

Welcome to 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.

## **Saturday Opening**

One of the four Inn Libraries will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on each Saturday during the legal terms. There will be no Saturday opening in August. Saturday opening will recommence on 29th September.



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### July

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

Timetables for 2007 are available in the Library and via the <u>Opening Hours</u> section of the Library web site.

## **Pupil Tours**

The Library is offering tours to new pupils. To book a tour email <u>librarytours@innertemple.org.uk</u>

## **Current Awareness**

The Library has recently launched a selective current awareness weblog, intended to provide up-to-date information regarding new case law, changes in legislation, and legal news, which we hope will be of interest to UK lawyers and law students. The content is selected and updated daily by Inner Temple Library staff.

The response to this has been very positive with members of chambers, law firms and government departments subscribing to either the RSS feed or the email alerts.

The weblog can be accessed at: www.innertemplelibrary.wordpress.com

Current Awareness



## The Attlee Foundation Lecture 2007

The Inner Temple is hosting the annual Attlee Foundation lecture this year, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Indian Independence, in which four of its famous alumni - Clement Attlee, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Mohammed Ali Jinnah – played a decisive part. The lecture, *India and the United Kingdom in the Globalising World*, is to be delivered by His Excellency Mr Kamalesh Sharma, Indian High Commissioner, and will take place in the Inner Temple Hall on Monday 14th May commencing at 5.45pm, followed by light refreshments.

Entrance is by ticket only. Free tickets are available in advance from the Treasury Office.

## **Library Guides**



## 2008 Book

*The Inner Temple: A Community of Communities* is being published in Autumn 2007 to mark the 400th anniversary of the Inn being granted its Charter by James I in 1608. The publishers describe it thus:

The book's contents range from lively essays on history, architecture, people and events to personal memories of training for the Bar and of living and working in the peaceful courts. The illustrations illuminate the splendour of the place as it is now, whilst also recalling past glories. Above all, this is a book about a community, past and present.

Those subscribing to the book by 15 June 2007 will receive a discount against the recommended retail price and will be entitled to have their names printed in it as a lasting record of their support. To subscribe, email <u>innertemple@tmiltd.com</u>.



Interior of Library destroyed in World War II



### **Cecile Robinson**

January 2007 saw the departure of one of the Inner Temple's longest-standing residents: Cecile Robinson, widow of former Sub-Treasurer Roy Robinson, died aged 99.



Cecile Bishop was born in London on 6 December 1907. Her father, Cecil, was an ex-police officer who went on to play the part of a policeman in Hitchcock's film *Blackmail*. After leaving school she worked as a model in a dress shop and then as business manager of a West End salon. It was doubtless her experiences in the fashion business that gave rise to her aphorism, "Englishwomen don't know how to wear hats." In 1936 a friend introduced her to Roy Robinson, whom she married two years later. Mrs Robinson came to live in the flat in King's Bench Walk that was to be her home for the rest of her life.

During the Second World War Mrs Robinson worked at the Emergency Bed Service and also ran a canteen for firemen and other workers in the Temple. It was her courageous exploits during the heavy fire-bombing of 10/11 May 1941 that earned her the sobriquet "Florence Nightingale of the Temple". On the night of 10 May the roof of 3 King's Bench Walk caught fire, and Mrs Robinson together with J.W. (later Lord) Morris KC succeeded in putting out one bomb with sand-bags and another with a stirrup pump. She then joined a human chain to rescue documents and paintings from the Treasury building and carried buckets of water from the basement to try to save the Library.

Following Roy Robinson's death in 1958 and Cecile Robinson was allowed to stay on in King's Bench Walk. She served as a trustee of the Sir John Cass Foundation and helped run the St Bride Institute where she became a friend of (and eventually assistant to) the late Colin Cole, a future Garter Principal King of Arms and honorary Bencher of the Inn.

With her commitment to what used to be called "good works", her insistence on the keeping up of standards (well remembered by various members of the Inn's staff) and her legendary forthrightness, Cecile Robinson might not have seemed out of place in a novel by Barbara Pym; she differed from Miss Pym's "excellent women", however, in that she had little time for organised religion. The forthrightness was in evidence to the end: on being reminded that she had attained her hundredth Christmas, she simply replied, "A fat lot I care."

