Annual report of the Committee to the Friends of Cambridge University Library for the year 2015-2016

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The aims and management of the Friends

The objective of the Friends is to advance the education of the public, in particular by supporting and furthering the charitable work of Cambridge University Library. The Committee of the Friends has responsibility for the following activities:

a) to encourage regular and one-off donations to the Library from persons who wish to be Friends, to be used for the purchase of items or services chosen by the University Librarian in consultation with the Friends’ Committee and/or the Financial Panel and for the general purposes of the Library;

b) to maintain the record of the current membership of the Friends;

c) to organise events and activities for members of the Friends in co-operation with the Library, including lectures and educational visits. Individual Friends and their guests taking part in them shall pay the Library for attendance at such events and activities;

d) to engage in any other lawful activities to support the Library.

The activities recorded in this report are those undertaken in order to carry out the Friends’ aims for the public benefit. The affairs of the Friends are conducted by a Committee ordinarily consisting of a President, Secretary, and not less than ten nor more than sixteen other members.

The President and Secretary are appointed annually by the Syndicate on the nomination of a General Meeting of the Friends, on the recommendation of the Librarian. Other members of the Committee are elected at a General Meeting of the Friends for terms of three years renewable for a second term but not thereafter until the lapse of two years. The Committee has power to co-opt members to serve on the Committee for one year, subject to there being no more than two co-opted members at any time.

The Committee

Members of the Committee on 31 July 2016 were Dr Gordon Johnson (President), Mr William Hale (Hon. Secretary), Mrs Catherine Ansorge, Mrs Pat Aske, Ms Mel Bach (co-opted), Lady Julia Boyd, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey, Mr Brian Corley, Professor Mirjam Foot, Ms Emily Hinks, Dr Boris Jardine, Mr Peter Jones, Dr Mark Nicholls, Dr Suzanne Paul, Dr Derek Scales and Dr Timothy Underhill.
At the Annual General Meeting on December 2nd 2015 Dr Gordon Johnson was re-elected as President of the Friends for a further year and William Hale as Honorary Secretary. Mr John Wells stepped down from the committee with Mrs Pat Aske and Ms Emily Hinks both elected for a 3-year term. The Committee met three times during the year, on 27th October 2015, 15th January 2016 and 17th May 2016. At the committee meeting on January 15th 2016, Ms Mel Bach was co-opted for a further year.

**Membership**

In November 2015 the reliability of the Friends database was evaluated and many errors were found, including the number of members that had been counted in previous years. It was found that in July 2015 there were not 565 members as previously recorded in the 2014-2015 Annual Report, but instead 431 members. The Library therefore embarked on a recruitment drive and on 31 July 2016 had achieved a boost in recruitment to 536 members. This included 7 new members between August and December 2015, 114 new members between January and July 2016, and the withdrawal or loss of 16 members. Friends records have since been transferred to alternative software and are due to move to a new database developed by the University’s Development and Alumni Relations department in early 2017.

**Volunteers**

We would like to thank a team of volunteers, comprising Mrs Julia Allen Manheim, Mrs Fay Bendall, Mr Peter Bird, Jacqueline Carter-Silk, Mrs Jennifer Donkin, Mrs Catharina Edwards, Mr David Gardiner, Mrs Rosemary Gardiner, Mrs Rosemary Pennington, Dr Gillian Rogers, Dr Derek Scales, Derek Turnidge, and Mr Johannes van Vuren.

**The Friends Bulletin**

Number 36 of the Bulletin was sent to members in September 2015.

**Purchases and Donations**

During the meeting of the Committee on 17th May 2016 it was agreed that £20,000 be allocated to this year’s acquisitions. £15,000 was divided between the Special Collections departments and £5,000 allocated towards an appeal item. The following grants were made:

- **The Chinese Department** received £2,371.20: Yuan Shi-kai quan ji [The complete works of Yuan Shi-kai] was bought for £1736.25; Fa-lan-xi xue yuan Han xue yan jiu suo cang Qing dai dian shi juan [Palace examination papers in the Collège de France, Paris] was bought for £484.84; and Zhong-guo ban hua quan ji [Complete collection of Chinese engravings] was bought for £150.47.

- **The Music Department** received £6,150 to purchase items from the late Christopher Hogwood’s estate: Keyboard works by Handel, Couperin, Draghi and others, including Handel’s Vo fa Guerra, transcribed for cembalo by Babel was bought for £3500; Fasciculus Musicus sive tabulae varii generis modorum ac concenctuum musicorum notis consignatae et compositae was bought for £2250; and Academy of Ancient Music concert programmes (1791-1797) were bought for £400.

- **The Maps Department** received £3,900: a contribution of £1,650 was made towards the purchase price of £8,550 for Particulars of a survey of the Parishes of Horseheath and West
Wickham: The pictorial missionary map of the world was bought for £750; and A Plan of the town & township of Liverpool, from an actual survey taken in the year 1785 was bought for £1,500.

The Manuscripts Department received £3,893.86: a contribution of £2,393.86 was made towards the purchase price of £4182.61 for Poems and notes by Thom Gunn and the Edward Rose Archive was bought for £1500.

The Rare Books Department received £3,684.58: Gottfried Wilhelm Muller, XXIV Kuper-Tafeln, welche die Knochen des ganzen menschlichen Körpers vorstellen was bought for £1,533.77; Whirsker, Les Métamorphoses de Melpomène et de Thalie was bought for £340; and A speech introducing Albert Einstein by George Bernard Shaw was bought for £1,810.81.

