



# Inner Temple Library Newsletter

Welcome to the third issue of the Inner Temple Library's quarterly electronic newsletter. The newsletter aims to keep members and tenants of the Inner Temple up to date with news and developments in the Library.

All feedback is welcome and can be sent to [librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk)

## Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each Saturday during the legal terms, with each Library opening every fourth week according to the timetable set out here.



### 2006

#### January

7 January	Lincoln's Inn
14 January	Middle Temple
21 January	Gray's Inn
28 January	Inner Temple

#### February

4 February	Lincoln's Inn
11 February	Middle Temple
18 February	Gray's Inn
25 February	Inner Temple

#### March

4 March	Lincoln's Inn
11 March	Middle Temple
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The 2006 Saturday calendar is available from the Library or can be downloaded from the [Opening Hours](#) section of the Library web site.

## Library Survey

Surveys of Library use were carried out in 2002 and 2004. We have produced a new online survey which we hope will help us plan for the future by providing up to date information on who uses the Library and how the services provided are used. We would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing the survey. All responses are anonymous. [Click here](#) to take part in the survey.

If you have any problems accessing the survey, please email [librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk) and a Word version will be sent to you for completion and return.

## Annual Report

The Library's Annual Report for 2005, which is prepared for the Executive Committee, is now on the web site - to view it click [here](#)

## Inner Temple Archives

[The Inner Temple Admissions Database](#) is now complete and the final version will be available online by the end of February. The database, developed by the Inn's archivist, Clare Rider, and funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, provides online biographical information about past members of the Inn, admitted between 1547 and 1850. It supplies the names and addresses of students and, where known, other details such as age on admission and their fathers' names and occupations. Interesting facts have come to light during the course of the project, including the names of members famous for activities outside the law, and some unexpected occupations, for example the umbrella manufacturer, the oilman and the pawnbroker whose sons attended the Inn.

The online database, which will be launched officially at a ceremony in March, is available without charge to anyone with access to the Internet.



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## Commonwealth Resources in the Library and on the Internet

Regular users will probably be aware that the Library holds a specialist collection of Commonwealth law, even if they have not had occasion to use it themselves. But what exactly does it contain?

### Library Collections

Responsibility for the Commonwealth is shared with Lincoln's Inn Library. Some major jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore) are covered by both libraries, though one of them is regarded as the primary collector. Australia for example is a responsibility primarily of Lincoln's Inn, but the Inner Temple also maintains a substantial collection. Other jurisdictions are the responsibility of just one library. The division of jurisdictions between the libraries is done on a geographical basis, with Lincoln's Inn for example covering jurisdictions in Africa and the Pacific Ocean, and the Inner Temple those in the Indian sub-continent and the Caribbean. [Click here](#) for complete lists for both libraries. We are especially pleased to have just received the long-awaited *Statute law of the Bahamas* and the companion work *Subsidiary legislation of the Bahamas*, both updated to April 2002.

Some of the smallest jurisdictions produce very few legal publications, and obtaining them can be difficult. For most jurisdictions we aim to take annual volumes of laws, any revised edition that is published, and major series of law reports. For the larger jurisdictions we also take selected textbooks and major research tools, such as *Halsbury's Laws of Australia* and the *Canadian abridgment*. It should be noted that in the smaller jurisdictions little if anything in the way of practitioners' textbooks is published, lawyers relying on the standard English works.

## Internet Resources

Much legal information relating to Commonwealth jurisdictions is available free on the Internet. [Click here](#) to see countries included in the Commonwealth section of our AccessToLaw site, or [here](#) to see the wide range of legislation, case law and other information available just on, for example, Canada.

An important development of the last few years has been the "free access to law" movement, which has resulted in the establishment of a number of Legal Information Institutes. These provide free web access to core legal materials, chiefly legislation and judgments as released by the courts. The first, and to a greater or lesser extent the begetter of most of the others, was [AustLII](#), covering Australia and New Zealand. In its wake came [CanLII](#) for Canada, [HKLII](#) for Hong Kong, [PacLII](#) for the Pacific Islands, and several others. Autumn 2005 has seen the arrival of [CommonLII](#) whose aim is to bring together legal materials from all Commonwealth countries. All of the "LIIs" are accessible via [AccessToLaw](#).

Other new sites recently added to the Commonwealth section include the [Hong Kong Government Gazette](#), [Punjab Laws Online](#) and the [Intellectual Property Office of Singapore](#).

## International Law Book Facility



The ILBF is a new charity, supported by the Bar Council and the Law Society, which aims to facilitate the donation of recent editions of legal textbooks to recipients overseas, with a particular focus on Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. More details about the scheme can be obtained by contacting Simon Laycock at the Bar Council email: [IntRelations@barcouncil.org.uk](mailto:IntRelations@barcouncil.org.uk) or by viewing the web site - [www.ilbf.org.uk](http://www.ilbf.org.uk).



