

# NEWSLETTER

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## Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm on each Saturday during the legal terms.

### October

30 October Middle Temple

### November

6 November Gray's Inn  
13 November Inner Temple  
20 November Lincoln's Inn  
27 November Middle Temple

### December

4 December Gray's Inn  
11 December Inner Temple  
18 December Lincoln's Inn

## Behind the Scaffolding

Work continues in the permanent Library. The familiar oak panelling has been expertly restored.



View from Room C to Room A

## Why I Value the Commonwealth Law Collection

*Master Desireé Artesi writes - this is the first in a series of articles by 'Library Champions'.*



In September 2021, I attended the 22nd Commonwealth Law Conference (CLC), which was held in Nassau, The Bahamas. Notwithstanding the challenges presented by COVID-19, the conference was a huge success. I was an invited speaker and

eventually had to cover two panels.

The first topic was *'Taking the Courthouse to the People: Will Travelling Courts Bring Access to Justice?'* I was mindful that I was potentially addressing delegates from over 54 sovereign states covering Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Pacific. The focus of my talk therefore had to be wide. Where to start? Well, I can tell you, thank heavens for the Commonwealth law collection at the Inner Temple Library. There I found a treasure-trove of material covering the Inuit legal system in Northern Ontario, the culture courts of Sabah, Malaysia, the Aboriginal Koori court system of Australia and of course the historical foundations of the common law, Roman-Dutch law and the Napoleonic Code still in use in various parts of the Caribbean region today.

The Commonwealth law collection is a fantastic and extremely helpful collaboration between the Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn Libraries. They complement and strengthen each other in terms of ensuring a wide-ranging and useful collection for the benefit of members and of the wider Bar, judiciary and legal world. The Inner Temple covers 28 countries and territories, and Lincoln's Inn 33.

My second panel covered the topic, *'The Privy Council: What Next?'*. Again, I was able to locate material (remotely, in the online Commonwealth law resources) which greatly assisted in my preparation for that talk.

Whilst at the conference, I shared a panel with a senior member of the judiciary from Papua New Guinea. We discussed an interesting point of law and I wanted to look it up on my return to London. Back at the Inn I made enquiries about our Commonwealth law collection and was advised that Papua New Guinea is

covered by Lincoln's Inn. I was able to email my colleague in Papua New Guinea with my new-found insight. What a commendable collaboration between law libraries this is!

Like the nations of the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth law collection helps to maintain and further the rule of law, and to allow us British barristers to continue to play our part in this very important and key role, as we have for centuries. Long may that continue!

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## New Pupils

Library staff have continued to run legal research training sessions via Zoom. A session for pupils was run on 4 August, and a qualifying session for students on 16 September. As for previous sessions, Zoom's "chat" function was particularly useful for the Q&A part of the qualifying session, with people appearing more willing to ask a question in this format than when speaking in a 'live' session.

The training session for pupils will be run again at 6.00pm on Wednesday 27 October, also via Zoom. Please contact [tdennis@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:tdennis@innertemple.org.uk) to book a place.

Pupils can also book a tour of the Library by contacting [tdennis@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:tdennis@innertemple.org.uk). Tours take around 30 minutes and explain how to make best use of the Library.

### Lexis®PSL

LexisNexis have announced that they will provide pupil barristers with free access to Lexis®PSL for the 12 months of their pupillage. They write:

*Pupillage is designed to challenge. But something that pupils shouldn't find challenging is getting access to industry-leading legal tools. LexisNexis want to ensure pupils have access to the tools they need wherever they are, whatever the circumstances.*

*Support the next generation of barristers by requesting free access for your chambers' pupils. If you are a pupil or a barrister, ask your clerk to register interest and LexisNexis will get in touch with all the details they need to get you set up quickly and seamlessly.*

Please contact [library@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:library@innertemple.org.uk) if you are interested.

