President: Dr G. Johnson.

Patron members: Mr T. Aoi, Dr G. E. Moore, Mr and Mrs J. Potter and Dr L. Rausing.

Benefactor members: Mr H. S. Barlow, Mr J. H. Brandi, Mr J. J. G. Brown, Dr D. Cohen, Mr G. Combs, Major and Mrs P. G. Cox, Ms E. Eligator, Mrs E. M. Fairclough, Mr N. Farrow, The Hon. Mr S. Evans-Freke, Mr M. Frayn, Mr R. Gidoomal, Dr E. S. Leedham-Green, Mr G. F. Hart, Sir Kirby and Lady Laing, Professor J. Marrow, Mrs J. E. Mellor, Mr R. Menschel, Mr J. W. Needham, Dr P. Outen, Dr E. Rose, Dr R. D. Sansom, Dr W. Stanners, Lord Tugendhat and Mr D. L. Walker.

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 2011 were Dr G. Johnson (President), Mrs P. A. Aske (Membership Secretary), Ms M. Bach (co-opted), Mr B. Corley, Dr C. de Hamel, Professor B. J. Ford, Dr E. S. Leedham-Green, Mr W. A. Hale (co-opted), Mr D. J. Hall, Mr P. Jones, Professor J. Marrow, Dr. A. M. Nicholls, Dr R. Smith, Mr J. D. Wells (Hon. Treasurer and Secretary), Dr J. Whitelock, and Mrs J. Winterkorn.

The Committee met three times during the year, on 7 October 2010, 11 February 2011 and 13 May 2011. At the Annual General Meeting on 27 November 2010 Ms A. E. M. Taylor, having come to the end of her second three-year term on the Committee, stood down. Mr Corley, Mr Jones, Dr Nicholls and Dr Whitelock were elected to the Committee on that occasion.

On 31 July 2011 the Financial Panel of the Committee consisted of the President, the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Aske, Professor Ford and Mrs Winterkorn.

**Membership**

On 31 July 2011 there were approximately 575 members of the Friends.

**Volunteers**

Until Easter 2011, our loyal team of volunteers 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 at other times of the year, excepting January. Changes to the way in which the Library markets its merchandise have since led to the discontinuation of the volunteer cardselling, and the Librarian thanked personally those who had been involved in this activity, many of them over a substantial period. Members of the same team, assisted by Mr Stephen Bragg, 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. 31 of the Friends’ *Bulletin*, for the year 2010, was posted to members in January 2011. In addition, a copy of the guide to the exhibition ‘Dream Voices: Siegfried Sassoon, Memory and War’ was included in the mailing to members in October 2010.
Purchases and Donations

The Financial Panel met on 15 June 2011 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 13 May 2011, £20,000 was available to the Panel, with a ceiling of £5,000 for expenditure on any individual item.

The Panel bought outright Antonio da Aquila, Arabice linguae novae, et methodiae institutiones: non ad vulgaris duntaxat idiomatis, Romae: Typis Sac. Cong. de Prop., 1650; Thomas Gray, Elegia inglese ... sopra un cimitero campestre, Parma, 1793; Thomas Smith, The naturalist’s cabinet, [London]: 1806–7; David Boder, I did not interview the dead, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1949; Liao zhai tu shuo, Beijing: China Social Sciences Publishing House, 2009; A new map of Europe from the latest observations with Mr Whiston’s delineation of the paths of the centers of VIII famous eclipses of the sun: and the breadths of their total shadows and annular penumbrae, by John Senex. [London?: John Senex?, 1738?]; A new and accurate plan of the ancient borough of Bury Saint Edmunds in the county of Suffolk, by Alexander Downing, [London?]: published by the proprietor Alexander Downing, 1741; John Helder, ‘An impartial account of Soham Meer with the drowning and draining thereof under the care of sundry persons in different periods of time, to the year 1753’ (manuscript); the archive of the Clarion Publishing Company (active 1994–2009); James Hook, Twelve divertimentinos, for the harpsichord or piano forte, with an accompaniment for a violin or German flute, for the use of scholars ... opera XXXIII, London: printed for T. Skillern, [1784]; James Hook, Lovers, mother, I have none: a favorite song, sung by Mrs. Bland, at Vauxhall Gardens, London: printed and sold at Bland & Wellers music warehouse..., [c. 1810?]; Johann Anton André, Hymnus: Te Deum laudamus, musicam quatuor vocibus humanis comitante orchestra exercedam, opus 60 / concepit Antonius André, Offenbachii ad Moenum: J. André, [1829]; Thomas Attwood Walmisley, ‘Ode performed in the Senate-House, Cambridge on the 7th of July 1835’ (manuscript); Viva la Trinité... by a member of the UBC, Cambridge: C. N. Wootton, [c. 1870]; and Ludwig van Beethoven, Sinfonie No. 9 op. 125: Autograph, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Beethoven-Haus Bonn, Bibliotheque nationale de France, commentary by Lewis Lockwood, Jonathan Del Mar and Martina Rebmann, Kassel: Bärenreiter, 2010.

