

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE FRIENDS OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 2009–2010

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### ***The aims and management of the Friends***

As stated in Clause 1 of the Friends' Constitution, the aim of the Friends of Cambridge University Library is to advance the education of the public in particular by supporting and furthering the charitable work of Cambridge University Library. In furtherance of this aim but not further or otherwise the Friends may:

- (i) raise funds for the purchase and conservation of printed manuscript and other material important for research, provided that the Friends shall not undertake any form of permanent trading in seeking to raise funds;
- (ii) help the Library to acquire such additions by gift or bequest;
- (iii) raise funds for and otherwise support such charitable projects undertaken by the Library as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

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, Treasurer and not less than nine nor more than fifteen other members. The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer are elected annually and other members of the Committee for terms of three years renewable for a second term but not thereafter until the lapse of two years. These elections take place at the Annual General Meeting, held during the Michaelmas Term of the academic year, and any member of the Friends, if duly seconded, may stand for election to any post. The Committee may additionally and on its own authority annually co-opt up to two members of whose skills or expertise it wishes to make use.

## ***The Committee***

The members of the Committee on 31 July 2010 were Professor D. J. McKitterick (President), Mrs P. A. Aske (Membership Secretary), Dr C. de Hamel, Professor B. J. Ford, Dr E. S. Leedham-Green, Mr D. J. Hall, Dr G. Johnson, Professor J. Marrow, Dr R. Smith, Ms A. E. M. Taylor, Mr J. D. Wells (Hon. Treasurer and Secretary), Dr J. Whitelock (co-opted), and Mrs J. Winterkorn.

The Committee met twice during the year, on 16 October 2009 and 14 May 2010. At the Annual General Meeting on 21 November 2009 Mr A. L. Ray, having come to the end of two terms on the Committee, stood down.

On 31 July 2010 the Financial Panel of the Committee consisted of the President, the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Aske, Professor Ford and Mrs Winterkorn.

## ***Membership***

On 31 July 2010 there were approximately 565 members of the Friends.

## ***Volunteers***

Our loyal team of volunteers again staffed the sales desk in the Library's Entrance Hall, which opened for business on every weekday in the approach to Christmas and on Thursdays throughout the year, excepting January. Members of the same team, assisted by Professor A. W. F. Edwards, Mrs Catharina Edwards and Mr J. van Vuren helped with mailings to the Friends. Mr D. Turnidge made an important contribution to the work of the Indian Department. The Committee expresses its gratitude to all who have volunteered their services in the past year.

## ***The Friends' Bulletin***

Issue No. 30 of the Friends' *Bulletin*, for the year 2009, was posted to members in February 2010. Issues of the Library's *Readers' newsletter* and its successor publication *UL news* were also distributed to Friends during the year.

## ***Purchases and Donations***

The Friends supported the Library's fundraising campaign to acquire the archive of the poet and memoirist Siegfried Sassoon with a grant of £20,000. The archive, which includes Sassoon's war diaries, makes the Library the world's leading centre for the study of primary materials relating to his work.

The Financial Panel met on 7 June 2010 and considered for purchase a variety of books, music, maps and manuscripts selected and described by members of the Library's staff. Following a decision made by the Friends' Committee on 14 May 2010, £12,000 was available to the Panel, with a ceiling of £5,000 for expenditure on any individual item.

The Panel bought outright the archive of the Vine Press, 1956–1971 (MS Add. 9861); *Hamburgisches Journal der Moden und Eleganz mit illuminirten Kupfern und Music herausgegeben von einigen Freunden des guten Geschmacks*, Hamburg: Stockholm, 1801–1802; Venkata Swetachalapati Ranga Rao, *The Rajah of Bobbili's diary in Europe, 1893*, Madras: 1894; Mrs H. R. Scott, *The story of Chotee*, Surat: [1906]; Arthur Golding, *A moral fable-talk: that is to say, a most delectable garden of moral philosophy, conveyed in fables, by speeches attributed to brute beasts; transcribed and edited from the autograph manuscript (c. 1586) in the Columbia University Library with an introduction, notes and glossary by Richard G. Barnes; now first published with etchings by Marcus Gheeraerts from Mythologia ethica of Arnold Freitag (1579), the source in Latin for this translation*, San Francisco: Arion Press, 1987; a plan of Regent's Park, London, along with a sketch of the intended new street from the Regent's Park, through Portland Place, to Carlton House, London: 1812 (Maps.bb.18.G.155); *Three sonatas for the harpsichord, composed by Sig. Giuseppe Sarti*, London: printed and sold by Henry Foug, [1769]; and a manuscript of Rousseau, Gluck, *et al.*, 'Choix des plus jolies ariettes, tiré des operas, et operas comiques', c. 1780.

As well as these purchases the Panel made contributions towards John Glen King, *Poems on several occasions*, London: 1753, and Francesco Ronconi, ed., *Applausi poetici alle glorie della Signora Leonora Baroni*, Bracciano: 1639.

