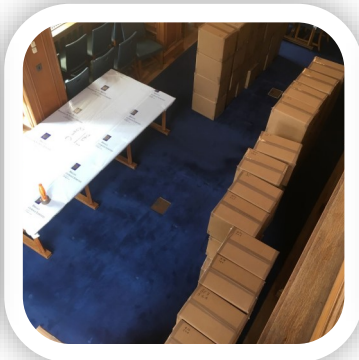


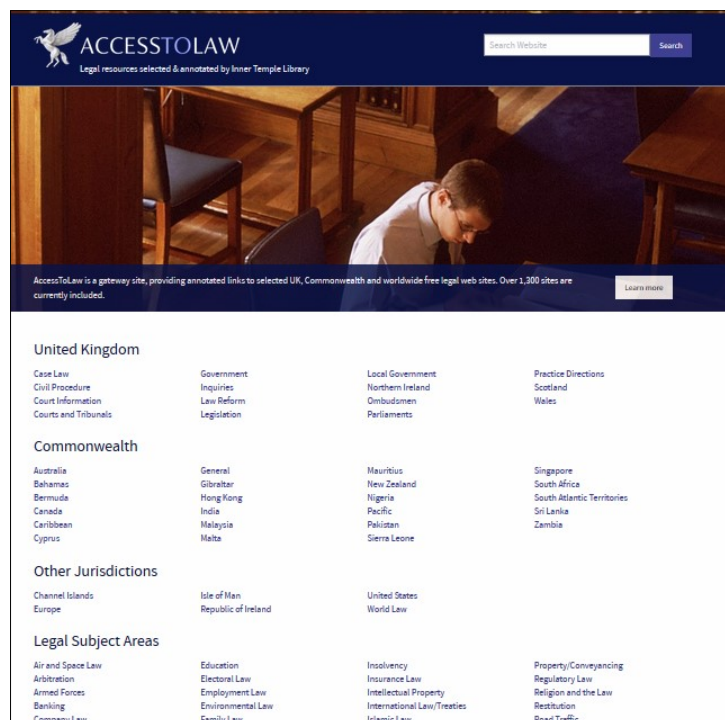
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## The Inner Temple Library

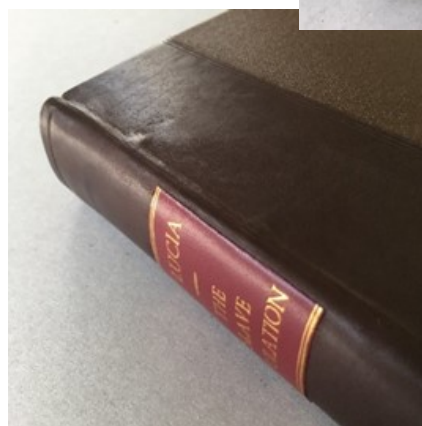
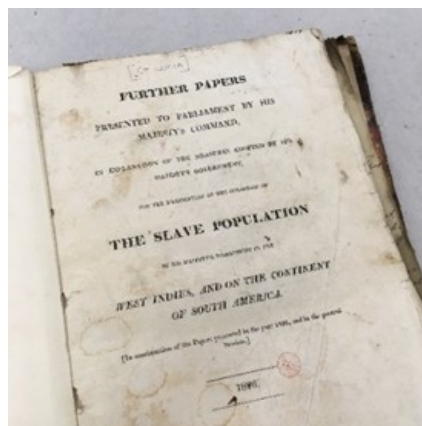
## AccessToLaw

During the year visitors from 174 countries viewed our **legal gateway site**, the majority coming from the UK, USA, India, Sri Lanka, Canada, Australia, Malaysia and France. The sections of the site accessed most frequently were Case Law, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland, Health and Social Care Law, Court Information, Republic of Ireland and Legislation.



## Conservation

In the course of the year we sent about a dozen items for specialist conservation work and/or rebinding by Bookends Bindery. The aim when rebinding is to preserve as much as possible of the original material, or to use similar materials and to adopt a style close to that of the original. Items selected for this treatment will often have associations with important benefactors of past centuries, such as William Petyt, Herbert Jacob and Francis Maseres. Examples from 2019 are Staunford's *Pleas of the Crown* (Tottel, 1583), the anonymous *Fundamental law the true security of sov'reign dignity* (1683), Arthur Collins's *Baronies by writ and other honours* (1734), and a composite volume of papers concerning the condition of slaves in St Lucia and other colonies, including some manuscript items, dating from the 1820s.



## Cataloguing

A total of around 100 new titles, and 110 new editions of titles already held, were added to the **catalogue**. Additionally, 113 records were amended. Aside from the cataloguing of new practitioners' works, the emphasis has been on the retrospective cataloguing of the "Law Folio" collection (dating for the most part from the 17th to 19th centuries) housed in the basement of the Littleton Building.

