

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the British Library

Monday 14 March 2016 at 5pm at the British Library

Conference Centre, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

Elections to Council

The following is standing for re-election as Deputy Chairman for a further year:

Dr Christopher Wright OBE. Deputy Chairman of the FBL 2007–; Curator, Department of Manuscripts, British Library 1974–2003; Head of Manuscripts 2003–05; Member of the Acceptance In Lieu Panel 2005–15; Member of the Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art 2006–15. His publications include *The Victoria Cross and the George Cross* (London, 2013).

The following is standing for election as Secretary:

Ed(mund) King MA, MBE. Member of Council 2007–13, co-opted 2013, 2014–; British Library, 1975–2012: from 1999–2012, Head of BL Newspaper Collections. Secretary of the International Federation of Library Associations Newspapers Section, 1999–2009. Publications: 2003: *Victorian Decorated Trade Bindings, 1830–1880* and other articles on 19th century bookbinding.

The following are standing for election or re-election as members of Council:

Celia Gould BA (Ancient World Studies). 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.

Dr Norman James. Formerly Head of Private Archives, The National Archives; Trustee of the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust and of the Religious Archives Group. He is co-editor of *The Bede Roll of the Fraternity of St Nicholas* [The Parish Clerks' Bede Roll].

Stephanie Kenna MA, FCILIP. Hon. Secretary of the Friends of the British Library 2011–16. British Library 1975–2010, including the Research and Innovation Centre 1988–99, Co-operation and Partnership Programme 1999–2003, Manager, Regional and Library Programmes 2003–08, Acting Head of Planning 2008–09 and Strategic Development Manager 2009–10. Chairman, Library Committee, Oxford and Cambridge Club 2011– and Member of General and Management Committees 2012–; Member of Council of the Wiener Library, 2008–15; Member of Audit Panel, now Audit Committee, CILIP, 2013–.

Anthony Payne. 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 FSA FRHistS. Professor of Digital Humanities at the University of Glasgow and Theme Leader Fellow for the 'Digital Transformations' strategic theme of the Arts and Humanities Research Council. He has been a Manuscripts Curator at the British Library, Librarian of the University of Wales Lampeter, and has worked in digital humanities departments at King's College London and the University of Sheffield. His publications include *The benediction of Saint Æthelwold* (2002) and, as co-editor, *The British inheritance: a treasury of historic documents* (1999).

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Agenda

Chairman's Opening Remarks, welcoming Friends to the AGM

Apologies for absence

Address by Roly Keating, Chief Executive of the British Library

Agreement of Minutes of AGM held on 9 March 2015

Chairman's Report

Financial Report

Election of Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Council Members

Any other business

Refreshments

6.30pm Friends of the British Library Annual Lecture

William Hague (The Rt Hon The Lord Hague of Richmond, former Foreign Secretary and Leader of the House of Commons) on 'Pitt the Younger – and the fascination of writing history'.