

# LIVERPOOL



NEWSLETTER N<sup>o</sup> 3

SPRING 2002

HISTORY SOCIETY

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SPECIAL

### Notice of Meeting

Formal notice is hereby given that the Society's first **Annual General Meeting** will be held at LIPA, Mount St, Liverpool, on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2002, at 1.15 p.m., immediately before Malcolm Grattan's talk on Liverpool & the British Civil Wars, 1642-51.

#### AGENDA

- [1] Chairman's Welcome, Introduction, and Report
- [2] Secretaries' Reports
- [3] Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Accounts (See page 2 within)
- [4] Revision of Constitution (See page 3 within)
- [5] Election of one Officer and Committee Members (See note 1 below)
- [6] Appointment of Accounts Examiner for 2002/2003
- [7] Consideration of Motions previously raised by members (See note 2 below)
- [8] Any other business, at Chairman's discretion

**Note 1** Written nominations for these vacancies, duly proposed and seconded, and bearing the candidates acceptance of nomination must be received by the Secretary not later than **16<sup>th</sup> May 2002**. (present Constitution, paragraph 6.2 refers)

**Note 2** Written Motions for consideration, duly proposed and seconded, must be received by the Secretary not later than **16<sup>th</sup> May 2002**. (Constitution, para 10.2.5 refers)

Please make every effort to be present at the AGM, as it is your opportunity to have your say as to how your Society should be run. To be eligible to vote, your **Subscription Renewal for 2002/3**, which fell due for payment on 1<sup>st</sup> April, must have been received by the Membership Secretary by the beginning of the meeting.

Jo McCann, Administration Secretary.

20<sup>th</sup> April 2002

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## Statement of Accounts of the Liverpool History Society for the period 26 Nov 2000 to 31 Mar 2002

<b>Income</b>	£	p	£	p
Subscriptions (including 2 Life) for year to 31.03.02	945.	00		
Subscriptions for year to 31.03.03, paid in advance	600.	00		
Donations, including £31.00 in Nov 2000, Visitors at meetings and sale of cards	109.	90		
Refreshment Sales (including free pre-Christmas Buffet)	59.	88		
Bank Interest	.	66		
			<b>1715.44</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Expenditure

Hire of Meeting Rooms	173.	00		
Speakers	186.	00		
Printing	65.	55		
Stationery	18.	17		
Postage	66.	70		
Materials for Refreshments	71.	10		
Subscriptions (2 years) to other Societies (LLHF)	16.	00		
			<b>596.52</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Balances carried forward to 2002/03

At Bank (Treasurer)	1094.	81		
Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	20.	53		
Cash in Hand (Membership Secretary)	3.	58		
			<b>1118.92</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Prepared and certified correct by

Joyce Culling  
Hon Treasurer

Michael E Brian  
Hon Membership Secretary

4th April 2002

### Examiner's Certificate

I certify that I have examined, to the best of my ability, all books, vouchers, bank statements and other records pertaining to the finances of the LHS, and am satisfied that the above is an accurate summary statement thereof.

Brian Coghlan,

Society Member, Examiner

8th April 2002

## Revision of the Society's Constitution

Very soon after the Society's initial Constitution was approved on 18 February 2000, it became clear to the Committee that various amendments were needed, and that is why no finalised copy has been issued to members. However, they did not consider that the changes warranted the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting, and could await the 2002 AGM to be considered and voted upon.

Instead of producing a list of these changes on a line by line, or paragraph by paragraph basis, it was agreed that it would be easier for all concerned to provide all members with a copy of the Constitution incorporating the various amendments. A copy of this Revised Constitution is enclosed with this Special AGM Newsletter, and readers will see that, for ease of reference, the major changes from the original appear in italics.

The three categories of change are as follows:

### 1 New Provisions

- [a] Introduction of Joint Membership to cover any two members living at the same address.
- [b] Authority for the Committee to appoint sub-committees to deal with specific tasks.
- [c] Authority for the Committee to acquire, hold and dispose of books and artefacts and make them available to members.

### 2 Clarification of existing provisions

- [a] Provision for voting rights for all members of 18 years and over, regardless of membership category.
- [b] Incorporation of current subscription rates into main body of the Constitution.
- [c] Clarification of position of "Auditor" or Accounts Examiner (old paragraph 10.2.3).
- [d] Simplification of the number of ordinary representative Committee Members to eight.
- [e] Reduction of length of notice required for AGM from 30 to 28 days.

### 3 Re-ordering and re-numbering of paragraphs

- [a] Movement of old paragraph 8 (Subscriptions) to more logical position at new paragraph 4.
- [b] Restructuring of former paragraphs 5 – 7 as new paragraphs 6 – 8.
- [c] Various other consequential re-numberings.

The Committee does not consider that any of these alterations change the fundamental nature of the Society or how it is to be conducted. It therefore recommends that they be accepted, and that the Revised Constitution become effective immediately.

If approved, a printed copy of the Revised Constitution will be distributed to all Members with either the 2002 Journal or Newsletter No 4, but any member wishing to obtain a copy before that date may do so by writing to the Membership Secretary, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope

**NB Please bring this Newsletter & the enclosed copy of the proposed Revised Constitution with you to the AGM, as spare copies may not be available .**

## JUNE MEETING

### 23rd June Behind the Scenes at Croxteth Hall

Croxteth Hall, on the outskirts of Liverpool, was the home of the Molyneux family whose Norman ancestors were first granted lands in the area circa 1100. Their home was then at Sefton, about five miles away, but some four centuries later, having gained hereditary control over Liverpool Castle and the Forest of West Derby, some of the family moved to Croxteth. The 8th Viscount Molyneux was created 1st Earl of Sefton in 1771, and the family remained at Croxteth until the seventh and last Earl died in 1972. The Hall and grounds were bequeathed to the people of Liverpool, and the Hall is now the centrepiece of a 500 acre Country Park.

The Hall itself reflects several stages of building, incorporating the Elizabethan house, the Queen Anne wing, and Victorian and Edwardian additions. A disastrous fire destroyed much of the interior of the Queen Anne wing in 1952.

**Please walk from car park and meet outside the Main Entrance to Croxteth Hall at 2.00 pm sharp.  
Also, please note that there will be an entrance fee of about £1.50 to pay.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meetings for the period September to December 2002 have been arranged as follows:

22nd September	The History of the Chinese Community in Liverpool	Brian Wong
20th October	Black Liverpoolians – a hidden history	Ray Costello
24th November	The establishment of the Jewish Community in Liverpool	Joe Wolfman
15th December	Yuletide Special – another mixed bag	

The first three meetings, more details of which will be given in our next issue, form the first part of a series telling the stories of some of the diverse communities and minority groups that form part of Liverpool's rich fabric, and who, over the years, have contributed so much that is often overlooked.

## HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

We are pleased to distribute a copy of the Historic Society's current Programme Card with this Newsletter. Any LHS member living near enough to do so, will be most welcome to attend any of these meetings.

## The Society's Officers & Committee, 2001-2

### Officers

Chairman: Frank Boyce                      Administration Secretary: Jo McCann (P)  
Treasurer: Joyce Culling                  Membership Secretary: Michael Brian (P)

### Committee (Elected members)

Charles Collier    Kathy Donaldson    Brenda Downey (P)    Brenda Murray

### Committee (Co-opted members)

Peter Jones (P)    Neville King (P)    Marie McQuade (P)  
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