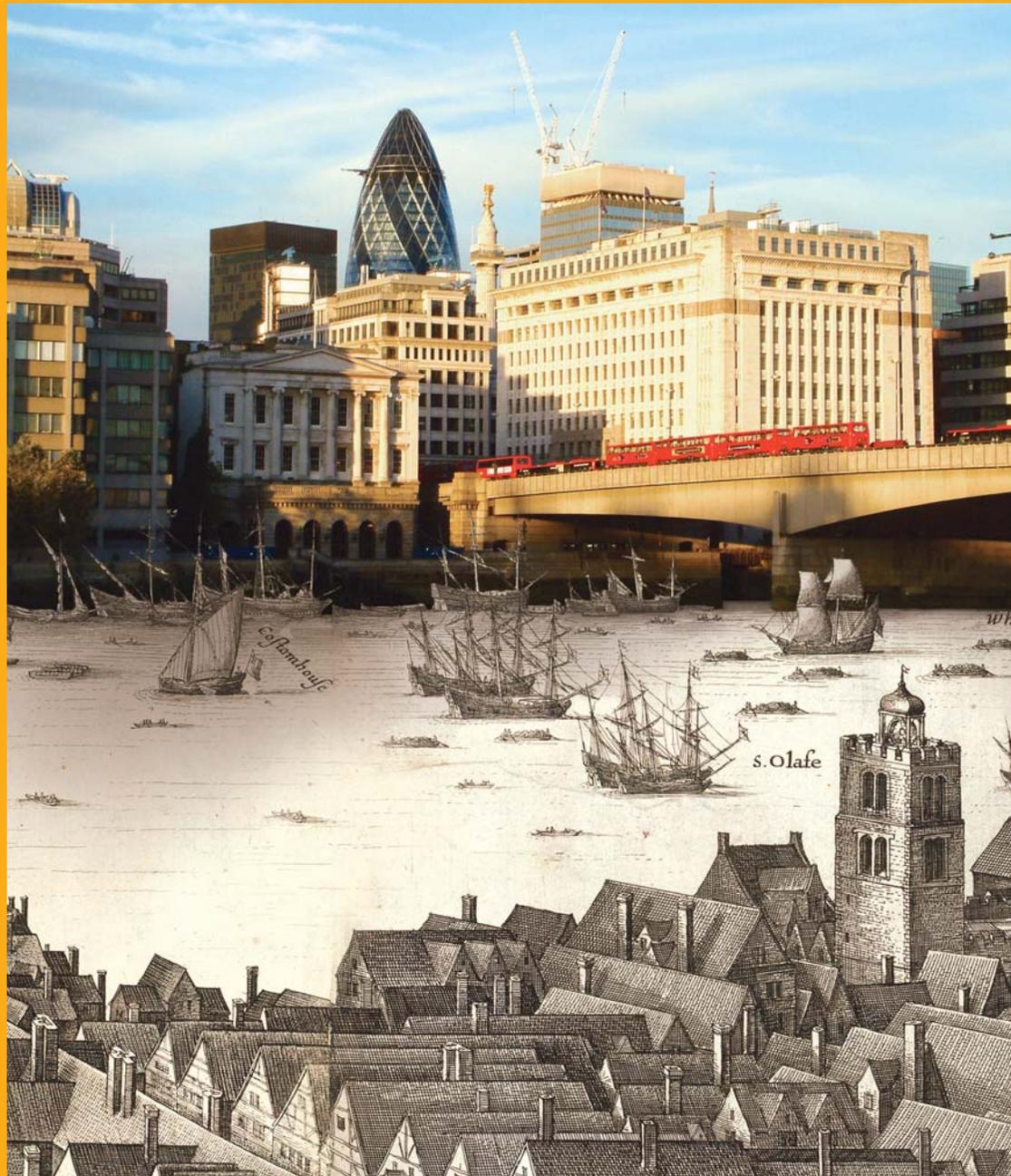


FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH LIBRARY

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Summary



Report of the Council

The year saw the opening on 17 May of the Library's new Conservation Centre, a state of the art facility to which the Friends had contributed £130,000 (committed in a previous year), our largest ever single grant. It contains a Conservation Studio named in memory of the late Mary Welch, an active member and generous benefactor of the Friends. In this current year, the Friends were able to afford significant further help to the Library, totalling £69,480. Details of grants are given in the adjacent column, but attention may be drawn to that for the Wardington Hours, which had belonged to our late President, Lord Wardington, and adds to the Library's priceless collection of fifteenth-century manuscripts illuminated in the workshop of the Bedford Master. During the year, The Friends welcomed a new Vice-President, Sir Digby Jones (now Lord Jones of Birmingham). At 30 June 2007, the number of Friends stood at 3,161. Increasing the Friends' membership remains our top priority, the better to fulfil our mandate to help the British Library.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6 February 2007. There were a number of changes to the personnel of the Friends. Dr Christopher Wright was elected Deputy Chairman in succession to Dr Don Prichard. Linda Viger-Brown, formerly Acting Secretary, was elected as Secretary and Robert Kirton as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Michael Leapman and Ed King were elected to the Council. Also at the Annual General Meeting The Chairman, David Brighty, announced his intention to stand down in March. Since then, Robert Kirton has served as Acting Chairman. It is hoped the appointment of a new Chairman will take place in the near future.

