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The Marquess of Salisbury PC DL

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Council Officers

Chairman

Mr Ferdinand Mount

Elected Chairman 17 March 2014. Acting Chairman 2013–14. Author and journalist; Head of Prime Minister’s Policy Unit 1982–83; Editor, *Times Literary Supplement* 1991–2002; Fellow, Royal Society of Literature 1991 (Mem, Council, 2002–); his most recent books include *Cold Cream: my early life and other mistakes*, 2008; *Full Circle: how the classical world came back to us*, 2010; *The New Few: or a very British oligarchy*, 2012; *The Tears of the Rajas: Mutiny, Money and Marriage in India 1805–1905*, 2015.

Deputy Chairman

Dr Christopher Wright OBE

Deputy Chairman of the Friends of the British Library 2007–. Curator, Department of Manuscripts, British Library 1974–2003; Head of Manuscripts 2003–05; Editor of the *British Library Journal* 1989–99 and of the *Electronic British Library Journal* 2002–04; Member of the Acceptance In Lieu Panel 2005–; Member of the Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art 2006–. His publications include *George III* [British Library Brief Lives] (London, 2005) and (as co–editor) *The Victoria Cross and The George Cross. The Complete History* (London, 2013).

Treasurer

Keith Stephenson MA, MBA, FCMA

Elected Treasurer 17 March 2014. Finance & Information Director, Dumfries & Galloway Community Health NHS Trust 1993–99; Finance Manager, St John's College Cambridge 1999–2001; Senior Consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers, London 2001–02; Finance Director, University of Hull 2003–08; Director of Finance & Resources, Association of Commonwealth Universities 2008–; Trustee and Chair of Audit Committee, SPCK Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge) 2009–.

Secretary

Stephanie Kenna MA, FCLIP

Elected Hon. Secretary 1 March 2011. From 1975–2010 she worked for the British Library, including as Research Analyst, Research and Innovation Centre 1988–1999; on Co-operation and Partnership Programme 1999–2003; Manager, Regional and Library Programmes 2003–2008; Acting Head of Planning 2008–2009 and Strategic Development Manager 2009–Jan 2010. She currently chairs the Library Committee, of which she has been a member since 1997, at the Oxford and Cambridge Club and has been a Member of Council of the Wiener Library since 2008.

Council Members

Jean-Anne Ashton (ex-officio)

Co-ordinator of the Volunteers.

Dr Nicolas Bell

Elected to the Council 11 March 2015. Curator, Music Collections, British Library, 2000–, with a particular interest in music manuscripts of all periods, especially the Middle Ages; General Secretary, The Henry Bradshaw Society (for the publication of liturgical texts) (2009–); variously Book Reviews Editor, Member of Council and Secretary of Publications Sub-Committee of The Bibliographical Society (2003–14); Chairman, The Gerald Coke Handel Foundation (2012–); member of Editorial Committee, Musica Britannica (2012–); Book Reviews Editor, Plainsong and Medieval Music (2004–); Associate Director, Digital Image Archive of Medieval Music (2005–); Member of Council, Royal Philharmonic Society.

Jane Dobson

Elected to Council 12 March 2012. Secretary/Administrator of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland 1967–99. She has held a Reader's Ticket from 1968. As a member of the Friends since 1996, she has served as a Volunteer at the Friends' Desk and assisted with the choice of and setting up of the current membership Database in the Friends' Office. She has a BA (Hons) in History and an MA in Medieval Studies. Her interests include palaeography, calligraphy, history, books, music and computer work.

Lindsay Duguid (co-opted)

Editor of the Friends' newsletter.

Nina Evans

Elected to Council 1 March 2011. She has worked in public libraries in London and in the University Library, Kumasi, Ghana. On her return from Africa she joined the National Central Library, which in 1973 became part of the new British Library. She worked in Divisional Administration, the Placing Section and was the last Superintendent of the Round Reading Room before the move to St Pancras. Her final post before her retirement in 2001 was as Readers' Advisor.

Celia Gould BA

Elected to Council 4 March 2013. She has worked chiefly in professional publishing and, since 1996, in the voluntary sector, with The Churches Conservation Trust. She is Secretary of the Friends of Welwyn Hatfield Museums and proof-reads the Friends of the British Library Newsletter. Her interests include ancient history, archaeology and cricket.

Edmund King

Elected to Council 17 March 2014. Member of Council 2007–13, co-opted 2013; British Library, 1975–2012: Cataloguer and Curator, Bibliographic Services Division, and Department of Printed Books 1975–1978: Head of Selection and Preparation Programmes, Collections and Preservation 1982–1997; Head of BL Newspaper Collections 1999–2013. Secretary of the International Federation of Library Associations Newspapers Section, 1999–2009. Publications: *Victorian Decorated Trade Bindings, 1830–1880* (London, 2003 (See: www.bl.uk/acatalog/Catalogue_ISBN_0712347232_82.html)), and other articles on 19th century bookbinding.

The Rt Hon the Lord Hemingford

Elected to Council 12 March 2012. Former Member of Council 2005–11. Retired journalist (known professionally as Nicholas Herbert). Foreign correspondent with Reuters and The Times in Washington and the Middle East 1960–1969. Editor, Cambridge Evening News 1970–1974. Editorial Director, Westminster Press 1974–1991, Deputy Chief Exec. 1991–1995. President Guild of British Newspaper Editors 1980–81. Founder member & Hon. Secretary, Association of British Editors 1985–1995. Chairman, East Anglia Region of the National Trust 1990–2000. Trustee, Ely Cathedral Trust. President, Huntingdonshire Family History Society. Publications: *Jews & Arabs in Conflict* (London, 1971); (with David Flinham) *Press Freedom in Britain* (1991); *Successive Journeys - A Family in Four Continents* (2008).

Dr Norman James

Elected to Council 04 March 2013. Head of Private Archives, The National Archives and a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisory Panel on Libraries and Archives. He is co-editor of The Bede Roll of the Fraternity of St Nicholas [The Parish Clerks' Bede Roll].

Anthony Payne

Elected to Council 04 March 2013. An independent antiquarian bookdealer with thirty years experience in the trade. He was formerly with Christie's and a Director of Bernard Quaritch. A regular reader at the Library and a member of the Friends for many years, he is also a Vice-President of the Hakluyt Society, author of *Richard Hakluyt: a guide to his books and to those associated with him 1580–1625* (2008) and a member of the Board of Imago Mundi.

Professor Andrew Prescott

Elected to Council 04 March 2013. He has been a Manuscripts Curator, British Library; Director of Research Institutes at Sheffield and Glasgow Universities, and Librarian of the University of Wales Lampeter. In 2012 he was appointed Head of Digital Humanities, King's College London. His publications include *The benedictional of Saint Æthelwold* (2002) and, as co-editor, *The British inheritance: a treasury of historic documents* (1999).

Dr David Shaw

Elected to Council 1 March 2011. Specialist in the history of printing in Europe (especially France) in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries; until 2002 Senior Lecturer in French and currently Hon. Senior Research Fellow, University of Kent; 2002–2009 Secretary and currently Consultant, Consortium of European Research Libraries; 2002–2004 President of The Bibliographical Society and 2000–2002, 2005–2010 Chairman of its Publications Committee; Editor in Chief of The Cathedral Libraries Catalogue; Trustee and Chairman of the Publications Committee of Canterbury Archaeological Trust and Chairman of the Friends of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust; Treasurer and WebMaster of the Southern Early Music Forum.