

London Topographical Society

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING June 9th 1976

The seventy-sixth Annual General Meeting of the London Topographical Society will be held on Wednesday June 9th 1976 at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, by kind permission of the Order of St John.

The annual meeting will follow refreshment which will be available from 5.30. *PLEASE* let the Hon Secretary (50 Grove Lane, London SE5) know by May 31st if you and any guests you may wish to bring will be attending (so that a close estimate can be made for catering) and if you wish to nominate under item 4 or raise any matters under item 5 of the agenda.

After the business meeting we shall be given a guided tour over the extremely interesting premises of the Order: this promises to be fairly lengthy, so we aim to start the business meeting shortly after 6 and would be much assisted if members would come as early as possible for tea. The entrance is by the main door immediately south of the arch of the gateway (the side away from St John's Square). Parking is extremely restricted and is virtually not possible before 5.30.

A G E N D A

- 1 To receive the minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting 1975
- 2 To approve the 76th Annual Report of the Council for the year 1976 (herewith)
- 3 To approve the accounts for 1975 (herewith)
- 4 To elect officers and members of Council
- 5 To consider any proposals by members
- 6 Any other business

Stephen Marks, Hon Secretary

The Hon Treasurer writes:

CHEQUES

I would like to thank everyone who sent cheques and kind messages. I am sorry in one way not to acknowledge these, but the saving to the Society in postage is very much worth while. Thank you for not asking for receipts.

STANDING ORDERS

Some members are still paying the old subscription of a guinea. If this applies to you, you will find a banker's order form enclosed and I would be grateful if you will send me this completed, with the arrears of subscription.

Others are paying the correct subscription but it is still going to our former branch of the Midland Bank at New Barnet. If a note to this effect is enclosed, would you please ask your bank to send the payment in future to the Midland Bank Ltd, Camden Town Branch (sorting code 40-02-03).

Anthony Cooper

MILNE'S LAND USAGE MAP 1800

The publication of this important map which was described in our November newsletter has been delayed by the loss of a negative which had to be replaced with some difficulty, but we expect to have full colour proofs to show at the AGM and the printers have said that they will have the map ready at the end of July. August is a bad month for despatching as many people are away so we aim to send out at the beginning of September to all who are paid-up for 1975 and 1976 (and who have shown great patience in waiting for their map!). Those who have indicated that they will collect either from the Bishopsgate Institute or from an office near Parliament Square will be notified as soon as it is available; we would be

grateful to anyone else who feels they could help to save us postage by offering to collect — please tell the Hon Secretary, 50 Grove Lane, London SE5.

The map, complete with analytical and descriptive text by Dr G B G Bull and wrapper, will cost £12 (to members, £9) plus postage and packing, but for a limited period (to be announced) it will be available for only £10 (members £7.50) plus p&p. A small number of copies is being prepared without colour for those who want to do their own working on the map, but as there is no significant saving in costs, the same prices will apply. A leaflet will be produced with full details and copies of the map sent for review in appropriate journals.

76th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1975

It was with extreme regret that we had to record the death on June 9th of the Earl Spencer TD MA DLitt FRSA JP. He had been President of the Society since 1955 and during his presidency we enjoyed his keen interest in the work of the Society. Towards the end of the year the Society also lost another of its outstanding members, Miss Helen Barlow, who had been most generous in her substantial assistance towards the publication of the Mills and Oliver *Surveys*. She left to the Society a number of valuable books.

The Society's paid-up membership at the end of 1975 was 436. This figure includes 57 new members; 46 names were taken off the books either because of resignations or deaths or because members had failed to respond to reminders and letters.

The Society had its first full year with new Hon Treasurer, Hon Editor, and Publications Secretary. The Hon Secretary and the Publications Secretary have sent out or delivered almost 500 packets of publications; these included a substantial backlog of orders and of publications against past subscriptions for which the Treasurer sent numerous reminders. Publications sales reached the unprecedented figure of £1762. A new invoicing system has assisted the work of publication sales and has made it possible to split it among several people.

The publication for 1975 is half of Thomas Milne's Land Usage map of the Greater London area in 1800. It would have been wasteful on distribution costs to send it out in two parts, one for each of two years, and therefore it will be issued in 1976 for both years.

In order to keep members informed and in touch we are sending out a newsletter twice a year in addition to the issue of publications which are irregularly spaced. By soliciting publishers to send out their leaflets in our mailing we have managed to cover a large part of the increasingly heavy cost of postage as well as bringing items of interest to the notice of members.

The 75th Annual General Meeting was held on June 18th 1975 at Fishmongers' Hall by courtesy of the Fishmongers' Company. The Hon Secretary was re-elected; Mr Anthony Cooper, Mrs Ann Saunders, and Mr R H Harrison were elected as Hon Treasurer, Hon Editor, and Publications Secretary respectively, to which offices they had been appointed by Council during the period since the previous Annual General Meeting. Mr Allan Tribe was elected Hon Auditor in succession to Mr David Reid who wished to retire and to whom the Society gave a vote of thanks. All the previous members of the Council were re-elected with the exception of the late Mr Russell Muirhead who did not wish to stand again.

Before the business meeting brisk business was done at a sales counter with a stock of soiled and scarce or out-of-print items; £168 was realised for the Society's funds. After the meeting Dr Priscilla Metcalf who has been working on the history of the Fishmongers' Company gave a most interesting talk to the Society and we were able to inspect their principal rooms.

