

**NIGERIAN FIELD SOCIETY - UK ACCOUNTS FOR 2012**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st December 2012**

**RECEIPTS**

2011	2012
£	£
1,276 Ordinary subscriptions, and donations .....	1,264
349 2011 Corporate subscriptions 2012 .....	205
409 2012 " " 2013 .....	270
109 Sale of back numbers .....	5
15 Advertisements .....	10
76 Interest .....	70
<u>2,234</u>	<u>1,824</u>

**PAYMENTS**

312 Postage .....	330
2 Stationery, photocopies & computer media .....	100
1,750 Printing --	
14 U.K. Branch subscriptions .....	20
Grant for travel .....	600
<u>2,078</u>	<u>1,050</u>
156 Difference between Receipts and Payments .....	774

**BALANCES as at 31st DECEMBER 2012**

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

2011	2012
27,002 Opening balances at beginning of year .....	27,158
156 Difference between Receipts and Payments .....	774
<u>27,158</u>	<u>27,932</u>

**CASH AT BANKS**

National Westminster Bank:

6,408 Current Account .....	27,932
Halifax plc:	
17,800 Main Fund	
<u>2,950</u> Prize Fund	
<u>27,158</u>	<u>27,932</u>

*Notes:* Income was less than last year, as many libraries had paid for 2012 in the previous year. Payments were less, as nothing was transferred for printing the journal. A new item was the provision of a travel grant to enable an archaeology professor to give two lectures in Nigeria. The Halifax has discontinued its savings accounts for societies, so all the funds are at present in the Natwest account until it is decided what to do.

Dr Joyce Lowe, Council Member Resident in U.K., January 2013.

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### THE NIGERIAN FIELD SOCIETY (UK BRANCH)

#### Report for 2013

Secretary: Sheila Everard • Chair: Rob Oldham • Pro tem Treasurer: Lilian Coe

Sadly, we have to report the deaths of three of our members: Colin Limb, Dan Goddard, and Nigel Hepper, and a former member Ron Dittrich.

Many in Ibadan will have known Dan who served in the Chemistry department as senior lecturer from 1961 – 1975. Dan rarely missed meetings and was always fully engaged right up to the end, whatever the demands. He even camped in Chichester in 2012! Nigel Hepper was also a long time member who worked as principal scientific officer and assistant keeper of the herbarium at Kew Gardens. His many publications included books on the flora of Africa and numerous articles in the journal.

Our membership has dropped slightly, but we still have 72 full and 39 associate members. When we raised the UK Branch subscription to £5.00, those who did not respond and continued to pay £2.00 were deemed to be associate members; they receive our Newsletter, but not individual notification of meetings. In spite of lower membership numbers, activities continue to be well supported; average attendance at the three meetings in 2013 was 32.

#### Spring meeting and AGM in Bristol, 19th-21st April 2013

This gathering began with a visit to the Tobacco Factory Theatre to see 'Two gentlemen of Verona' by William Shakespeare. After our AGM and lunch, James Gibbs kindly invited us to his house to watch films made by Frank Speed. The first, (in association with Peggy Harper), recorded the Gelede Masquerade over three days. The second, 'Duminea: A Festival of Water Spirits' was made with