Lynne Brindley, the Library's Chief Executive, then charted the challenges and opportunities facing the Library at the present time and high-lighted some of its immense achievements. She drew particular attention to the forthcoming completion of the Conservation Centre and to the Library's current exhibition, *London – A Life in Maps*, to both of which the Friends had made a significant contribution. She thanked the Friends not only for their continuing financial assistance to the Library and its acquisitions but, and this was equally valuable, for helping to demonstrate to external bodies, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, the widespread support that existed for the Library's many activities.

Following the AGM, David Womersley, Thomas Warton Professor of English Literature, University of Oxford, spoke on his research into Jonathan Swift and what this suggested to him on how the Library might adapt its cataloguing to meet the changing needs of readers and researchers. He stressed that contemporary scholars were particularly interested in both the provenance of items and any annotations they might contain. His talk was warmly received by the audience and, after it, he was presented with a certificate making him an Honorary Life Member of the Friends.

In June Thelma Liesner stood down as Volunteer Co-ordinator and was succeeded by Dr Don Prichard. At the end of the financial year the number of Volunteers was 28. The Volunteers desk in the Library's entrance hall is manned most Mondays to Saturdays. Some Volunteers help with administrative matters in the office and other aspects of the association. A reception was held at the Library on 27 June to thank all the Volunteers for their most valuable contribution to the work of the Friends.

The programme of activities this year was as full and popular as ever, with all visits being well-attended. Most of these were oversubscribed and it was difficult to set up repeat visits because of pressure on staff or the demand from other organisations that also desire access to places not normally open to the public. As concerns had been expressed that there were no evening visits for members who were unable to attend day-time visits, more evening events have been arranged for the coming year. There were visits to the BL Sound Archive (2 visits); the Rothschild Archive (2 visits); the Library and Archives of Canterbury Cathedral, including a Cathedral tour; the Imperial War Museum; the Maughan Library and the Foyle Special Collections Library, King's College London; the National Art Library, Victoria and Albert Museum; the Jerwood Library of Performing Arts and the Natural History Museum.

Once again, the Friends have continued to receive practical help from the British Library and for this our thanks go to the British Library Board, the Chief Executive, Lynne Brindley and her colleagues.

This Year's Grants



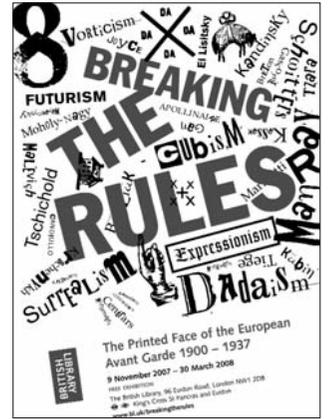
Philipp Franz von Siebold's *Florilegium of Japanese Plants*.



The Wardington Hours.



Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*.



Breaking the Rules: The Printed Face of the European Avant-Garde 1900–1937.

- £4,150 for the purchase of a facsimile edition of Philipp Franz von Siebold's *Florilegium of Japanese Plants*, which is an exceptional source for scientific study of Japanese plants as well as having great artistic merit.
- £1,750 for the purchase of the rarest illustrated fourth edition of Tolstoy's last novel *Voskresenie (Resurrection)*.
- £10,000 towards the publicity of the exhibition *London: A life in maps*, which topped all previous visitor records.
- £500 for the annual prizes in the Designer Bookbinders competition.
- £5,000 towards the Faith Event with UK Youth Parliament.
- £10,000 towards the purchase of the John Collins Collection – a wide range of popular nineteenth-century bindings.
- £2,755 for the purchase of *Sunday Walks in London and Westminster*, a fictionalised guide-book to London which appears to be completely unrecorded and offers a series of charming vignettes of summer Sundays spent in different parts of the capital.
- £5,000 to complete the digitisation of the Tibetan Tantric manuscripts, the oldest in the world, part of the International Dun Huang Project.
- £4,500 towards the purchase of the French version of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*.
- £2,500 for the purchase of an autograph manuscript of a substantial and hitherto unknown oboe concerto, circa 1760, by Antonio Campioni.
- £2,325 for the purchase of a rare book of poems and lithographs entitled *Russian Ballet* by David Bomberg published in 1919 in London.
- £10,000 towards the *Wardington Hours*, a lavishly illuminated medieval manuscript formerly in the collection of Lord Wardington, a founding father of the Friends and President until his death in 2005.
- £6,000 towards the purchase of a bound volume of Polish 17th-century speeches, sermons and other items.
- £5,000 towards a published guide for the Library's exhibition *Breaking the Rules: The Printed Face of the European Avant-Garde 1900–1937*, which explores the creative transformation that took place in Europe encompassing art, design, photography, literature, theatre, music and architecture.

