



Inner Temple Library Newsletter

Welcome to the fifth 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

Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each Saturday for the remainder of the legal term.



2006

July

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

There will be no Saturday opening in August or September. The future of Saturday opening has been discussed by the four Inns and approval has been given by Gray's Inn, Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn for the scheme to continue as from October. A decision is awaited from Middle Temple's Finance Committee; if this is favourable the arrangement will become permanent.

Saturday opening details can be found via the [Opening Hours](#) section of the Library web site. This will be updated as soon as future dates are confirmed.

Summer Opening

Members and tenants who are familiar with the Library's usual practice of closing for the last two weeks of August may like to note that we will not be doing so this year.

In view of the planned closure of Middle Temple Library for at least seven weeks from the beginning of August, while major building work is carried out, the Inner Temple Library will remain open throughout the long vacation.

[Click here](#) to see the opening hours for the four Inn Libraries during the long vacation.

The Hall at Inner Temple will close on Monday 31st July and reopen on Monday 11th September. The [Pegasus Bar](#) will be open from Tuesday 1st August to Friday 18th August. It will then close from Monday 21st August and reopen on Monday 4th September. The opening hours during August and September are 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

2008 Anniversary Book about the Inner Temple

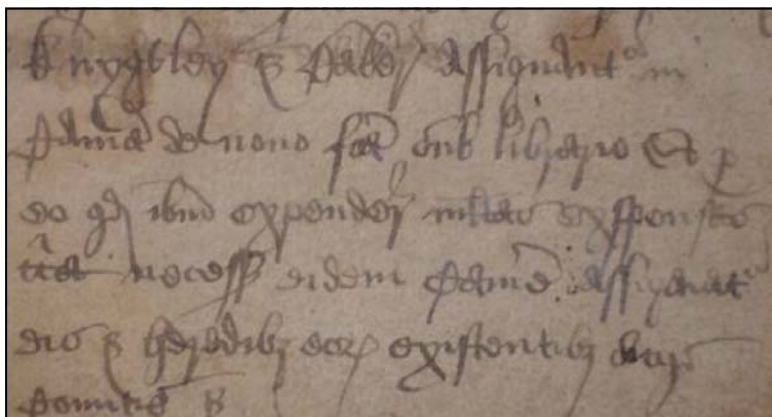
To celebrate the 400th anniversary of James I's Charter to the Inner and Middle Temple, the Inner Temple has decided to publish a subscription volume about the Inn past and present. You can help in two ways:

- contributing to the content, by sending accounts of your memories, particularly of student days and early years of practice at the Bar, and photographs and other memorabilia, to Dr Clare Rider, Archivist, via the Treasury Office or by email to crider@innertemple.org.uk
- subscribing in advance of publication. By doing so, members will benefit from a substantial discount and have their names listed in the book as an enduring record of their support: subscribe online by [clicking here](#) or by using the order form available from the Treasury Office.



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500th Anniversary



"Knygtley and Baker are assigned a chamber newly made under the Library ..."

Thus, translated from the Latin, reads the first mention of the Library in the records of the Inn's Parliament, dated 29th June 1506. The Library in 1506 consisted of a single room east of the medieval hall, approximately where the Luncheon Room is at present.

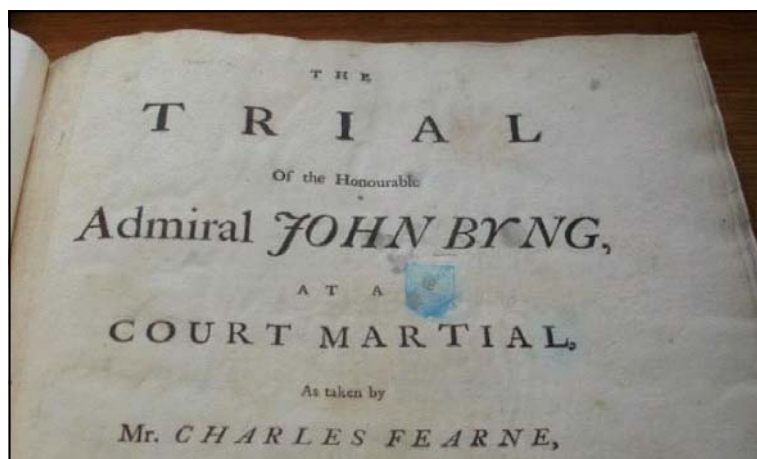
It is possible that a library had already been in existence for some years, but the Inn's records survive only from 1505. For some time we have been able to say that the Library is *about* 500 years old, but now it can be stated categorically - the Inner Temple Library *is* over 500 years old.

Filming at the Inner Temple

Look out for the new series of the BBC1 crime drama *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*, which starts this month. Episode 3, which was filmed at different locations in the Inner Temple, including the Library, is due to be shown on Thursday 4th August.

