

**The Barnes Literary Society**  
**Report and financial statements for the year ended September 30 2013**

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**Society information**

Patrons	Isla Blair Julian Glover Roger McGough Patrick Neate Jan Pienkowski
Committee	Fiona Smith (Chairman) David King-Farlow (Vice Chairman) Sheila Hayward Smith (Honorary Secretary) Patrick Harvey (Honorary Treasurer) Sarah Kearney (Membership Secretary) Claire Boyling, Caroline Kelsell, Kathy Owles, and Jane Skerrett co-opted
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**Annual Report for the year ended September 2013**

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Last year's wide ranging programme of topics and different styles of events was popular with members and attracted large audiences during the year. Joan Bakewell introduced the season with a fascinating 'walk down memory lane' speaking about her 'life and novels'. In sharp contrast A.D Miller discussed his popular contemporary thriller 'Snowdrops' set in the harsh world of post - Soviet Russia with Helen Willan. Bettany Hughes' lively interview with John Smith on 'Socrates and the Hemlock Cup' gave an intriguing insight into the ancient world while David Shukman's presentation on current global environmental issues brought us up to date with threats of climate change. The literary challenges of translation were addressed by local publisher and translator, Alessandro Gallenzi, and novelist and film writer, Rebecca Frayn, revealed to her audience how she found inspiration for her novels in controversial topics. Visits to the London Library and Dr.Johnson's House gave in depth insights into literary collections and the season closed with a summer outing to the Orange Tree Theatre for pre-theatre drinks and light hearted comedy.

There were difficulties with our usual venue over the year and the sudden closure of the OSO in November for several months for refurbishment required us to move to the Methodist Church for a few months. Adequate seating in our regular venues for our large audiences continues to be high on the committee's agenda and we monitor this situation on a regular basis.

Membership remains high and finances continue to be healthy. As a result the society was able to maintain the current subscription rate for a further year. Our links with the wider literary community of Richmond prompted us to propose that we support the Young Writers' Festival with a bursary for the Laureate Awards to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

We appreciate the continued support of our patrons Isla Blair, Julian Glover, Roger McGough, Patrick Neate and Jan Pieńkowski. We are particularly grateful to Jan Pieńkowski whose designs for our annual publicity brochure and occasional posters are always fresh and imaginative.

Links with the local community are important to BLS and Isla Dawes' regular donation of a Barnes Book Shop voucher for members and her attendance at events with our speakers' books are appreciated as is coverage of our activities in the Barnes Community Association's monthly publication 'Prospect'.

A key feature to the success of BLS is the committee whose members work extremely hard to ensure a dynamic programme of speakers and visits as well as the efficient organisation of events and administration of the society. There have been recent changes with the retirement of our Vice Chairman Helen Willan and Publicity Manager Lucy Hine who have been replaced by David King - Farlow and Kathy Owles. This will be my last annual report before I stand down as Chairman and I hope that BLS continues to flourish for the enjoyment of literary enthusiasts.

*Fiona Smith*

*Chairman*

Barnes Literary Society

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**Independent examiner's report to the committee of The Barnes Literary Society**

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As described on page 4, you have approved the financial statements for the year ended September 30 2013 set out on pages 3 and 4. In accordance with the Constitution, I have examined these financial statements without carrying out an audit, and confirm that they are in accordance with the records and the information and explanations supplied to me.

Lesley Pasricha FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
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**Income and expenditure account for the year ended September 30 2013**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	6,555	7,018
Guest fees	264	400
Ticket event fees	1,061	2,248
Bank interest	3	3
Total	<u>7,883</u>	<u>9,669</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Room Hire	1,411	1,071
Regular events	3,676	3,777
Special events	1,248	2,372
Printing, stationery & publicity	998	743
Website	510	517
Insurance	191	191
Accountancy	290	285
	<u>8,324</u>	<u>8,956</u>
<b>Net (deficit) / surplus for the year</b>	(441)	713
Reserves brought forward at October 1 2012	6,785	6,072
Funds carried forward at September 30 2013	<u>6,344</u> =====	<u>6,785</u> =====

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**Balance Sheet as at September 30 2013**

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	<b>2013</b>		<b>2012</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank- current account	4,644		4,732	
Cash at bank – deposit account	5,010		5,008	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		9,654		9,740
<b>Creditors</b>				
Accrued expenses	290		285	
Subscriptions in advance	3,020		2,670	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		(3,310)		(2,955)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>£6,344</u>		<u>£6,785</u>
		=====		=====
Represented by:				
General reserves		<u>£6,344</u>		<u>£6,785</u>
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**Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Approved by the committee on

and signed on its behalf by

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 Chairman

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 Treasurer