TOTAL GRANTS: £69,480

Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 30 June 2007

	2007 £	2006 £
INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM GENERATED FUNDS)		
Members' subscriptions	75,528	68,819
Donations	9,575	8,045
Legacies	1,289	3,544
Investment income	11,075	12,986
INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES)		
Gift Aid	18,098	16,709
Other incoming resources	150	1,777
Total incoming resources	115,715	111,880
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds:		
Fundraising and publicity	11,397	13,788
Membership administration	40,048	37,363
Charitable activities:		
Grants to British Library	69,480	73,500
Governance costs	2,146	1,771
Total resources expended	123,071	126,422
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	(7,356)	(14,542)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		
Profit on revaluation of Investments	8,490	10,285
Net movements in funds	1,134	(4,257)
Total funds brought forward	232,181	236,438
Total funds carried forward	233,315	232,181

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

NOTES:

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information for a full understanding of the charity. For further information, the Annual Report and Accounts should be consulted. Copies are available from the Friends of the British Library, 96 Euston Rd, London NW1 2DB. The full accounts have been audited by Moore Stephens, Chartered Accountants, and received an unqualified opinion.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT ON SUMMARISED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We have examined the summary financial statements above. We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements from which they were prepared. In our opinion, the summarised financial statements above are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007.

Moore Stephens LLP,
Chartered Accountants,
Registered Auditor,
10 October 2007
St Paul's House,
Warwick Lane
London EC4M 7BP

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2007

	2007 £	2006 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Furniture and furnishings at cost	19,957	19,957
Less Depreciation	(18,731)	(18,133)
	1,226	1,824
Investments	178,839	170,349
	180,065	172,173
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	3,650	3,801
Debtors	13,115	15,490
Cash on deposit and at bank	90,483	106,037
	107,248	125,328
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due within one year		
Deferred income:		
life membership subscriptions	6,583	6,198
Grants payable	7,500	20,000
Trade Creditors and accruals	17,299	9,308
	31,382	35,506
Net current assets	75,866	89,822
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	255,931	261,995
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Deferred income: life membership subscriptions	22,616	29,814
	233,315	232,181
FUNDS		
General	113,315	112,181
Designated	120,000	120,000
	233,315	232,181

Signed on behalf of the Council

Robert Kirton

Chairman

10 October 2007

Members of the Council

President	The Marquess of Salisbury PC DL
Vice Presidents	The Lord Bragg of Wigton Frank Field PC MP William Hague PC MP The Lord Jones of Birmingham Sir Geoffrey Leigh FRSA Penelope Lively CBE Prof Andrew Motion FRSL Cdr Michael Saunders Watson CBE DL The Rt Hon the Lord Steel of Aikwood, KT KBE DL

COUNCIL

Chairman	David Brighty CMG CVO (resigned 31 March 2007) * ^[4] Robert Kirton FCCA FRSA (Acting Chairman from 31st March 2007)
Deputy Chairman	Dr Don Prichard (until 6 February 2007) * Dr Christopher Wright OBE ^[5] (elected 6th February 2007)
Treasurer	Graham Allatt FCA * ^[6]
Secretary	Linda Viger-Brown ^[4] (co-opted February 2006)
Council members	Peter Barber ^[5] Sir Henry Boyd-Carpenter KCVO * * ^[2] Sally Brown ^[3] Dr Ruth Coman ^[4] (elected January 2006) Julie Gregory (resigned 31 December 2006) The Lord Hemingford ^[5] Ed King ^[3] (elected 6 February 2007) Robert Kirton FCCA FRSA * ^[5] (elected 6 February 2007) Michael Leapman ^[5] (elected 6 February 2007) Hans Liesner CB ^[6] Nicholas Poole-Wilson ^[1] Paul Stevenson ^[3] Kathy Wrennall ^[3]
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[#] Denotes number of Council meetings attended.

* Member of Finance and Audit Committee

** Appointed by the British Library Board January 2005

Five Council meetings, as well as the AGM, were held during the year

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