



Inner Temple Library Newsletter

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.

All feedback is welcome and can be sent to librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk

Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries is open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on each Saturday during the legal terms.



April

17 April Middle Temple
24 April Gray's Inn

May

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

June

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

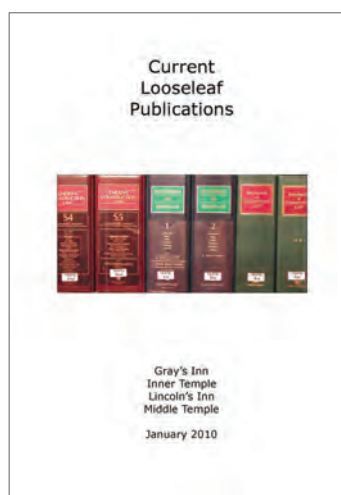
July

3 July Inner Temple
10 July Lincoln's Inn
17 July Middle Temple
24 July Gray's Inn
31 July Inner Temple

To view a Saturday Opening Timetable up to December 2010 click [here](#).

Library Guides

New editions of [Current Looseleaf Publications](#) and [Electronic Legal Resources](#) are now available in the Library or they can be downloaded from the web site. These lists cover the holdings of all four Inn Libraries.



The web site of the British and Irish Legal Information Institute ([BAILII](#)) provides access to the most comprehensive set of primary legal materials for the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland that are available free of charge and in one place on the internet.

BAILII relies on charitable funding to maintain its service and to enable it to enhance and extend its services to the legal profession, academic community and the general public. For BAILII to continue, it is essential that it continues to receive the funding it needs in order to meet its costs.

A number of legal and academic organisations have sponsored BAILII from the outset and the four Inns have been sponsors from 2002 to date. Inner Temple's Executive Committee has recently agreed to continue its sponsorship for the period 2011-2013.



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Current Awareness Blog

In April 2007 the Library launched a new service – a selective [Current Awareness Blog](#), covering legal news, new case law and changes in legislation in England and Wales. It was the first time we had offered a current awareness service on this scale. Previously we had highlighted legal news stories and posted case alerts on a notice board within the Library. We were well aware this approach had limitations both in terms of the scope of the material covered and the audience reached.

At the same time we had been looking for ways to expand our services to members outside London who are not able to visit the Library in person. Online publishers will not allow us to provide access to subscription databases for remote users and we wanted to offer at least a partial alternative, which would keep these members up to date with legal developments and reduce the need to scan a variety of news sources themselves. We hoped this service would also be of interest to London-based members, as well as to other lawyers and information professionals.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Current Awareness' blog. The header includes the title 'Current Awareness from the Inner Temple Library' and a navigation menu with 'Blog', 'About', 'Legal Links', and 'Disclaimer'. The main content area features three articles:

- Brain-damaged prisoner awarded £4.7m - The Independent**: Published April 14, 2010. A prisoner who suffered catastrophic brain damage after he fell from an upper bunk bed during a seizure at London's Brixton jail has been awarded a compensation package worth £4.7 million.
- Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010**: Published April 14, 2010. Legislation. Full text of Act (PDF) available.
- BAILII: Recent Decisions**: Published April 14, 2010. Law reports. High Court (Queen's Bench Division). Case: *Conan v Williams* [2010] EWHC 758 (QB) (13 April 2010).

On the right side, there are social media and utility widgets: 'Subscribe in a reader', 'Subscribe by Email', 'Follow us on Twitter', 'Get the widget', 'Facebook Page', and a 'mobile' logo. Below these is a calendar for April 2010 showing dates 1 through 11. A search bar with a 'go' button is also present, along with 'Links' (AccessToLaw, Flickr, Inner Temple Library, Library Newsletter, Transcripts Wiki) and 'Categories' (abortion, abuse of position of trust, abuse of process, accidents, espionage).

We decided that using a blog format would be the easiest, most efficient and most cost effective way of delivering a current awareness service to users. A blog would be relatively easy to update and edit throughout the day, and users would be able to access the content in a variety of ways: via the blog itself, by email alerts or RSS feed, or even via their mobile phones.