The Court Martial of Admiral Byng

In the May 2006 issue of *Counsel* magazine Master Pascoe (Nigel Pascoe QC) describes the moment in 1971 when, sitting in the Inner Temple Library, he came across the account in *State Trials* of the trial in 1670 of Penn and Mead, which established the importance and integrity of the jury in the English criminal justice system. He had been looking for something suitable for the Bar Theatrical Society to stage during the American Bar Association's 1971 London meeting. The play that he wrote, based on that trial, was later adapted as a one-man show, and in that form has been performed over 60 times to date. A recent performance by Master Pascoe on behalf of Victim Support in the Royal Courts of Justice was described in *The Times* as "a stunning evening of entertainment".



Thirty-five years on, the Library continues to provide support for Master Pascoe's theatrical ventures. His most recent play, *The Court Martial of Admiral Byng*, was performed in May at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, again on behalf of Victim Support, before an audience which included HRH The Princess Royal, one of the Inn's Royal Benchers. As in 1971, Master Pascoe again made use in his researches of a contemporary report of the trial held by the Library. According to the *Times* review on 6th June, it was an "impeccably researched piece".



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Library Catalogues and Databases

Visitors to the Library, both personal and virtual, will have noticed some (we hope subtle) changes in the appearance of our public access [catalogue](#). Some eighteen months ago the suppliers of our library management system indicated that they would not continue indefinitely to support the **WebCat** interface that we had been using for some years, and advised us to switch to their newer interface, **iLink**. Our main problems with accepting this solution as it stood were that it would no longer be possible to search our own catalogue, plus those of the other three Inns, plus the Current Legal Information databases, via essentially the same interface, as we had been used to doing until then, and we would also be susceptible to “ambient conditions on the internet” since all the data except our own would be stored on remote servers over which we would have no control. In addition, a major disadvantage of relying solely on Sweet & Maxwell’s internet version of Current Law Cases, as we would have had to, is that it only starts in 1986; our “own” version extends back to 1947.

We decided to convert the CLI databases (*Current Law Cases*, *Legal Journals Index* and *Legal & Regulatory Developments Index* or *LRDI*) to a MARC (Machine Readable Cataloguing) format compatible with the Inns’ catalogue data, and to load all those databases, as well as the other Inns’ catalogues, on our own server. There followed a protracted correspondence with SirsiDynix, our system supplier, as we gradually sorted out the problems inherent in trying to present data from a variety of sources in a common format. We now feel we have achieved this. We have gone to some lengths to ensure that the experience of searching the system remains as far as possible unchanged, and have also done a good deal of in-house customisation in order to incorporate the Inner Temple banner on every page and to introduce clearer guiding and labels. You can search the “new look” catalogues by following [this link](#).

AccessToLaw

New web sites continue to be added to the Library’s [AccessToLaw](#) legal gateway site.

Three new sections have recently been added to the Legal Subject Areas section of the web site: [Competition Law](#), [Healthcare Law](#) and [Legal Aid](#). The Legal Aid section includes links to the Legal Aid section of the Department for Constitutional Affairs’ web site, to the web sites of the Legal Services Commission, the Scottish Legal Aid Board and the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission, as well as to the web site of Lord Carter’s Review of Legal Aid Procurement, which reported earlier this month.

The [Regulatory Law](#) section has been greatly expanded to include the web sites of many bodies now involved in healthcare regulation, following recent major changes to the legislative framework including the introduction of the concept of “fitness to practise” in 2002. These include the General Dental Council, the General Optical Council, the Nursing & Midwifery Council and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Other recent additions include:

- [Legal Profession](#): Application and Selection for Queen’s Counsel, a web site containing information about the new process for the award of Queen’s Counsel; the Notaries Society, the professional body for the third branch of the legal profession in England and Wales.
- [Family Law](#): Women & Equality Unit: Civil Partnership, which has information about the recently introduced civil partnership, including links to relevant legislation.
- [Criminal Law](#): the Association of Chief Police Officers, including policy documents, guidance and manuals covering the investigation of various categories of offences and a wide range of police activities and procedures.

The site was last checked and updated in May, and will have been fully checked and updated by the end of July.

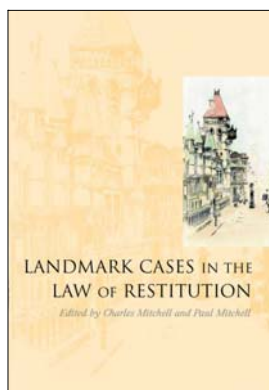


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New Acquisitions

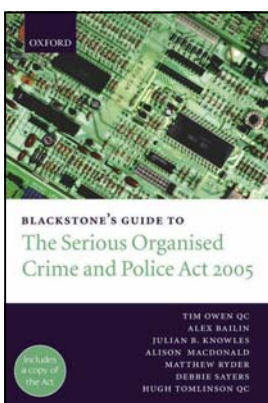
Here are details of some of the new titles received in recent weeks:

Charles Mitchell and Paul Mitchell have, in *Landmark cases in the law of restitution* (Hart, 2006) collected essays by a group of legal scholars reappraising leading cases on restitution from the seventeenth to the twentieth century.



Enforcement of intellectual property rights through border measures, edited by Olivier Vrins and Marius Schneider (Oxford, 2006) examines in depth the system put in place by Regulation (EC) 1383/2003 to protect against goods that infringe certain intellectual property rights, providing analysis of the Regulation itself and discussion of the measures applied in each EU member state.

