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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2018
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Annual Report for 2018

The Council has the honour to present to the members of the Society its report for 2018.

Events & Meetings

The Society held a full programme of lectures, conferences and visits, beginning with a site visit in February to the new Bloomberg Mithraeum, followed by a reception and an opportunity to view some of the finds. We were very grateful to MOLA for organising this trip, especially Sophie Jackson. In April, members of the Society also had an opportunity to visit ‘The Classical Now’ exhibition at King’s College London with a guided visit led by Professor Michael Squire.

27 February  
M.V. Taylor Lecture  
London

Professor Roger Bagnall  
_Papyrology and Ancient History: a changing relationship_

6 March  
The Culture of the Greek Cities in the East  
London

_With the Hellenic Society_

Professor Bert Smith:  
*A Greek City in Roman Asia Minor: new finds, new research at Roman Aphrodisias*

Professor Ewen Bowie:  
*Poetry and Rhetoric on Display*
15 May
London

With the British School at Rome

Professor Simon Keay & Dr Peter Campbell
Navigating the Harbours and Canals of the Portus Romae: new approaches

The AGM was held at Senate House on Saturday 2 June followed by a series of lectures on Nero: art, politics, culture

Professor Dominic Rathbone  
Nero: naughty but nice?
Professor Eugenio La Rocca  
The parietal mosaic with the apotheosis of a poet from the Mouseion on the Oppian hill
Dr Carrie Vout  
Nero and the art of dissolution
Professor Matthew Leigh  
Pliny the Elder and Nero
Professor Catharine Edwards  
Seneca’s Letters: how (not) to write about Nero

6 November
London

Dr Christopher Whitton
The arts of imitation in Latin prose: Pliny’s Epistles / Quintilian in Brief

13 November
London

Joan Pye Lecture
With the Roman Research Trust

Professor Simon Esmonde Cleary
Chedworth: excavations and reimaginings at a Roman villa 1864-2018
17 November  
British Museum

The People of Roman Britain  
*With the Association for Roman Archaeology*

Professor Tim Cornell: *Welcome*  
Dr Tom Brindle: *The Great Unwashed – Common People in Roman Britain*  
Professor Hella Eckardt: *Mobility in Roman Britain – archaeological evidence and current debates*  
Dr John Pearce: *Becoming Roman in death? Funerary monuments and rituals in Britannia*  
Dr Tatiana Ivleva: *Britons abroad: The untold story of emigration and object mobility from Roman Britain*  
Professor John Wilkes: *Closing Words*

**Lectures in Conjunction with the Classical Association**

The Society also offered its customary support to lectures hosted by Classical Association local branches.

28 February  
Edinburgh  
Dr Catherine Ware  
*Spectacular Justice: the arena in late antique literature*

26 April  
Cheltenham  
Professor Alison Sharrock  
*The Woman, the Poet and the Reader in Ovid's Amores*

2 May  
Exeter  
Professor Jonathan Prag  
*Warships and rams*

4 May  
Leeds  
Professor David Mattingly  
*What lay beyond? Rome and the peoples of the Sahara*

11 October  
Leeds  
Professor Stephen Oakley  
*The Style of Tacitus*

11 October  
Hull  
Linda Farrar  
*Gardens and Gardeners of Pompeii*

29 October  
Roehampton  
Tom Stevenson  
*The Forum Augustum: Re-shaping Collective Memory about Roman War*

16 November  
Leeds  
Dr Simon Corcoran  
*Cribbing and swotting, hazing and rioting: the student experience in the late Roman empire*

12 December  
Exeter  
Dr Kathryn Tempest  
*The Art of Faking it: the letters of Marcus Brutus and Mithridates*
The start of this session was marked by the commencement of the planned refurbishment of the library entrance area. For the duration of the works the library configuration was changed to allow readers to enter via the Numismatics Room, as the main library doors could not be accessed. The entrance and issue desk activities moved back into the lobby on 25 September. The works saw the creation of separate reception areas for the Library and for the UCL hub with which we share the third floor. The space in the centre of the lobby, which had previously contained the issue desk, was converted to a seating area for readers, with a new area for the lockers and an additional display wall. The new configuration meant we were not able to provide as many lockers as we had previously, which initially caused some problems with locker supply at busy times. We have since been able to supply an extra 14 lockers, as well as replacing the locks on many of the existing lockers where the keys had been taken and not returned. This has alleviated much of the pressure on the locker supply.