An obituary of Cecile Robinson appeared in the Daily Telegraph of 9 February, to which we are indebted for much of the factual content of the above.



Cecile Robinson, 1939



### **Murder in the Temple**

It can scarcely be imagined nowadays that the peaceful haven of the Temple was the scene of one of the most notorious crimes of the eighteenth century. The area now known as Church Court contained the old Lamb Building in its centre, and was divided into Lamb Building Court at the western end (where the Millennium Column now stands) and Tanfield Court to the east. A number of sets of chambers stood in Tanfield Court (on the site now occupied by the Inner Temple Library and Francis Taylor Building) and in number 3, on the top floor, lived an elderly widow named Lydia Duncomb.

On Sunday 4th February 1733 a friend of Mrs Duncomb's, Mrs Love, arrived to have dinner with her at one o'clock, as arranged. When she could not get any reply, she raised the alarm and eventually a group of women, including one Sarah Malcolm, managed to break in to the apartment. Inside was a scene of horror: Mrs Duncomb and her elderly maid, Elizabeth Harrison, had been strangled and a young maid, Ann Price, had had her throat cut. A box in which Mrs Duncomb had stored money and a silver tankard had been forced open and the contents stolen.

Sarah Malcolm, aged 22, was a laundress (a charwoman) at the Temple. She was employed by John Kerrel of King's Bench Walk to clean his chambers and she had also occasionally worked for Mrs Duncomb. In the early hours of the morning following the discovery of the murders, Kerrel arrived home to find Sarah Malcolm still there. His suspicions were aroused and when some blood-stained linen and a tankard, also with blood on it, were found Malcolm was taken by Inner Temple watchmen to the Constable and from there to the Compter. After her transfer to Newgate the next day, a substantial amount of money (roughly equivalent to the sum known to be stored in Mrs



Sarah Malcolm

Duncomb's box) was found hidden in her cap. At her trial at the Old Bailey on 21st February 1733, she admitted having planned the robbery with three accomplices and that the tankard and money found in her possession were her share of the proceeds, but she claimed that she had remained on the stairs keeping guard while the crime was committed and that she had been unaware of the murders until the following day. She was found guilty of murder, however, and sentenced to be hanged.<sup>1</sup>

In prison awaiting execution she was sketched by Hogarth and copies of the drawing were widely sold, along with published accounts of her 'confession'. Because of the gravity of the crime, she was ordered to be hanged in Mitre Court, as close as possible to the scene of the murders.<sup>2</sup> The number of spectators was so large that one woman was apparently able to cross from Serjeants' Inn to the other side of Fleet Street on



the shoulders of the crowd<sup>3</sup> and several specially-constructed viewing platforms collapsed, resulting in a number of injuries.<sup>4</sup> After the execution, her body was taken to an undertaker's in Snow Hill, where it was exhibited for money before burial at St Sepulchre's. Such was her notoriety that during the excise crisis of April 1733, her effigy was burnt on the streets of London, along with those of Walpole and Queen Caroline.<sup>5</sup> According to one source, her body was disinterred and her skeleton displayed in a glass case at the Botanic Gardens, Cambridge, where it remained until at least 1878.<sup>6</sup>

The case continues to exert a fascination, even beyond this country. The Canadian academic Jane Magrath has taken a special interest in it and in 2005 the Italian writer Ginevra Bompiani wrote a novel, *Ritratto di Sarah Malcolm*, based on the story.

Endnotes:

1. The court seems to have considered the case of *Rex v. Plummer, Kel.109* [84 E.R.1103]. The citation and notes relating to that case appear on the back of Malcolm's Indictment Sheet.

2. Malcolm was perhaps fortunate not to have been charged with petty treason (which included murder of an employee by a domestic servant), for which she could have been sentenced to burn at the stake.