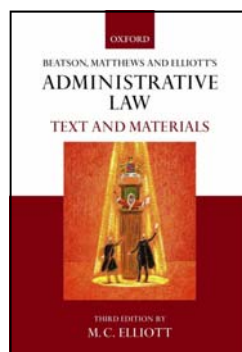
The Statute of the International Court of Justice: a commentary edited by Andreas Zimmermann and others (Oxford, 2006) is the first article by article commentary on this key document. It was recommended by Master Higgins, President of the International Court.



Oxford University Press continues to add to its series of "Blackstone's Guides" to major new Acts of Parliament. The most recent we have acquired is *Blackstone's guide to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005* by Tim Owen and others. Equally timely is *Corruption and misuse of public office* by Colin Nicholls and others (Oxford, 2006).

Nigel Lowe, Master Everall and Michael Nicholls have produced, by way of a supplement to their book on international movement of children, a commentary entitled *The new Brussels II Regulation* (Jordan, 2005), which discusses Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters.

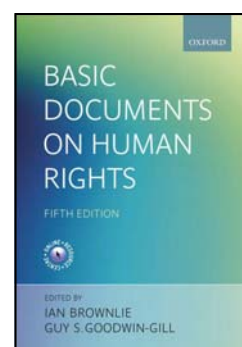
Many thanks are due to the following three members for their generous gifts: Henry King, for *The Law of privilege*, edited by Bankim Thanki (Oxford, 2006), to which he is a contributor; Andrew Goodman for his annual *Court Guide* (Oxford, 2006) and also for two more specialised titles: *How judges decide cases* (xpl, 2005) and *Influencing the judicial mind: effective written advocacy in practice* (xpl, 2006); and Master Beatson for the latest edition of



Beatson, Matthews and Elliott's Administrative law: text and materials (Oxford, 2005).

We are grateful also to Iain Goldrein, who has in the past presented many individual titles such as *Personal injury major claims handling* (2001) and *Ship sale and purchase* (4th ed., 2003). As joint editor of *Butterworths personal injury litigation service* he continues to ensure that the Library is supplied with new loose-leaf releases of that work.

Notable recent new editions include *Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency*, *Basic documents on human rights* edited by Brownlie and Goodwin-Gill, Brice Dickson's *The Legal system of Northern Ireland*, Hollander's *Documentary evidence*, Upex's *Law of termination of employment*, Harvey & Meisel's *Auctions law and practice* and Dukelow's *Dictionary of Canadian law*.



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Thoughts on Retiring by Adrian Blunt, Deputy Librarian

1973. For many whose memories go back that far it was a watershed year. On 1st January the UK became a member of the EEC. The war in Vietnam at last drew to a close. The century's greatest artist, Picasso, died. And in the United States a company called Mead Data Central Inc. launched publicly a full-text database containing all the case law of Ohio and New York, which they named Lexis.



For me it was the year in which I started work at the Inner Temple Library. I did not expect to stay as long as I have. Who would? I had been a while at the Middle Temple Library, starting out as Trainee Librarian in the autumn of 1970 and gaining promotion to Assistant Librarian in 1972. While very much enjoying the challenges of law librarianship, I felt it might be a good career move to try something different. I had learned Mandarin Chinese at university and still hoped to find a post in which I might make use of it. However I had come to know [Wallace Bream](#), then Librarian at the Inner Temple. A novelist in his spare time, he had a way with words, and when the position of Assistant Librarian at Inner became vacant he suggested I might consider applying. He knew of my interest in other fields, and of the possibility that I might look around elsewhere before too long, but I assured him at interview that I would stay for at least a year. The rest is, as they say, history.

The Library in the seventies looked a little different from now but not dramatically so. There were no computers of course. A large wooden catalogue cabinet occupied the middle of Room A where ranks

of computers now stand. The carpet was a dull gold colour. There was no one enquiry point; individual staff desks were located in several rooms, so if you had a query you could just head for the nearest one. The enclosed staff desk in the middle of Room D has long since been used for other purposes, but if you remember when it had no blinds and a member of staff worked inside there, that was my home as Assistant Librarian from 1973 until 1991.

In September I leave upon reaching retirement age. Thirty-three years is undeniably a long time, though not so long when set against the record of several previous Librarians, including Joshua Blew, who held the post of Librarian for fifty years from 1713 to 1763, or indeed against the five hundred year history, noted above, of the Library itself.

It has been a privilege to play a small part in the workings of the legal system generally, and the bar in particular, during my time in the Temple. To all, past and present, whom I have known over the years, I extend my very best wishes for the future.

Staff Changes

Sarah Jones joined the Library staff as a Library Assistant at the beginning of July. Before coming to the Inn, she was working as a graduate trainee in the library of the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Adrian Blunt, Deputy Librarian, who has worked for the Inn for 33 years, retires on 8th September. He will be very much missed by his colleagues and by members of the Inn who, over the years, have come to rely on his in-depth knowledge of the collections and his expertise in legal and historical research.

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