



# Inner Temple Library Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 2 of the Inner Temple Library's e-newsletter, aimed at keeping Inner Temple members and Temple tenants up to date with Library news and developments.

## Saturday Opening Update

The trial period of Saturday opening has been extended and is set to continue from October 2005 to July 2006. The Inns of Court Libraries Liaison Committee will then review the success of the scheme and make recommendations for the future.

One of the four Libraries will be open on each Saturday during the legal terms, each Library opening every fourth week according to the timetable set out here.

2005



### October

1 October	Lincoln's Inn
8 October	Middle Temple
15 October	Gray's Inn
22 October	Inner Temple
29 October	Lincoln's Inn

### November

5 November	Middle Temple
12 November	Gray's Inn
19 November	Inner Temple
26 November	Lincoln's Inn

### December

3 December	Middle Temple
10 December	Gray's Inn
17 December	Inner Temple
24 December	CLOSED
31 December	CLOSED

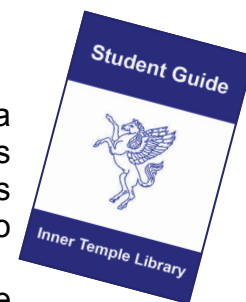
The new Saturday calendar is available from the Library or can be downloaded from the [Opening Hours](#) section of the Library web site.

## Students

### Student Guide

The Library has produced a Student Guide which includes information on the collections and the services available to student members of the Inn.

Copies are available in the Library or they can be requested by emailing [library@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:library@innertemple.org.uk)



### Times Student Law Supplement

During October the Library is collaborating with *The Times* in a promotion to offer student members a free copy of their tri-annual student law supplement plus vouchers for purchase of the Wednesday edition of *The Times* (incorporating the Law Reports and related editorial). An email will be sent out to notify students when the supplements are available for collection.

### Student Tours

The Library ran introductory tours for full-time students during September. Part-time students and students who may have missed earlier tours can book a tour by emailing [librarytours@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarytours@innertemple.org.uk) before 3rd October.



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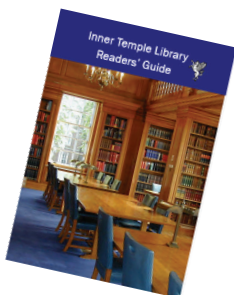
## Inductions for Pupils

The Library is planning to introduce tours for pupils in the Inner Temple. If you are a pupil and are interested in coming for a short induction to the Library then email

[librarytours@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarytours@innertemple.org.uk)

## New Readers' Guide

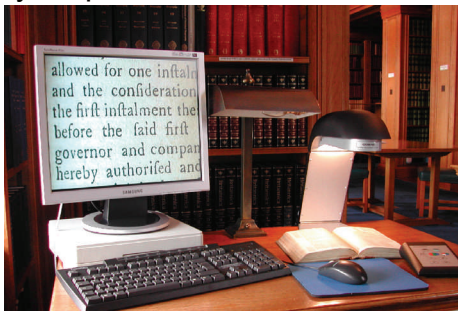
The Library's Readers' Guide has been revised and updated. The plan of the main floor of the Library now shows the locations of computer terminals, and a new plan of the gallery level has been added. There is also an expanded Accessibility section, detailing facilities available for wheelchair users and the visually or hearing impaired. The entire guide has been redesigned for easier reading, and the cover features a photograph of Reading Room C by Adrian Blunt, Deputy Librarian.



## Accessibility

Facilities for visually impaired users have been further enhanced by the acquisition of a desktop video magnifier.

Linked to one of the public access PCs in Room C, the magnifier has many useful features, including a split screen capability (enabling use of the magnifier and the computer on the same screen), automated focus, and magnification ranging from x2 to x30.



## Bar Library Update

The closure of the Bar Library in the Royal Courts of Justice was mentioned in the last newsletter. If you wish to comment on the loss of a loan collection for barristers within the RCJ please write to Julia Robertson, Supreme Court Librarian, Royal Courts of Justice, London, WC2A 2LL. Ways and means of giving barristers access to unpublished transcripts housed in the RCJ (and that are not available from other sources) are still being considered.



## Bar Librarians Group

The Bar Librarians Group is a relatively new organisation, which was formed in 2002 by the librarians of the Inn Libraries and the librarians of individual chambers. The Group meets regularly, usually at Inner Temple, and its objectives are to share relevant information, to be a strong voice for the interests of its members, and to develop more effective working relationships with the main legal publishers. If you are a qualified librarian working in chambers and you are interested in finding out more about the Group, please email either Margaret Clay ([mclay@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:mclay@innertemple.org.uk)) or Alison Million ([amillion@7kbw.co.uk](mailto:amillion@7kbw.co.uk))



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## Library Postcards

### Postcards - 50p

The Inner Temple Library has recently produced two postcards, which are now available for purchase from the Enquiry Point. The first is a photograph of the Library taken by the Deputy Librarian, Adrian Blunt; the second is a reproduction of one of the most treasured illuminated manuscripts in the Inner Temple's collection.

