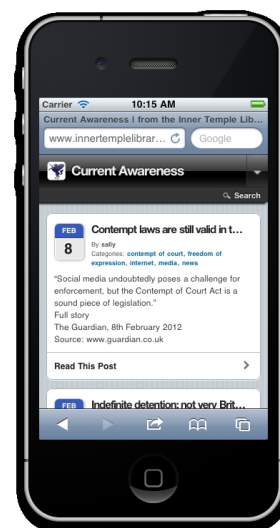


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- **AccessToLaw** – there have been 58,938 visits to our legal gateway site from 183 countries, the majority coming from the UK, US, Ireland and India. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were Case Law, Health & Social Care Law, Personal Injury, Courts & Tribunals and Immigration & Asylum.
- **Bar Librarians Group** – the Librarian organised three meetings during the year. Representatives from Sweet & Maxwell attended one of the meetings. The pricing of print and electronic resources continued to be one of the main topics for discussion.
- **Binding** – a total of 507 volumes of UK law and 91 volumes of Commonwealth law have been bound or rebound during the year.
- **Book Prize** – the Deputy Librarian, who is a member of the Book Prize Committee, assisted with preparations for the [2011 Inner Temple Book Prize](#), which was presented by The Princess Royal in December.
- **Cataloguing** – the number of new law titles and editions added to the [catalogue](#) during the year was 176. Serial volumes, non-law titles and reference works have accounted for many hundreds more. The revision of catalogue entries for older Caribbean law material (amounting in many cases to recataloguing) has been completed. This was necessary because this material was catalogued at a time when it was in remote storage and so the volumes themselves could not be examined at first hand, the result being some inadequate or inaccurate records. An important by-product of the cataloguing process is the very popular subject guide to the textbook collection, which has been revised and reprinted several times during the year.
- **Committees** – the Librarian attended meetings of the Inter Inn Libraries Liaison Committee, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library Committee and of the Institute Librarians Group.
- **Current Awareness Blog** – the web host for the blog was changed during the year; this provided an opportunity to redesign the site and re-launch the service, which has now been

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Current Awareness' blog. At the top left is the logo for 'Current Awareness from the Inner Temple Library'. To the right are navigation links: 'About', 'The Library', 'Legal Links', and 'Transcripts'. The main content area features two news items. The first is titled 'Locked-in syndrome sufferer begins high court battle for right to die – The Guardian', posted on January 23rd, 2012, by sally. The second is titled 'Daily Mail publisher loses challenge to Leveson inquiry anonymity ruling – The Guardian', posted on January 20th, 2012, by tracey. To the right of the news items is a search bar and a 'Users' Comments' section with a quote from Cheron QC. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for RSS, Email, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn, along with a 'Sign Up For The Daily Email' form with an 'Email Address' field and a 'Subscribe' button.

running for nearly 5 years. The blog features the latest news stories, plus details of new case law and changes in legislation. We have also started to monitor selected chambers' websites with a view to including case comments, articles and conference papers where appropriate. Subject categories now appear in a drop-down menu, which includes the number of items within each category. Users can sign up to receive daily current awareness updates by email or RSS feed, or follow the blog on [Twitter](#). Subscribers to the RSS feed can tailor the feed to their own requirements by selecting individual subject categories rather than receiving updates from the blog as a whole. The blog now has 22,000 posts, 1,000 subject categories, 2,000 subscribers via email or RSS feed and 2,222 followers on Twitter. There are about 20,000 visits per month, from over 100 countries, with the majority coming from the UK, US, India and Australia. Our statistics show that a growing number of readers are accessing the blog via mobile devices, primarily iPads, iPhones and Blackberries.



- **Document Supply Service** – the service has been extended to include barrister members of all four Inns, wherever their chambers are based. Over the year, 266 items have been supplied to members located in the UK and in Antigua, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Gibraltar, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Northern Ireland and Turks and Caicos Islands.
- **Donations** – members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works. This resulted in a saving of £2,896 on monographs and £6,485 on looseleaves in 2011. [Wildy's](#) also donate a copy of all Wildy, Simmonds & Hill publications to the Library.
- **Enquiries** – staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with 4,000 personal and telephone enquiries from barristers, pupils, students, clerks and researchers.
- **Facebook** – the Library's Facebook page, which was created to promote Library services and as an additional way of communicating with our users, now has 639 fans. The Library also has a Google+ page which mirrors the content of its Facebook page. Photographs taken during filming in the Library, and of visitors to the Library, have been added to both the Facebook and [Google+](#) pages.

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Introduction The Library is open to barrister, judicial and student members of all four Inns of Court, for reference only. It is not open to the general public. Researchers may be admitted at the discretion of the Librarian.