There were no funds in the Library budget for the provision of this new service. The main resource available was (and continues to be) the time and expertise of Library staff. We were limited to free resources for the content of the blog. After deciding upon a wish list of sources, we contacted each one as a matter of courtesy, asking for permission to abstract and link.

We knew we had to rely on free software and online services for the project, and a considerable amount of time was spent on researching software for the blog and investigating the different methods of delivering content to users to ensure ease of access. We selected [Wordpress](#) for the blog, because it was well established and appeared to be reliable, and opted for [Feedburner](#) to manage our RSS feed and to deliver a daily email update to users. We chose [MoFuse](#) to provide a mobile-friendly version of the blog, and we set up a [Twitter](#) account so that users could also follow us there.

Using free software means we have less control than if we were paying for such a service, and we have no direct contact with the software suppliers, but overall our experience has been positive. The service has been relatively problem-free in the three years it has been running. We are also clearly dependent upon the free information sources at our disposal, so for instance the recent news that *The Times* is to begin charging for its online service means that we will certainly have to review our sources in the near future.



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The project does have implications for staff time. Posts can be added throughout the day, but the bulk of them have to be completed by 10.45am (at least when GMT is in operation) if they are to be included in the daily email. Initially one member of staff was adding the majority of posts, but this proved to take a substantial amount of one person's time and we now involve two other team members. The adding of subject headings is particularly time-consuming. Though a free text search option is available, we felt that adding subject headings to the posts would add considerable value to the archive as this enables users to view all news stories on a topic and track developments.

Blog Facts

- The blog was launched in April 2007.
- There are 14,000 posts and 900 subject categories.
- The average number of daily visits is 900-1000.
- 900 people subscribe to the blog via email or RSS feed.