# Activities for Students

## Presentation to London Bar Schools

Librarians from the four Inn Libraries gave online talks to London-based Bar schools in September. These talks aim to introduce students to the Inn Libraries and to explain why they should start to use the Libraries now. They emphasise the expertise and helpfulness of Library staff, comment on the extensive hard-copy collections and explain access to subscription databases. A student from University of Law commented in the on-screen chat afterwards that the talk had been “brilliant”.

## Presentation to Students at University of Law Based Outside London

The Deputy Librarian and a colleague from Lincoln's Inn gave an online presentation to students at the University of Law who are based outside London. The two librarians focused specifically on how the Inn Libraries can help all members, regardless of location. They highlighted the document supply services and web-based services that some of the Inn Libraries have set up. Over 90 students attended, and comments in the chat showed that this had been a useful exercise: students had found the session “very informative” and “a meticulous explanation” of how the Libraries can help. Anyone interested in having this presentation delivered at their Bar school can contact [tdennis@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:tdennis@innertemple.org.uk).

## Legal Research - The Lesser-Known Superpower

This presentation was given by the Deputy Librarian on 9 September to a group of new students. The aim was to introduce legal research in a less formal manner than in a qualifying session, and to point out some of the essentials of starting legal research. A good number of students attended, and the speaker was pleased to note from feedback that it was considered “insightful”.



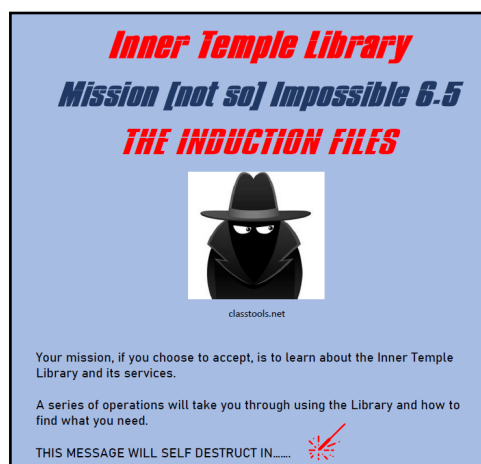
## Library Open Day

On 22 September the Library held an open day for new Bar students. The idea was to offer tours and to explain about services. The event was well attended and staff enjoyed meeting new students and showcasing the excellent facilities at our temporary location. All attendees were given a welcome pack that included bookmarks, notepads, and a multi-charger as well as useful information about services.

We are happy to organise a Library tour and induction for anyone who missed the open day; please contact [tdennis@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:tdennis@innertemple.org.uk) if you are interested.

## Mission Impossible?

In addition to the in-person Open Day, we once again offered an online induction for new student members, following a successful first attempt in September 2020.



The induction was themed ‘Mission [not so] Impossible’, partly because scenes from *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation* were filmed at the Inn. The students were introduced to the Library, the collections, and

the services and various digital resources available to them, through a series of ‘missions’. We concluded with a small quiz to test the students’ knowledge of the Inn and the Library. Perhaps readers can answer one of the questions posed: What do Dr Who and the Librarian of the Inner Temple have in common? Answers to [library@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:library@innertemple.org.uk)

Online video communication tools have been very useful over the course of the lockdowns for inductions and other training for our users, but after 18 months of using these platforms, fatigue has truly set in. We hope that next year we can run this induction in person in the reopened permanent Library at the Temple and bring true interactivity to the ‘missions’ that we send the new student members on.



## ICCA Database Training

In September the Inns of Court Libraries collaborated in giving legal research training to the new cohort of students on the ICCA Bar Training course. A new initiative was that library staff delivered a session on using the main legal subscription databases. Back in March, when the first intake of Part 2 ICCA students were given training, the database providers were asked to run the session. Following feedback it was decided that in September library staff would do this.

The Deputy Librarian and the Library Manager from Gray's Inn were given the task of designing and presenting the training. One of the core themes were the importance of understanding the key differences between the databases. This was explained using a set of 'Top Trump' cards. The aim was to make this part of the session memorable and also so the students could take the cards away and use them in the future. There were many 'Librarian Top Tips' throughout the session. The idea was to introduce short cuts and other useful pieces of information that Library staff have picked up over the years and which can make using the databases easier.

