

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

Vanessa Hayward, Keeper of the Library

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I hope you will have all noticed the Inn's excellent new website and that some of you will be following my Twitter efforts which I have to admit are not easy, although I am trying to keep it relevant to the library and how we continually strive to improve our services. Anyway, we now have 70 followers so I hope they all find it useful.

It has been a very sad time for us at the library as one of our members of staff, Gillian Kalitsi passed away at a ridiculously young age following a long battle with cancer. The library was closed for the day on 10th May so that staff could attend her funeral. Gillian was a dedicated, loyal hard-working member of the library team, and the loss of her excellent EU and Parliamentary Publications skills have seen the rest of us struggling with some of the more complex queries she would have sailed through. But most of all we miss her wicked sense of humour, her smile, her love of life and her amazing courage in the face of such adversity. Her loss has left a huge hole in the team, which will be very hard to fill. Should any of you like to attend, she will be mentioned at Choral Evensong in the Temple Church on Monday 24th June at 5.45pm where it is hoped that members of her family and staff will attend.

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Our summer closed period will be from Monday 5th August, re-opening on Monday 19th August. From the 20th of August to late September (exact date to be confirmed) we will be on vacation hours: 9.00 am - 5.30 pm. Wishing you all a jolly good summer, which may just have finally arrived!



'Mus Norvagicus, vulgo lemming (Norwegian mouse, commonly lemming), from Ole Worm's Museum Wormianum, 1655

*Join us at Temple Church on 24 June at
5.45 pm for Choral Evensong*

Little Secrets in Our Display Cabinets

Lenka Steflova, Evening Assistant

How many times have you passed the display cabinets on the Gallery and American floors? Have you ever stopped and had a look at what is hidden on the other side of the glass? Maybe it would be worth your while... Believe it or not, you can find a gift from the 15th King of the Ashanti people of Ghana there. Otumfuo Opoku Ware II moved to England in the 1950s to study law and was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1962. He presented the Honourable Society with an image of denkyemkye embossed on a piece of metal and embedded in a carved wooden stool. Denkyemkye is a ceremonial helmet worn by the Asantehene which could be made of, for example, elephant, crocodile skin or antelope hide with many additional ornaments. The wearer is accepted as the most powerful among his people and it is said that anyone who boasts to be powerful, great or strong is always reminded of the fact that he is not the wearer of the denkyemkye. So if you feel self-confident enough and want to see the “crown” of the Ashanti people, have a look at our display cabinet on the Gallery Floor.

This is definitely not our only treasure. Among the other items there is a mid-19th century cigar case. You might say that this is an ordinary object, but its first owner was far from ordinary. He was a London solicitor named Frederick F. Palmer, One of his interesting cases concerned Mary Eleanor Wheeler (Pearcey).

Visit the display cabinets on the second and third floors to view some of our hidden treasures

As Richard Clark wrote about this case– Mary changed her name in order not to be recognised as a murderer’s daughter; her father had been executed for killing a local farmer. This change did not protect her from the murder she committed around 10 years later. Probably out of jealousy, she killed Phoebe, who was the wife of her lover, Frank Hogg, and allegedly killed or caused the death of Phoebe’s little child. Her solicitor made considerable efforts to save her alleging that she was not in control of herself at the time of the killing and that this was due to epileptic fits that she had suffered since birth. She was granted a medical enquiry under the Criminal Lunatics Act, but no evidence of legal insanity was found and she was hanged. As was normal in celebrated cases Madame Tussaud’s made a wax model of her for the Chamber of Horrors, and bought the pram from Hogg together with some other effects.

Of the other artefacts your attention could be caught by the wood cut from the last of four walnut trees flourishing on Magna Carta Island when the Great Charter was signed on 15th June 1215, a horse tooth dug up in Pump Court and Middle Temple wine bottles with the “Lamb & Flag” seal which come from a time when the Inn used to bottle its own port from casks. This and much more you can find on the Gallery Floor. One floor above you can test your knowledge of American Presidents. There is a tray with quarters from Presidents George Washington to Richard Nixon. Which one, if any, is missing? You can find out more about Middle Temple relations with the U.S. not only through the presented objects but also from our library collection.