As well as these purchases the Panel made contributions towards Peter Blackborow, Navigation rectified, London: 1687; Jonathan Fisher, A picturesque tour of Killarney, London: 1789; and a speech on democracy delivered in New York by Stanley Baldwin, August 1939 (manuscript).

A generous legacy was received under the terms of the will trust of Mrs Margaret Green, a substantial proportion of which the Committee, in recognition of Mrs Green’s interests, resolved to devote to assisting the Library in the purchase of German-language books of long-term scholarly value. For individual donations of books and other items, and for financial donations, the Committee is grateful to Mrs P. Aske, Lord Egremont, Mr M.
Frayn, Mr D. J. Hall, Dr P. W. Hawkes, Professor J. H. Marrow, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Dr P. Searby, Dr T. P. Underhill, Mr D. L. Walker and Mr J. D. Wells. 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 17 January 2011, to mark the opening by the author and broadcaster Adam Nicolson of ‘Great and Manifold Blessings: The Making of the King James Bible’; and on 6 July, to mark the opening of ‘Books and Babies: Communicating Reproduction’ by the University’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz.

The Friends’ programme of speaker meetings for the year began on 9 November 2010, when Adrian Barlow addressed the question ‘Who Chooses the War Poets?’, and the interrogatory theme was continued by Professor Brian J. Ford after the Annual General Meeting on 27 November with his talk entitled ‘Plagiarism—Scourge or Solace?’

In the Lent Term, Scott Mandelbrote spoke on ‘The Authorized Version and the Pirates’ on 16 February, the first of two talks in the year linked to the theme of the ‘Great and Manifold Blessings’ exhibition, and Paul Cartledge spoke on ‘Revisiting Ancient Greece: via Alexandria in Egypt’ on 8 March. In between these two events, Tom de Freston, an artist whose work was then being exhibited in the Library’s Entrance Hall, asked ‘Can Tragedy Exist in Painting?’ in a lecture discussing the notion of Tragedy in painting and introducing a new website devoted to this topic. In the Easter Term Clive Wilmer spoke on ‘The “King James” as Literary Inspiration: John Ruskin and the Bible’ on 17 May, and, to take advantage of a visiting banner display, on 19 May Venetia Porter and Annabel Gallop gave a presentation on ‘Islamic Seals: Treasures from the British Library and the British Museum’.

The Friends’ Financial Panel meeting, held on 15 June, was again 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.

Several tours were arranged for Friends during the course of the year. To mark the three-hundredth anniversary of the Copyright Act, on Tuesday 7 December 2010, courtesy of the Library’s Legal Deposit Department, there was a ‘Tour Behind the Curved Door’, which gave participants a chance to sample the work of the department, which handles the tens of thousands of volumes received each year by virtue of the University Library’s status as one of the United Kingdom’s five Legal Deposit libraries. On 16 March 2011 Friends were the guests of Cambridge University Press in the Oriel Room of the Pitt Building in Trumpington Street, when Kevin Taylor, a director of the Press, gave an illustrated talk on the 477-year history of the world’s oldest
publisher. On 24 May Martyn Everett led an early-evening guided visit for Friends to the Saffron Walden Town Library, which formerly served as the library of the Saffron Walden Literary and Scientific Institution and contains more than 25,000 volumes, a major resource for the study of the Victorian and Edwardian periods. Over the summer, members of staff of the Near Eastern Department and the Taylor-Schechter Genizah Unit provided a fascinating display of highlights from the Library’s holdings of Middle Eastern books and manuscripts: this took place in the Morison Room on 31 August.

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 Professor T. A. Birrell, Mr R. M. Burton, Professor W. H. Bond, Mr J. P. W. Ehrman, Lady Scott and Miss E. A. Stow.