The session covered topics that students will need to know about as they progress through their course, but content was also included that would be useful for pupillage and beyond.

We would be pleased to run a session for other students if there is enough demand. Please contact [tdennis@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:tdennis@innertemple.org.uk) to request database training.

## Training for Clerks



We are offering training sessions to clerks on how to find legal resources. We will start by explaining how to decipher legal citations, and then move on to consider

how to go about finding materials in hard copy in the Library, by utilising the catalogue and other aids. We will also look at using the online databases available within the Library.

The session will last no longer than 30 minutes and is available for new clerks and any others who might wish to refresh their skills. It can be delivered either in person or online via Zoom. Any chambers who are interested should contact [library@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:library@innertemple.org.uk)

## Developments in Online Subscription Services

### Lexis

The following new editions are now available on Lexis Library:

- Tolley's Employment Handbook 2021
- Stone's Justices' Manual 2021
- Banks on Sentence 2021

LexisPSL Family has new practice notes on:

- High Court (Family Division) appeals by electronic means
- Brexit and the taking of evidence in family proceedings
- declarations as to marital and civil partnership status
- choice of court agreements
- jurisdiction, marital/civil partnership agreements and Brexit.
- recognition and enforcement of protection measures

On LexisPSL IP there is now a 2020 IP Case Law Review. The IP Practice area has produced a suite of News Analyses, in which some of the most interesting and important IP cases from 2020 (in the areas of patents, copyright, trademarks and designs) have been reviewed and analysed by various external authors.

### Westlaw

The following new editions are available on Westlaw:

- Archbold: Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice 2022
- Archbold Magistrates' Courts Criminal Practice 2021
- Civil Procedure 2021 (White Book)

Westlaw have added a **calendar-style date picker** to all Advanced Search Forms (for Cases, Legislation, Journals etc). This will provide another way of selecting and searching by specific dates:

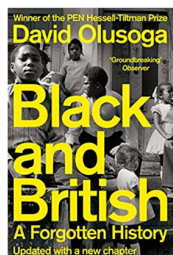
## Black History Month

For Black History Month this year we have introduced a new [lending library](#) of titles relating to allyship and black British history.

The purpose of the collection is to support staff and Library users wanting to expand their understanding of what it means to be an ally.

This is part of our commitment to continued learning; the titles selected are intended to provide a sample of the current literature relating to allyship and anti-racism and the ideas and conversations surrounding these topics.

### BLACK AND BRITISH: A FORGOTTEN HISTORY DAVID OLUSOGA



"In Black and British, award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga offers readers a rich and revealing exploration of the extraordinarily long relationship between the British Isles and the people of Africa. Drawing on new genetic and genealogical research, original records, expert testimony and contemporary interviews, Black and British reaches back to Roman Britain, the medieval imagination and Shakespeare's Othello."

*"Olusoga's account challenges narrow visions of Britain's past. By tracing the triangulated connections between Britain, America and Africa, he presents black British history in global terms [...] His subjects, even those who barely figure in the historical record, appear as individuals who matter, both in their own right and as historical exemplars."*

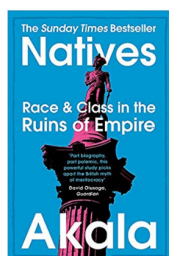
*"Groundbreaking."*  
The Observer

The London Review of Books



*Allyship collection*  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

### NATIVES: RACE & CLASS IN THE RUINS OF EMPIRE AKALA



"Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, Natives speaks directly to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire."