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The execution of Sarah Malcolm in Fleet Street

Further reading:

For a full transcript of the trial, see: The proceedings of the Old Bailey for 21st February 1733 (Ref: F1 7330221-1) <u>http://</u> www.oldbaileyonline.org/html sessions/T17330221.html

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### Westlaw New Platform

Samantha Steer, Strategy and Market Development Manager (Sweet & Maxwell) outlines below some of the main enhancements to the new version of Westlaw UK which is now available in the Library.

The new Westlaw UK has been custom built to suit the way in which UK legal professionals work. It unites authoritative content with an improved user experience providing a fast, precise and intuitive online legal research service.

## New Enhanced and Superior Content – Case Law & Legislation

The new **Case Analysis and Legislation Analysis** documents allow the user to view in one easy-to-read document all the key points relating to the case or item of legislation.

For Legislation we have introduced easy PDF printing. Now the user can print, in PDF format, the consolidated text of an Act in one continuous document. The Arrangement of Provisions document is also new and replicates the official Table of Provisions as published by OPSI with every Act and SI. The Arrangement of Provisions is an easy to read navigation tool, which allows the user to navigate to any part, section or subsection of a specific legislative provision. Other new features include the **Legislation Overview Document**, which presents the entire history of an item of legislation in a single document whilst our **Legislation Point in Time** feature allows the user to view how a particular legislative provision stood at any date since 1991.

## Case & Legislation Status Icons (presented in tabular format)

These new, helpful visual tools indicate the status of a case or item of legislation.

- Indicates that a case has been judicially considered and received positive or neutral treatment as part of its direct or indirect history.
- indicates that at least one point of law in a case has been overruled or reversed. This provides immediate notification that the case is no longer good law.

- indicates that a legislative provision has been superseded or repealed.

- indicates that a legislative provision has pending amendments which have not been incorporated in the text of the provision but of which the user should be aware.

#### New Powerful Functionality and Special Features – Browsing & Searching

In response to customer feedback we have introduced browse functionality, as an alternative



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way to find content; this is particularly useful if the user is looking for a known item.

The browse functionality also allows users to browse, for example through an individual publication or a volume of a journal or law report series. In terms of **searching** usability is also now significantly improved and there are additional fields available by which to refine a search.

To view the new Westlaw UK <u>click here</u> for an online demonstration.

If you would like to take a look at the new Westlaw UK please join us at either our drop in clinic or the Westlaw UK demonstration to be held at the Inner Temple Library on May 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact <u>mclay@innertemple.org.uk</u>.

## Sweet & Maxwell Open Day

### Wednesday 16th May, 1pm - 5pm Inner Temple Library

Please join us at Sweet & Maxwell's Open Day in the Inner Temple Library to learn more about our online research and information services, including Westlaw UK and Lawtel.

1pm - 4pm - Drop-in session, Room A (near the Enquiry Point)

- Discuss your research needs with Sweet & Maxwell staff
  - A bottle of Moët to be won every hour

4pm - 5pm - Westlaw UK and Lawtel training session - CPD accredited

- Champagne & canapés will be served
- Attendees will receive one CPD point

For more information about this event please contact: emma.gilmour@thomson.com or mclay@innertemple.org.uk





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### Employment Tribunals Express

In addition to its court listing and legal news feed services, Courtel is now working in conjunction with the DCA and the Tribunals Service to provide electronic delivery of Employment Tribunal Cause and Press Lists from 25 Tribunals in England, Wales and Scotland. Future plans include electronic delivery of Employment Tribunal judgments linked by case number to their respective listings. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> for further information on this service.

### **Legal Publishers**

The main legal publishers continue to increase their prices on average by 8-10% each year, although some increases can be much higher. One of the justifications for these price increases is that the level of remuneration required by authors is increasing at the same rate. Any authors of practitioner texts among our readership may wish to comment on this.

During 2006/7 one legal publisher, Informa, has continued to add series and looseleaf titles to its i-law database and customers have not been offered the option of subscribing to print versions only. Most of Informa's recent price increases have been higher than 10%.

Readers may be interested to know that the Campaign Against The Arms Trade has recently publicised the fact that Reed Exhibitions (a subsidiary of the Reed Elsevier Group of which LexisNexis Butterworths is part) is involved in the organisation and sponsorship of arms fairs. If you would like to know more about this issue <u>click</u> here.