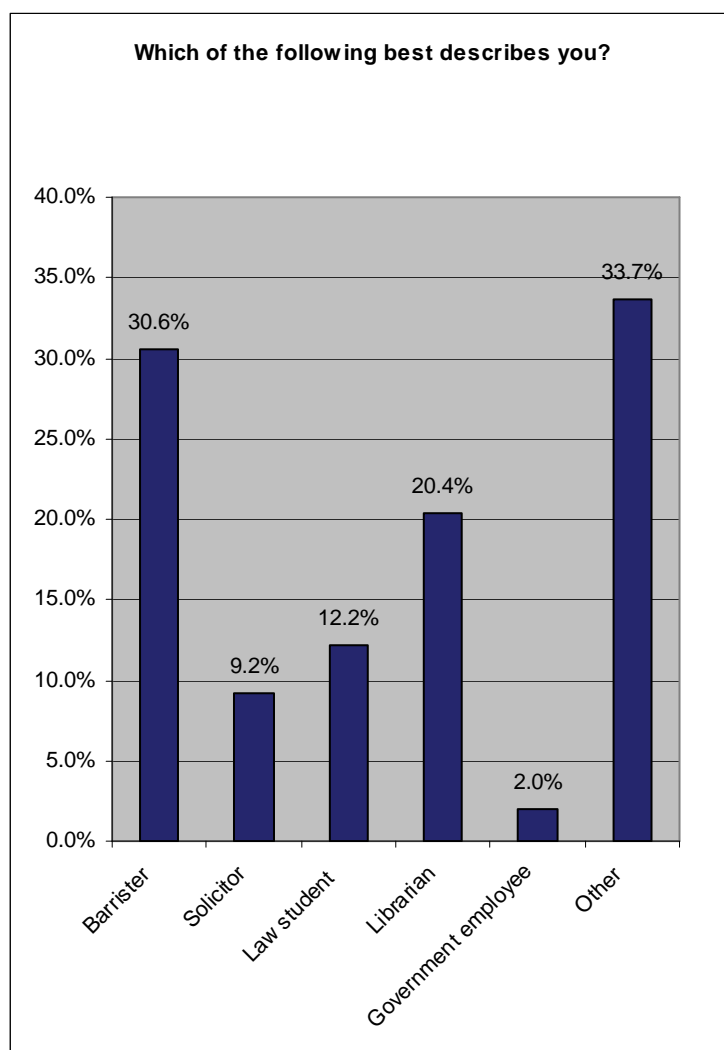
Blog Features

- Coverage includes legal news, new case law and changes in legislation in England and Wales.
- It is a free service which is updated daily.
- Sources include national newspapers, BBC News, Weekly Law Reports daily summaries, case reports from BAILII, new Acts and SIs from OPSI, and government department press releases.
- There is an archive extending back to 2007.
- Each post has subject headings attached to enable legal developments to be traced and posts on the same subject to be viewed together.
- Users can access content in a variety of ways: by subscribing to RSS or email, by visiting the blog or following updates on Twitter.

Survey

A recent survey of users revealed a high level of satisfaction with the service and the sources covered, and a wide range of users including barristers, students, academics, solicitors, civil servants and librarians. The majority of subscribers are UK-based but others are farther afield, in Australia, Barbados, Canada, India and New Zealand. The survey results and comments reinforce our view that this is a worthwhile service to provide to our members and to the wider legal community.

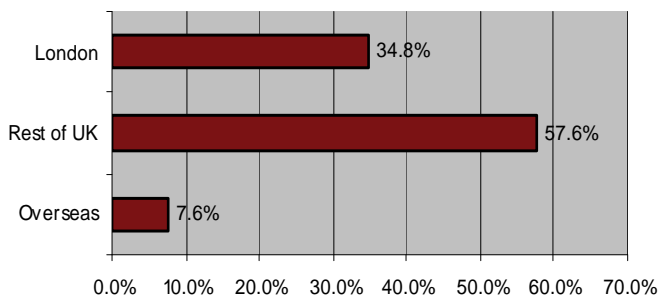
Here are some of the key findings of the survey:



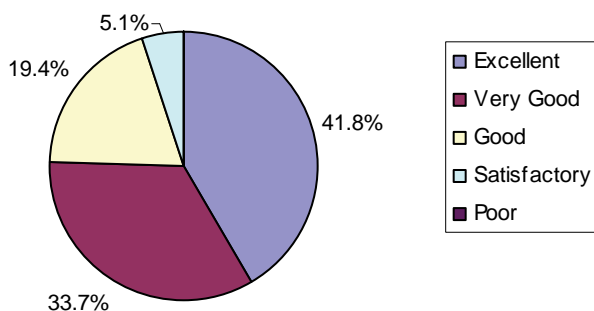


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Where are you located?



How do you rate the Current Awareness blog?



Subscribers' Comments

I love it - it keeps me up to date through my RSS reader without needing to check a huge number of sources. I recommend it to my CPD clients (barristers and solicitors) as a hugely valuable way of keeping abreast of current issues and news.
Barrister

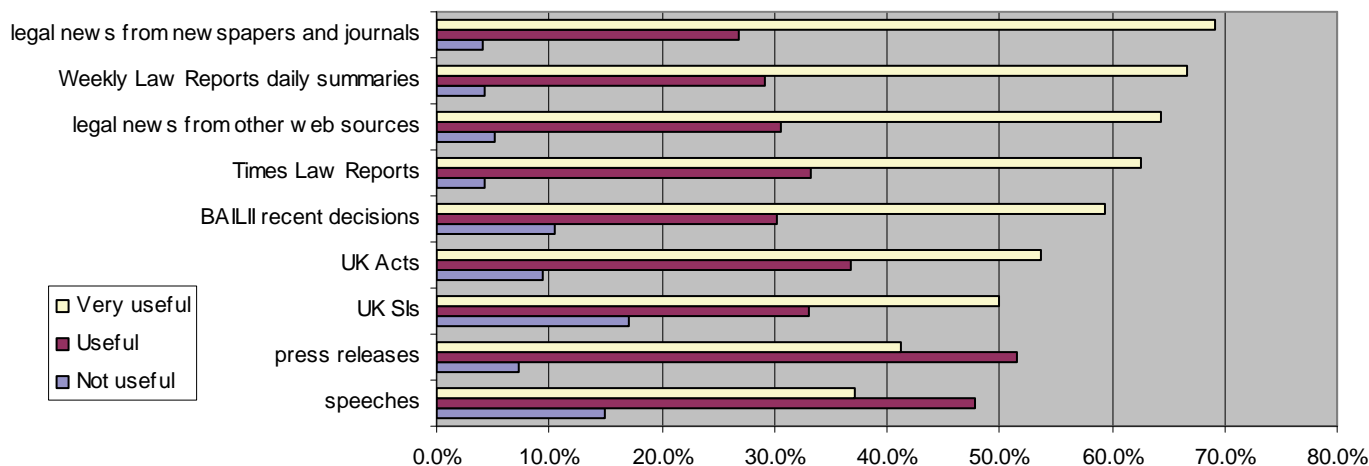
This is an excellent free resource. It has been and continues to be invaluable. It helped me through English Legal System in LLB. Keep up the good work...
Barrister