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## Non-Law Collections

The Library has non-law collections in heraldry, genealogy, topography, English history, literature, classics and biography which have been bought or donated to the Inner Temple over the centuries.

Records for these collections are held partly on the Library's online catalogue and partly in the card catalogue.

Inner Temple barristers and tenants in private practice with chambers in London are welcome to borrow non-law books (with only a few exceptions). The loan period is four weeks.

Recent acquisitions include:



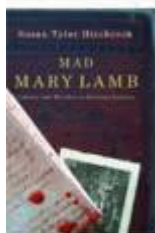
### **Plantagenet England 1225-1360**

by Michael Prestwich



### **Apollonius of Tyana**

by Philostratus



### **Mad Mary Lamb: lunacy and murder in literary London**

by Susan Tyler Hitchcock



### **The life of Edward the Second**

by Noel Denholm-Young



### **Shaping the nation: England 1360-1461**

by Gerald Harriss



### **The Legate's daughter: a novel of intrigue in ancient Rome**

by Wallace Breem (former Librarian of the Inner Temple)

## Legal Publishers

The Bar Librarians Group is very concerned about the large price increases which Informa are proposing to introduce for 2006 subscriptions to Lloyd's Law Reports in order to finance developments in their online service. Unlike other legal publishers, **Informa** will not allow customers just to subscribe to the printed versions of the reports. If you share the Group's concerns on this issue please email [mclay@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:mclay@innertemple.org.uk)

In an attempt to meet the specific requirements of the Bar, **LexisNexisButterworths** is hoping to set up Focus Groups for barristers that will be run from 2006 onwards. Meetings will be held in London either at lunchtime or in the early evening and will be organised by practice area. If you are interested in taking part contact [mclay@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:mclay@innertemple.org.uk)

## JustCite Open Day

On Thursday January 26th [Justis Publishing](http://www.justispublishing.com) will be holding an open day at the Inner Temple Library. Justis staff will be on hand to provide library users with information and demonstrations of their JustCite service and other databases.

[JustCite](http://www.justispublishing.com) is a citator service which indexes a wide range of case law and legislation series from different providers. The JustCite search engine searches through all the indexed sources, thus removing the need to know which individual source to try first. The service provides an up to date snapshot of the status of a specific case or item of legislation and can show if a particular case has been overruled or, in the case of legislation, amended, or if there are cases that interpret a particular piece of legislation. Hypertext links have been activated on JustCite to allow users to link from their search results to the full text documents not only in Justis databases but also in other services to which they may have subscriptions, such as LexisNexis and Westlaw.

Click [here](#) to see the titles indexed. A further 14 law reports series and 42 journal titles are to be added by June 2006.



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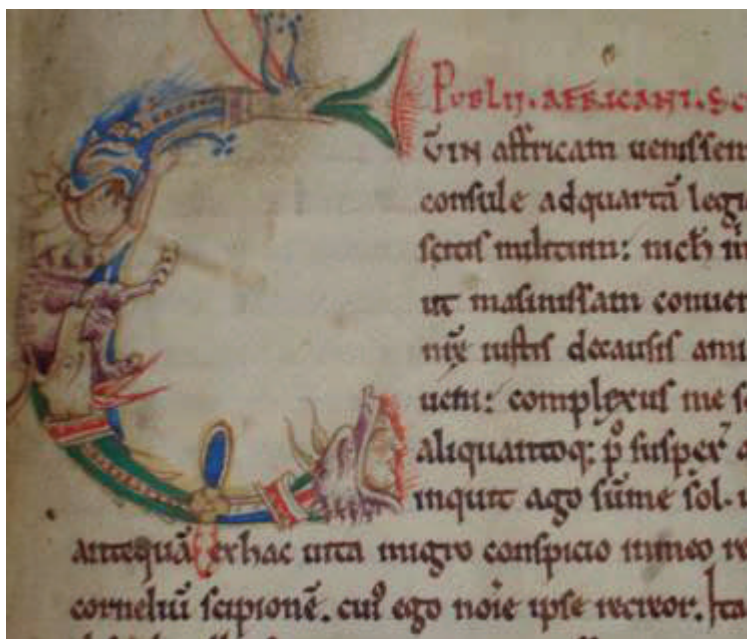
## Grand Night

On Grand Night 2005 (2nd November) a display of some of the Library's treasures was provided for those attending dinner.

Some of the items displayed are well known to members of the Inn, such as Edward VI's "[devise for the succession](#)" (1553), the document in the dying king's own hand by which he sought to deny the succession to his half-sisters Mary and Elizabeth in favour of his cousin Lady Jane Grey, and the [four illuminated folios](#) depicting the royal courts at Westminster c.1460.

Other treasures are less well known. These include several other late medieval illuminated manuscripts. The oldest item in the Inn's collection, also displayed on Grand Night, is a mid 12th century manuscript of the commentary on Cicero's *Somnium Scipionis* by the Latin grammarian Macrobius.