*"Lucid, wide-ranging ... challenges assumptions and highlights their consequences"*  
Times Literary Supplement

*"A potent combination of autobiography and political history"*  
The Independent



*Allyship collection*  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

## South Asian Heritage Month

[South Asian Heritage Month](#) (18 July - 17 August) seeks "to raise the profile of British South Asian heritage and history in the UK through education, arts, culture and commemoration, with the goal of helping people better to understand the diversity of present-day Britain and improve social cohesion across the country". To mark this we highlighted a small selection of inspiring members of the four Inns of Court.

### SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



#### DEXTER DIAS QC

Adm IT; Call 1988

Queen's Counsel (2009); Author of The Ten Types of Human (2017); TED Talk Racism Thrives on Silence (2020)

### SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



#### HARINI IYENGAR

Adm IT; Call 1999

Bencher of the Inner Temple (2017); Women's Equality Party candidate (2017); Author of A Practical Guide to the Law of Gender Pay Gap Reporting (2019)

# As Seen on TV

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## A Killing in Tiger Bay (BBC 2, 9-23 September)

In 1998 a young woman called Lynette White was found murdered and mutilated in the Butetown area of Cardiff. This documentary uses interviews with people involved in the case, local residents, and journalists, intertwined with contemporary news coverage and tapes of interrogations, to tell the story. The documentary makers contacted senior police officers who had been involved in the investigation, but none of them agreed to take part in the film.

Slightly apart from the rest of Cardiff, in the area around the docks, Butetown (also known as Tiger Bay) is a racially mixed area, home to a number of immigrant communities. It is regarded, not least by the police, as a rough area.

The first episode describes the murder and police investigation.

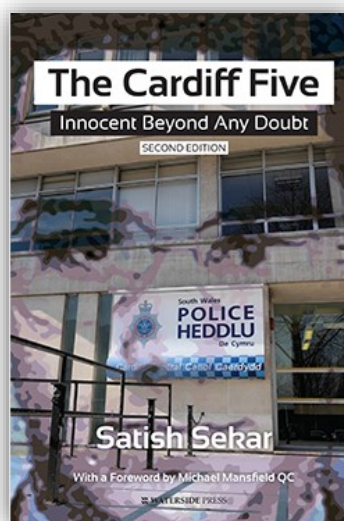
Early in the investigation witnesses came forward saying that they had seen a man with “pale skin” and blood on him near the murder scene, and the police seemed to be concentrating on this, after initially having questioned Stephen Miller, Lynette’s boyfriend. However, after about ten months, with a prime suspect known as “Mr X” being eliminated by DNA evidence and the police under pressure to “get a result” the focus changed. Miller and four other young black men (Anthony Paris, Yusuf Abdullahi, John Actie and Ronnie Actie) were arrested, questioned and charged.

Some of the questioning, in particular of Miller, was later described by the Court of Appeal as horrifying. Miller, a vulnerable defendant with a mental age of 11, was questioned 19 times, with the interviewers effectively telling him what they wanted him to say. They told him that they would keep questioning him “until you get it right.” He was also told about witnesses that put him at the scene of the crime. After many denials he eventually started agreeing with what the police were telling him, and implicating the other defendants. Another of the defendants, Yusuf Abdullahi, had an alibi, that he was working on a ship called the *Coral Sea*. Under repeated questioning he told the police this 545 times.

The second episode gives an account of the trial, again using interviews with members of the defence teams, junior police officers, journalists and the defendants.

During the trial, much of the witness evidence was shown to be unreliable, with witnesses contradicting themselves. Despite evidence from forensic psychologist Gisli Gudjonsson about Miller’s vulnerability as a witness, his confession was admitted and resulted in Miller, along with Paris and Abdullahi, being convicted. John and Ronnie Actie were acquitted. In the documentary Gudjonsson describes the techniques used by the police to produce a confession.

The final episode describes the aftermath. The convictions were overturned by the Court of Appeal in 1993, and after the investigation was reopened the actual killer was identified and convicted. Three of the prosecution witnesses were convicted of perjury and imprisoned, despite the judge in the case accepting that they had been “seriously hounded, bullied, threatened and abused by the police”, but a prosecution of a number of former and serving police officers for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice collapsed after it was mistakenly concluded that documents that should have been disclosed to the defence had been destroyed.