The Library holds 70,000 volumes on the law of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. It also houses non-law collections and an important collection of manuscripts. The Library provides an enquiry service and a document supply service. Web services include: [AccessToLaw](#), a gateway site providing annotated links to selected UK, Commonwealth and worldwide legal web sites; a [Current Awareness](#) blog covering legal news, new cases and changes in legislation; and legal research FAQs. Wi-Fi access is available in the Library.

Recommended links

- Current Awareness
- Twitter
- Flickr
- Facebook

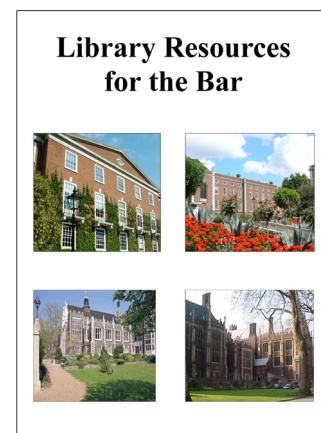
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- **FAQs** – a new FAQ on Parliamentary Publications has been prepared and is ready to be added to the Library website. Other [Legal research FAQs](#) cover UK and EU case law and legislation, and treaty research. Our website statistics show that the FAQs are becoming one of the most frequently accessed sections of the site.

- **Filming** – two of the Royal letters from the Library’s manuscript collection are to be featured in a forthcoming BBC4 series, *She Wolves*, and a National Geographic series on *The Tower of London*. The Marshall Hall press cuttings will feature in a documentary series, *The Strange Case of the Law*, also on BBC4.

- **Guides** – a new edition of [Library Resources for the Bar](#), a guide to the Libraries of the four Inns of Court, was published in 2011. This features details of the [Inn Libraries specialisation scheme](#). The content of the Readers’ Guide, Student Guide, Quick Reference Guide, and guides to online services, has also been updated. All the guides are available in the Library or can be [downloaded](#) from the website.



- **Historical Enquiries** – the steady stream of genealogical enquiries continues to be dealt with in close co-operation with the Inn’s Archivist and the staff of the other three Inn Libraries. Aside from these we have been consulted on a very wide range of subjects, including: classical authors represented in our Library before the 18th century; procedure in murder trials at the turn of the 19th century; transportation to the American colonies; and an initially baffling mention of the Inner Temple in an annotation to John Horne Tooke’s *Diversions of Purley* (1786).

- **IT Facilities** – the 24 public access PCs continue to be well used for legal research, word processing and checking emails. Over 1,200 word processing sessions were booked during the year on the PCs in the Gallery. The Wi-Fi access provided in rooms E, F and G continues to be popular with students and barristers.

- **Legal Research** – The Deputy Librarian completed a series of 10 legal research training sessions for both Library Assistants.

- **Littleton Basement** – a total of 222 items were retrieved from the Library’s basement store in the Littleton Building in response to readers’ requests. Many of the items were old editions of practitioners’ texts and law reports (UK and Commonwealth). Such items are not easily obtainable outside of the Inns of Court Libraries and are not available online.

- **Manuscript Enquiries** – there is continuing demand for the illuminated folios showing the courts in session around 1460 for use as illustrations in new books. The Court of King’s Bench and Court of Common Pleas folios are especially popular. A folio from our copy of Macrobius’s *Commentary on Somnium Scipionis* (mid 12th century) recently featured on the cover of a monograph on the cardinal virtues in the middle ages.



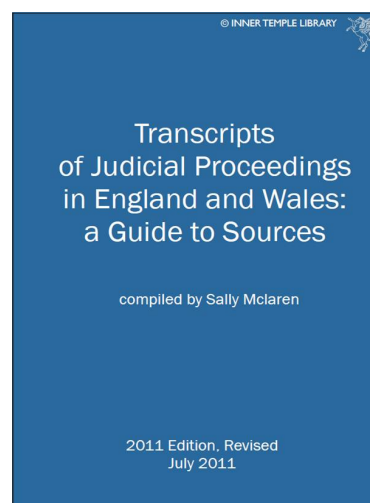
Subjects being studied by visiting scholars and correspondents have included coronation oaths and the divine right of kings, Latinity versus vernacularity in medieval chronicles, the 17th-century architects William Winde and Elizabeth Wilbraham, John Playford's Clerk's Book relating to the Temple Church, and, as last year, the Countess of Pembroke's translation of Petrarch's "The Triumph of Death". A large portion of Petyt MS. 538.7 was photographed to provide important reference material for the staff of the History of Parliament Project, who are compiling biographical data on the members of the 1621 Parliament.

- **Newsletter** – four issues of the Library's electronic newsletter were sent out in January, April, July and October to all members and tenants of the Inn.
- **Online Services** – use of the online subscription services continues to increase, in particular Westlaw. The ICLR has given the Library free access to its new online service and a subscription has been taken out with Justis for an archive database of England and Wales Judgments.
- **Presentations** – the Deputy Librarian gave two presentations at the City Law School on the services offered by the four Inn Libraries to BPTC students. The presentation was also given for the first time at Kaplan Law School. The presentation is available on the website as a [slide show](#).