Over a few days in the autumn some filming took place inside the library. This was for scenes and images used in the HARL promotional film, part of the HARL fundraising campaign. A number of interviews were also filmed, most of them in the rare books suite. After the release of the initial short film, four more interviews were also produced to promote the library. All of the films can be viewed on the HARL campaign website: www.hellenicandromanlibrary.org.

In October the library put on a display of books, curated by Paul Jackson, on the theme of 'Monsters', to tie in with the ICS event held on 17 October 2017. The books were on display for two weeks, and the exhibition notes are available to download from our website at https://library.ics.sas.ac.uk/. Senate House Library once again kindly lent us three display cases to use for the exhibition.

In November 2017 the library purchased some sturdy clear plastic bags featuring the library logos. These are available for readers who require them to carry items in to the library. The logos themselves have been updated with the assistance of the School of Advanced Study: the ICS Library logo now matches the style of the main ICS logo; the Hellenic and Roman Library logo has been adjusted to harmonise with that of the ICS and reflect the change in name, while also retaining the familiar dolphin symbol long associated with the library.

As has been previously reported, the library was left a generous bequest by Dr P. John Casey. In honour of this the Numismatics Room in the library has been renamed the John Casey Numismatics Room, and a naming event was held on March 12. An audience of invited guests, including a number of John's friends and former colleagues, attended the event, which also supported the library fundraising campaign. The new plaque was unveiled after performance of the play "Queen Elizabeth and the Twelve Caesars", written and directed by Andrew Burnett.
One change was made to the library configuration during this session. In April 2018 classmark 205 (Archaeological Technique) has been moved from the open shelves to the Librarian’s office, to alleviate some of the pressure in the rolling stacks at the end of the Archaeology Room. Anyone wishing to consult the shelves in 205 can speak to library staff to arrange access.

During the session the computers for the library OPACs were replaced, as part of a standard rolling schedule of replacements. It took a little bit of time for the new OPAC machines to settle down and retain the correct settings, leaving catalogue access via the OPACs a little temperamental for a few weeks. But the correct settings were eventually applied, and they seem to be running smoothly once again.

The funded part of the COACS (Cataloguing Open Access Classics Serials) project has now been completed. The library now holds a large number of records for open access serials at both serial title and article title level. We are working with staff from Senate House Library to identify the best way to import these into the catalogue, and to resolve any duplicates of records that are already in the catalogue.

Readers who visited the library during the period from late March to June may have noticed tightened security at Senate House, and perhaps been asked to show ID at the main door. On a few occasions we were also told that we had to close early, at very short notice, as the building was being shut down. This was a response by the University to some student sit-ins in Senate House, and outside our control. We are hopeful that this level of security will not recur, and apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced by it.

As usual, the library survey was run in May. We received only 33 responses this year, much lower than in previous years. The survey was advertised on the library website, via Twitter, and by posters and leaflets in the library in the same way as in previous years. However, this year we omitted to send a notification out via the Classicists mailing list, as had been done previously. This omission has left us with a much smaller set of results, which may skew comparisons with previous years. It has also provided the useful information that the mailing list does seem to be the most effective way to engage with many of our readers. The overall satisfaction score was 3.78, not significantly different to last year’s score of 3.79. The scores and comments on individual points were along similar lines to last year, with the lowest score and a number of comments relating to the heating in the library. We continue to liaise
with Senate House staff regarding the heating levels and insulation in the library, and will do our best to improve the situation this winter. A fuller summary of the survey results is available to download from the library website.

A new library website was launched on 30 July 2018. This was developed with the help and support of the School of Advanced Studies, especially Laura Say. The new website has been designed to be optimised for use across mobile and tablet devices as well as desktop and laptop computers. The administrative functions allow library staff to change more aspects of the website design than we were able to on the previous version of our website, and the platform should be more secure. The library has acquired a data projector and screen, which can now be used as required for training sessions run in the computer room.

