

London Topographical Society

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Dear Member

The last three months have seen members of the Council, and especially the Hon Treasurer and myself, hard at work on the Society's accounts, management, and stock of publications. We have corresponded in one way or another with a large part of the membership about subscriptions and publications; we have brought almost all our stock together from several dispersed locations and we are in the process of organising proper storage conditions so that we can easily and safely reach any publication that is wanted. We are also embarking on a gradual programme of publicising the Society's work through which we expect to increase both membership and sales. There are, therefore, many things to tell you. The *Annual General Meeting* of the Society will be held on Wednesday June 18th at Fishmongers' Hall. More details will be given when the formal notice is sent out in May.

The executive officers

Mrs Ann Saunders has been appointed as the new Honorary Editor, and, as you will remember from my previous letters, Mr Anthony Cooper is now the Honorary Treasurer and Mr R H Harrison the Publications Secretary, thus sharing the work for which Miss Honeybourne had been responsible. I am continuing as Honorary Secretary. All their addresses are given in the new general leaflet which is enclosed with this letter.

Publications

Please note the new arrangements given in the leaflet for ordering publications. Members are now given a standard discount of 25%. Costs of postage and packing materials are now so high (and increasing) that we regret that we must charge for them.

As items go out of stock the list of publications gets shorter; even so, there are some twenty pre-war items available. We have, however some rarities, some soiled copies, and a large quantity of sheets of Rocque's 1746 plan (but no complete sets), so we are proposing to have a sales counter at the AGM. There are also some publications which are running short and are therefore no longer in the general list but which members might like to have a chance to buy now (see below: *Out of print*).

The next publication will be a facsimile of Thomas Milne's extremely valuable Land Usage Map of 1800. It will be reproduced in colour from the unique copy in the British Library Map Room (K Top VI 95) and will be accompanied by an article by Dr G B G Bull, lately head of the Department of Geography and Geology and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of London Goldsmiths' College. As it will cost a considerable sum the map will be issued for two years 1975 and 1976.

Out of print

The following publications are not included in the general leaflet as they are in very short supply. They are offered to members at the following prices (postage and packing extra). Please send your order to R H Harrison, 7 Sunbury Avenue, Mill Hill, London NW7 3SL, but do not send any money in case we run out of copies: an invoice will be sent.

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| 6 | <i>Illustrated Topographical Record</i> , 2nd series (1899) | £1 |
| 50 | 7 unpublished Hollar drawings on 4 sheets (1922) | £2 |
| 55 | <i>The Early History of Piccadilly, Leicester Square, and Soho</i> , by C L Kingsford (1925) | £5 |
| 61 | Area east of St Katharine's Dock, c 1590, from a plan in the Public Record Office (1929) | £2 |
| 65 | Plan of the Manor of Walworth and Parish of Newington, Surrey, 1681 (1932) | £2 |
| 82 | A Prospect of the City of London from the south-east, 1947, by Cecil Brown (1949) | £1 |
| LM 1 | Ogilby and Morgan's large-scale Plan of the City, 1677, 21 sheets and index facsimile (1895) | £6 (unfortunately, all copies have a few sheets slightly soiled or damaged, but the maps are complete) |

Mills and Oliver

In 1946 and 1956 the Society produced two slim volumes each containing a facsimile of half of the first of the four folios of Mills and Oliver's *Survey of the Building Sites in the City of London after the Great Fire of 1666* (Guildhall Library ms 84). They were uniform in format with the *Record*. When

it came to preparing the work on the remaining three folios it was decided that the first volumes were not of a high enough standard. The rest of the volumes were issued in a larger format and the part already done was prepared anew, uniform with them: there are now five volumes to the set, the first containing introduction and indexes (see the list of publications).

We are left, however, with a small stock of the original issue. Some people may feel that there is a bibliographical interest in owning them so we shall be happy to send these two volumes to anyone who wants them, making a charge only for the cost of sending them: please refer in your order to '*old Mills and Oliver volumes (publ nos 79 & 89)*'.

Membership and subscriptions

With the enclosed general leaflet are membership and standing order forms which will be useful if you can recruit new members or indeed use the standing order form yourself if you do not already pay in this way. Subscription reminders will be sent out in May.

WANTED: SPACE AND EQUIPMENT

1 We need some storage space for reserve stock with very occasional access (perhaps once a year) for which we can pay only a very low or nominal rent: even a 25 sq ft corner in a dry basement would help considerably.

2 We find we want various pieces of equipment, but before thinking of buying them can any member give us or help us to obtain cheaply any of the following:

parcel scales long scissors stapler sturdy sellotape dispenser short step ladder

brown sticky paper moistener and dispenser small lockable cupboard

3-drawer antiquarian plan chest (i.e. 54 x 32 inches)

old wooden shelving or racking or suitable timber

If you can help please get in touch with me (703 2719).

Also wanted

We will make an offer for out-of-print or scarce publications, especially volumes of *London Topographical Record*. Our latest enquiry is from a member who is willing to purchase a complete set or long run to obtain early volumes. Please get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Marks, Honorary Secretary

Receipts The Hon Treasurer writes:

My November circular which went to those thought to be in arrears with their subscriptions brought in a stream of cheques, and I am grateful to all who responded so quickly and both grateful and apologetic to those who wrote pointing out that they had paid already.

To give me time to keep the books straight in future, I would like to cut out routine work where possible, and I am wondering what you feel about receipts. Some people may require them, but others just throw them away. My thoughts are:

- a No-one expects receipts for payments of subscriptions by banker's order
- b Your bank statement and paid cheques, if returned, will be evidence that cheques for subscriptions and publications have been received
- c When a letter of acknowledgment is written, this is a receipt
but
- d Payments made in cash or by Postal Order should have receipts.

I propose, therefore, to stop sending receipts for cheques unless you let me know you want them next time you have occasion to send me a payment. If so, I will make a note for the future.

Anthony Cooper

We are grateful to the publishers whose leaflets are enclosed for their contributions towards the cost of this distribution.