New Acquisitions

Hilary Woodard, Stock & Ecclesiastical Librarian

BAZLEY, S- Market abuse enforcement: policy and procedure
 BLACKSTONE'S Guide to the civil justice reforms 2013
 BLAKE, S- The Jackson ADR handbook
 BRADLEY, C- Disclosure reference
 BURROWS, A- Restatement of the English law of unjust enrichment
 CHARMAN, A- Shareholder actions
 COPPEL, P- Tribunal practice
 CROSSLEY, D- Land registration
 FORD, J- Education law and practice
 HAMER, K- Professional conduct casebook
 HARRIS, B- Passion poison and power: Mysterious death of Sir Thomas Overbury
 JACKSON, K- Disability discrimination: law and case management
 KIRK, J- Modern financial regulation
 LLOYD, I- Telecommunications law
 LOWE, N- 1996 Hague convention on the protection of children
 O'DEMPSEY, D- Discrimination in employment
 RODGERS, C- Law of nature conservation
 TOTT & MOSS- Insolvency (loose-leaf)



Attila (406–453), Emperor of the Huns, a woodcut from Paolo Giovio's Elogia, 1575

Donations to the library (presented by author unless otherwise stated):

BEAN, D- Injunctions
 BLACKSTONE'S Criminal Practice 2013 Supplement 2 (donated by Master Stockdale)
 EDELMAN, C- Law of reinsurance
 FLENLEY, W- Solicitors negligence and liability
 GLYNN, J- The regulation of healthcare professionals
 KOSMIN, L- Company meetings and resolutions
 LEYLAND, P- The constitution of the United Kingdom
 LUBA, J- Housing allocations and homelessness
 MORCOM, C- The modern law of trade marks
 TOULSON, Justice- Confidentiality (donated by Charles Phipps)

New Website

The Inn has a new website as of early May. All of the library content is now available at:

<http://www.middletemple.org.uk/library-and-archive/library/>

We are still in the process of creating a dedicated link for the library catalogue to embed into the new website. Once that is done the new site will be the main one for the library. We would appreciate any feedback on this potential move. There is a small, one question poll available on the 'Electronic Resources' page, or you can email the Senior Librarian with any comments/queries/suggestions (which will be kept anonymous):

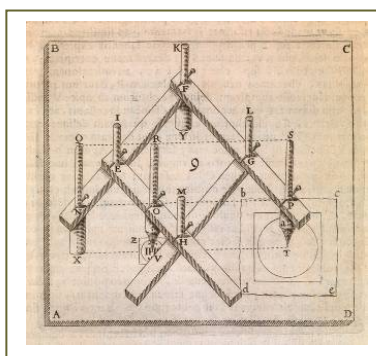
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Duelling, Fencing, Arms & Armour at Middle Temple

Renaë Satterley, Senior Librarian

The latest library exhibition features items from the Rare Books, Manuscripts and Archive collections centred on the theme of duelling, fencing and arms and armour at the Inn. Highlights include a rare 17th century Spanish fencing manuscript, 16th century texts on the legality of duelling and notions of honour, as well as a 19th century court dress sword belonging to the King's Remembrancer.

The exhibition will open with an event on the 6th of June, featuring two guest speakers, Dr. Tobias Capwell and Professor Sydney Anglo. Dr. Capwell is Curator of Arms and Armour at the Wallace Collection and is an expert on Medieval and Renaissance weaponry. Sydney Anglo is Professor Emeritus, University of Wales Swansea and Fellow of the British Academy. He has published widely on historical subjects and is an expert on the martial arts and pageantry of the Renaissance. Over 60 guests are registered to attend the opening. The exhibition runs until the end of September.



*Diagram of a pantograph,
from Christopher Scheiner's
Pantagraphice, 1631*

Since 2007 we have raised over £30,000 for the book sponsorship fund, mainly due to the generosity of our members- Thank you!

Rare Books Update

Renaë Satterley, Senior Librarian

This newsletter features images from our collaboration with the Science Photo Library website. We currently have close to 800 illustrations uploaded to the website: <http://www.sciencephoto.com/contributor/mtl/list>, and hundreds more waiting to be photographed and uploaded. All of the proceeds from the images sold through SPL go towards the book sponsorship fund. The images featured in this issue of the newsletter are our some of our 'bestsellers', and have featured in textbooks, television shows and websites. They have been sold to clients throughout the world, including Switzerland, Japan, Finland and Chile.

On Sunday 9 June, Middle Temple gardens will participate in the Open Garden Squares weekend. Kate Jenrick, the head gardener, has asked volunteers to bake cakes which will be sold on the day. All of the proceeds are divided evenly between the Book Sponsorship Fund and a gardening charity. Last year the bake sale made over £400.00, which was used to restore John Ogilby's *Asia, the First Part*, printed in London in 1673. This volume was donated to the library by Elias Ashmole (1617-1692), whose collections (including the 'Museum Tradescantium') were presented to the University of Oxford and went on to become the Ashmolean Museum.