee continues to monitor the activities of the AHRC and ESRC, informed by comments from Fellows and Council and the Society's representatives on its panels and committees. The President submitted comments on the future of the AHRC's Block Grant scheme for funding doctoral research on behalf of the Society. The President has also critically discussed with the AHRC the effects of devolving funding for research expenses to universities. The fact that this is done on a per capita basis means that funding is not necessarily effectively channelled to students for whose research it is crucial, particularly those whose research necessitates trips abroad. University policy is also a matter of concern: it is crucial that universities carefully consider the arrangements they have in place for distributing these funds. The Committee will attempt to monitor this, and make further representations to the AHRC if necessary.

AHRC policies for funding academic research, within the envelope set by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, have also been critically discussed. The Committee is concerned about the planned increase in the share of funding to be devoted to thematic research strands, and about plans to reshape research leave with an emphasis on training future research leaders. It seems that increasingly the AHRC regards it as the role of other bodies, such as Leverhulme, to fund individual, curiosity-driven research. Although it is clear that the intention is to define the prioritised themes broadly, they are not all encompassing; furthermore there is tension between their very breadth and the proclaimed aim of fostering cutting edge research that will advance the discipline in selected areas. Even supposing it were right to target research funding,

it is questionable whether a small number of decision-makers within the AHRC has the competence to identify appropriate targets.

The Committee continues to follow REF arrangements carefully. After consultation with the membership, the Committee submitted an extended list of nominations for the Humanities and History panels; most of those ultimately appointed appeared on the panel's list (of course, many of these were no doubt also nominated by other subject associations). The Chair of the History Panel, Chris Wickham, held a special meeting with the Society's Council to discuss the consultation papers circulated in connection with the REF (these can be seen on the REF website at <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/pubs/>). Members were invited to send in comments to inform discussion at this meeting.

The Committee has also continued to develop its relationship with the British Library, which faces 15% cuts. A meeting was held in October attended by the President and others, at which relations between the Library and HE institutions, and also the Library's archival collection strategy, were especially discussed.

The Committee has continued to nurture its relationship with TNA, and is pleased that the acting CEO has indicated his interest in continuing to meet informally with subject representatives. TNA this year faces a 25% budget cut; savings it made last year will help it to accommodate this. TNA's supervisory role in relation to local government archives is a particularly important one in a period when local archives are also under significant pressure as a result of budget cuts.

The Committee has also considered the Society's relationship with the new Archives and Records Association (replacing the former National Council on Archives). The Committee agreed to consult Councillor Dr David Thomas (of TNA) about the implications for archivists of the bill for reform of the Law of Defamation (consultation on the draft bill closed in July 2011).

According to practice first established last year, a joint meeting with Education Policy Committee was held in July. At this, the general issue of how best to contribute to public policy debate, and the AHRC's research-funding policy, were discussed.

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE 2010–11

The Education Policy Committee considers all aspects of History in education from schools to postgraduate level, although naturally it relies very much on other organisations to take the lead in areas where they have specific expertise, for example, the Historical Association for schools and History UK (HE) for universities. To this end the Committee co-opts representatives from the HA, History UK and also from the Higher Education Academy's History Subject Centre, so that it might serve as a

meeting-point for the various bodies that share an interest in this area. The Society is grateful to Dr Andrew Foster, Dr Jason Peacey and Dr Sarah Richardson for acting in this capacity.

This year was one of unprecedented upheaval in all aspects of education, with the government's announcements of a new system of higher education funding (which very largely replaces the system of direct grants for teaching with an income stream from student fees), a review of the national curriculum and a reconsideration of the entire regulatory framework for both schools and universities. The Committee worked hard to keep up with the pace of events.

On the place of History in the schools, the Committee was grateful for the expert advice of Dr Michael Maddison HMI, Ofsted's specialist adviser for History, who spoke at two of our meetings this year, including our annual joint meeting with the Research Policy Committee. His cool and clear appraisal of the state of history in the schools, 'History for All', was published in March 2011, and while it is not alarmist about the prospects for History – GCSE and A-Level numbers remain stable – it identifies important points of weakness (in primaries, at KS3, in academies). The Committee can also recommend the Royal Society of Edinburgh's January 2011 advice paper, 'The Teaching of History in Scottish Schools', for some interestingly parallel remarks. The Committee's lines of communication to the examination boards – organized through our annual meeting with chief history examiners – provided additional valuable information on patterns of uptake at GCSE and A-Level. It was decided not to contribute to the first phase of the government's national curriculum review, which was limited to very general principles, but the Committee now feels well prepared to contribute to the second phase in 2012 where the content of national curriculum subjects, including History, will be considered. The meeting that the President organised in November 2010 with the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, also provided an opportunity for an early airing of historians' views.

The impact of the new system of higher education funding will not be clear until admissions for the 2012–13 academic year are further advanced. The Committee worked with the President to monitor closely pre-emptive moves that might be taken by university administrations, and proposals to end the teaching of History at the University of Cumbria and London Metropolitan University were followed closely and with great concern. A particular worry is that opportunities for less able students to study History both at school and at university are shrinking most rapidly.

Among the first effects of government reform of the regulatory system has been the closure of the History Subject Centre. The Committee is working closely with History UK and others to consider how some of the Subject Centre's most important functions might be carried on by others.

One focus of the joint meeting with the Research Policy Committee was a discussion of how the Society might best contribute to some of the policy-forming roles that the Subject Centre undertook. The impact of other regulatory changes – questions of the future of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, the closure of the Qualifications and Curriculum and Development Agency, and the reconfiguration of the HE funding bodies – remain obscure at the time of writing. But it is clear that learned societies will be called upon by government for more aid and advice in future, and be needed more to speak up in a disinterested way for scholarship and learning, and the Committee anticipates as crowded an agenda next year as this.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 2010–11

The remit of this Committee ranges across many activities of the Society. It receives suggestions from Fellows and Council for speakers 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.

The programme of lectures and visits for 2011 was confirmed, including visits to Lancaster University in June and the University of Glamorgan in November. Proposals for 2012 have been discussed and speakers invited. Regional symposia and visits to Sheffield and Southampton will take place in 2012. 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 2011 Gerald Aylmer Seminar was held in February on ‘Training and research skills in the use of early (medieval and early modern) archives’ (reported above) and discussions with TNA and the IHR for the 2012 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. It is grateful to members of Council for their hard work in reading entries and selecting the prize winners.

Meetings of the Society

Six papers were given in London this year.

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

'The Media Revolution in Early Modern England: An Artist's Perspective', Professor Dror Wahrman (30 June 2010: Prothero Lecture)

'The Demise of the Asylum in Late Twentieth Century Britain: A Personal History' Professor Barbara Taylor (24 September 2010)

At the Anniversary Meeting on 26 November 2010, the President, Professor Colin Jones delivered his second address on 'French Crossings II: Laughing over Boundaries.

'Negotiating the medieval and the modern', Professor Janet Coleman (4 February 2011)

'After 1848: The European Revolution in Government', Professor Christopher Clark (6 May 2011)

The Colin Matthew Memorial Lecture for the Public Understanding of History was given on Wednesday 11 November 2010 by Professor Amanda Vickery 'Fashion, Time and Place in Georgian England'. 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 2010 attracted thirteen entries and was awarded to:

Richard Huzzey for his article 'Free trade, free labour, and slave sugar in Victorian Britain' in *Historical Journal*, 53, 2 (2010).