**Library Staff**

The session saw a number of changes in library staff. The Winnington-Ingram Trainee for the session was Molly Richards, who joined us in August 2017. Molly is a Classics graduate from Clare College, Cambridge. In January 2018 Molly left the library to move to Oxford and take a job at the Oxford English Dictionary. Louise Wallace, trainee from 2015-2016, and Steven Cosnett, one of our casual library assistants, both stepped in part-time to cover the role, and we are grateful to them both for taking on this work at short notice.

At the end of April 2018 our part-time Library Assistant, Flor Herrero Valdes, left us to return to Spain with her family. Flor was a member of the library team for nearly four years. In July 2018 Maria Kekki joined the team as our new part-time library assistant. Maria has previously worked at Goldsmiths College, the British Library, and the Finnish Archaeological Institute and the Nordic Library in Athens. She originally studied History, Archaeology and Information Studies at the University of Helsinki and the School of Oriental and African Studies, and is a qualified librarian.

As ever, we benefited from the services of our Casual Assistants who helped us out with morning shelving, late evening and Saturday opening: Gaetano Ardito, Steven Cosnett, Naomi Rebis and Mary Ruskin. To all of these we extend our customary thanks.

During this session we also benefited from the support of two volunteers. Keith Davis assisted us with a cataloguing project in January 2018, and Graham Fifoot volunteered across a number of projects, working one day a week from September 2017 to July 2018. To both we extend our thanks for the generous gift of their time.

A week’s work experience was given under Sue Willett’s guidance in July to pre-university student Celeste Foo, from The Henrietta Barnett School in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

**Collection development**

A sizeable bequest of around 20 boxes was received from the collection of Professor J. Barron. The library was also very fortunate to receive the generous gift of two framed Piranesi prints from Professor J. R. Green. The library continued to benefit from the kindness of The Classical Association in regularly passing on books
not required for review in their journal, *Classical Review*. We are greatly obliged to all donors for their generosity.

We are also indebted to the following donors of books, pamphlets and periodicals: Dr R. Adam, Dr J. Alcock, Dr E. Angelicoussis, Dr E. Anglicher, Professor R. Ardevan, Dr R.H.J. Ashton, Dr S. Audano, Dr E. Betts, Professor H. Bowden, Dr G. Bradley, Mr S. Brace, Dr A. Brown, Dr A. Burnett, Dr D. Burton, Dr E. Chalkia, Dr V. Cojocaru, Professor S. Colvin, Professor A. Cooley, Dr T.R.P. Coward, Professor M.H. Crawford, Dr J.R. Cross, Dr X. Duffy, Mr M. Dyson, Dr S. Ferrara, Dr M. Ford, Dr K. Gawlikowska, Dr A. Goldsworthy, Mr N.W. Gourlay, Professor J.R. Green, Ms M. Grochocki, Dr F. Haarer, Dr M. Hassall, Professor A. Hermary, Sir J. and Lady Heywood, Dr J. Hughes, Mr P. Jackson, Professor R. Janko, Dr A.W. Johnston, Professor A.C. King, Dr K. Klodziński, Mrs C. Lawrence, Dr T.J. Leary, Mr G. Lemos, Dr A. Martinez Valle, Professor T. Minimikawa, Professor H. Mouritsen, Dr N. Mugnai, Dr D. Nappo, Professor V. Nutton, Mrs M.-D. Oliver, Dr G. Pedrucci, Dr A. Popescu, Mr R. Potter, Dr J. Powell, Miss N. Rebis, Dr M. Rogakos, Dr U. Roth, Professor C. Rouché, Mr C. Runecles, Dr M. Ruskin, Dr R.W.B. Salway, Dr A.D.R. Sheppard, Mr C. Spary Green, Professor G. Suárez Blázquez, Mr R. Tatam, Professor J. Tatum, Professor M. Trapp, Dr E.B. Tsigarida, Dr A. Tyflopoulos, Mr R. D’A. Ward, Dr A.M. Wasyl, Mrs S.J. Willetts, Professor G.D. Woolf, Dr K. Zachos.

British Museum, Department of Coins and Medals; British Museum, Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities; Charles Ede Ltd.; Dr Williams’ Library; Embassy of Greece in London; Institute of Historical Research; Parrot Press, Canberra; Senate House Library; University College London; Warburg Institute.

**Statistics**

Acquisition and usage figures below. Last year’s figures (2016/17) in parentheses.

