

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH CENTURY STUDIES

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# **THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH CENTURY STUDIES**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000**

### **The Society**

The British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies is an unincorporated society and is a registered charity, number 299756. A formal constitution was drafted by the Society and approved at an Annual General Meeting of the Society on 4 January 1989.

### **The officers**

The officers of the Society during the year were:

President:	Professor Janet Todd
Vice President:	Professor Linda Colley
Secretary:	Dr Mark Ledbury
Treasurer:	Dr Brian Norman

### **Executive committee**

The following individuals were members of the executive committee during the year:

President:	Professor Janet Todd
Past President:	Professor Brean Hammond
Vice President:	Professor Linda Colley
Hon Secretary:	Dr Mark Ledbury
Hon Treasurer:	Dr Brian Norman
Journal Editor:	Dr John Dunkley
Bulletin Editor:	Dr Glynis Ridley
Ordinary Members:	Dr Valerie Rumbold Dr Derek Hughes Dr Sebastian Mitchell Dr Paulina Kewes Mr Stephen Gregg (co-opted) Dr Simon Davies (co-opted)

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000 (continued)**

### **Object of the Society**

The object of the Society is the advancement of public education in particular by the promotion of study of the cultural history of the eighteenth century.

### **Principal activities**

In furtherance of its objectives the Society engaged in the following main activities during the year:

1. Completed the production of volumes 23.1 and 23.2 of its journal;
2. Produced and distributed a bulletin;
3. Held a conference at Aberdeen;
4. Held full committee meetings in March and September and arranged for the 2001 conference at Oxford.

### **Review of activities and financial position**

The executive committee were pleased with the activities arranged and managed by the Society during the year.

The surplus for the year is set out in the statement of financial activities on page 4.

The executive committee consider the financial position of the Society at 30 November 2000 to be satisfactory.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
BRITISH SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH CENTURY STUDIES**

We report on the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 30 November 2000, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of executive committee**

As the Society's executive committee you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as the executive committee concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**Reeves & Neylan**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
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21 December 2000

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2000 Total £</b>	<b>1999 Total £</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions received (less bank charges)	8,696	-	8,696	8,932
Deposit account interest	2,164	172	2,336	1,964
Surplus on Conference account (schedule 3)	473	-	473	4,912
	11,333	172	11,505	15,808
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>				
Affiliation fees (schedule 1)	475	-	475	575
Journal/bulletin (schedule 2)	7,202	-	7,202	5,602
Postage and telephone	797	-	797	27
Accountancy fees	494	-	494	482
Sundry expenses	1,607	-	1,607	1,555
	10,575	-	10,575	8,241
<b>Net movements in funds</b>	758	172	930	7,567
Fund balances 1 December 1999	54,245	2,984	57,229	49,662
<b>Fund balances 30 November 2000</b>	55,003	3,156	58,159	57,229

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**30 NOVEMBER 2000**

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Deposit account		58,005	46,183
Current account		17,298	11,421
Building society account		3,156	2,984
Accrued income – bank interest		426	323
Prepayments		1,000	-
		79,885	60,911
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accruals		6,095	3,682
Deferred income		15,631	-
		21,726	3,682
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>58,159</b>	<b>57,229</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted fund – Mason lecture		3,156	2,984
Unrestricted fund		55,003	54,245
		58,159	57,229

On behalf of the executive committee I approve these financial statements and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

**Dr Brian Norman**  
Honorary Treasurer

21 December 2000

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000**

**1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on accounting by charities.

**Income**

Subscriptions are credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are received.

Income received in respect of lectures or conferences is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the lecture or conference takes.

<b>2) CONFERENCE FUND</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>August 2000 conference in Aberdeen</b>		
Conference fees received	12,628	-
<b>Less:</b> Deposit paid and expenses incurred	(12,155)	-
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	473	-
 <b>January 2001 conference in Oxford</b>		
Conference fees received	15,631	-
<b>Less:</b> Deposit paid and expenses incurred	(1,000)	-
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	14,631	-
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(continued)**

<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
	£	£
<b>ISECS affiliation fees</b>		
Paid in the year	500	500
<b>Less:</b> Provision at 1 December 1999	(550)	(475)
	—	—
	(50)	25
<b>Add:</b> Provision at 30 November 2000	525	550
	—	—
	475	575
	=====	=====
<b>Schedule 2</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
	£	£
<b>Journal</b>		
BJECS 23.1		
Paid in the year	4,792	3,174
<b>Less:</b> Provision at 1 December 1999	(2,200)	(2,200)
	—	—
	2,592	974
BJECS 23.2		
<b>Add:</b> Provision at 30 November 2000	4,500	2,200
	—	—
Net cost of journal for the year	7,092	3,174
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<b>Schedule 2 (continued)</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>		
Paid in the year	110	2,428
<b>Less:</b> Provision at 1 December 1999	(450)	(450)
	—	
	340	1,978
<b>Add:</b> Provision at 30 November 2000	450	450
	—	
	110	2,428
<b>Net cost of journal and bulletin for the year</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>5,602</b>

<b>Schedule 3</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Conference account – Aberdeen</b>		
Fees	12,628	21,171
Expenses	(12,155)	(16,259)
	—	—
	473	4,912
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**Schedule 4**

**ISECS affiliation fees**

A provision of £525 has been made in respect of the outstanding affiliation fees due to ISECS for 2000.

**Journal**

A provision of £4,500 has been made in respect of the production and mailing cost of volume 23.2 of the journal.

**Sundry expenses**

Sundry expenses per the statement of financial activities consist primarily of committee meeting expenses and the reimbursement of the committee members' travelling expenses incurred in representing the Society.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000**

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