## Committees

The Librarian acted as Secretary to the Library Committee. She also attended meetings of the Inter-Inn Libraries Liaison Committee and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library Committee, as well as organising meetings of the Bar Librarians Group.



## Current Awareness Blog

During the year we added 3,830 posts to the **blog**, bringing the archive to a total of 58,884 posts. There were 112,050 visitors to the site and 169,348 unique page views. Email subscriptions now stand at 4,053; in addition 4,309 people subscribe to the RSS feed and we have 10,100 Twitter followers. There are 1,133 subject categories, the top 10 most frequently accessed of these being sentencing, appeals, police, human rights, children, internet, local government, murder, sexual offences and costs. The highest ranking locations for visitors are the UK, USA, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia and India.



## Document Supply

**This service** is available to barrister and judicial members of all four Inns wherever they are based, and to student members of the Inner Temple. Over the year 156 items have been scanned and emailed to barristers located in the UK, Bahrain, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Dubai, Gibraltar, Guernsey and Jersey.

## Donations

Members of the Inn continue to present copies of their newly published works. We also receive **Wildy, Simmonds and Hill** publications free of charge. Donations resulted in a saving of £1,461 on monographs and £9,213 on loose-leaf releases and journals in 2019.

## Enquiries

Staff at the Enquiry Point dealt with over 2,000 enquiries in person or over the phone, from barristers, judges, pupils, students and clerks. Here are a few examples of legal research queries we dealt with during the year:

A user asked us to find the case of Hayward 1908 21 Cox CC 692, assuring us that there was no copy to be found among the online resources to which he had access, even though there is frequent mention of the case in several textbooks. We located the case in *Cox's criminal cases*, held in the basement.

We traced a superseded version of the Mutual Legal Assistance Guidelines (not available on the Home Office web site) in the hard-copy of *Jones on extradition and mutual assistance*.

Departmental circulars are problematic, since generally only current ones are available via the internet. We found the Green Belt Circular (Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 4 of 1955) in *Howard Roberts on the law of town and country planning*, 2nd edition (1963). We were also able to source the same Department's Circular 14 of 1984 from our own holdings.

We were asked to find the Newlyn Harbour Orders dated 1942 and 1951, "not currently available in web-publishable form", according to legislation.gov.uk, and found them in our annual volumes of Statutory Rules & Orders and Statutory Instruments.

The Supreme Court needed to see a copy of the Bermuda Immigration Act 1937 as amended by the Immigration Act 1937 Amendment Act 1938 and the Immigration (Special Provisions) Act 1945. We were able to locate and provide this material from our holdings kept in the Littleton basement. The Supreme Court Library on another occasion requested the 1992 edition of Supperstone and Goudie's *Judicial review*, which we were able to supply.

## Feedback

We received complimentary feedback from barristers, students and librarians during the year on various aspects of library services; here are a few examples:

“What a wonderful service you provide.” (*Pupil*)

“Excellent librarians, extremely grateful for your assistance.” (*Student*)

“The move from the Inner Temple site to Fetter Lane has been seamless with the same level of service as before.” (*Supreme Court Library*)

“... very well thought out and very useful...” (*Barrister on the Current Awareness Blog*)

“I thought the training was fantastic.” (*Pupil on legal research training*)

## Guides

The Readers' Guide, Student Guide and Quick Reference Guide were revised to take account of the move to Fetter Lane and legal research and database guides were updated and reprinted. A **new guide** to Commonwealth electronic resources was produced. Copies of all the guides are available in the Library and on our **website**.



## Historical Enquiries

Research projects we have been asked to assist with this year have been very varied, and concerned,

to give a few examples: biographical sources for the trustees of Dr Williams's Trust (established 1711) and their legal advisors; the working methods of William Bowyer, Keeper of Records in the Tower of London; the provenance of a copy of Tottel's edition of Bracton (2019 being the 450th anniversary of its publication); and the notebooks of Sir Cresswell Cresswell, founding judge of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

## IT

All of the Library PCs now have Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2010 installed. A new version of JAWS screen reading software was installed on our two large-screen PCs. This software is designed to assist visually impaired users to access all Window applications and websites. Additional Caribbean case law content (Carilaw) was added to our JustisOne subscription.

## Legal Research Training

Library staff ran four Qualifying Sessions on legal research in London, and two further sessions in Newcastle and Birmingham (the latter in January 2020).



Newcastle Qualifying Session

A training session for new pupils was held in October. Feedback from attendees was very positive and the trainers were described as “very helpful, friendly and extremely knowledgeable.”

During September and October representatives from Bloomsbury, JustisOne, Lexis and Westlaw came to Fetter Lane to demonstrate their databases to students and practitioners.