The *judges'* citation read:

This is a sophisticated and impressively researched essay, which draws on a wide range of sources to re-examine the controversy over the sugar duties in the early Victorian period and what the debate reveals about attitudes towards slavery. The main focus of Huzzey's attention is the relationship between religion – above all, evangelicalism – and political economy. This has hardly been a neglected theme in writing on nineteenth-century British history in recent years. What is really impressive about this essay, therefore, is not simply its understanding of the controversy or its ability to locate it within the current historiography, but rather the way in which it succeeds in taking the historical debate forward. Huzzey's key argument is that the sugar duties debate needs to be understood as 'a reckoning between two contradictory traditions within the movement for abolition and emancipation'. He has produced a remarkably mature and persuasive essay, which makes an important contribution to our knowledge of both free trade and abolitionism in the nineteenth century and will be a key point of reference in future debate.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:

Erika Hanna, 'Dublin's north inner city, preservationism and Irish modernity in the 1960s', in *Historical Journal*, 53, 4 (2010).

The David Berry Prize for an article on Scottish history for 2010 attracted seven entries and was awarded to:

Alasdair Raffe for his article ‘Presbyterians and Episcopalians: The Formation of Confessional Cultures in Scotland, c. 1660–1715’, in *English Historical Review*, 125 (2010).

The judges’ citation read:

‘Presbyterians and Episcopalians: The Formation of Confessional Cultures in Scotland, 1660–1715’ persuasively argues that the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries saw Scottish religious life coalesce around two increasingly divergent (and oppositional) confessional cultures. Rejecting the standard view that few fundamental theological differences divided Scottish Episcopalians and Presbyterians, the author deploys a wealth of material drawn from pamphlet debates, sermons and Scottish archival sources to identify widening disagreements over a range of issues that included predestination, conversion and liturgical worship. Further compounded by growing disparities in Presbyterian and Episcopalian approaches to church government, these debates served to consolidate opposing confessional cultures that in turn underpinned distinctive political identities. Clearly written and abundantly supported with evidence, the article makes a substantial and welcome addition to recent literature on religious adherence in a crucial period of Scottish history.

The Whitfield Book Prize for a first book on British history attracted forty-four entries.

The Prize for 2010 was awarded to:

Arnold Hunt, *The Art of Hearing: English Preachers and their Audiences, 1590–1640* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

The judges’ citation read:

This year’s Whitfield Prize attracted all in all a pretty strong field of entries spanning the eleventh to the twentieth centuries. From these, the judges were unanimous in awarding the prize to Arnold Hunt. This book addresses a well-worn subject – the impact of protestant preaching in the later stages of the Reformation – but does so with entirely new perspectives and intriguing findings. Hunt is interested in the sermon as performance, and demonstrates that printed texts are only an approximate and polished version of what would have been heard from the pulpit. He also explores the reception of sermons among the congregation, a crucial component of the dissemination of the new faith, hitherto largely ignored by historians, which he analyses through a careful study of sermon notes taken by hearers. It transpires that what preachers laboured to emphasise was not always that on which parishioners fastened. Three case-studies (in Chapter Five) expose the crudity of our current understanding of the expectations of protestant congregations, and here he sets a new post-Haighian agenda. The final chapter also convincingly demonstrates the importance of the theology of predestination at popular level, against historians who have claimed that it was a rarified subject beyond the ken of most people. The book offers a series of sophisticated, linked arguments which will have a real impact on the field. It is also meticulously researched and written in clear, authoritative English.

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

The Prize for 2010 was awarded to:

Natalie A Zacek, *Settler Society in the English Leeward Islands, c. 1670–1776* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

The judges' citation read:

The dominant tendency among the historiography of Britain's West Indian colonies has been to depict the plantation societies of the Caribbean in dark, deeply negative hues. The sugar planters who settled in that region have been variously characterised as grasping capitalists, moral degenerates and cultural philistines, whose get-rich-quick mentality militated against the creation of stable societies committed to the preservation of a common English identity. In her sparkling study of the Leeward Islands (Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis and St. Kitts) from their independence from Barbados in 1670 to the outbreak of the American Revolution, Natalie Zacek challenges the notion that the English colonies of the West Indies were in any way failed societies. While she in no way downplays the centrality of black slavery to the economy of the Leewards, Zacek is primarily interested in exploring the complex dynamics of settler society and in doing so engages with a wide range of themes, including topography, migration, slavery, religion, ethnicity, gender and the family. The picture that emerges is of colonists who, while ready and able to adapt to an unfamiliar and sometimes hostile environment, were equally determined to uphold English social and cultural ideals. Subtle, reflective and elegantly written, this enlightening analysis not only rescues the Leewards from the margins of colonial studies, but is an important contribution to the wider discussion about the character of British colonial settlement in America.

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 attracted seven entries.

The Prize for 2010 was awarded to:

Elizabeth Hunter for her article "The Black Lines of Damnation": Melancholia and Reprobation in Reformation England'.

The judges' citation read:

This elegant paper negotiates the literature of Calvinist counsel and treatises on melancholy to tease out the varying positions on the relationship between despair, predestination, and melancholia. In doing so it contributes to our understanding both of godly pastoral counsel and of the confessional conflicts of the later sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.

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 comprised of representatives from the Society and *History Today* select, in the autumn, the national prize-winner 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 submissions were received.

The Prize for 2010 was awarded to:

Alexander Baggallay (University of Edinburgh) for his essay 'Myths of Mau Mau expanded: the role of rehabilitation in detention camps during the state emergency in Kenya, 1954–60'.

A runner up was nominated:

David Kenrick (University of Liverpool) for his essay 'Identity and the politics of survival: White Rhodesia, 1965–1980'.

An article by the prize-winner presenting his research will appear in *History Today* in 2011.

The German History Society, in association with the Royal Historical Society, awards 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 student either currently registered for a degree or having submitted their thesis within the last twelve months, at a university in either the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland.

The Prize for the winning essay in 2010 was awarded to:

Natalie Kwan (St Antony's College, Oxford), for her essay 'Woodcuts and witches: Ulrich Molitor's *De lamiis et pythonicis mulieribus*, 1489–1669'.

The Frampton and Beazley Prizes for A-Level performances in 2010 were awarded to the following nominations from the examining bodies:

Frampton Prize:

Edexcel: Claire Smith (Wallington County Grammar School)
OCR: Anna Glendenning (Prince Henry's Grammar School, West Yorkshire)

Beazley Prize:

SQA: Zara Reid (The Glasgow Academy)
CCEA: Amy Taylor (Coleraine High School)

The Director of the Institute of Historical Research announced the winner of the Pollard Prize 2011 awarded annually to the best postgraduate student paper presented in a seminar at the IHR. The Pollard Prize for 2011 was awarded to Siobhan Talbott (University of Manchester) for her paper "‘If you were hier you could gaine what you please, for thereis many English and severall Scots that you might deall with’: British Commercial Interests on the French Atlantic Coast, c. 1560–1713' given to the Economic and Social History of the Premodern World, 1500 – 1800 seminar. The article will appear in *Historical Research* in 2012.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, 2010–11

At the beginning of 2011 Dr Ian Archer resigned as Academic Editor of the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH), having guided the project successfully for over a decade and overseen the transition to our new publisher. Professor Stephen Taylor was elected to the new position of Honorary Academic Editor (BBIH). The new publication arrangements with Brepols continue to bed down well and there continues to be a good take up of subscriptions, particularly among British higher education institutions. Progress has been made in negotiations about a reduced rate subscription for Fellows and Members of the Society, which will become available in the course of 2012. We have again exceeded our annual target for new records, adding over 15,000 to the Bibliography during the year 2010–11; the total number of records in the database now stands at over 500,000. Dr Jason McElligott has taken over as the section editor for the modern Irish material.