In addition to the decisions of the Panel, further donations were received from individual members of the Friends: from Mrs P. A. Aske to purchase *Latin dialogues, collected from the best Latin writers, for the use of schools*, London: c. 1810; and from Mrs J. Winterkorn and Mr D. J. Hall to complete the purchase of John Glen King, *Poems on several occasions*, their donations being made in memory of Don Eddy, former Munby Fellow.

For individual donations of books and other items, and for financial donations, the Committee is grateful to Mr J. J. G. Brown, Mr D. J. Hall, Dr P. W. Hawkes, Dr T. D. Hawkins, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Dr P. Searby, Mrs E. Y. Short, Dr T. P. Underhill and Mr D. L. Walker. A generous legacy was received under the terms of the will of Mr H. A. Daniels. The Committee thanks all Friends, in particular life members, who have made contributions in excess of the basic subscription.

## **Activities**

Two receptions were held in connection with Library exhibitions, to which the Friends, who make a regular contribution towards the costs of the Exhibition Centre, were invited: on 18 January 2010, to mark the opening by Professor Christopher Andrew, the historian of MI5, of the Library's exhibition 'Under Covers: Documenting Spies'; and on 20 July, to mark the opening of 'Dream Voices: Siegfried Sassoon, Memory and War' by Lord Egremont, at which the University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Alison Richard, also spoke. The July reception was preceded by a Panel Discussion in Robinson College, chaired by Professor Jon Stallworthy, at which Lord Egremont was also joined by Professor Tim Kendall and Dr Santanu Das.

On 19 August the Friends had an opportunity to inspect treasures from the Bible Society Library, housed in the University Library's West Road building, and visit the newly-refurbished Map Room; Friends who took part in the visit to the Map Department in 2006 noticed significant changes.

The Friends' programme of speaker meetings began on 4 November 2009, when Clive Simmonds of the Library's Periodicals Department gave a talk on 'Swinburne in the Library', exploring aspects of the life and career of perhaps the least-known of the great Victorian poets, who died a hundred years ago. On 11 November Gill Plain of the University of St Andrews spoke on 'Creating the English Everyman, or, How John Mills Won the Second World War', examining how his films have shaped what it means to be British. We were especially grateful to Professor Plain for giving us her own renditions of 1940s actors' accents after the failure of the Morison Room audiovisual equipment.

The Friends were saddened at the Annual General Meeting on 21 November to hear of the death two days previously of Professor David Nokes, who was to have spoken that morning on 'Samuel and Tetty Johnson'. We were grateful to Brian Jenkins, co-curator of the exhibition 'Experiencing "The Civilities of Cambridge": Samuel Johnson's Visit of 1765', for speaking about the exhibition and leading a tour of the display with his collaborator Julia Allen Manheim.

On 2 March 2010, Claire Preston of Sidney Sussex College, general editor of the forthcoming Oxford University Press edition of the works of Sir Thomas Browne, spoke about the life and work of the seventeenth-century physician and author. The following week, on 10 March, Ursula Sims-Williams, Curator of Iranian Collections at the British Library and honorary librarian of the Ancient India and Iran Trust in Cambridge, gave a talk on 'The Quest for Zoroaster: Thomas Hyde's (d. 1703) Manuscript Collection' In the Easter Term, J. F. Coakley spoke on 8 May about 'Missionary Presses of the Middle East', looking at the work of a dozen small and large presses from Constantinople eastwards to Iraq; and on 13 May 2010, after delays caused by Icelandic ash, Erica Segre gave a talk relating to the exhibition 'Crafting Revolutionary Readers in Mexico: Illustrated Books and Magazines by the Missionary Avant-garde, 1920s to 1940s', followed by a tour of the display. To

conclude the year's speaker programme, on 19 May Peter Martland, co-curator of the 'Under Covers: Documenting Spies' exhibition spoke on 'The World of Espionage: the Cambridge Connection'.

For the third time, the Friends' Financial Panel meeting, held on 7 June, was open to the membership. The books, maps, manuscripts and musical scores under consideration were put on display in the Morison Room, and presentations on the material were made by members of the Library staff.

The Friends trace their foundation to the year 1980, and in the summer of 2010 they held a 30th anniversary party. It was generously hosted by Gordon Johnson in the garden of the President's Lodge at Wolfson College on 1 July, and the guests enjoyed strawberries and champagne, a string quartet, a display of books on dining, etiquette and household economy catalogued in the course of the Library's Tower Project, and a guided tour of the college buildings by Dr Johnson.

The Committee thanks all those who have given their time and expertise to support the Friends' programme of events over the year.

### ***Obituary***

We record with regret the deaths of Miss G. M. Briggs, Mrs P. M. Ceadel, Mr P. Durie, Mr P. Gray-Lucas, Mrs V. Paget and Miss H. Shackleton.