Appeal Item
The Committee also allocated £5,000 from the acquisitions budget towards the purchase price of $28,000 (approximately £19,664) and digitisation price of £535.50 of Sinte Bernard[us] Souter tot onser lieuer vrouwe[n] Maria, a Rare Dutch Psalter. This item was the first digitisation project funded by the Friends and has been appropriately attributed on the Cambridge Digital Library.

Contributions totalling £10,655 were also gratefully received from: The Anstruther Literary Trust, Mr R and Mrs C Ansonge, Mrs P Aske, Dr N Bell, Mr J Bolton, Mr B Butler, Professor T Buttreym, Professor P Cartledge, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey, Professor S Coakley, Dr A Cobby, Mr B and Mrs H Corley, Mr V and Mrs S Cutler, Mr T Doig, Mr J Drackley, Professor M Foot, Mr R Fryxell, H Goy, Ms L Greenfield, Mrs E Haines, Dr J Hall, Mr A Harding, Dr H Harris, Mrs J Heinzelmann, Dr G and Mrs F Johnson, Mr P Jones, Mr B and Mrs S Martin, Miss P Morris, Mr B Nicholson, Dr E Nye, Mrs R Pennington, Mr N Petersen, Dr F W Ratcliffe, Dr R Scott, Dr C Scott-Stokes, Dr A Silver, Lord Tugendhat, Miss A Walker, Professor K Wallace, Mr C Webb. £1744 of the donations received for the Psalter will be recorded in the 2015-2016 finance report and the remaining amount will carry over to the 2016-2017 report due processing deadlines.

Ad Hoc Donations
The Committee is also grateful for donations of books, periodicals or cash from the following: £2,000 from Mr M Frayn; modern scientific books by non-UK publishers from Dr P Hawkes; London and North-Western Railway, Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the traffic (London, 1860), and similar volumes for the Great Northern and Great Western Railways from Mr M O'Donoghue; extensive donations including A word for God (Liverpool, 182?-?), The virgin martyr (Falkirk, 1815), Two issues of The halfpenny marvel (London, 1893), Tommy Long and little Fatima (London, 187?-?), Lord Byron, Poems, (London, 1816), bound with others, A picture of the seasons (London, 1818), Joseph Capuron, Nova medicinae elementa (Paris, 1804), Johann Helfrich Jüngken, Lexicon chimico-pharmaceuticum (Nuremberg, 1699), Carlo Denina, Historia politica y literaria de Grecia (Madrid, 1793-95), Ray Vaughn Pierce, Diseases of the Respiratory Organs (Buffalo, NY, 18942), Galen, Methodus medendi (Paris, 1526), in a Gerard Pilgrim contemporary Oxford binding, Henri-François de La Solle, Bok et Zulba (France?, 1740?), Clement Dukes, The dissemination of infectious diseases in boarding schools (Rugby, 1894?), Catalogue de livres anciens et modernes provenant des bibliothèques de M. Rostan … et de M. Pompeo Ferrario (Paris, 1860), £800 to digitise the Lund catalogue and £950 to purchase Andrews’s new London directory for the year 1789 (London, 1789) from Mr C Webb; £100 from Dr C Wright for Samuel Fothergill, Eleven discourses (Wilmington DA, 1817) in memory of David Hall.

We would also like to thank Friends who have made contributions in excess of the basic subscription.
Activities

New Friends Coordinator:
On 27th October 2015 Kim Greed took up post as Friends Coordinator. Friends saw a change in the programme and new publicity, including membership leaflets, posters and wider inclusion in Library material and publications. The Friends webpages were updated and a new method of membership payment was created through the University’s Development and Alumni Relations online portal, allowing gift aid to be claimed on all applicable payments.

The Library’s 600th anniversary:
To celebrate the Library’s 600th anniversary Friends have been offered special initiatives in 2016, including tours of the Library Tower and free 12-month Library reader tickets. To mark the 600th year the Friends also committed to recruiting 600 new members of the Friends.

Library Exhibitions:
Members of the Friends were invited to two exhibition events this year. On 1st October 2015 HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester opened His royal favour: The books that built the Library and on 14th March 2016 a special exhibition evening for Friends took place to celebrate Lines of Thought: discoveries that changed the world, the Library’s first of two special anniversary year exhibitions.

Friends Events:
The first event of the year was given by Mark Doran on 14th October on the radio scripts in the Deryck Cooke archive. Mark Berengarten and Genevieve Guetemme presented Notness: Sonnets on November 11th and Sandra Raban and Shaun Thompson spoke on the history and conservation of the Red Book of Thorney on November 14th. The Friends AGM was held on December 2nd and was followed by a talk on Matthew Parker’s Library by William Hale. Professor Mirjam Foot revisited this topic during her talk on Matthew Parker’s bindings on February 3rd 2016. A Friends visit took place on 28th June at the Parish of the Ascension led by letter cutter Eric Marland. Friends were also given a behind-the-scenes Library tour on 20th July to celebrate 600 years of collections and history.

The Friends Summer Party was held in the Rare Books Room on 7th June and included a display of this year’s acquisitions. Gordon Johnson presented the Rose Book-Collecting Prize to Edwin Rose and the Gordon Duff Prize to Michael Sullivan before thanking University Librarian Anne Jarvis for her years of service before she left to take up post as Librarian at Princeton. He asked Friends to donate towards the acquisition and digitisation of a rare Dutch Psalter, which was on display, to mark Anne’s tenure.

Obituary

We record with regret the deaths of Dr and Mrs Charnley, Mr Ronald Fagence, Mr David J. Hall, H.G. Kingham, Mr James Mann, Mr James W Needham, Lady Beryl Newns and Mrs K. I. Touhey.