If you have comments on any these points please email <u>mclay@innertemple.org.uk</u>



# AccessToLaw: Focus on Search Engines

While <u>AccessToLaw</u> is updated and new sites added on a regular basis, there will always be occasions when the specific information needed is not covered. The site therefore has a page listing a number of search engines.

#### **Basic Search Engines**

The page includes links to a number of basic search engines, such as Google, Yahoo and MSN search. These search engines present the user with a simple search screen, but other search options are available, usually via a link to an advanced search Some sites offer search features not page. available generally elsewhere: Exalead, for example, will search for phonetic or approximate spellings. Others have different ways of displaying their results, which might be useful. For example, Clusty presents its results with a selection of suggested terms to add to a search to narrow the results, while A9 provides information about site popularity, speed and ownership.

#### Why use more than one search engine?

The search engine currently most used is **Google**, a general purpose search engine which gives good search results, and has the largest database. However, other search engines may not display their results in the same order, so if the first search engine used does not produce the information needed in its top hits, it might be worth trying another.

#### **Meta-Search Engines**

The page also lists the meta-search engines **WebFetch**, **Zapmeta** and **Kartoo**. These allow simultaneous searching of a number of the simple search engines, with the results displayed together.

**Kartoo** displays its results via an unusual graphical interface, which might not be to everyone's taste. Also included is a site called **TurboScout**, which will search via a variety of search engines so that results can be compared, although it only diplays results from one search engine at a time.

#### **Specialised Searches and Directory Sites**

The page also provides access to Infolaw's Custom Search Engines page, which permits Google searches of law-specific material, and Cornell University Law Library's **Legal Research Engine**, which searches about 20 American legal research sites.

Also included is the **Open Directory Project**, a directory site with entries submitted by volunteer editors. The Law section is within "Society".

#### Sites about Searching

Search Engine Watch and the Internet Search Engine Database provide more detailed information about search engines and searching generally, and Phil Bradley's Website also has information on searching and the internet in general, produced by a UK internet specialist.

For more information about the search engines and other web sites listed <u>click here</u>.

### New Sections on AccessToLaw

Two new sections have recently been added to AccessToLaw: <u>Gambling Law</u> appears under Legal Subject Areas and <u>Northern Ireland</u> under United Kingdom.



### **New Aquisitions**

Given our role as the Canadian law specialist among the Inn Libraries, we have started to acquire the new series Halsbury's laws of Canada. This will be issued in instalments over the next few years and will eventually comprise 57 volumes; it is

published in traditional book form, unlike the loose-leaf Halsbury's laws of Australia, which we already hold. The volumes so far received cover access to information and privacy, immigration and citizenship, and conflict of laws. Also new to the Commonwealth collection is Rajendra Ramlogan's Judicial review in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

Intellectual property is something of a theme in recent new titles. Three to note are Jon Lang's Practical quide to mediation in intellectual property, technology and related disputes, Spyros Maniatis's Trade marks in Europe: a practical Elizabeth *iurisprudence* and Adeney's Moral rights of authors and performers: an international



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and comparative analysis. Dr Adeney's new work claims to be the first in-depth treatment of (specifically) moral rights, and covers a range of jurisdictions.

The modern cy-pres doctrine by Rachael Mulheron



is the first book-length examination of the doctrine since Sheridan and Delany's, over 45 years ago. This also looks at a range of jurisdictions in the Commonwealth and the United States.

..... POLICE LAW

New (2007) editions recently arrived include Misrepresentation, mistake and non-disclosure by Cartwright, Police law by English and Card, Redgrave's Health and safety, Street on Torts and Law relating to trusts and trustees by Underhill and Hayton.

We are grateful to the following authors and editors who have presented new titles or editions for which they are responsible: Christopher Wagstaffe (co-author) for Cohabitation and trusts of land; Tracey Angus for Inheritance

reform.



Inheritance Act Claims Tracey Angus, Anna Clarke, Paul and Penelope Reed 戀

quide: Master Roger Stewart (co-editor) for Jackson and Powell on professional liability; Master Wildhaber for his The European Court of Human Rights, 1998-2006: history, achievements,

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