The updating of the Society's website has coincided with an overhaul of the lists of local record society publications (formerly known as *Texts and Calendars*). The updates were previously made available through the Bibliography, but the lists are now being maintained separately by the Executive Secretary, ensuring that this resource remains free to end users.

The Publications Committee remains responsible for the ongoing programme. Professor Arthur Burns 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.

Transactions, Sixth Series, Volume 20 was published during the session, and *Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 21 went to press.

In the Camden, Fifth Series, *The Life of John Rastrick, 1650–1727*, ed. Andrew Cambers (vol. 36) and *British Envoys to Germany 1816–1866, Vol. IV: 1851–1866* eds. Markus Mösslang, Chris Manias and Torsten Riote (vol. 37) were published during the session.

The Making of the East London Mosque, 1910–1951, ed. Humayun Ansari (vol. 38), *The Papers of the Hothams: Governors of Hull during the Civil War*, ed. Andrew Hopper (vol. 39) and *A Monastic Community in Local Society: the Beauchief Cartulary*, eds., David Luscombe, David Hey and Lisa Liddy (vol. 40) went to press for publication in 2011–12.

The *Studies in History* Editorial Board continued to meet throughout the year. The Second Series continues to produce exciting volumes. Dr Jon Lawrence retired from and Professor Barry Doyle joined the Editorial Board. The following volumes were published, or went to press, during the session:

- *The Scottish Middle March, 1573 to 1625*, Anna Groundwater

- *Samuel Rawson Gardiner and the Idea of History*, Mark Nixon
- *Time and the French Revolution: the Republican Calendar, 1789 – Year XI*, Matthew Shaw
- *Poverty, gender and life-cycle under the English Poor Law, 1760–1834*, Samantha Williams
- *Liberalism and Local Government in Early Victorian London*, Ben Weinstein
- *English Catholic Exiles in Late Sixteenth-Century Paris*, Katy Gibbons
- *Religion, Atheism and Enlightenment in Pre-Revolutionary Europe*, Mark Curran
- *Conquest and land in Ireland: the transplantation to Connacht, 1649–1690*, John Cunningham

As in previous subscription years, volumes in the *Studies in History* Series were offered to the membership at a favourably discounted price. Many Fellows, Associates and Members accepted the offer for volumes published during the year, and the advance orders for further copies of the volumes to be published in the year 2011–2012 were encouraging.

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

Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2010–11

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 LLP. They are presented later in *Transactions*, together with the Trustees' Annual Report.

The Society's expenditure was broadly in line with estimates. Income was considerably greater than anticipated, however, largely due to a greater than expected income from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press (due to on-going sales of the new digital archive).

The Society has run a surplus for a number of years, which has allowed it to build up a cash reserve in its COIF account and Barclays current account. The Finance Committee recognises that the coming years are likely to be more challenging financially than recent years, particularly as income from the digitisation component of the publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press will decline sharply. 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 in-year deficits.

The value of the Society's investments rose to £2.54 million in June 2011 from £2.16 million in June 2010. The total return was well ahead of the return for the APCIMS Balanced (Total Return) index against which

performance is benchmarked. The portfolio continues to be managed by Brewin Dolphin Securities for the longer term and is now practically fully invested. Dividend income declined slightly in 2010–11, in part because of a slight shift away from the very defensive investment strategy that had been pursued in recent years, although it still covered almost all the society's 'draw-down'.

Mr Adam Broadbent kindly agreed to become an external member of the Finance Committee, joining Dr Nick Draper, and we are grateful to them for their help and advice throughout the year.

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- Mr T V Ward

Membership

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 2010–11

The Committee reviews all applications for Fellowship and Membership received by the Society, and makes recommendations to Council. The Committee is keen to encourage applications for Fellowship on the basis of scholarly achievement in history, whose definition is not limited to traditional forms of publication, but also includes, for example, the curatorship of exhibitions and publication in newer media. The Committee is glad to receive applications to join the Society in either the Fellowship or Membership category, and emphasises that it favours a broad view of what constitutes history when assessing candidates.

The Committee would also like to draw the attention of supervisors and postgraduate students to the new category of Postgraduate Member. The first intake of Postgraduate Members started their Membership in the July 2010 - June 2011 subscription year. Postgraduate Members apply in the same way as regular Members but if they are current research postgraduates (UK or overseas) they are entitled to their first two years' subscription at £10 (with all the same benefits of regular Membership), after which they automatically revert to normal Member status. The discounted first two years still applies even if the students finish their degree during that time. The Society does require proof of postgraduate research student status, but only at the time of election.

The following were elected to the Fellowship:

Kevin J Alban, MA, MTh, PhD
 Henrice Altink, BA, MA, MA, PhD
 Gerben Bakker, MSc, PhD
 Ian Barnes, BA, MA, PhD
 Laura D Beers, AB, MA, PhD
 Gill Bennett, MA
 Andrea Benvenuti, MA, DPhil
 Kate Bradley, BA, MA, PhD

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Alex Bremner, BA, MArch, PhD
Thom Brooks, BA, MA, MA, PhD
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Jane Cartwright, BA, PhD
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Stephen J Catterall, BA, MA, DPhil
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Peter J A Crooks, BA, PhD
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Robin H Darwall-Smith, BA, MA, DPhil
Christopher Davies, BA, MA
Peter Dorey, BA, MA, PhD
Nicholas A Draper, BA, MBA, MA, PhD
Heiko Feldner, MA, PGCE
Graeme A Garrard, BA, MA, DPhil
Brian Girvin, BA, MA, PhD
William Godsey, MA, PhD
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Claire Gorrara, BA, MSt, DPhil
Matthew Grant, BA, MA, PhD
James M Gratton, BA, MEd, PhD
Janet Greenlees, BA, MA, DPhil
Allan Greer, BA, MA, PhD
Carl J Griffin, BSc, PhD
Richard P Hallion, BA, PhD
Matthew Hammond, BA, MA, PhD
David Hein, BA, MA, PhD
David Hendy, MA, PhD
David M Hopkin, BA, MA, PhD
Jonathan House, AB, MA, MMAS
Mark M Hull, PhD, JD
Joanna Huntington, BA, MA, PhD
Anthony J G Insall, BA, PhD
John A Irving, BMus, PhD
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Timothy Leunig, BA, MPhil, DPhil
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Andreas Loewe, BA, MA, MPhil, PhD
Scott H Mandelbrote, MA
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Charles McKean, BA, Hon D.Litt
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David Milne, BA, MA, PhD
Joseph P Moran, BA, MA, PhD
Peter J Morden, BA, BD, MPhil, PhD
Simon J Morgan, BA, MA, DPhil
Axel E W Muller, MA
Lucy Noakes, BA, DPhil
Ralph O'Connor, BA, MA, MPhil, PhD
Sinead O'Sullivan, BA, MA, DPhil
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Richard G Rodger, MA, PhD
Jan Rueger, MA, PhD
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Jill A Shefrin, BA, MLS
Ales Skrivan, PhD
Philip J Smith, BA, MA, PhD
Stephanie Spencer, BA, MA, PhD
Andrew D Stewart, BA, PhD
Ingrid J Sykes, PhD
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The following were announced in the Queen's Honours Lists during the year:

Professor Rosemary Crampton – Fellow – D.B.E. for services to Scholarship.

