President: Dr G. Johnson.

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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

The members of the Committee on 31 July 2014 were Dr Gordon Johnson (President), Mr William Hale (Hon. Secretary), Mrs Catherine Ansorge, Ms Mel Bach (co-opted), Lady Julia Boyd, Dr David Butterfield, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey (co-opted), Mr Brian Corley, Dr Christopher de Hamel, Professor Mirjam Foot, Professor Brian J. Ford, Mr Peter Jones, Dr Mark Nicholls, Dr Suzanne Paul, Dr Timothy Underhill, Mr John Wells and Mrs Joan Winterkorn.

The Committee met three times during the year, on 14 October 2013, 22 January 2014 and 29 April 2014. At the Annual General Meeting on 27 November 2013, Dr Jill Whitelock stood down, and Brian Corley, Peter Jones and Mark Nicholls, having come to the end of their first three-year terms on the Committee, were re-elected for a further three years. Suzanne Paul was elected to the Committee on that occasion. At the committee meeting on 22 January, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey was co-opted to the committee for a year and Ms Mel Bach for a further year.

Membership

On 31 July 2014 there were approximately 575 members of the Friends.

Volunteers

A team of volunteers, comprising Mrs Julia Allen Manheim, Mrs Fay Bendall, Mr Peter Bird, Mr David Gardiner, Mrs Rosemary Gardiner, Mrs Catharina Edwards, Mr Johannes van Vuren, Mrs Rosemary Pennington, Dr Gillian Rogers and Dr Derek Scales, rendered valuable assistance with the thrice-yearly Friends mailings and also at evening meetings. Mr Derek Turnidge and Mrs Jacqueline Carter-Silk made important contributions to the work of the South Asian, Tibetan and Southeast Asian Department and the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives respectively. The Committee expresses its gratitude to all who have volunteered their services in the past year.

The Friends Bulletin

A combined issue, number 33/34, of the Bulletin was sent to members in September 2013.

Purchases and Donations

The powers of the Friends Acquisitions Committee (formerly the Financial Panel) were this year delegated to the guests at the Evening with the Friends on 21 May.
A variety of books, music, maps and manuscripts were selected and displayed by members of the Library’s staff. Following a decision made by the Friends’ Committee on 29 April, £20,000 was available for purchases, to be allocated proportionately according to votes cast by the guests at the Evening. Following a count of the votes, expenditure was decided as follows.


As well as these purchases the Friends made a contribution of £4,878.92 to the cost of cataloguing the Stanley Sadie archive, recently donated to the Library by Mrs Sadie.

Additional contributions were made to the cost of a number of other items at the “Evening with the Friends” by Mr Vernon Cutler, Dr J.J. Hall, Mr Neil Petersen and Mr W. Kang Tchou. The President, Brian and Halina Corley and Mr Petersen made contributions to the Library’s successful appeal to acquire the Codex Zacynthius from the Bible Society.

The Committee is grateful for donations of books, periodicals or cash from the following: Mr A.J.C. Bainton, Miss Kathleen Cann, Dr K.Y. Chung, Emmanuel College, Dr H. Harris, Dr P.W. Hawkes, Professor P.J. and Mrs A.M. Lucas, Dr J.D. Pickles, Mr W. Kang Tchou, Dr T.P. Underhill, Mr D.L. Walker and Mr Cliff Webb.

We would also like to thank all Friends, in particular life members, who have made contributions in excess of the basic subscription.

**Activities**

The first speaker meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 9 October 2013, when Alison Sinclair and Vanessa Lacey spoke about the exhibition “Read All About It! Wrongdoing in Spain and England” under the title “Creating a shocking display: questions of taste and impropriety”. On Wednesday 6 November Chloe Stopa-Hunt, winner of the Rose Book-Collecting Prize for
2013, gave a talk entitled “History is fiction: the bibliography of a marriage”, concerning literature inspired by Camille and Lucile Desmoulins. On Wednesday 27 November, after the Annual General Meeting, Rosalind Grooms spoke on the University Press Museum under the title “All manner of books”. On Wednesday 5 February 2014, in a joint event with the International Association of Music Libraries to mark the launch of the Thurston Dart Archive, the late Christopher Hogwood spoke on “Cambridge’s musical records”, with Emily Ashton, Margaret Faultless and Francis Knights providing live musical illustration. On Wednesday February 19, J.H. Prynne and Ian Brinton spoke on “Cambridge Poets and their Papers”, highlighting the Library’s work to collect the papers of prominent local poets. An addition to the programme on Thursday 29 May saw Librarian Emeritus Peter Fox speak on “Trinity College Library, Dublin: collectors, copyright and criminals in Georgian Dublin”, in an event to mark the launch of his book Trinity College Library, Dublin: a history. Finally on Wednesday 4 June Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey gave a talk entitled “The literature of the Liberation”, describing additional aspects of the collection of French Liberation material which he has donated to the Library, and which featured in its summer exhibition.

The Friends make an annual contribution to the upkeep of the Milstein Exhibition centre, and members were invited to two exhibition openings this year. On Wednesday 5 February 2014 there was a reception to mark the opening by Dr Christopher de Hamel of the Library’s exhibition “The moving word: French medieval manuscripts in Cambridge” and on Tuesday 6 May the French ambassador M. Bernard Emié opened the exhibition “Literature of the Liberation: the French experience in print 1944–1946”.

On Monday 17 March 2014 fourteen members of the Friends went on a visit to the library at Anglesey Abbey near Cambridge, where Mark Purcell, curator of books and libraries at the National Trust and the Secretary of the Friends showed some books featured in their book Treasures from Lord Fairhaven’s Library at Anglesey Abbey. Finally, the second “Evening with the Friends” was held in the Anderson Room and Aoi Pavilion at the Library on Wednesday 21 May, when Dr Ben Outhwaite spoke on the recent acquisition by the library of the Lewis-Gibson archive, and members of the Friends were able to view and participate in the selection of material which was to receive the financial support of the Friends. The presentation of the Rose Book-Collecting Prize to Christopher White also formed part of the evening.

Obituary

We record with regret the deaths of Mr Ernest Egli, Mrs M.E. Chamberlain, the Venerable Dr D.N. Griffiths, Mr Stephen Hills, Mr Anthony Hobson, Dr Gary L. Huber, Dr Christopher Parish, Mr Anthony Seymour, Mr T.C.B. Timmins, Mr George Watson and Dr Maureen Young.