#### Postcard 1: Interior of the Inner Temple Library

When the present Inner Temple Library building was opened in 1958, a reporter from *The Law Times* wrote: "it would be hard to imagine a pleasanter place to pursue one's studies". Although the library now provides access to the very latest in information technology for legal research, its ambience remains largely unchanged since its inauguration and according to recent surveys is still found by members to be particularly conducive to quiet study.



#### Postcard 2: Court of King's Bench (Illuminated Manuscript)

Our second postcard is a reproduction of one of a set of four illuminated folios on vellum, depicting the courts at Westminster Hall. The manuscripts, dating from around 1460, were presented to the Inn by Lord Darling (Treasurer, 1914-1918), who had purchased them at Christie's in 1894.



## Filming at the Library

Dr David Starkey visited the Library during the summer for filming in connection with his Channel 4 television series [Monarchy](#). As on his earlier visit in 2002, the item he came to view and film was one of the most notable manuscripts in the Library's possession, [Edward VI's "devise for the succession"](#). In his own handwriting, the dying king, aged 16, sets out the plan by which he sought to exclude his half-sisters Mary and Elizabeth from the succession in favour of his cousin, Lady Jane Grey. The series began on 12th September and the episode featuring scenes filmed in the Library will air on 26th September at 8pm on Channel 4.



## Inner Temple Archives

[The Inner Temple Admissions Database](#) is now available online. This new database, developed by the Inn's archivist, Clare Rider, and funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, aims to provide online biographical information about past members of the Inn. When fully implemented, the database will cover admissions between the years 1547 to 1850. The current version covers 1660 to 1850. The database is available to anyone with access to the internet, without charge.



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## AccessToLaw

[AccessToLaw](#), the Library's legal gateway site, has recently added two new sections: [Gender Law](#) and [Expert Witnesses](#). Gender Law includes links to the Department of Constitutional Affairs web site (specifically the section on the rights of transsexuals), the Gender Recognition Panel and the Equal Opportunities Commission. The Expert Witnesses section includes links to The Expert Witness Directory and the Expert Witness Institute.

Some of the LLRX guides to legal research featured on the site have been updated and now appear under the name Globalex. These include guides to [Caribbean Legal Research](#), [Irish Law](#) and [US Federal Law](#).

New additions to existing subject areas include:

Criminal Law: [Criminal Procedure Rules 2005](#) on the Department of Constitutional Affairs site. This brings together in one place rules previously contained in almost fifty separate Statutory Instruments.

Human Rights: [Honour Crimes Project](#) run by the Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Laws and the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights, this project aims to coordinate an international approach to fighting 'honour crimes'. The site includes an annotated bibliography, case summaries and a directory of initiatives on 'crimes of honour' as well as material on forced marriage.

Intellectual Property: [GB Esp@cenet](#) is a searchable database of patent decisions provided by the European Patent Office.

Legal Journals: [Legal Executive](#) is the web site of the Journal of the Institute of Legal Executives. The site includes an archive of legal briefings, November 2000 onwards (the latest being on the right to die) and recent opinion and feature articles.

## New Acquisitions

As ever it is the collection of practitioners' textbooks that is the fastest growing section of the Library, at least as regards monographs. Among recent new editions of standard works are Phipson's *Evidence*, Kerly's *Law of trade-marks and trade names*, Chalmers & Guest's *Bills of exchange* and Smith & Hogan's *Criminal law*.

Newly published works include *Advocacy in family proceedings* by David Bedingfield, *Commercial enforcement* by Sarah Payne, *Law of reinsurance* by Colin Edelman and others, *The employment contract* by Douglas Brodie, *Domain name law & practice: an international handbook* by Torsten Bettinger and a team of contributors, *Cohabitation law, practice & precedents* by Helen Wood, Denzil Lush and David Bishop, and *Civil Partnership: the new law* by Mark Harper and others – thanks are due to Martin Downs, one of the co-authors, who presented this.

Many will be aware that the law of the Commonwealth Caribbean jurisdictions has long been one of our areas of specialisation. Two new Commonwealth titles deserve particular mention: Christopher Bickley's *Bermuda, British Virgin Islands & Cayman Islands company law* and *Laws of Saint Lucia*, a new revised edition in twenty loose-leaf volumes.



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