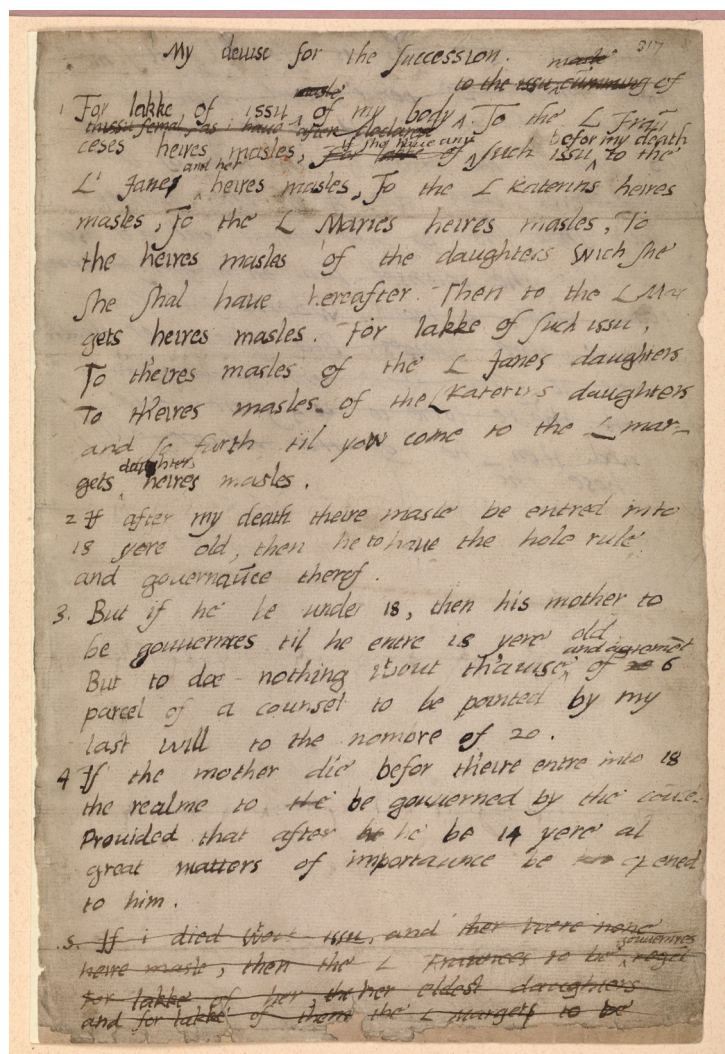


## Littleton Basement

Library users requested a total of over 150 items from the basement store in the Littleton Building. The most frequently requested items are old editions of textbooks and Commonwealth material. Since the move human rights texts and reports and international law texts, which are being housed there temporarily, have also been requested.

## Manuscript Enquiries

The manuscript collection is inaccessible while we are in temporary accommodation, so there have been very few visiting scholars, but there is no lack of interest in reproducing images of manuscripts, and not only in traditional book form. For instance Edward VI's "My Devise for the Succession" is to be used in web-based educational resources by Historic Royal Palaces.



Edward VI's "My Devise for the Succession"

An illumination showing the Court of King's Bench circa 1460 featured in a display panel on the theme of law and order created by Heritage Studies students at the castle in Newcastle upon Tyne; and the same image along with another from the set, showing the Court of Common Pleas, featured in an article in the journal *Gender & history* entitled "Engendering erudition: masculinity and authority at England's inns of court, c.1350-c.1590".



Court of King's Bench



Court of Common Pleas






## Newsletter

The Library's electronic **newsletter** was emailed to all members and tenants in February, June, July and November.

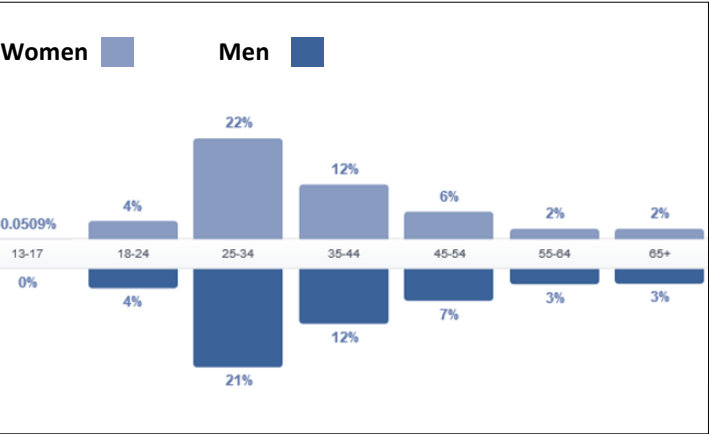


Social Media

We have added a wide range of posts on **Facebook** and **Twitter** during the year, which have included updates on the move to Fetter Lane, additions to the Library collection and changes to opening hours, as well as events and lectures taking place in and around the Inn, law-related TV and radio programmes and free learning resources.