The Library’s Criminology collection includes Satish Sekar’s books *The Cardiff Five: innocent beyond any doubt* (2nd ed 2017) and *Fitted in: the Cardiff 3 and the Lynette White inquiry* (1997), and John Williams’s *Bloody valentine: a killing in Cardiff* (1994), and the Miscellaneous Legislation collection includes two papers on vulnerable witnesses authored by Gisli Gudjonsson for the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (1992-93).

The successful appeal against conviction by Paris, Abdullahi and Miller is reported at (1993) 97 Cr. App. R. 99.

The documentary is available to view on [BBC i-Player](#).



## As Seen on TV continued

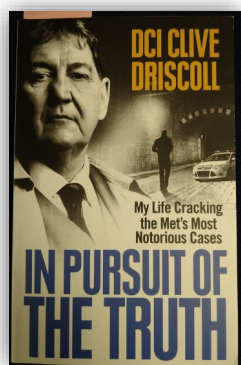
Stephen (ITV, 30 August-13 September)

This excellent dramatization described the ongoing struggle by Doreen and Neville Lawrence to achieve justice for the murder of their son Stephen in 1993. The programme centred on the work of DCI Clive Driscoll who, 18 years after Stephen's death, secured convictions of two members of the gang who attacked him.

Driscoll became involved in the case after two earlier prosecutions of the suspected attackers had collapsed. He worked closely with Doreen Lawrence, and when new forensic evidence came to light two of the original suspects - Gary Dobson and David Norris – were finally jailed in 2012.

The cast members were Sharlene Whyte as Doreen Lawrence, Hugh Quarshie as Neville Lawrence, and Steve Coogan as Driscoll.

The TV series - available on ITV Hub - was based on Clive Driscoll's book *In Pursuit of the Truth* (2015). There is a copy in the Library.



Tracey records her initial view of the new space at Fetter Lane, which she at first found “boring” but says that she grew to like the space more once the bookshelves had gone up and desks and PCs were installed. She also explains how, as space was limited, decisions were made on which collections would be brought over to Fetter Lane, which collections would be relocated to the Littleton Building basement (and would therefore be retrievable for users) and which would be sent off site and would therefore not be accessible for the duration of Project Pegasus.



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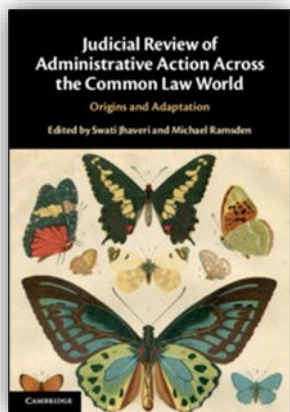
## BIALL Newsletter Article

*James Rowles, Senior Library Assistant, writes*

For the August edition of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians Newsletter, Tracey and I wrote an article offering two different perspectives on the move from the permanent Library to the temporary Library at Fetter Lane, and our thoughts on the upcoming move back in 2022. The idea behind this was to compare my experience as someone who has only ever worked in the temporary Library, having started my role in December 2019 after the Library's move from the Inn, with Tracey's who, having joined the Inn in her current capacity in 2006, has many years' experience of working in the permanent Library.

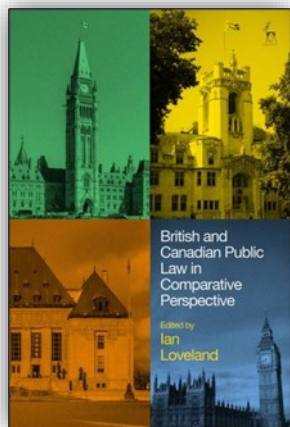
I discuss the rather strange experience of starting a new job in an historic library, dating (as a foundation) back to the 16th century, but being wholly based on the 5th Floor of a nondescript office block, and the added difficulty of understanding the breadth of the collections since they were dispersed over several sites. I also comment on my anticipation of returning to the Library in the Temple, and being able to hear the horns of the boats sailing along the Thames and to enjoy the views over the garden.