Dr Simon Thurley – Fellow – C.B.E. for services to Conservation.

Dr Allen Warren – Fellow – O.B.E. for services to Higher Education.

Professor Thomas James - Fellow - M.B.E. for services to Higher Education.

Council was advised of and recorded with regret the deaths of 10 Fellows, 19 Retired Fellows, 3 Corresponding Fellows and 2 Associates.

These included:

Professor M Altschul – Retired Fellow

Mr A S Baxendale – Associate

Professor R W Beachey – Retired Fellow

Professor R A Chapman – Retired Fellow

Professor B Coward – Retired Fellow

Mr R S Craig – Fellow

Professor O Crisp – Retired Fellow

Reverend Dr R W D Fenn – Fellow

Dr J B Fitzpatrick – Fellow

Dr R L Frazier – Retired Fellow

Mr R K Gilkes – Retired Fellow

Professor J A S Grenville – Retired Fellow

Mr P Heath – Retired Fellow

Dr F Hull – Fellow

Professor K Ingham – Retired Fellow

Mr D L Jones – Fellow

Professor T R Judt – Fellow

Professor B G Kohl – Retired Fellow

Professor D Kosary – Corresponding Fellow

Mr J B Lewis – Associate

Dr W A Maguire – Retired Fellow

Professor J F McMillan – Fellow

Professor S Nagy – Corresponding Fellow
 Canon T J Prichard – Retired Fellow
 Professor A J R Russell-Wood – Retired Fellow
 Mr H F Starkey – Retired Fellow
 Dr A T Q Stewart – Retired Fellow
 Professor D M Tanner – Fellow
 Mrs D K G Thompson – Retired Fellow
 Professor F M Turner – Fellow
 Professor W V Wallace – Retired Fellow
 Professor Wang Jufei – Corresponding Fellow
 Dr A W A White – Retired Fellow
 Professor W N Yates – Fellow

Over the year ending on 30 June 2011, 105 Fellows and 102 Members were elected, and the total membership of the Society on that date was 3,042 (including 1,909 Fellows, 683 Retired Fellows, 15 Honorary Vice-Presidents, 81 Corresponding and Honorary Fellows, 45 Associates and 309 Members).

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 Mark Ormrod on the Archives and Records Association Consultative Forum;
 - Professor Richard Rathbone on the Court of Governors of the University of Wales, Swansea;
 - 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

Grants

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE, 2010–11

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 134 awards to researchers at over forty UK institutions, of which 11 grants were to support research within the UK, 34 to support research outside the UK, 46 to support attendance at conferences to deliver papers, 43 to allow conference organisers to subsidise attendance of early career researchers at their event, one (the Martin Lynn Scholarship) to support research within Africa. The broad range of topics funded by the Committee attests both to the vibrancy of the discipline in sub-fields that extend from medieval European religious history to contemporary South African history. Successful applicants' end-of-award reports confirm that RHS funding significantly enhances postgraduate students' opportunities to conduct substantial archival research projects and to hone their ensuing dissertation chapters and first publications through participation in national and international workshops and conferences. The calibre of applicants continues to be high, with significantly more qualified applicants than the Committee is able to fund - a circumstance that recent and impending reductions of research funding at both university and Research Council-level will likely exacerbate in the coming year. Further, to ensure that its limited funds are allocated to the most appropriate candidates, the Committee devoted considerable time this year to clarifying and streamlining its application process and criteria.

The Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship was awarded in the academic year 2010–2011 to Robert Priest (New College, Oxford) for work on 'The Production, Reception and Legacy of Ernest Renan's *Vie de Jésus* in France', and to Jan Machielsen (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford) for work on 'Demons & Letters; The Life and Works of Martin Delrio (1551–1608)'.

The Society's P J Marshall Fellowship was awarded in the academic year 2010–2011 to Alexander Russell (Jesus College, Oxford) for work on 'England and the general councils (1409–1562)'.

- Grants during the year were made to the following:

Travel to Conferences (Training Bursaries):

- Nicholas Barnett, Liverpool John Moores University
Cold War Cultures: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, University of Texas, 30th September – 3rd October 2010
- Adam Burns, University of Edinburgh
The 4th Annual Conference for Historians of the Twentieth-Century United States, University of Oxford, 7th–9th July 2011
- James Cameron, University of Cambridge
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Virginia, US, 23rd–25th June 2011

- Thomas Carter, University of Oxford
Reformation Studies Colloquium, Biennial Conference, St Andrews,
7th-9th September 2010
- Rory Cox, Aberystwyth University
The History PhD: Past, Present and Future, Institute of Historical
Research, 28th January 2011
- Alex Fairfax-Cholmeley, Queen Mary, University of London
Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750–1850, Tallahassee,
Florida, 3rd-5th March 2011
- Nicholas Grant, University of Leeds
New Perspectives on African American History and Culture,
University of North Carolina, 19th-20th February 2011
- Alix Green, University of Hertfordshire
The History PhD: Past, Present and Future, Institute of Historical
Research, 28th January 2011
- Katherine Harvey, King's College London
International Medieval Congress 2011, Leeds, 11th-14th July 2011
- Simon Hill, Liverpool John Moores University
British Scholar, Conference 2011, University of Texas, 31st March – 2nd
April 2011
- William Jewell, Liverpool John Moores University
6th European Society for Environmental History: Encounters of Sea
and Land, Turku, Finland, 28th June – 2nd July 2011
- Fiona Kao, University of Cambridge
The 1st St Andrews Graduate Conference for Biblical and Early
Christian Studies, St Andrews, 15th-16th June 2011
- Lionel Laborie, University of East Anglia
57th Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies,
Charleston, 10th-12th February 2011
- Jan Lanicek, University of Southampton
American Responses to the Holocaust: Transatlantic Perspectives,
Middelburg and Antwerp, 15th-17th June 2011
- Daniel Lee, University of Oxford
The Association for Jewish Studies: 42nd Annual Conference, Boston,
USA, 19th-21st December 2010
- Marie-Louise Leonard, University of Glasgow
Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Montreal,
24th-26th March 2011
- Sarah Lynch, University of Leeds
46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 12th-15th
May 2011
- Ruselle Meade, University of Manchester

