



CITY HERITAGE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

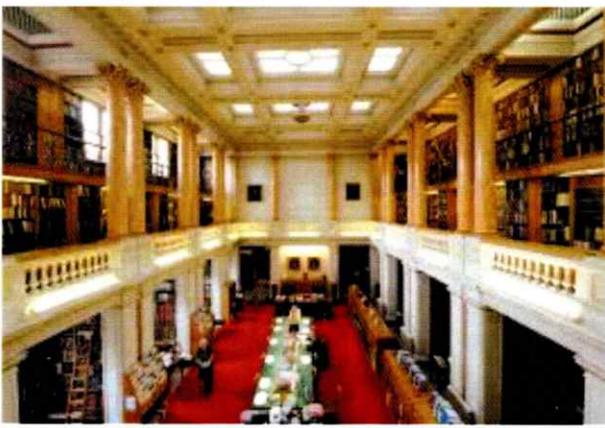
This is my first year as chairman of The City Heritage Society following the retirement of Desmond Fitzpatrick. His are big shoes to step into and I fear I cannot compete with his encyclopaedic knowledge of the City.

We also during the year lost the services of Marina Nicholson, our long serving secretary. She is sorely missed as she was not only efficient in the role of secretary but also as the organiser of many of our events.

We do desperately need a replacement for her so a volunteer to take up this post would be very welcome.

I must, however, thank Desmond for organising some events for us and to Patrick Burke for adding to his task as membership secretary coping with minute taking and other tasks as a stopgap measure.

Events



In 2015 we had some very interesting visits. In February, through the good offices of Desmond who is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, we paid a visit to their premises in Burlington House (above).



In April we visited Benjamin Franklin's house (above) at 30 Craven St. which is just off the Strand very near Charing Cross Station. It is amazing that this 18th century house occupied for nearly 16 years by this world famous figure is tucked away in so central a location.

In May we visited the Supreme Court in Parliament Square (below). This is housed in what was built as the Guildhall for Middlesex in 1912/13. It is in a Gothic/Art Nouveau style which is surprising for this date but was no doubt influenced by its proximity to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. The interior has been adapted to suit its new use but wherever possible original features have been retained. The tour also gave us something of an insight into to workings of the Court.



The final visit of the year was to have been to Sutton House but this had to be cancelled due to a threatened Tube strike which was a pity as this would have been Marina's swan song as secretary.

We were again made welcome at the Parish Carol Service at St Botolph-Without-Bishopsgate. This is always an uplifting event with the music performed by the choir and band of Coopers' Company and Coborn School.

Annual Dinner



The Annual Dinner was held in the Members Club at Guildhall with over 40 people attending. Our principal guest was the Very Reverend Victor Stock, Dean Emeritus of Guildford Cathedral and a former Rector of St Mary le Bow. His witty speech drew on his time in the City where he was twice chaplain to Lord Mayors and found himself the chairman of a group fighting (unsuccessfully) the demolition of the Mappin and Webb building at No.1 Poultry and its replacement with the new building designed by the late James Stirling.

During the Dinner I had the pleasure of presenting a plate to Marina Nicholson in thanks for all her work for the Society. The plate featured the logo of the Society which I painted myself using modern china paints.



City Heritage Painter-Stainers Award

The City Heritage Award for 2015 was presented by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Alan Yarrow on 24th July 2015 for the redevelopment of 8-10 Moorgate. The whole of the block bounded by Moorgate, Telegraph St, Tokenhouse Yard and King's Arm Yard was redeveloped. The important façade of a former bank building on Moorgate was retained and sympathetically adapted for its new use. The rest of the facades are new but they were considered to have been well handled by the architects, Allies and Morrison especially the new façade on Tokenhouse Yard where the planning application had envisaged retaining the existing façade which had, in the event, been condemned for structural reasons.



Finally, I would like to thank our panel of assessors for giving their time and expertise. I would also like to thank the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers, our joint sponsors for this award, for nominating assessors, providing facilities for the meeting

of assessors and for arranging the production of the plaque and the certificate.

8-10 Moorgate Team

Allies and Morrison	Architects
Mitsui Fudesan UK Ltd	Developer
Stanhope PLC	Development Consultant
Waterman Structures	Structural Engineers
Waterman Building Services	Serv. Engineers
Faithful and Gould	QS and Project Managers
Mace Group	Contractors
The Worshipful Company of Clothworkers	Freeholders

The Assessors for the City Heritage Award 2015 were:

Peter Luscombe, RIBA	Chairman
Desmond FitzPatrick	FSA Vice-Chair.

Harry Evans, FCIQB	Painter-Stainers
Annie Hampson BA Hons.	City Architect
Dr Jennifer Freeman FSA	
Frank Kelsall FSA	
Julian Briant FRICS	Painter-Stainers

Comments On Planning Applications

71-73 Carter Lane EC4V 5EQ	Objection
191-192 Fleet St EC4H 2NJ	Objection
22 Bishopsgate EC2N	Support for revised design
Amen Lodge EC4M 7B4	Objection
120 Moorgate EC2M CUR	Objection

Peter Luscombe

The Society's Executive Committee 2015

C. Douglas Woodward CBE	President
Peter Luscombe RIBA	Chairman
Desmond FitzPatrick BA FSA	Vice Chairman
*Marina Nicholson	Secretary
Patrick Burke	Membership Secretary
Les Breadmore	Hon. Treasurer
Anthony Hemy RIBA	Planning Applications & Webmaster
* Resigned July 2015	

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