Very good service. It is quick to peruse and has good links. It sometimes picks up on items missed by other services.
Barrister

It's a great service and really saves me a lot of time in keeping up with legal news.
Law student

I think it is an absolutely brilliant service and just the kind of thing the Inns of Court should be doing.
Solicitor

Of the types of material included, how would you rate the following in terms of their usefulness to you?





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Lexis®Library in 2010

by Lisa Regan (LexisNexis Product Developer) and
Catriona Duncan (LexisNexis Training Consultant)

A Short History

For many years barristers have relied on a product called LexisNexis Professional, which provided case law, legislation and other legal materials from around the world.

LexisNexis Professional is being replaced by Lexis®Library

For UK information, practitioners often used another service called Butterworths Direct, choosing from different databases according to their research needs.

However, in 2004, LexisNexis launched a new online research tool for legal professionals called LexisNexis Butterworths (LNB).

Where they had once had to use more than 60 separate online services as part of Butterworths Direct, and go to LexisNexis Professional for International research, users could now find reliable information **in one place**, including cases, legislation and commentary. Information from publications such as *Halsbury's Laws of England*, *All England Law Reports*, and *Halsbury's Statutes* (part of UK Parliament Acts online) was now in the same virtual library.

The product got a “facelift” in 2008. LexisNexis carried out an extensive programme of customer research – from online surveys to face-to-face interviews – to learn more about what our customers needed and how we could make LexisNexis Butterworths more user-friendly. The result was a new, improved interface that provided an easier way to access the critical information people needed most often.

In April 2009, we changed the name of LexisNexis Butterworths to **Lexis®Library**, while continuing our commitment to the nearly 200-year-old **Butterworths** brand. With no impact on functionality or content, the name change positioned [Lexis®Library](#) as part of the new Lexis® Legal Intelligence package launched around the same time. The other components of [Lexis® Legal Intelligence](#) are [Lexis®PSL](#), [Lexis®Applications](#) and [Lexis®Learning](#).

Key Titles at the Inner Temple Library

Lexis®Library is known for its breadth of online case law. With a database of over 300,000 unreported cases alone, our coverage is unrivalled.

The **All England** team not only produces one of the most respected sets of law reports in the world, but since last year has also been uploading judgments within half an hour of their being handed down in court. This means we can give you the most up-to-date information, in a searchable source, while still providing the depth required by barristers and specialist researchers.

Casesearch documents show the history as well as subsequent treatment of a case, and now indicate how it may proceed via the new **Appeal Tracker** system.



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This analysis system was not available on LexisNexis Professional so is an addition to the Inner Temple Library's online service.

Halsbury's Laws of England and Wales has long been regarded as an essential source for legal commentary. Only available on Lexis@Library, *Halsbury's* can be searched from the Commentary page. It is also browsable by volume for users who are familiar with the hard copy, and now links directly to case law and legislation, as well as to related paragraphs within *Halsbury's*.

UK Parliament Acts and SIs are available on Lexis@Library as amended, and are up to date within 48 hours of any changes. Legislation search results have links to Halsbury's Annotations, subordinate legislation and other related content. There is also a Historical Versions service available for legislation since 1998.