- The Fourth Asian Translation Traditions Conference, Hong Kong, 15th-17th December 2010
- Matthew Mesley, University of East Anglia
Haskins Society Conference, Boston, USA, 4th-7th November 2010
 - Stephen Miles, University of Glasgow
9th International Conference on History: From Ancient to Modern, Athens, Greece, 1st-4th August 2011
 - Richard Mills, University of East Anglia
The North American Society for Sports History, Annual Conference 2011, Texas, US, 27th-30th May 2011
 - Rhys Morgan, Cardiff University
English and Welsh Diaspora: Regional Cultures, Disparate Voices, Remembered Lives, Loughborough University, 13th-16th April 2011
 - Stuart Morrison, University of Stirling
Encounters of Sea and Land: 6th Conference of the European Society for Environmental History, Turku, Finland, 28th June – 1st July 2011
 - Christian O’Connell, University of Gloucestershire
Jazz and Race, Past and Present, Open University, Milton Keynes, 11th-12th November 2010
 - Daniel Peart, UCL
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Philadelphia, USA, 14th-17th July 2011
 - Tamson Pietsch
The History PhD: Past, Present and Future, Institute of Historical Research, 28th January 2011
 - Stefan Ramsden, University of Hull
35th Annual Social Science History Association Conference: ‘Power and Politics’, Chicago, 18th-21st November 2010
 - Lowri Rees, Aberystwyth University
The North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History International Conference on Welsh Studies, Washington D.C., 22nd-24th July 2010
 - Fern Riddell, King’s College London
Politics, Performance and Popular Culture in Nineteenth-Century Britain, Lancaster, 7th-9th July 2011
 - Daniel Roach, University of Exeter
46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 12th-15th May 2011
 - Euryn Roberts, Bangor University
30th Annual Harvard Celtic Colloquium, Harvard University, 7th-10th October 2010
 - Tashia Scott, Oxford Brookes University

- The Canadian Association for the History of Nursing Congress 2011, New Brunswick, Canada, 28th-30th May 2011
- Carolanne Selway, King's College London
Australia & New Zealand Association of Medieval & Early Modern Studies Eighth Biennial Conference, Dunedin, 2nd-5th February 2011
 - William Smiley, University of Cambridge
Byzantine and Ottoman Civilizations in World History, Istanbul, Turkey, 21st-24th October 2010
 - Jean Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara
The History PhD: Past, Present and Future, Institute of Historical Research, 28th January 2011
 - Marjolein Stern, University of Nottingham
7th International Symposium on Runes and Runic Inscriptions: Runes in Context, Oslo, 9th-13th August 2010
 - Emma Sutton, UCL
The American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) Annual Meeting, Boston, 27th-30th December 2010
 - Tom Symmons, Queen Mary, University of London
International Association of Media and Film History Conference 2011, Copenhagen, Denmark, 6th-9th July 2011
 - Nimrod Tal, University of Oxford
Civil War, Global Conflict, Charleston, 3rd-5th March 2011
 - Tina Tamman, University of Glasgow
The History PhD: Past, Present and Future, Institute of Historical Research, 28th January 2011
 - Deborah Toner, University of Warwick
Food and Drink: Their Social, Political and Cultural Histories, Preston, 15th-17th June 2011
 - Daniel Travers, University of Huddersfield
2nd Island Dynamics Conference, Valletta, Malta, 11th-15th May 2011
 - Patrick Wadden, University of Oxford
The 29th International Conference of the Charles Homer Haskins Society, Boston, USA, 5th-7th November 2010
 - Emma Wells, University of Durham
New Approaches to Medieval Religious Cultures: Concepts, Perceptions and Practices of Piety and Charity, London, 16th December 2010
 - Sara Wolfson, University of Durham
The 57th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Montreal, 24th-26th March 2011
 - Akhila Yechury, University of Cambridge
Association for Asian Studies and International Convention of Asian Scholars Special Joint Conference, Honolulu, 31st March – 3rd April 2011

Research Expenses Within the United Kingdom:

- Jonathan Atherton, Newman University College
Archives in London, 7th-21st March 2011
- Andras Becker, University of Southampton
Archives in London, January – February 2011
- Eva Blomqvist, King's College London
Archives in Yorkshire, Manchester and Aberdeen, March – May 2011
- Miriam Cady, University of Leicester
Archives in Northern Ireland, 7th-16th February 2011
- Carolyn Donohue, University of York
Archives in London, July – August 2011
- Stephen Etheridge, University of Huddersfield
Archives in London, 9th-12th March 2011
- Aaron Hope, UCL
Archives in Lincoln, Winchester, Oxford and Cambridge, June 2011
- Fiona Kao, University of Cambridge
Latin Summer School, Durham, 14th-26th August 2011
- Eleni Liapi, University of York
Archives in London, July 2011
- Linsey Robb, University of Strathclyde
Archives in Reading, May 2011
- Andrew Senter, University of Essex
Archives in Essex and London, April – October 2011

Research Expenses Outside the United Kingdom:

- Michael Aeby, University of Sheffield
Archives and interviews in Cape Town, South Africa, May – June 2011
- Dawn Berry, University of Oxford
Archives in Ottawa, New York and Washington D.C., 8th-29th August 2010
- Olga Bertelsen, University of Nottingham
Archives in Kharkiv and Kiev, Ukraine, June – August 2011
- James Boyd, Cardiff University
Archives in Germany, 19th January – 26th February 2011
- Matthew Carnell, University of Sheffield
Archives in Washington D.C. and Yale, 19th July – 9th August 2010
- Benjamin Coombs, University of Kent
Archives in Ottawa, Canada, May – June 2011
- Caroline Cornish, Royal Holloway, University of London
Archives in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, India, September 2011
- Rabia Dada, University of Leeds

- Archives in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad, 15th October – 30th November 2010
- Thomas Davies, University of Leeds
Archives in California, May – July 2011
 - Christopher Dennis, Cardiff University
Archives in France, 17th-21st April 2011
 - Julie Farguson, University of Oxford
Archives in Amsterdam, 13th-22nd September 2010
 - Oliver Godsmark, University of Leeds
Archives in New Delhi and Mumbai, India, July – October 2011
 - Aaron Graham, University of Oxford
Archives in California, 6th December 2010 – 11th January 2011
 - Mark Hay, King's College London
Archives in the Netherlands, 3rd-30th January 2011
 - Asa McKercher, University of Cambridge
Archives in Maryland, Massachusetts, Texas and Kansas, USA, July – September 2011
 - Monica Merlin, University of Oxford
Archives in China, March – September 2011
 - Christopher Minty, University of Stirling
Archives in Michigan, USA, July – September 2011
 - Christopher Moffat, University of Cambridge
Archives and interviews in New Delhi, Patiala and Chandigarh, India, October 2011 – May 2012
 - John Mueller, University of Cambridge
Archives in Germany and Switzerland, January – October 2011
 - Emilie Murphy, University of Nottingham
Archives in Moscow, 1st September – 8th November 2010
 - Timothy Rogan, University of Cambridge
Archives in New York and Washington, D.C., USA, August – November 2011
 - Aidan Russell, University of Oxford
Archives in Paris, Brussels and Bordeaux, 16th August – 16th September 2010
 - David Sandifer, University of Cambridge
Archives in California, 28th September – 23rd October 2010
 - Pamela Schievenin, Queen Mary, University of London
Archives in Rome, 28th April -31st July 2011
 - Christian Schneider, University of Durham
Archives in Italy, 6th January – 26th February 2011, Archives in Madrid, 29th March – 14th May 2011
 - Louise Seaward, University of Leeds
Archives in Paris, September 2010 – September 2011

- Amal Tarhuni, London School of Economics
Archives in Michigan, Georgia, California, Tripoli, Damascus, Cairo,
London and Cambridge, February – December 2011
- Andrew Tillman, University of Cambridge
Archives in Venezuela, 15th January – 15th May 2011
- Peter Whitewood, University of Leeds
Archives in Moscow, February – May 2011
- Rebecca Williams, University of Warwick
Archives in New Delhi and Punjab, 15th October 2010 – 29th April 2011
- Christopher Wilson, University of Exeter
Archives in Rome, December 2010
- Rachel Wilson, Queen's University Belfast
Archives in Dublin, Ireland, June – July 2011
- Lisa Wotherspoon, University of Aberdeen
Old Irish Summer School, Limerick, Republic of Ireland, 20th June –
1st July 2011
- William Young, University of Glasgow
Archives in Berlin, Germany, August – September 2011

