

The British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

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Annual report of the executive committee for the year ended 30 November 2006

The Society

The British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies is an unincorporated society and is a registered charity, number 299756. A revised constitution was drafted by the Society and approved at an Annual General Meeting of the Society on 7 January 2005.

The officers

The officers of the Society during the year were:

President:	Professor John Dunkley
Vice President:	Professor Penelope Corfield
Treasurer:	Dr Brian Norman
Administrative secretary:	Dr Gavin Budge

The officers are elected at each Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election, except that the President shall not normally be eligible for re-election on more than two successive occasions.

Executive committee

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

President:	Professor John Dunkley
Past President:	Professor Frank O’Gorman
Vice President:	Professor Penelope Corfield
Treasurer:	Dr Brian Norman
Administrative secretary:	Dr Gavin Budge
Membership secretary:	Dr Gary Day
Journal Editor:	Dr Chris Mounsey
Bulletin Editor:	Dr Michael Burden
Ordinary Members:	Dr Matthew Grenby Professor Tim Hitchcock Dr Brycchan Carey Dr Ildiko Csengei Dr Steve Poole Dr David McCallam Dr Martin Myrone Professor Shearer West

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(continued)**

Object of the Society

The object of the Society is the advancement of research, scholarship, and 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 28.3, 29.1 and 29.2 of its journal; it is the intention of the Society to produce three issues a year in future;
- 2 Held a conference at Oxford, a postgraduate conference at York and an Anglo-Italian seminar at York;
- 3 Held full committee meetings in March and October and arranged for the 2007 conference at Oxford.

Review of activities and financial position

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

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

The Society's unrestricted reserves at 30 November 2006 amounted to £66,883 and restricted reserves were £4,149 making total reserves of £71,032.

The executive committee consider the financial position of the Society at 30 November 2006 to be satisfactory.

Dr Brian Norman
Honorary Treasurer

22 December 2006

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Independent examiner's report to the Executive committee of The British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

I report on the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 30 November 2006 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 my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My 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 I do not express an opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me 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 my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Miss S M Robinson FCA FCIE
on behalf of
Reeves & Neylan
Chartered Accountants
Chatham Maritime

22 December 2006

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 November 2006

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2006 Total £	2005 Total £
Income				
Subscriptions received	15,986	-	15,986	12,536
Less: Bank charges	<u>(1,238)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,238)</u>	<u>(463)</u>
	14,748	-	14,748	12,073
Deposit account interest	2,187	198	2,385	2,363
Surplus on Conference account (note 5)	2,894	-	2,894	2,594
Journal	1,500	-	1,500	-
	<u>21,329</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>21,527</u>	<u>17,030</u>
Direct charitable expenditure				
Affiliation fees (note 3)	758	-	758	665
Journal/bulletin (note 4)	22,240	-	22,240	11,827
Postage and telephone	451	-	451	418
Accountancy fees	611	-	611	588
I T expenses	4,264	-	4,264	3,032
Sundry expenses	<u>2,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,225</u>	<u>1,535</u>
	30,549	-	30,549	18,065
Net movements in funds	(9,220)	198	(9,022)	(1,035)
Fund balances 1 December 2005	<u>76,103</u>	<u>3,951</u>	<u>80,054</u>	<u>81,089</u>
Fund balances 30 November 2006	<u>66,883</u>	<u>4,149</u>	<u>71,032</u>	<u>80,054</u>

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Balance sheet As at 30 November 2006

	2006 £	2005 £
Current assets		
Deposit account	101,063	79,900
Current account	11,146	29,155
Building society account	3,951	3,951
Other debtors	721	499
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	116,881	113,505
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Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	9,274	6,300
Deferred income (note 2)	36,575	27,151
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	45,849	33,451
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Net current assets	71,032	80,054
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Funds		
Restricted fund – Mason lecture	4,149	3,951
Unrestricted fund	66,883	76,103
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	71,032	80,054
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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

22 December 2006

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Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 30 November 2006

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 conferences is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the conference takes place.

2) Conference fund (deferred income)	2006	2005
	£	£
January 2007 conference in Oxford		
Conference fees received	36,605	29,031
Less: Expenses incurred	(30)	(1,880)
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Total taken to balance sheet	36,575	27,151
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3) ISECS affiliation fees	2006	2005
	£	£
Paid in the year	754	715
Less: Creditor at 1 December 2005	(750)	(800)
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	4	(85)
Add: Creditor at 30 November 2006	754	750
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Charge for year per statement of financial activities	758	665
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4) Journal	2006 £	2005 £
<u>BJECS 28.1</u>		
Paid in the year	-	11,083
Less: Creditor at 1 December 2004	-	(5,120)
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	-	5,963
 <u>BJECS 28.2</u>		
Paid in the year	5,020	-
Add: Creditor at 30 November 2005	-	4,962
Less: Creditor at 1 December 2005	(4,962)	-
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	58	4,962
 <u>BJECS 28.3</u>		
Paid in the year	8,495	-
 <u>BJECS 29.1</u>		
Paid in the year	6,423	-
 <u>BJECS 29.2</u>		
Add: Creditor at 30 November 2006	6,735	-
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Net cost of journal for the year	21,711	10,925
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 Bulletin		
Net cost of bulletin for the year	529	902
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Net cost of journal and bulletin for the year	22,240	11,827
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5) Conference account	2006	2005
	£	£
Fees	42,706	32,050
Expenses	(39,812)	(29,456)
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Surplus taken to statement of financial activities	2,894	2,594
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6) ISECS affiliation fees

A creditor of £754 has been included in respect of the outstanding affiliation fees due to ISECS for 2006, which will be paid in 2007.

7) Journal

A creditor of £6,735 has been included in respect of the production and mailing cost of volume 29.2 of the journal.

8) Sundry expenses

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

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