In addition to news sources and journals, a range of Commonwealth and EU sources will be available via Lexis@Library at the Inner Temple Library. These will include the *Australian Law Reports*, *Butterworth's Statutes of South Africa*, EU Legislation and *Hong Kong Cases*. To access specific titles, use either the bookshelf, or simply type the title into Find a Source in the blue Quick Find box on the Home page:

The screenshot shows a 'Quick Find' search box with three main sections:

- Legislation (title & year)**: A text input field with a 'Find' button. Below it are checkboxes for 'Act' and 'SI'.
- Case name**: Two text input fields separated by a 'v' symbol, with a 'Find' button. Below it are radio buttons for 'CaseSearch (citorator)' (selected) and 'All subscribed cases'.
- Find a source**: A text input field with a 'Find' button.

At the bottom left of the search box is a link labeled 'Explore'.

The Lexis@Library Home page

The Future

LexisNexis is still investing heavily in product development despite the economic downturn. We're making significant changes this year to improve the search experience in Lexis@Library, introducing new search tools to make it simple to find the information you need.

Our Journals Index is being redesigned to make it a more useful jump-off point for deeper research and we're introducing Words and Phrases, a brand-new legal dictionary of UK legal terms with links into deeper content such as our major works, case law, legislation and commentary.

The Inner Temple Library already provides you with access to *Halsbury's Laws*, and the *All England Law Reports* on Lexis@Library. In the coming months a transition will be made, allowing library users to access all the information currently available on LexisNexis Professional on the same platform.

As part of the move from LexisNexis Professional to Lexis@Library we are offering a training day on the **11th May 2010** in the Lawson Room at the Inner Temple. There will be two formal training sessions at **12.30-1.30pm**, and **5.00-6.00pm**; attendance at either will enable you to claim one CPD point.

During the morning and afternoon a LexisNexis Training Consultant will also be available to deal with individual queries on a "drop in" basis.

To book a place for one of the formal sessions, or to arrange training for your chambers, please contact catriona.duncan@lexisnexis.co.uk

Feedback from our customers is crucial for steering our development and we frequently hold Product Advisory Boards, inviting customers along to provide feedback, talk about future development and voice their opinions. If you would like to attend one of these forums please contact lisa.regan@lexisnexis.co.uk



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AccessToLaw: Channel Islands and Isle of Man

This issue of the newsletter focuses on the [Channel Islands](#) and [Isle of Man](#) sections of [AccessToLaw](#) which bring together a wide range of web sites relating to these jurisdictions.

Taking into account their size only, the three crown dependencies Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man come undeniably within the definition of “small jurisdictions”. The total population of all three is no more than about 250,000, but their close relationship with the United Kingdom (though they are of course not part of it), their distinctive legal systems blending customary and common law, and their role as offshore finance centres, combine to lend them an importance out of proportion to that modest population figure. For small jurisdictions, the amount of legal information they make freely available on the web is impressive.

The highest court of appeal for all three crown dependencies is the **Judicial Committee of the Privy Council** (JCPC). Both the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man sections in AccessToLaw therefore include a link to the JCPC web site. This is a new site, created in October 2009 to coincide with the JCPC's move from its former home in Downing Street to the building in Parliament Square which also houses the new Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Jersey

According to its home page the Jersey Legal Information Board's site [Jerseylaw.je](#) provides “one of the most comprehensive collections of legal material of any small jurisdiction”. This includes all laws in force, revised laws, law reports, unreported judgments, practice directions, court rules, journals, and some customary law and civil law texts.

Many researchers will not need to go beyond Jerseylaw.je to find the legal information they require, but a number of Jersey government sites also have useful information, particularly certain sections of the large States of Jersey site. **States of Jersey: Judicial Greffe** has information on the administration of Jersey's courts. **States of Jersey: Viscount's Department** is responsible for enforcement of judgments and for Jersey's insolvency and coroners' services. **States of Jersey: States Assembly**, the web site of Jersey's parliament, contains current draft legislation and recent “Hansards”.