Conference Organisation (Workshop):

- Christopher Abel
“The Theme of Independence in Latin American History”
UCL, 27th-28th October 2011
- Olly Ayers
“South-East Hub for History Postgraduate Conference: ‘Why Study
the Past?’”
University of Kent, 15th June 2011
- Emily Baughan
“Empires and Humanitarianism”
University of Bristol, 20th May 2011
- Anke Bernau
“Gender and Punishment”
University of Manchester, 11th-13th January 2012
- Lucy Bland
“‘Looking Back – Looking Forward’: The Twentieth Annual Women’s
History Network Conference”
The Women’s Library, 9th-11th September 2011
- Caroline Bowden
“Identities, organisations and exile: Towards a History of Women
Religious of Britain and Ireland”
Queen Mary, University of London, 24th-25th June 2011
- Christina Brindley
“Third History Lab North West Postgraduate Workshop”

- Manchester Metropolitan University, 1st June 2011
- Alison Carrol
“Society for the Study of French History Annual Conference”
University of Cambridge, 13th-15th July 2011
 - Imogen Clarke
“British Society for the History of Science Postgraduate Conference”
University of Manchester, 4th-6th January 2011
 - Krista Cowman
“Women in British Politics 1890–2000”
University of Lincoln, 6th-7th May 2011
 - Surekha Davies
“The Global Dimensions of European Knowledge, 1450–1700”
Birkbeck, University of London, 24th-25th June 2011
 - Simon Ditchfield
“Conversion Narratives in the Early Modern World”
University of York, 9th-11th June 2011
 - Jill Francis
“Gardens and Gardening in Early Modern Britain”
Birmingham & Midland Institute, 18th June 2011
 - Julie Gottlieb
““The Aftermath of Suffrage”: What happened after the vote was won?”
University of Sheffield, 24th-25th June 2011
 - Aaron Graham
“A British Military Revolution, 1500–1700?”
University of Oxford, 7th May 2011
 - Kate Hammond
“Law, Violence and Social Bonds, c.900–1250”
University of St Andrews, 17th-19th June 2011
 - Karen Heath
“Historians of the Twentieth Century United States, Fourth Annual Conference”
University of Oxford, 7th-9th July 2011
 - Kate Hill
“Travel in the C19th: Narratives, Histories and Collections”
University of Lincoln, 14th-15th July 2011
 - David Hitchcock
““Idle and Disorderly Persons”: The representations and realities of the mobile poor in Early Modern England”
University of Warwick, 12th March 2011
 - Laura Ishiguro
“Imperial Relations: Families in the British Empire”
Institute of Historical Research, 5th-6th September 2011

- Sushma Jansari
“West meets East: Contact and Interaction between India and the Mediterranean World from the Hellenistic period to late Antiquity”
UCL, 20th June 2011
- Simon John
“Deviance and Orthodoxy”
Swansea University, 23rd-24th June 2011
- Bronach Kane
“The Experience of Neighbourliness in Europe, c.1000–1600”
Queen Mary, University of London, 17th-18th May 2012
- Kevin Killeen
“The Bible in the C17th: The AV Quatercentenary (1611–2011)”
University of York, 7th-9th July 2011
- Alan Kissane
“New Perspectives on Medieval Lincolnshire”
University of Lincoln, 2nd-3rd September 2011
- Catriona Macdonald
“Real and Imagined Communities: Reshaping Historical Landscapes”
University of Strathclyde, 3rd-4th June 2011
- Giulio Marchisio
“Evolution, Revolution or Devolution? Reflections on the Italian Right, 1861–2011”
Durham University, 4th-5th November 2011
- Matthew Mesley
“Contextualizing Miracles in the Christian West, 1100–1500: New Historical Approaches”
University of Cambridge, 16th April 2011
- Linne Mooney
“Out of Bounds: Mobility, Movement and Use of Manuscripts and Printed Books, 1350–1550”
University of York, 3rd-7th July 2011
- Julie Mumby
“Revealing Records III”
King’s College London, 27th May 2011
- Jade Munslow Ong
“Why Allegory Now?”
University of Manchester, 1st April 2011
- Miles Pattenden
“Renaissance Italy and the Idea of Spain”
University of Oxford, 9th-10th January 2012
- Jonathan Phillips
“The Crusades, Byzantium and Islam”
German Historical Institute London, 8th-9th July 2011

- Valentina Pugliano
“Colonial Science and its Histories. The Workshop”
Institute of Historical Research, 14th January 2011
- Carole Rawcliffe
“Fifteenth-Century Conference 2011: Society in an Age of Plague”
University of East Anglia, 1st-3rd September 2011
- Matthew Stevens
“Medieval Urban Life: ‘Facts’ and ‘Fictions’”
Swansea University, 17th-18th June 2011
- Siobhan Talbott
“British Migration, 1560–1760”
University of Manchester, 23rd March 2012
- Andrea Thomson
“Scotland in Motion”
Glasgow, 6th-7th May 2011
- Bjorn Weiler
“Plantagenet Britain and its Neighbours, 1180–1330”
Aberystwyth and Lampeter, 5th-8th September 2011
- Jane Whittle
“Tawney’s Agrarian Problem 100 Years On: Landlords and Tenants in Rural England c.1400–1750”
University of Exeter, 11th-12th July 2011
- Mark Williams
“Europe, Empire and Public Opinion: Debate and Consensus in Britain and Ireland, 1660–1763”
University of Oxford, 15th-16th July 2011

Martin Lynn Scholarship:

- Vincent Hiribarren, University of Leeds
Archives in Kaduna and Maiduguri and interviews in Ngala, Fotokol, Namasak and Diffa, June – August 2010

Royal Historical Society Postgraduate Speakers Series (RHSPSS):

- University of Northampton
- Universities of Durham and Newcastle

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THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (THE TRUSTEES)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

The members of Council present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2011. 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 26 November 2010, the Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Mr R Fisher and Professor D Palliser. Dr R Baldock and Professor C Kidd were elected to replace them. The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor S Connolly and Professor T Hitchcock. Professor N Miller retired in accordance with By-law XXII. In accordance with By-law XXI, Professor D Feldman, Professor A Musson and Dr A Thacker 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. Details of a Review on the restructuring of the Society in 1993 are available to all Members of Council.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Professor C Kidd – Chair (from November 2010)
 Professor D Palliser – Chair (to November 2010)
 Professor S Barton (from November 2010)
 Professor C Given-Wilson
 Professor C Whatley

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

Professor M Finn – Chair
 Professor S Barton (to November 2010)
 Professor M Cornwall (from November 2010)
 Dr D Feldman (from November 2010)
 Professor K Fincham
 Dr A Thacker (from November 2010)
 Professor N Miller (to November 2010)

FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Professor G Bernard Mr A Broadbent (from November 2010) Professor S Connolly (to November 2010) Professor S Dixon (from November 2010) Dr N Draper Mr P Firth (to November 2010) Mr P folkes Davis (to November 2010) Professor A Musson (from November 2010) The seven officers (President – Chair)
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:	Mr R Fisher – Chair (to November 2010) Dr R Baldock - Chair (from November 2010) Professor S Barton Professor C Given-Wilson (to November 2010) Dr J Lewis Professor A Thacker (from November 2010) Dr D Thomas (from November 2010) The seven officers
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:	Professor G Bernard – Chair Professor S Dixon Professor T Hitchcock (to November 2010) Dr J Lewis (from November 2010) Professor A Musson (from November 2010) Professor M Ormrod The seven officers
TEACHING POLICY COMMITTEE:	Professor P Mandler Dr A Foster Dr C Brooks (to November 2010) Professor A Curry (to November 2010) Professor K Fincham Ms J Innes (from November 2010) Professor C Whatley The seven officers
RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE:	Ms J Innes – Chair Professor S Connolly (to November 2010) Professor M Cornwall Dr D Feldman (from November 2010) Professor C Kidd (from November 2010) Professor P Mandler (from November 2010) Professor M Ormrod (from November 2010) Dr D Thomas The seven officers
STUDIES IN HISTORY EDITORIAL BOARD:	Professor J S Morrill – Convenor Professor H Barker Professor A Burns – Literary Director Dr B Doyle (from 2011) Professor N Goose Dr R Hammersley Professor M Hughes (from 2010) Professor C Kidd Dr J Lawrence (to 2010) Dr J Parry – Honorary Treasurer (to 2010) Professor D Power Dr B Rieger Professor A Walsham

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 (BBIH), a database of over 500,000 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, Councilors 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 BBIH.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Grants

The Society awards funds to assist advanced historical research, by distributing grants to individuals. A wide range of people 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. It operates five separate schemes, for each of which there is an application form. 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 raised to £35,000, and this was fully allocated, though the accounts show a lower sum expended, as grants paid after last year's travel are also included.

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 2010–11 it sponsored sessions at the University of York and Lancaster University. 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, in March. Full details are provided in the Annual Report.

Publications

This year, as in previous years, it has delivered an ambitious programme of publications – a volume of *Transactions*, two volumes of edited texts in the *Camden* Series and six further volumes in the *Studies in History* Series have appeared. It has increased its financial support for the Bibliography of British and Irish History, in its new format as a Brepols publication from January 2010. The Bibliography is offered to all universities at institutional rates, and made available free to members consulting it at the Institute of Historical Research.

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) have been made 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 £2.54 million at 30 June 2011 (2010: £2.16 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 economic return compatible with the duty to make safe investments, but regardless of the form the return takes.

The Society has adopted this approach to ensure even-handedness between current and future beneficiaries, as the focus of many investments moves away from producing income to maximising capital values. 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.

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. Investment returns on the Society's portfolio were well ahead of the benchmark in 2010–11 (against a slight underperformance in 2009–10). Fees are 0.5% of the portfolio. 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 2010–11 was less than 3.1% (measured against the portfolio value at year end).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

The Society generated a surplus of £42,189 (£2009–10: 27,222). Income from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press remained very buoyant in 2010–11 and was well ahead of expectations due to ongoing sales of the new digital archive. Subscription income was slightly increased over the previous year. There was a slight decline in investment income compared with 2009–10. Expenditure in 2010–11 was slightly higher than the previous year. 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 average £25,000 per year over the next two years. The Society maintains a significant cash reserve as a result of the accumulated surplus of the previous few years. It is anticipated that the Society will use some of this money in future years in order to meet rising costs and potential new initiatives.

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 £650,000). Unrestricted, general, free reserves at 30 June 2011 were around £2.5 million (after adjusting for fixed assets). Council is satisfied with this level.

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 11–13.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Council plans to develop its website in order to improve communication with both Fellows and the General Public. 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 is also paying 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, focusing first on the Teaching Policy and Research Policy Committees.

The Society intends to maintain the level of its current financial support to postgraduate and other young historians. 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).

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council members are 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 trustees are 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 1993, 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.

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 were appointed auditors in the year. They 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
Honorary Secretary
Professor V Harding

23 September 2011

**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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 2011 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 regulations made under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 opinion 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 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (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:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2011 and of the charity 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 1993.

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 1993 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

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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.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2011 £	Total Funds 2010 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>						
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	15,545	–	1,000	16,545	10,792
Investment income	6	72,715	–	2,229	74,994	78,689
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>						
Grants for awards		–	–	11,000	11,000	10,000
Grants for publications		5,000	–	–	5,000	8,000
Subscriptions		106,657	–	–	106,657	103,146
Royalties		64,810	–	–	64,810	53,986
<i>Other incoming resources</i>		124	–	–	124	666
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		264,851	–	14,229	279,080	265,279
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>						
Investment manager's fees		11,184	–	346	11,530	10,779
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Grants for awards	3	52,642	–	13,990	66,632	69,486
Lectures and meetings		12,336	–	–	12,336	14,900
Publications		74,038	–	–	74,038	71,643
Library		5,405	–	–	5,405	5,161
Membership services		48,271	–	–	48,271	47,781
<i>Governance</i>		18,679	–	–	18,679	18,309
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	4a	222,555	–	14,336	236,891	238,059
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)						
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		42,296	–	(107)	42,189	27,221
Gross transfers between funds		(740)	–	740	–	–
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)						
RESOURCES BEFORE GAINS		41,556	–	633	42,189	27,221
<i>Other recognised gains and losses</i>						
Net (loss)/gain on investments	6	377,237	11,668	–	388,905	202,705
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		418,793	11,668	633	431,094	229,926
Balance at 1 July		2,199,518	62,276	3,595	2,265,389	2,035,462
Balance at 30 June		2,618,311	73,944	4,228	2,696,483	2,265,389

The notes on pages 257–261 form part of these financial statements.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	2011 £	2011 £	2010 £	2010 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		681		794
Investments	6		2,535,967		2,162,298
COIF Investments			<u>115,302</u>		<u>57,671</u>
			2,651,950		2,220,763
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	6,156		46,901	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>82,646</u>		<u>30,916</u>	
		88,802		77,817	
LESS: CREDITORS					
Amounts due within one year	8	<u>(44,269)</u>		<u>(33,191)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>44,533</u>		<u>44,626</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,696,483</u>		<u>2,265,389</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
<i>Endowment Funds</i>					
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	10		49,475		41,697
The David Berry Essay Trust			24,469		20,579
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	11		1,806		1,551
P J Marshall Fellowship			–		–
The David Berry Essay Trust			1,422		1,044
The Martin Lynn Bequest			1,000		1,000
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
Designated – E M Robinson Bequest	12		126,798		108,115
General Fund	13		<u>2,491,513</u>		<u>2,091,404</u>
			<u>2,696,483</u>		<u>2,265,389</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The notes on pages 257–261 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Council on 23 September 2011 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Professor C. Jones – **President**

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

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2011

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include the revaluation of fixed assets including investments which are carried at market value, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", published in March 2005, with applicable accounting standards and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

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%

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Library and Archives

The cost of additions to the library and archives is written off in the year of purchase.

Subscription Income

Subscription income is recognised in the year it became receivable with a provision against any subscription not received.

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.

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.

Grants Payable

Grants payable are recognised in the year in which they are approved and notified to recipients.

Funds

Unrestricted: these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects 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.

Allocations

Wages, salary costs and office expenditure are allocated on the basis of the work done by the Executive Secretary and the Administrative Assistant.

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.