The illustration below shows the beginning of the work.

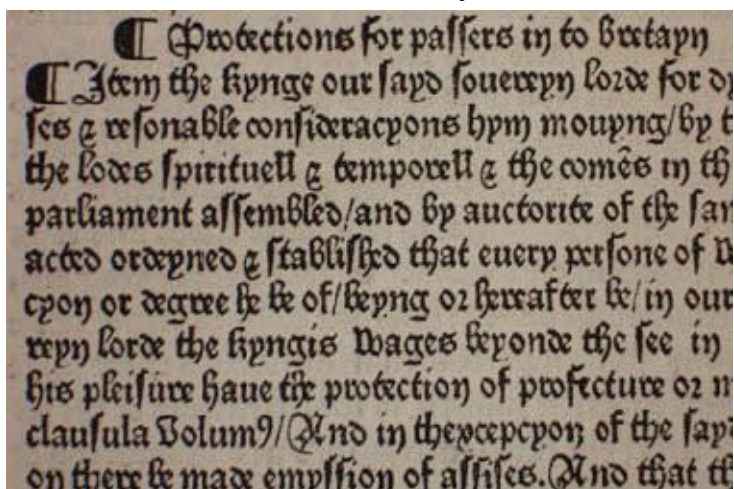


Printed books on display included a volume from Sir William Hamilton's *Collection of Etruscan, Greek*

and Roman antiquities (1766-1767), a work in eight large folio volumes describing and illustrating his collection of classical antiquities. The illustration shows a detail from one of the many double-page, hand-coloured engravings.



Also displayed was one of the Library's earliest printed books. Printing had been invented by Gutenberg in Germany about 1450. William Caxton, having learned the art of printing in Cologne, set up his first press in Bruges in 1472, before introducing printing to England in 1476. Though best known for printing Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and other literary works, Caxton also printed one law book, a collection of statutes of 1-4 Henry VII, in 1490.



Examples survive of fewer than half of the 100 or so books he printed between 1476 and his death in 1491. The Library is fortunate to hold one of only four extant copies of this book.



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## AccessToLaw

The Library's legal gateway web site, which currently has links to around 1000 free legal web sites worldwide, is checked and updated by library staff every two months. The site is currently up to date to December 2005.

New content is also added to the web site on a regular basis. A new [Media Law](#) section has recently been added, which includes links to regulatory bodies such as [Ofcom](#), the [Press Complaints Commission](#) and the [Advertising Standards Authority](#), to solicitors' firms' web sites containing useful information, to the web sites of sets of chambers specialising in media law, such as [Five Raymond Buildings](#) and [One Brick Court](#) and to the [Entertainment and Sports Law Journal](#), an online journal published by the Electronic Law Journals project at Warwick University.

Sites added to other sections recently include:

- [NetRegs](#) a web site produced by the Environment Agency and aiming to provide small and medium-sized enterprises in the UK with information about current and proposed environmental legislation
- [ICSID](#) The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, an international organisation which facilitates the settlement of disputes between governments and foreign investors

Members are welcome to add a link to AccessToLaw to their chambers or personal web site.

## BAILII

The four Inns have made contributions to the funding of the British and Irish Legal Information Institute ([www.bailii.org](http://www.bailii.org)) since 2002. The Inner Temple has just approved a further £6000 funding for 2006. [BAILII's](#) aim is to provide a database of full text case law and legislation without charge on the Internet.

## New Acquisitions

Among the notable newly published titles added to the library in recent weeks is the first collected edition of the Crown Prosecution Service's *Charging standards*, in a volume also containing the *Code for Crown Prosecutors* and other policy documents. Criminal practitioners will also welcome *Blackstone's guide to the Criminal Procedure Rules 2005* by Duncan Atkinson and Tim Moloney. In the same series we have just acquired *Blackstone's guide to the Mental Capacity Act 2005* by Peter Bartlett. Glynn and Gomez's *Fitness to practise: health care regulatory law, principle and practice* provides detailed guidance on the disciplinary regime brought about a year or so ago following amendments to the Medical Act 1983. Sweet and Maxwell have brought out a companion loose-leaf work to Kemp and Kemp's *Quantum of damages*. Entitled *Kemp and Kemp: personal injury law practice and procedure*, it provides authoritative guidance on all aspects of PI practice. We are primarily responsible among the Inn Libraries for Scottish law, and so *Court of Session practice*, a new loose-leaf work edited by Lord MacFadyen, will be a valuable addition to the library. It is the first systematic account of the subject for almost ninety years.

Recently arrived new editions of established works include *Clerk & Lindsell on torts*, Murphy's *Evidence*, Morcom's *Modern law of trade marks*, Mason & McCall Smith's *Law and medical ethics* and Goode's *Principles of corporate insolvency law*. The last of these was kindly presented by Sir Roy Goode, who is a Bencher of the Inn.

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