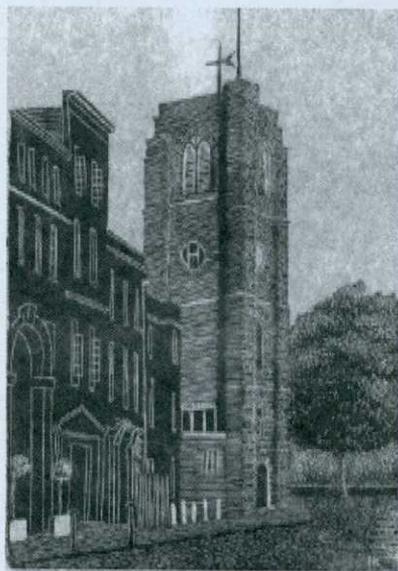


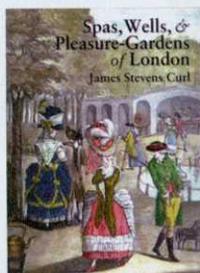
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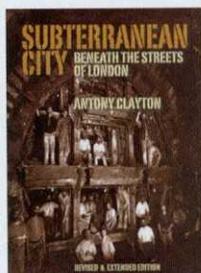
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Annual General Meeting of The Chelsea Society

held at
**Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3
on Monday 28 November 2011**

The President of the Society, the Most Hon. The Marquess of Salisbury took the chair at 6.30pm and welcomed the members of the Society. He then introduced the Chairman of the Society, Stuart Corbyn, the Hon. Treasurer Tom Martin, the Hon. Assistant Secretary Patricia Burr and the other members of the Council of the Society.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 22 November 2010 were approved and the President signed them as a true record.

Michael Bach, Terence Bendixson, Paulette Craxford and Jane Dorrell were declared elected members of the Council.

The President informed the meeting that no resolutions had been received.

The Hon. Treasurer, Tom Martin, presented his Report and the Accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2011. The total funds of the Society were £60,155 an increase of £4,078 over June 2010. He reported that the Society is eligible to receive Gift Aid on its membership subscriptions. He will claim this, up to four years in arrears, but members will need to sign a declaration. The accounts, proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Frances Taylor, were approved unanimously.

Stuart Corbyn thanked the President for taking the chair and for agreeing to remain President for a further year. He then delivered his Annual Report to Members and announced that due to other work commitments he was resigning as Chairman. He asked members to suggest the names of any candidates who might be interested in the role or who might like to serve on the Council where there were vacancies.

Lord Salisbury thanked him for his full Report and expressed his sorrow that he was stepping down.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There being no questions, the President approved the Report which was seconded by Dr Jon Moynihan.

Any Other Business

Lord Salisbury said he was responsible for organising the great river pageant on 3rd June 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen will begin her procession from Chelsea - the exact location will be announced on 18th January. He had one plea: that members who had river frontage should, along with their neighbours, put out bunting and streamers

Dr. Susan Horsewood-Lee asked members to join the Borough's new Residents' Panel and liaise with the Borough and other members about the Council and local services. Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk

She enquired whether the Society had plans to spend the balance of £50,000. The Chairman replied that the Society needed a reserve in case of any future legal action, and next year's Exhibition will absorb some of the funds, although Leonard Holdsworth is inviting people to sponsor it, and we are taking commercial advertisements in the Annual Report. Suggestions to increase our range of activities would be welcome.

Lord Salisbury introduced Greg Hands, MP for Chelsea and Fulham, who brought up two issues:

- i) He was organising meetings about basement developments to see what local government can do about curbing the associated problems. It has been a big issue for 20 years.
- ii) He is extremely concerned about the Thames Tideway Tunnel and urged members to respond to the consultation and give the thumbs down to the proposal to make the main drive site in Carnwath Road, Fulham, close to Chelsea Harbour. This will cause massive disruption to locals and will gravely affect Fulham and Chelsea traffic, with 29,000 heavy lorry movements carrying large machinery and prefabricated buildings along the King's Road, and New King's Road over six years. Greg holds regular surgeries every month in Peter Jones where members would be welcome. They can contact him via email on mail@greghands.com.

About 100 people attended and Lord Salisbury thanked them for coming.