Governance costs

Governance costs of the charity include the costs of running the charity such as audit, staff costs and statutory compliance.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2011	2010
	£	£
Donations via membership	1,487	1,254
Gladstone Memorial Trust	600	600
Vera London	4,696	–
Lisbet Rausing trust	5,500	5,000
Martin Lynn scholarship	1,000	1,000
Sundry income	–	–
Gift Aid reclaimed	3,262	2,938
	<u>16,545</u>	<u>10,792</u>

3. GRANTS FOR AWARDS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2011 £	Total funds 2010 £
RHS Centenary Fellowship	13,200	—	13,200	10,000
Research support grants (see below)	28,632	1,000	29,632	34,019
A-Level prizes	400	—	400	300
AS Whitfield prize	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
E M Robinson Bequest	—	—	—	—
Grant to Dulwich Picture Library	—	—	—	4,000
Gladstone history book prize	1,000	—	1,000	1,000
P J Marshall Fellowship	—	11,740	11,740	10,670
David Berry Prize	—	250	250	250
Alexander Prize	500	—	500	—
Rees Davies Prize	100	—	100	—
Staff and support costs (Note 4a)	8,810	—	8,810	8,247
	<u>52,642</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>66,632</u>	<u>69,486</u>
30 June 2010	<u>56,479</u>	<u>13,007</u>		<u>69,486</u>

During the year Society awarded grants to a value of £29,632 (2010 - £34,019) to 127 (2010 - 131) individuals.

GRANTS PAYABLE	2011 £	2010 £
Commitments at 1 July	8,069	1,300
Commitments made in the year	57,822	61,238
Grants paid during the year	<u>(58,586)</u>	<u>(54,469)</u>
Commitments at 30 June	<u>7,305</u>	<u>8,069</u>

Commitments at 30 June 2011 and 2010 are included in creditors.

4a. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	Staff costs £	Support costs £	Direct costs £	Total £
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>				
Investment manager's fee	—	—	11,530	11,530
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Grants for awards (Note 3)	6,062	2,748	57,821	66,631
Lectures and meetings	6,063	1,374	4,899	12,336
Publications	10,778	5,496	57,764	74,038
Library	2,694	1,374	1,337	5,405
Membership services	33,680	13,741	850	48,271
<i>Governance</i>	<u>8,083</u>	<u>2,748</u>	<u>7,848</u>	<u>18,679</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>67,360</u>	<u>27,481</u>	<u>142,049</u>	<u>236,890</u>
30 June 2010	<u>65,441</u>	<u>23,573</u>	<u>149,041</u>	<u>238,055</u>

(Note 4b)

(Note 4c)

4b. STAFF COSTS	2011 £	2010 £
Wages and salaries	55,030	53,360
Social security costs	5,570	5,390
Other pension costs	6,760	6,691
	<u>67,360</u>	<u>65,441</u>

4c. SUPPORT COSTS	2011 £	2010 £
Stationery, photocopying and postage	15,382	12,669
Computer support	392	490
Insurance	951	920
Telephone	287	254
Depreciation	113	113
Other	10,356	9,126
	<u>27,481</u>	<u>23,573</u>

The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2010 - 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 16 (2010: 20) Councillors attending Council meetings at a cost of £3,866 (2010 - £3,311). No Councillor received any remuneration during the year (2010 - £Nil).

Included in governance is the following:

	2011 £	2010 £
Auditors Remuneration - current year	7,848	7,461
Auditors Remuneration - in respect of prior years	–	88
Auditors Remuneration for non-audit services	–	550
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £	Furniture and Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 July 2010	33,224	2,307	35,531
Disposal	–	(1,173)	(1,173)
At 30 June 2011	<u>33,224</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>34,358</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2010	33,224	1,513	34,737
	–	(1,173)	(1,173)
Charge for the year	–	113	113
At 30 June 2011	<u>33,224</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>33,677</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2011	<u> </u>	<u>681</u>	<u>681</u>
At 30 June 2010	<u> </u>	<u>794</u>	<u>794</u>

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

6. INVESTMENTS

	General Fund £	Designated Robinson Bequest £	Whitfield Prize Fund £	David Berry Essay Trust £	Total £
Market value at 1 July 2010	1,989,312	108,115	43,248	21,623	2,162,298
Additions	378,730	20,642	8,817	4,658	412,847
Disposals	(393,837)	(21,404)	(8,562)	(4,280)	(428,083)
Net gain on investments	357,792	19,445	7,778	3,890	388,905
Market value at 30 June 2011	<u>2,331,997</u>	<u>126,798</u>	<u>51,281</u>	<u>25,891</u>	<u>2,535,967</u>
Cost at 30 June 2011	<u>1,909,040</u>	<u>103,752</u>	<u>41,501</u>	<u>20,750</u>	<u>2,075,043</u>

	2011 £	2010 £
UK Equities	1,831,858	999,392
UK Government Stock and Bonds	–	551,602
Overseas Equities	659,937	575,604
Uninvested Cash	44,173	35,700
	<u>2,535,968</u>	<u>2,162,298</u>
Dividends and interest on listed investments	74,294	78,092
Interest on cash deposits	650	597
	<u>74,944</u>	<u>78,689</u>

7. DEBTORS	2011	2010
	£	£
Other debtors	4,056	2,261
Royalty debtor	1,162	42,366
Prepayments	938	2,274
	<u>6,156</u>	<u>46,901</u>
8. CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year	2011	2010
	£	£
Sundry creditors	17,080	13,486
Taxes and social security	1,566	1,210
Subscriptions received in advance	7,416	6,345
Accruals and deferred income	18,207	12,150
	<u>44,269</u>	<u>33,191</u>

Included within Sundry creditors is an amount of £577 (2010: £398) relating to pension liabilities.

9. LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

	2011	2010
	£	£
Under 1 year	3,282	–
Within 1 - 2 years	–	9,846
	<u>–</u>	<u>9,846</u>

10. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance at 1 July 2010	Investment Gain	Balance at 30 June 2011
	£	£	£
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	41,697	7,778	49,475
The David Berry Essay Trust	20,579	3,890	24,469
	<u>62,276</u>	<u>11,668</u>	<u>73,944</u>

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 1 July 2010	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2011
	£	£	£	£	£
A S Whitfield Prize Fund	1,551	1,486	(1,231)	–	1,806
P J Marshall Fellowship	–	11,000	(11,740)	740	–
The David Berry Essay Trust	1,044	743	(365)	–	1,422
Martin Lynn Bequest	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	–	1,000
	<u>3,595</u>	<u>14,229</u>	<u>(14,336)</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>4,228</u>

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 1 July 2010 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Investment Gain £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2011 £
E M Robinson Bequest	108,115	3,715	(4,477)	19,445	–	126,798

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.

13. GENERAL FUND	Balance at 1 July 2010 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Investment Gain £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2011 £
	2,091,403	261,137	(218,079)	357,792	(740)	2,491,513

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	681	–	–	–	681
Investments	2,331,997	126,798	3,228	73,944	2,535,967
COIF investments	115,302	–	–	–	115,302
	2,447,980	126,798	3,228	73,944	2,651,950
Current assets	87,802	–	1,000	–	88,802
Less: Creditors	(44,269)	–	–	–	(44,269)
Net current assets/(liabilities)	43,533	–	1,000	–	44,533
Net Assets	2,491,513	126,798	4,228	73,944	2,696,483