**Expenditure on collection development:**
- Institute: Books: £15,127 (£14,119); Periodicals: £3,765 (£4,387); E-resources: £6,112 (£6,032).
- Joint Library: Books: £16,421 (£18,464); Periodicals: £7,457 (£7,127).

Total estimated value of combined Institute and Joint Library acquisitions (including purchases, review copies, exchanges, gifts and bequests): £89,669 (£100,216).

Books and pamphlets added: Institute 320 (276); Joint Library 1,653 (1,756); Total: 1,973 (2,032); Net gain, allowing for replacements: 1,929 (1,974).

Current periodicals: Institute 176 (176); Joint Library 522 (518); Total: 698 (694), of which 464 (462) were acquired by exchange, and 234 (232) by gift or purchase.

There were 77 (74) Institute and 78 (71) Joint Library exchanges for books and dissertations; and 8 (8) more exchanges were made on behalf of other libraries.

**Expenditure on binding (books and periodicals):** Institute: £9,310 (£8,867); Joint Library: £9,544 (£8,509). Books bound or rebound: Institute: 116 (155); Joint Library: 95 (72); Total: 211 (227). Periodicals bound or rebound: Institute: 98 (64); Joint Library: 207 (194); Total: 305 (258).

Usage: Borrowers: 2,053 (2,039); Books borrowed: 8,290 (9,205). Library swipe-cards issued (current only): Institute: 1,890 (1,887); Societies: 3,442 (3,461). Turnstile count: 44,986 (47,865) entries [note that it was not possible to collect entry data from 1 August 2017 – 25 September 2017 due to the lobby refurbishment,
therefore figures for this year are incomplete; Temporary visitors: 129 (133). Book parcels sent to members: 208 (274); to reviewers: 86 (44). Scans made: 9,858 (8,534) for 145 (124) members and institutions.

Joanna Ashe, Librarian

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Audrey Barrie Brown & Donald Atkinson Funds

At the meeting in February of the joint Audrey Barrie Brown and Donald Atkinson Funds Committee, nine grants were awarded from Audrey Barrie Brown Fund, and five grants were awarded from Donald Atkinson Fund (£8,250).

Maureen Carroll, Vagnari £1750
Matthew Cobb: Re-thinking Globalisation conference £1000
João Fonte: The Roman Conquest of Dacia £500
Tyler Franconi: Frontier Economies in the Roman World £3000
Mantha Zarmakoupi: Delos and Rheneia underwater survey £2000

Hugh Last & General Funds

The Hugh Last & General Funds Committee met in February. Five grants were awarded from the Hugh Last Fund (£6033) and seven from the General Fund (£2,677.77).

Fondation Hardt bursaries (2 x £500) £1000 HL
British School at Rome
  City of Rome Postgraduate course 2019 £2000 HL
  Ancient Rome Undergraduate Summer School 2018 £2000 HL
A. Buglass – conference £600 GF
M. Ledger – conference £500 GF
M. Lindholmer – conference £500 GF
M. Mallows - Roman festival, Didcot £150 GF
M. Russo – conference £300 GF
S. Sheard – conference £410 GF
J. Stoner – monograph illustrations £750.77 HL
A. Velentza – Ayia Galini shipwreck £500 (£282.23 HL; £217.77 GF)

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Roman Studies Committee

The Committee members who served during the year were as follows:

Professor Roland Mayer (Chair)   Dr Clare Harvey
Professor Richard Alston  Dr Arlene Homles-Henderson
Dr Emma Bridges  Ms Claire Millington
Professor Tim Cornell Dr Matthew Symonds
Professor Catharine Edwards  Dr Kathryn Tempest

The committee awarded the following bursaries for the Museum and Heritage Organisation summer placement scheme:

Nélida Ballesteros (Institute of Classics Studies)
Pamela Fielder (English Heritage, Properties Team)
Charlotte Heath (Corinium Museum)
Poppy Grima (Great North Museum)
Katy Murray (Corbridge Roman Site)
Jessica Nipper (Roman Baths, Bath)
Sarah Norvell (British Museum, Department of Greece & Rome)
Dillon Patel (British Museum, Department of Greece & Rome)
Brittany Stone (Richborough)
Sue Walker (British Museum, Department of Coins and Medals)

Schools Committee

The Committee members who served during the year were as follows:

Dr Clare Harvey (Chair)   Dr Aisha Khan-Evans
Professor Tim Cornell  Ms Hannah Maguire
The Schools Committee awarded the following grants:

**Archaeology Fieldwork Bursaries**
The Society gave £500 for Archaeological Fieldwork Bursaries, and the Roman Research Trust awarded a further £3000 to 16-18 year olds working at the Silchester Field School.