- **Publicity** – a number of Library initiatives received very favourable comments in the press and via the blogosphere. Dr Peter Clinch, author of *Legal research: a practitioner's handbook* described our Transcripts Guide as "a unique, comprehensive and essential legal research source". The Current Awareness blog was described in *The Times* as "an extremely useful digest of latest resolutions and legal news stories from around the web, updated regularly", and by Adam Wagner of [UK Human Rights Blog](#) as "the simplest and most reliable way for lawyers to keep up to date with what is going on in the legal world. The Inner Temple Library team never miss an important event or article." The Twitter feed for the Current Awareness blog was listed at number two in the [LondonlovesBusiness](#) list of *London's 20 most influential tweeters: Law*.
- **Pupils** – the Deputy Librarian gave tours to pupils from a number of chambers including Blackstone Chambers, Fountain Court and Paper Buildings, and also carried out one-to-one sessions for pupils requiring refresher training on databases.

- **Space Planning** – Indian *Supreme Court Reports* were moved from Room F to the Littleton Basement to create more space for other Commonwealth series. Some of the older volumes of the *Official Journal of the European Union* were also transferred to create more growth space for the *European Court Reports* in Room C.
- **Staff Changes** – Roia McHugh joined the Library staff in February, replacing Rebecca Ramsbottom, who left to take up a position of Assistant Librarian at the House of Lords. Roia previously worked in public and medical libraries and is currently studying for an MSc in Information and Library Studies via distance learning at Aberystwyth University.
- **Student Events** – the Library participated in the Inn’s introductory evenings for London and for out of London students, and organised tours for new BPTC students in September.
- **Surveys** – online and in-house surveys of Library usage were carried out in April. The results of the surveys were complementary and broadly consistent. More than half of the respondents who used the Library were members of the Inner or Middle Temple or had chambers in the Temple. Students who used the Library commented that it was the best environment for research. More than half of the respondents made use of staff assistance during their visits (compared with 17.5% in 2002), and many commented on the helpfulness and expertise of staff, who now have to provide guidance on electronic as well as print resources. The most often stated reason for visiting the Library was still to research for a case or opinion but there was also a marked increase in the number of respondents who valued the Library as a “quiet or convenient place to work”. Responses showed that the print collections continued to be well used, in particular textbooks, law reports, journals and looseleaf works. Respondents’ use of textbooks and law reports had increased from 50% and 59% respectively in 2002 to 88.1% and 88.9% in 2011. The materials most frequently used for research were in areas of English law, EU law, European human rights and Commonwealth law. More than half the users on survey days made use of non-current material.
- **Training** – courses attended by Library staff included finding and understanding legal information, legal reference materials, sources of foreign and international law, European case law, branding the library and information service, planning and delivering drop-in sessions, caring for book bindings, and searching without Google, as well as the conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.
- **Transcripts Guide** – a revised version of our 2006 guide to sources of transcripts of judicial proceedings in England and Wales was published as a pdf document in February, and reissued in the autumn to take account of changes to government websites. The 2011 guide has been expanded to include sources of tribunal as well as court transcripts. The guide has been purchased by individual barristers, chambers, law firms, government departments and academic libraries, and sales total £2,536.



- **Visits** – during the year we were visited by law librarians from the Bodleian Law Library, House of Lords, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the other Inns. Library staff have visited the Royal Courts of Justice Library and the Supreme Court Library.
- **Website** – the Library website was re-launched in July with improvements to the content and layout. Links to the most frequently accessed sections of the site now appear on the right-hand side of every page, not just on the home page. Page design is clearer and new images have been added. The site has details of the Library’s [collections](#) and [services](#), plus links to the [online catalogue](#), [Current Awareness blog](#), [AccessToLaw](#) and to [FAQs](#) on legal research. It also includes a [virtual tour](#), [slide shows](#) of the Library past and present and illustrated histories of the [Library](#) and of the [Inn](#).

The Inner Temple Library

Welcome

The Inner Temple is one of the four Inns of Court. The other Inns are Middle Temple, Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn. These are unincorporated associations which have existed since the 14th century. They play a central role in the recruitment, training and professional life of barristers, holding the exclusive rights to call candidates to the bar of England and Wales

The Library provides the following services to barristers, judicial and student members of all four Inns of Court:

- A reference library of over 70,000 volumes of English law
- Specialist [Scottish & Commonwealth](#) collections
- An enquiry service for telephone, email & personal callers with legal and parliamentary enquiries
- Web access to the [library catalogues of the four Inns](#)
- A range of legal research [databases](#)
- Word processing, email and wi-fi
- A daily [current awareness service](#)
- A document supply service for barrister members of the four Inns

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