



THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

**REPORT BY THE COUNCIL AND ACCOUNTS
for the Year ended 31 December 1993**

**COUNCIL
to 31 March 1994**

President	Dr John Reid MB ChB FRCR
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The following lectures were given to the Society in 1993:

- January "Advances in Astronomical Computing"
Mr Roger Stapleton (St Andrews University)
- February "William Lassell 1799-1880, Practitioner, Patron and
Grand Amateur of Victorian Astronomy"
Dr Alan Chapman (Oxford University)
- March Annual General Meeting; "Astronomy with FLAIR"
Dr Fred Watson (Royal Observatory, Edinburgh)
- April "Journey to Orion" - Mr Gerry Taylor (ASE)
- May Quiz Night - ASE v ROE followed by Cheese & Wine
- June "Contributions of Space Art" - Dr Ken McKay (SAS)
- July "James Stewart McKenzie & his friends"
Dr Dave Gavine (ASE)
- August "From Thermometers to Spectrometers"
Miss Suzanne Ramsay (ROE / Ed. Univ.)
- September Members' Night - 5 speakers (ASE)
- October "All you need to know about the Universe"
Prof Alec Boksenberg FRS SERC, Director Observatories
- November "The Asymmetric Universe"
Dr Alan Heavens (Edin. Univ. Astronomy Dept.)
- December "Dusty Disks and Planets"
Dr Ray Wolstencroft (ROE, retd.)

OTHER MATTERS OF NOTE

(1) Presentation of the Lorimer Medal

The Society was happy to receive the nomination of Mr Nora Jenkinson of the Haddington AS as the next recipient of the Lorimer Medal and the award was made to her by our President Dr John Reid at a party in her home in May 1993. Several members of the ASE were also in attendance on this occasion.

(2) Honorary Membership

Following the award of the Lorimer Medal, the Society was happy to receive Mrs Jenkinson as an honorary member of the ASE.

(3) Prof Alec Boksenberg

In September, the ASE was fortunate enough to enlist the Professor as our guest speaker. This meeting was particularly well attended (approx. 70) and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the enthralled audience.

(4) Quiz Night and Cheese & Wine

The May meeting was the venue of a quiz between teams from the ROE (Capt., Dr Ray Wolstencroft) and the ASE (Capt., Dr John Reid). The home team (ASE) were the winners (for the second time) and the evening ended with a Cheese & Wine party - all who attended found the event to be entertaining and enjoyable and it is hoped that this will become an Annual event.

(5) The Observing Group

There has been little to report in this area, largely due to bad weather, however, Graham Rule has made some use of the 6" Cooke on several occasions throughout the year.

(6) Hogmanay Celebrations and Edinburgh Festival

The Observatory was used for the fireworks display which was part of the Hogmanay Festival of Fire and was also used by visiting groups taking part in the Edinburgh International Festival. These uses/activities were approved by the EDC and LRC.

(7) Mr Ian Cunningham (deceased)

During the course of the year, the Society was informed of the death of one of its long-standing members, Mr Ian Cunningham of Blinkbonny. The Society sends its sympathies to Mr Cunningham's family.

Peter D. Macdonald
Secretary - February 1994

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year to 31 December 1993****INCOME**

Notes

Brought forward			
Cash on hand	1	0.00	
Bank Balances		682.36	682.36
Subscriptions			829.00
Grants			

Edinburgh District Council	2	250.00	
Society's Trustees		1,000.00	1,250.00
Interest			
Bank Deposits		14.02	
O'Neill Bequest		92.12	
Gall-Inglis Bequest		72.66	178.80
Electricity Reimbursement			
Stereodome			250.00
Donations			
			101.73
Sale of Journal			
			0.20

			3,292.09
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EXPENDITURE

For the Society	Notes		
Lectures and Meetings			
Lecturers' Expenses		112.60	
Hospitality		138.37	
Cheese and Wine	3	36.23	287.20
Printing and Duplicating			
			92.90
Honoraria			
Secretary		100.00	
Treasurer		100.00	200.00
Telephone			
			94.06

Library	4	25.62
Insurance	5	0.00
Junior Astronomical Society Subscriptions		10.00
Gift	6	35.00
Lorimer Medal		66.35
Expenses		
Secretary	110.62	
Treasurer	18.01	128.63
TOTAL FOR THE SOCIETY		939.76

For the Observatory

Honoraria		
Director	350.00	
Assistant Director	175.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Treasurer	100.00	725.00
Gas		77.90
Electricity		468.89
Cleaning		180.00
Library	4	25.62
Insurance	5	0.00
Expenses		

Director	0.00	
Treasurer	18.02	18.02
TOTAL FOR THE OBSERVATORY		1,495.43

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

For Society	939.76	
For Observatory	1,495.43	2,435.19

CARRIED FORWARD TO 1994

Bank Balances		856.90

	3,292.09	
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INVESTMENTS**Value at 31 December 1993**

Gall-Inglis Bequest

570	12 3/4 % Treasury Stock 1995 (cost £497.15)	647.66
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O'Neill Bequest

658.13	14 % Treasury Stock 1996 (cost £600.00)	771.25
1,000	National Savings Dept Investment Account	1,382.08
	(Interest 1993 - £81.25)	

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Notes:

- 1 As noted in last year's statement of income and expenditure, this item has been discontinued.
- 2 This represents a payment to re-imburse Society costs during the 1992/93 winter. The Society's application to the Council for assistance with running costs for 1993 was rejected.
- 3 This was the cost to the Society after deduction of contributions from participants.
- 4 These items include half the cost of journals.
- 5 The Society has changed its insurers and payments will be paid monthly by direct debit in future. Although the policy came into operation in November, no payments had been debited by 31 December 1993.
- 6 The Council felt it would be appropriate to purchase a gift for Professor Boksenberg, who lectured to the Society in October and did not seek expenses from us.

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