Published	Post
16/01/2020 10:00	 Women in Law Timeline Celebrating 100 years since the
15/01/2020 13:41	 History Society Lecture: London and the Reformation,
13/01/2020 13:00	 Exposed: The Church's Darkest Secret, BBC2, today at 9pm The
13/01/2020 11:30	 Behind Closed Doors: Life Chances, Radio 4, each day this
10/01/2020 13:32	 Give your brain a work out with our list of free learning resources

We currently have 1,975 followers on Facebook and 10,100 on Twitter. Our Facebook followers are mainly based in the UK, USA, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and South Africa; followers are evenly divided between men and women, with a substantial proportion in the 25-34 or 35-44 age groups.



Student Events

The Deputy Librarian attended the Inn’s introductory evenings for London and out of London students and spoke about library services. At the reception afterwards many students showed an encouraging level of interest in the Library and the services it offers.

Library staff attended freshers’ events at City Law School and the University of Law.



Freshers’ Fair at City Law School

Staff from Inner Temple, Lincoln’s Inn and Middle Temple Libraries gave **presentations** on the services of the four Inn Libraries to new bar course students at BPP Law School, City Law School and the University of Law.



Presentation at City Law School

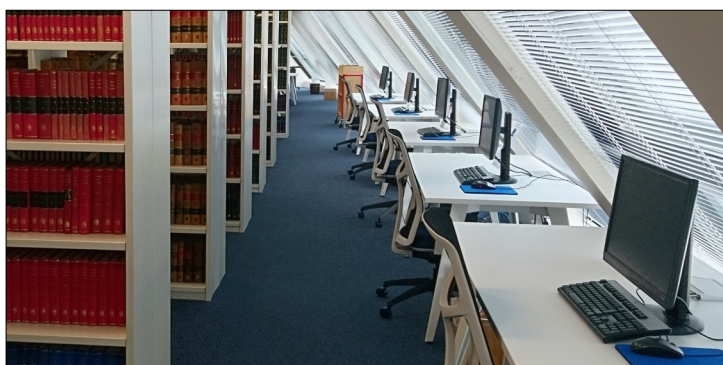
A reception was organised for Inner Temple students at Fetter Lane. This was a new initiative, offering students a chance to look around the premises in an informal way and to meet Library staff and members of the Library Committee.

The Deputy Librarian took part in the PASS Skills Day where she gave a talk, based around a superhero theme, on the skills needed to undertake legal research. (The Pegasus Access and Support Scheme, which was established by the Inner Temple and 62 partner chambers, is a leading programme designed to support aspiring barristers who have not yet started the bar training course.)



## Temporary Library

The temporary Library opened at 10 Fetter Lane, 5th Floor on 28 May 2019. A full range of services is available to users, including provision of textbooks (current and old editions), journals, law reports and the Commonwealth collection; access to a full range of subscription databases; an enquiry service; a document supply service; legal research training and web services. Library staff continue to retrieve books stored in the Littleton Basement in response to users' requests.



Comments from Library users include the following:

"The temporary library is a wonderful place to work. There is tons of room, so you can spread your papers far and wide; the library is flooded with natural light; and most importantly it is beautifully quiet. Also, if you find yourself lost in the maze of books, or stuck with a difficult legal problem, the library staff are always on hand to save the day." *Student*

"The temporary library is a superb place to work: absolutely quiet, airy, temperature controlled, plenty of table space; and well stocked with text-books, law reports, photocopying and digital facilities. I know: I have worked there three times already." *Inner Temple Bench*

"Wonderful to be able to use my Library albeit pared down – well done to library staff for putting this together so beautifully!" *Inner Temple Bench*

"Looking for a text I found my quarry with no trouble at all and of course with the assistance of kindly staff that I am glad to see remain despite the recent seismic changes. The library is fine; cleverly laid out and comfortable (in terms of ambient temperature and light quality). ... I shall certainly avail [myself] of its amenities from hereon in ..." *Barrister*

## Visits

We have welcomed a number of visitors to Fetter Lane. These have included our Dean of Education, Academic Benchers, members of library staff from the other Inns, and librarians from some of the London-based bar course providers. Members of the Library Committee came to Fetter Lane for a tour and reception after their meeting on 19 June.

## Website

Visitors from 158 countries viewed the **Library website**, the majority located in the UK, USA, Canada, India, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and China. The most frequently accessed sections of the site were the catalogue, opening hours, temporary accommodation, location, contacts, legal research FAQs and training, free legal resources, newsletter, collections and manuscripts and the history of the Inn and of the Library.

## Alternative Annual Review

An alternative version of the **Library Annual Review** has been produced, in infographic format.