Other Jersey sites for which annotated links are provided in AccessToLaw include **Jersey Citizens Advice Bureau**, **Jersey Financial Services Commission**, **Jersey Law Commission**, and the **Law Society of Jersey**.

Guernsey

Until recently there was no equivalent for Guernsey of the Jerseylaw.je site. This situation was remedied last year when the **Guernsey Legal Resources** site came online. It is a joint initiative of the Royal Court of Guernsey and Guernsey's Law Officers of the Crown, and it too provides an impressively wide range of materials including laws, law reports, unreported judgments and practice directions.

Other sources for Guernsey's legislation include the web site of Guernsey's government, the **States of Guernsey**. Links are provided to three particular sections of the site which include income tax and other legislation as well as recent draft laws. There are also links to the web sites of the **Guernsey Financial Services Commission** and of the **Guernsey Bar**.



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Jersey and Guernsey have fused legal professions in which “advocates” perform the roles of both solicitor and barrister. Lists of individual advocates and of law firms within each jurisdiction may be found in the Guernsey Bar and Law Society of Jersey sites. Many firms include articles and other useful information on their sites, and we provide links to firms which have significant amounts of material on one or both jurisdictions.

Isle of Man

As with Guernsey, there have been important developments just in the last few months in the provision of Manx law online. Manx primary legislation from 2001 onwards has been available for many years, but secondary legislation has now been added from 2009 onwards. At present the site name and section in which it may be found is **MyGov.im:Legislation**. Many sections of the more traditionally named **Isle of Man Government** site have extensive legal information, relating for example to employment, companies and taxation. We provide links to these.

Completely new in the latter part of 2009 is the **Isle of Man Courts of Justice** site, with court rules, practice directions, guidance and other information. Also new is **Isle of Man Courts: Judgments Online**, providing a free searchable database of judgments 2000 onwards and links to UK and European cases concerning the Isle of Man.

Other entries include the **Isle of Man Law Society**, which has lists of advocates and law firms; the island's ancient parliament **Tynwald**; a number of financial regulatory bodies; and two or three law firms whose sites have articles and news relating to developments in Manx law.

Selected Resources on the Channel Islands and Isle of Man available in the Library

Jersey

Laws, 1771-
Jersey law reports, 1985-

Guernsey

Laws, 1533-
Guernsey law journal, 1985-
Dawes (Gordon) *Laws of Guernsey*, 2003
Ogier (Darryl) *The government and laws of Guernsey*, 2005

Isle of Man

Statutes, 1417-
Manx law bulletin, 1982-
Manx law reports, 1985- (covers 1522-)

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple presents



A day of lectures and panel discussions given by judges, barristers and academics from around the globe.

Speakers include:

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Laws
Professor Vernon Bogdanor CBE
Shami Chakrabarti CBE
Professor Paul Craig
HE Judge Kenneth Keith ONZ KBE
Professor Dawn Oliver

Cost £175, 6 Hours CPD

To book or for further details click [here](#)



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Library Treasures

The illustration below shows the Collar of S. worn by Sir James Scarlett (Lord Abinger) when he was Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer (1834-1844). It was retained as a family possession by his descendants until 1935, when it came into the possession of the Inner Temple.



James Scarlett was born in 1769 and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1791. He joined the Northern Circuit and for nearly a quarter of a century he practised as a Junior Counsel. In 1816 he became a King's Counsel. He acted as Reader and Treasurer of the Inner Temple in 1824. He was one of the most successful advocates of his day and his annual income reached £18,500, the equivalent of around £1.5 million in today's money.

In 1827 he was appointed Attorney-General and on the 27th April in that year he was knighted. Sir James retired from the office of Attorney-General in January 1828 on a change of ministry, but he resumed it in June 1829 on the resignation of Sir Charles Wetherell.



James Scarlett, 1st Baron Abinger

In 1834 when Sir Robert Peel became Prime Minister, Sir James Scarlett was appointed Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer in the place of Lord Lyndhurst. In January 1835 he was created Baron Abinger of Abinger in the County of Sussex. Lord Abinger presided in the Court of Exchequer for nearly ten years and died on the 7th of April 1844.

