NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday July 18th 1979

The seventy-ninth Annual General Meeting of the London Topographical Society will be held on Wednesday July 18th 1979 at Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, by kind permission of the Master and Wardens of the Mercers’ Company.

The annual meeting will follow refreshments which will be available from 5.30. PLEASE let the Hon Secretary (Hamilton's, Kilmerston, near Bath, Somerset) know by July 9th if you and any guests you 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 matter under item 5 of the agenda. After the business meeting it is expected that members will see and be told about the company and its building and possessions.

Parking in the vicinity of Mercers’ Hall is extremely restricted.

AGENDA

1 To approve the minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting in 1978
2 To receive the 79th Annual Report of the Council for 1978 (herewith)
3 To receive the accounts for 1978 (herewith)
4 To elect officers and members of Council
5 To consider any proposals made by members
6 Any other business

Stephen Marks, Hon Secretary

THIS YEAR'S PUBLICATION AN INDEX TO 'AGAS'

This book, described in the last newsletter, is being published under two imprints, that of the Society and that of Harry Margary in association with Guildhall Library.

All paid-up members will automatically receive a copy from the Society without further payment and should not order it from Harry Margary whose leaflet about his several latest publications is enclosed with this newsletter. We hope to have copies at the Annual General Meeting (hence, in part its late date) so that we can hand out copies and save considerable postage: copies not distributed then will be sent out immediately afterwards.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF LONDON IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Speculative Housing and the Land Market in London 1660-1730: Four Case Studies, by P A Booth, Sheffield Centre for Environmental Research, Urban and Planning History Papers, Occasional Paper 79/34. 29pp plus 3pp of plans, A4. £2.50 from the author, Sheffield Centre for Environmental Research, 299 Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2UD.

This pamphlet considers the physical transformation of London in the 17th century through four case studies to develop the discussion in terms of social and economic forces, in particular in terms of the land market. The areas selected vary widely in kind, the Estates of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, Conduit Mead, Seven Dials, and Bridgewater House, Cripplegate. Though brief, the study is well supported by numerous references and should be of interest and value to students of this period in the growth of London.

HORNSEY RECORDED

We have received three booklets from the Hornsey Historical Society for review, illustrating three very different aspects of local history: they are the story of a single site, personal recollections of a centenarian, and progress on a section of a long-standing national research project. All show the high standard of local history studies which can be achieved in a well-supported and knowledgeable society. The steady accumulation of which these are a small part is the envy of at least the writer of this brief notice and an example to all.


79TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1978

The Society lost its tireless Publications Secretary in the tragic death of Robert H Harrison FSA in April.

For 1978 the Society issued to its members *The Park Town Estate and the Battersea Tangle*, a study by Dr Priscilla Metcalfe. Two newsletters were issued in May and November. The 78th Annual General Meeting was held at the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries on June 28th 1978. Over ninety members and guests were present. All the officers, excluding Mr Harrison, and members of Council were re-elected. After the business meeting members heard Mr R M Robbins, Treasurer of the Society of Antiquaries, and Mr John Hopkins, Librarian, talk about their society’s history and library respectively, and were able to inspect a rich display of its books and maps as well as looking over the library. As a result of an appeal at the AGM Mr Patrick Frazer volunteered to send out publications and was later appointed by Council as the Society’s Publications Officer.

Sales of nearly £1,350 contributed again to our healthy financial position, but in anticipation of heavy demands on our resources and to cope with inflation it was decided to increase the subscription in 1980 to £5. At the end of 1978 there were 487 members, 27 of them new.

ACCOUNTS FOR 1978

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1978

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1978

**Accumulated fund**

15,761 balance brought forward 17,950.76

excess of income over expenditure 714.48 13,190

17,951 18,665.24

**Current liabilities**

25 creditors 25.25 86

75 subscriptions in advance 57.69 486

36 M B Honeybourne memorial 35.50 13,079.09

136 118.44

**Anthony Cooper,**

**Hon Treasurer.**

138 bank deposit a/c 145.38

4,427 Nat Savings Inv a/c 4,769.59

439 bank current a/c 221.86

4 cash with officers —

5,008 5,136.83

18,087 18,783.68

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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, 13 Christopher Street, London EC2. 2nd April 1979

Issued by Stephen Marks, Hon Secretary of the London Topographical Society, Hamilton's, Kilmerdon, near Bath, Somerset