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### Grants to Schools & Other Projects

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Archaeology Committee & Activities

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Dr Matthew Symonds  
Dr Philippa Walton

Events

The Archaeology Committee organized and supported a variety of events throughout the country, including the 2018 Regional Heritage Centre’s Annual Archaeology Forum at Lancaster University, *From Discovery to Display* (a visit to Corinium Museum and Cotswold Archaeology), and the Hadrian’s Wall Forum.

The Committee also supported a conference on Sensory Experience, held at Senate House in October, organized by Tom Derrick and Giacomo Savani. Papers were given by Thomas Derrick (Leicester) *Sensory methodologies, urbanism(s), and the Roman North*; Andrew Gardner (UCL) *Theorising the immediate: the pitfalls and possibilities of sensory archaeology*; Patty Baker (Kent) *Experimental archaeology and locating sensory perceptions of flora in Roman Britain*; Stuart McKie (Durham) “A gift to the gods by which Butu has perished…” *Curse tablets and votive rituals in the Roman north-west*; Caroline Lawrence (Author) *Writing Londinium with the five senses*; Sophie Jackson (MOLA) *‘Evoking the experience of being in a mithraeum; how far do you go?’*; Nicky Garland (Newcastle) *The sensory analysis of military structures in Britannia - The Commanding Officers’ House, Arbeia, Hadrian’s Wall*; Mike Bishop *Roman Front Ears 2: Reconstructing a 2nd century AD soundscape of Hadrian’s Wall*; Anna Walas (Leicester) *Engaging senses, engaging the troops – The sensory experiences accompanying official military practices within military bases under the Early to High Empire*; Concluding remarks and discussion - Eleanor Betts (Open University).
RAC XIV & TRAC 28

Over 400 delegates gathered in Edinburgh for the 2018 RAC and TRAC, organized by Professor Jim Crow and Dr Ben Russell. The keynote lecture was delivered by Professor Lisa Fentress on Slaving Societies, and was followed by a grand opening reception at the National Museum of Scotland. The conference trip to the Antonine wall was led by Professor David Breeze and Dr Rebecca Jones. The Archaeology BA dissertation prize was awarded to Daisy Bendall of the University of Leeds, and the conference also saw the inauguration of the Sheppard Frere prize, awarded to the best poster (this was won by ‘Bullseye: Analysis of Ox skulls used for target practice at Roman Vindolanda’, which was a collaborative effort by Rhys Williams, Tim Thompson, Caroline Orr, and Gillian Taylor of Teeside University).

Epistula

Epistula XV and XVI were circulated to all members (with an email address) in July and December. The editor was Matthew Symonds. Epistula keeps members up to date with news of recent discoveries, research, exhibitions, conferences and publications. Members are encouraged to send contributions (300 words; images welcome) by the two annual closing dates, 30 April and 31 October to: office@romansociety.org.

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**Journals & Monographs**

The *Journal of Roman Studies* 108 and *Britannia* 49 were published as usual in November. Income from CUP totaled over £135,000 including income from the digital archive programme. We continue to be indebted to Dr Lynn Pitts for ensuring the timely publication and high quality of the journals.

The Society also published two monographs:  
**Britannia Monograph 31**, Alexander Smith, Martyn Allen, Tom Brindle, Michael Fulford, Lisa Lodwick and Anna Rohnbogner, eds., *New Visions of the Countryside of Roman Britain - Volume 3: Life and Death in the Countryside of Roman Britain*  
**Britannia Monograph 32**, Michael Fulford, Amanda Clarke, Emma Durham and Nicholas Pankhurst, *Late Iron Age Calleva: The Pre-Conquest Occupation At Silchester Insula IX. Silchester Roman Town: The Insula IX Town Life Project: Volume 3*

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**Elections & Membership**

**Elections**

At the Annual General Meeting held in London on 2 June, Professor Tim Cornell was elected President, Dr Andrew Burnett, CBE, FBA, FSA, Professor Catharine Edwards and Professor Dominic Rathbone were elected
Vice-Presidents, Dr Philip Kay, FSA was re-elected Honorary Treasurer, and Professor Roland Mayer was re-elected Honorary Secretary. MacIntyre Hudson of Canterbury were re-appointed auditors for 2018.