The collar has 26 S-shaped links, and between these there are 25 connecting links in the shape of knots with tassels. In the centre of each S there is a small rose. At the foot or bottom of the collar there is a large Tudor rose, on each side of which there is a portcullis having five perpendicular and five horizontal bars, the perpendicular bars having points to them. On both sides of each portcullis there is a twisted gold cord.

The collar is of gold, 18-carat, the hallmark date is 1824, and the maker's initials are J. J. E., that is John James Edlington, who registered this mark at Goldsmiths' Hall in 1820. The collar is exhibited in the Library on Grand Nights.



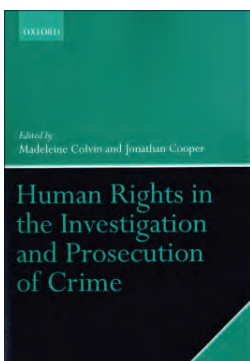
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New Acquisitions

Firstly, thanks are due to the following members of the Inner Temple and others for presenting to the Library new editions of works for which they are solely or jointly responsible: Christopher Wagstaffe for *Cohabitation and trusts of land*, edited by Stephen Wildblood, 2nd edition; Andrew Francis for *Restrictive covenants and freehold land*, 3rd edition; and Master Neill for *Duncan and Neill on defamation*, 3rd edition.

Other new editions include: Rant on *Court martial and service law*, Madge and Sephton's *Housing law casebook*, Hodgkinson and James on *Expert evidence*, Arnott and Creighton's *Parole Board hearings* and Bickley's *Bermuda, British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands company law*.

The following new titles cover criminal or medico-legal matters, subjects for which we take particular responsibility by agreement with the other Inn Libraries:



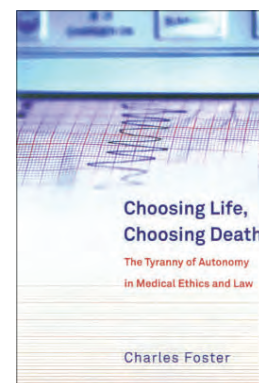
Human rights in the investigation and prosecution of crime, edited by Madeleine Colvin and Jonathan Cooper, is based in part on the same authors' *Criminal justice, police powers and human rights* (2001). Subsequent developments in the field have been so numerous

that a new dedicated text on the subject was required as opposed to just a new edition. The new book provides a detailed and practical analysis of the impact of UK human rights law on the investigation and prosecution of crime, and provides an in-depth examination of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA).

Felicity Gerry and Catarina Sjölin's *Sexual offences handbook* is among the latest in a run of books occasioned directly or otherwise by the Sexual

Offences Act 2003. It won high praise from our own Master Bowley, writing in *Counsel*, who notes that "for each offence [the authors] state the law, provide a draft indictment, set out the elements of the offence, suggest alternative offences and analyse the possible and probable sentences including aggravating and mitigating features."

Charles Foster describes his *Choosing life, choosing death* as "an assault on the presumption that autonomy ought to be the only voice heard in medical ethics and law". The book surveys the main issues in medical law, noting in relation to each issue the power wielded by autonomy, asking whether that power can be justified, and suggesting how other principles can and should contribute to the law. The range is wide, encompassing reproduction, abortion, suicide, medical research and transplantation among many other subjects, and the approach unashamedly polemical.



Genetics, molecular biology and the law, by John Candlish, aims to provide a comprehensive treatment of the interface between the law and modern science as represented by genetics and molecular biology. Having presented the basics of molecular biology (the genome, genetics, proteomics) it goes on to consider aspects of criminal law (including theft of DNA, DNA profiling in rape and murder cases, challenges to forensic laboratory practices); of civil law (paternity/maternity, privacy, the role of DNA in insurance and employment matters); of intellectual property; of food law (gene manipulation, aspects of tort, environmental risks); and of international law (movement of modified organisms, trade in endangered species, bio-diversity).