# New Acquisitions



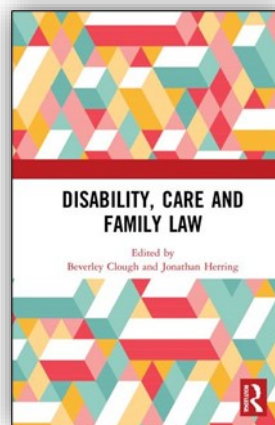
*Judicial Review of Administrative Action across the Common Law World: Origins and Adaptation*, edited by Swati Jhaveri and Michael Ramsden (Cambridge University Press) considers how a wide range of common law systems have received and adapted English common law to the needs of their own socio-political context. Readers are given insights into

administrative law across a wide range of common law systems which they might not otherwise have access to, given how difficult it would be to research all of the systems covered in the volume single-handedly. The jurisdictions covered are Scotland, Ireland, the USA, Canada, Israel, South Africa, Kenya, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Bangladesh, Australia and New Zealand.



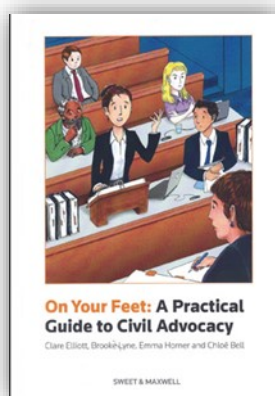
Another recent addition to our Commonwealth textbooks collection is *British and Canadian Public Law in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Ian Loveland (Hart). This explores current human rights controversies arising in the UK in the light of how such matters have been dealt with in Canada. Canada's Charter of Rights predates the United Kingdom's Human Rights Act by some 20

years, and in the 40 years of the Charter's existence, Canada's Supreme Court has produced an increasingly sophisticated body of public law jurisprudence. It has addressed broad questions of constitutional principle relating to such matters as the meaning of proportionality, the 'horizontal' impact of human rights norms, and the proper role of judicial 'deference' to legislative decision-making. The court has also considered specific issues of political controversy such as assisted dying, voting rights for prisoners, the wearing of religious symbols, parents' control of their children's upbringing, and the law regulating libel actions brought by politicians. All of these issues are discussed in the book.



*Disability, Care and Family Law*, edited by Beverley Clough and Jonathan Herring (Routledge) is a multi-authored and interdisciplinary collection, with contributors from law, criminology, sociology, and social policy backgrounds. It addresses a range of important and highly topical issues, such as whether care proceedings are used too often in cases where parents have disabilities; how the

law should respond to children who care for disabled parents; and the care of older family members with disabilities.



Recent entrants to the profession, as well as students, will want to refer to *On Your Feet: A Practical Guide to Civil Advocacy* by Clare Elliott and others (Sweet & Maxwell). The authors, all practising barristers, have experience of regular court work and write from a current, junior perspective, answering the questions commonly asked by pupils and junior tenants. They

guide the reader through the process of attending court and running their own case, across many different types of hearing; this includes holding conferences with clients, communicating with solicitors, making submissions, and drafting final orders. The content of the book is divided between general civil and personal Injury, landlord and tenant, commercial chancery, and employment.

We would like to express our thanks to the following who have kindly presented new titles or editions to the Library in recent months: James Kessler QC for *Drafting Trusts & Will Trusts in Canada*, 5th edition; Master Peter Openshaw for *The Records of Preston from 1685 to the Present*; Guy S. Goodwin-Gill and Jane McAdam for *The Refugee in International Law*, 4th edition; and William Day for *Challenging Private Law: Lord Sumption on the Supreme Court*.