BOOKS

As mentioned in the Annual Report, Miss Helen Barlow left to the Society a number of books which she intended we should sell for its funds. The most valuable of these were a copy of Stow's *Survey of London* 1753 in one volume and very good copies of Boydell's *History of the Thames* in two volumes (1794) and Ackermann's 3-volume *Microcosm of London*; these are being sold by auction. A few modern books on London will be on sale at the AGM together with some of our own publications. Miss Barlow's bequest also included a complete set of the *London Topographical Record* (23 volumes) in the finest condition we have ever seen. These will be sold to the highest bidder (who must be a member of the Society) over £100 whose offer reaches the Hon Secretary before June 8th; if no-one has offered at least £100 by then they will be kept as a set for offer to later enquirers.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 1975

1974	<i>Expenditure</i>		1974	<i>Income</i>	
20	storage and service	27.00	752	subscriptions for 1975	1,115.61
6	insurance	29.93	72	for earlier years	<u>351.60</u>
50	printing and stationery	177.61			1,467.21
202	postage and petty cash	199.61	<u>824</u>		
69	A G M	116.76		profit from the sale of	
-	memorial service —			publications	
	Miss M B Honeybourne	14.69	302	sales	1,762.10
-	advertising	<u>8.50</u>		less cost or valuation of	
		574.10	<u>101</u>	publications sold	<u>587.37</u>
			<u>201</u>		1,174.73
	publications		-	sale of offprints	42.80
	no 93, further expenses	6.50	217	interest on bank deposit	169.28
	no 117 (1974), underprovided	6.45	33	donations	23.91
	no 118/119 (1975/76)		100	grant	-
	part payment	<u>2,000.00</u>	50	charge for use of negatives	-
1,803		2,012.95	38	charge for leaflet distribution	60.79
			21	provision no longer required	-
			-	publication no 117 — undistributed	
				copies added to stock	720.00
-	excess of income over expenditure	<u>1,071.67</u>	666	excess of expenditure over income	-
<u>2,150</u>		<u>3,658.72</u>	<u>2,150</u>		<u>3,658.72</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1975

<i>Accumulated fund</i>			<i>Current assets</i>		
6,251	balance brought forward	5,584.87		stock of publications as	
-	add surplus on revaluation of stock	5,153.98	5,126	valued by Council	
	excess of income over expenditure	1,071.67		balance brought forward	5,046.02
<u>666</u>		<u>11,810.52</u>	21	add	
<u>5,585</u>			-	increase on revaluation	5,153.98
			5,147	purchases	25.00
				publication 117	720.00
					<u>10,945.00</u>
	<i>Current liabilities</i>			less estimated cost of publications sold	587.37
1,400	publication 118/119	2,000.00	101		<u>10,357.63</u>
57	creditors	206.70	5,046		
142	subscriptions in advance	90.50	157	bank and cash balances	
<u>10</u>	M B Honeybourne memorial	<u>35.50</u>	1,544	National Savings Bank	-
<u>1,609</u>		<u>2,332.70</u>	444	bank deposit account	3,620.39
			3	bank current account	151.72
			<u>2,148</u>	cash with officers	<u>13.48</u>
					<u>3,785.59</u>
	<i>Anthony Cooper</i>		7,194		<u>14,143.22</u>
	<i>Hon Treasurer</i>				
<u>7,194</u>		<u>14,143.22</u>			

I report that the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account have been correctly prepared from the books and records of the London Topographical Society

Allan Tribe Chartered Accountant

City Gate House, Finsbury Square, London EC2

March 12th 1976

Once again we have been helped by contributions from the publishers of the books advertised in the accompanying leaflets. We have also been able to make reciprocal arrangements with other organisations to our mutual advantage.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Our newsletter will be issued twice a year. Space is available for you to ask any questions you want answered on London topography, or if you have short items of interest to members or information about research in progress. If you want replies direct we will print your address, but we would like to publish interesting answers if they are brief. Please write to the Hon Secretary, 50 Grove Lane, London SE5.

1 MISS MARJORIE B HONEYBOURNE

The first request comes from Dr Philip Whitting who is preparing a bibliography of Miss Honeybourne's work. He would particularly like to know about any reviews she wrote and about any research which she did for BBC programmes. Please write to him at 15a Rivercourt Road, London W6 9LD.

2 REGISTER OF RESEARCH

Would anyone like to help to compile a register of unpublished research on London history and topography? The aim would be to bring to light useful material already gathered together and to help people to avoid duplication; it would be comparable with the register of architectural research which is maintained by the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain. We would publish it periodically and send it out with the newsletter.

Please get in touch with the Hon Secretary (703 2719).

3 SHEPHERD'S LONDON

Just at the time that John Phillips' fascinating book *Shepherd's London* was in preparation (see the publisher's leaflet enclosed) I was extremely fortunate to be able to purchase a complete set of original parts of Shepherd's *Metropolitan Improvements* and *London in the Nineteenth Century*. There are sixteen parts, numbered in one sequence for both series of views; all the buff wrappers in which they were originally issued are present, dated variously between 1827 and 1832. The wrappers of this set refer to the available alternatives of 'Numbers (Each No. containing 4 Views) at One Shilling' and 'Parts (containing Five Numbers), Five Shillings each'. My set is in 'parts', each containing 10 pages of views (usually 20 views) and 20 pages of text; all the Guildhall Library part-issues of this work are in the smaller 'numbers', and everyone I have managed to consult so far has not come across the 'part' form. Curiously, the wrappers of the 'numbers' do not mention the availability of the larger 'parts'. I would very much like to know if anyone else has seen 'parts' comparable with mine.

Stephen Marks, 50 Grove Lane, London SE5