The following members of Council, who retired, were thanked for their contributions during their term of office: Mr Robert Lister, Dr Dunstan Lowe, Professor Annalisa Marzano, Mr Julian Spencer, and Professor Barry Burnham (Editor, Britannia). Professor Burnham and Professor Fulford were elected Honorary Vice-Presidents.

The following members were elected to Council for 2018-2021: Dr Simon Corcoran, Dr James Corke-Webster, Professor Serafina Cuomo, Dr Sophie Hay, Professor Helen Lovatt and Dr Ross Thomas.

Membership
At the year end, there were 1714 individual members, 91 Life Members and 12 Honorary Members.

Deaths
The Society learnt with regret of the deaths of Dr Robin E. Birley, Mr P.G.McC. Brown, Mr J. D. Clibborn, Mr William V. Coxon, Mr Talbot K. Green, Dr Miriam Griffin, Mr John Kennedy, Ms Anne Livingstone, Mr J.C.B Lowe, Mr Peter H. Marshall, Prof. Maria H. Rocha-Pereira, Dr J. Rowlandson, Mr G. S. G. Toms, Dr Jonathan N. Tribbick.

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Financial Review

This was the third year of the twenty-five year arrangement with the University of London under which the Society and its sister society, the Hellenic Society, will pay fees to the Hellenic and Roman Library (HARL). These fees mainly go to fund the salaries of the librarians of the Joint Library. The need to fund the Society’s share of these new arrangements has continued to have an impact on both net income and cash flow in 2018, though cash flow improved somewhat compared to 2017.

The accounts show net expenditure before investment gains in 2018 of £15,521 (2017: £91,814) and net expenditure of £75,987 after unrealised investment losses (2017: net income of £49,002 after unrealised investment gains). Net income fell 3 per cent to £424,565, mainly because of a 10 per cent fall in income from the publishing agreements with CUP for JRS and Britannia. This followed record publication income in 2017, and in fact income in 2018 was still above the level achieved in 2016. More worrying in the medium term, however, is the trend towards Open Access and it is still
not clear how negative the impact of this trend on the Society’s publication income will be.

The Society’s investments are managed by The Newton Growth and Income Fund. Though outperforming its benchmark by 4.6% in 2018, the Fund had a difficult fourth quarter, in common with its competitors, as global equity markets fell amid fears of a US/China trade war and concerns about an economic slowdown. By the end of the year, the value of the Society’s investments stood at £1,404,939, a fall of 4.5% from a value of £1,470,848 at the end of 2017. The Fund has more than regained these losses in the first quarter of 2019.

Each year, a portion of the Society’s income and endowments, as presented in the Statement of Financial Activities, is income in kind and therefore does not impact on cash flow. In 2018, this amounted to £46,292, comprising £22,270 of periodicals exchanged and £24,022 of donations of books. Encouragingly, the net increase in cash for the Society in 2018 was £19,600 compared to a net decrease in cash in 2017 of £34,428.

A copy of the full financial statements together with the Trustees’ and Independent Auditors’ Report can be obtained from the registered office. A copy is also available online: http://www.romansociety.org/about/governance/documents.html

A copy of the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are also included at the end of this Annual Report.

**Grants to the Society**

The Society is grateful for the following grants:

For the *JRS*: H.A. Thomas Fund, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge

For *Britannia*: The Administrators of the Haverfield Bequest; Cotswold Archaeology.

**Investment Committee Members**

Dr Philip Kay (Chair) Mr Graham E.A. Kentfield
Professor Tim Cornell Mr Mossman Roueché

The Society’s investments are overseen by an Investment Committee which meets several times a year and reports regularly to Council. Newton Investment Management Ltd is manager of the Society’s investments. The objective for all the Society’s funds is to produce a steady income to support its various activities, whilst at the same time at least maintaining the value of the capital in real terms.
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### SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Council for issue on 7 May 2019
Signed on behalf of the Trustees by: Professor Timothy J. Cornell, President
Dr Philip B. Kay, Treasurer

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