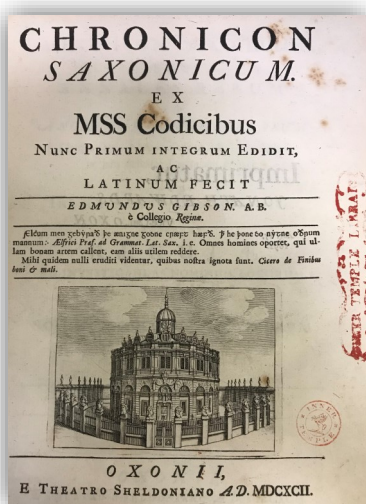
A list of [new law titles and editions](#) received from July to September is available on our website.



# The Non-law Collections: ‘Dreadful Fore-warnings’

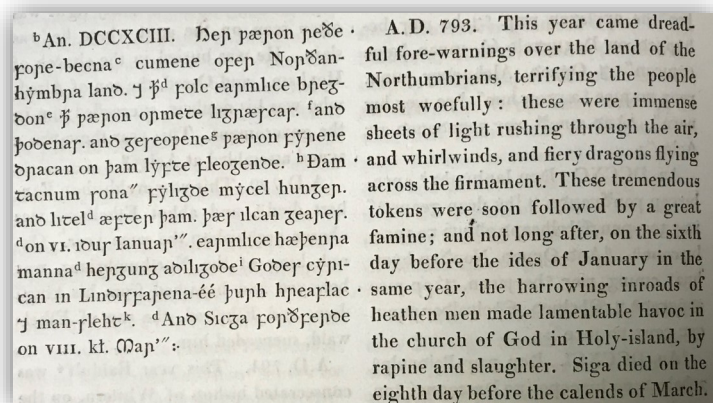
Rob Hodgson, Librarian, writes

“This year came dreadful fore-warnings over the land of the Northumbrians, terrifying the people most woefully: these were immense sheets of light rushing through the air, and whirlwinds, and fiery dragons flying across the firmament.”



Thankfully, not a story from our current awareness blog. Instead, an entry from the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* for 793 AD, taken from one of many ‘non-law’ volumes that have returned from storage in preparation for the long-anticipated return to the Temple. Our earliest edition of the *Chronicle* is a comparatively modern

volume from 1692, but you can (thanks to the British Library) view the entry for 793 AD in an [11th-century copy made in Worcester](#).



The Chronicle for 793 AD

As with all four of the Inn Libraries, ours has never been exclusively a law library. Indeed, until the mid-nineteenth century at least, non-law material predominated: in the 1833 Library catalogue, the Law collection takes up only 74 pages out of a total of 288.

Thus far, most of the returned material comprises our Learned Societies and History collections; the return of the Topography, Heraldry & Genealogy, London, and Literature collections is imminent. Masquerading under the catch-all title of ‘Non-Law Collections’ there are a good many Learned Society publications that do in fact contain legal source material. For example, the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society has volumes given over to Quarter Sessions Records from 1736, and Crown Pleas of the Wiltshire Eyre from 1249, respectively. The Learned Societies collection also includes three societies with a specifically legal focus: the Selden & Stair Societies and the Ames Foundation.

If this has whetted your appetite for some non-legal reading matter you will have to bear with us a little longer. So far, the only non-law collection to complete its journey from remote storage to the Inn’s estate (and even so, perhaps not to its final position on the shelves) is the *History* collection. Nevertheless, it is an important milestone in the journey back to the Temple.



So, whether you prefer *England’s Glory, or, an Exact Catalogue of the Lords of His Majesties Most Honourable Privy Council* (Brooke, 1660), or *The Making of the English Working Class* (Thompson, 1963), or a more recent publication such as *The Secret History of the Blitz* (Levine, 2015) there is reading material available for all, or at least for all those with an interest in history.

Finally, those fiery portents quoted at the beginning preceded the arrival of Viking invaders and the sack of Lindisfarne. So, should readers observe any whirlwinds (or wyverns) in the vicinity of the gardens ... do warn us.