

friends



KING HENRY the EIGHTH, the Duke of **SUFFOLK**, & Sir **ANTHONY BROWNE**, entering **SOUTH SEA CASTLE**, at the time the French attacked the English. Taken from part of an ancient painting at Lewishay by John and George Thomson 1774.

Report of the Council

In this current year, the Friends made grants and donations to the Library totalling £17,321. A request for a grant of £20,000 towards an exhibition was approved by Council but subsequently withdrawn by the Library. Details of grants given this year are on page 2. Grants should be viewed year on year. Grants allocated in 2011–12 have already reached £80,000. There was a continuation of the trend, first noted in last year's Annual Report, of making grants not simply to assist with the acquisition of collection items but to support other areas of the Library's work. Council was greatly saddened in January 2011 by the death of David Marcus, who had been a highly valued member of it since 5 February 2008. The Chairman's Awards for outstanding contribution to the work of the Friends went to Lord Hemingford, Wendy Fox, Frances Hawkins and Kathy Wrennall. At 30 June 2011, the number of Friends stood at 2,913. Maintaining and 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 1 March 2011. Graham Allatt was re-elected as Treasurer for the coming year. Stephanie Kenna, who had held the post in an Acting capacity for the last year, was elected as Honorary Secretary. Lord Hemingford, Amanda Benton and Kathy Wrennall stood down from Council on the completion of their terms and Nina Evans, Frances Hawkins and Dr David Shaw were elected to Council.

Dame Lynne Brindley, the Library's Chief executive, then reviewed the British Library's achievements over the past year and its plans for the future. She noted the challenge posed by the current financial climate. The Library had seen a cut of 3% to operating costs in 2010/11 and would face a further 15% cut over the next four years together with a 50% cut in capital funding which was used to fund new services and digital developments. However, the Library's 2020 Vision document had been launched in September 2010 and the Library's Strategy for 2011/15 had also been published. She noted that the Harry M Weinrebe Learning Centre had opened in September 2010 and a memorandum of understanding had been signed with a Qatar foundation for the digitization of India Office Manuscripts relating to the Gulf. The Library's exhibitions *Magnificent Maps* and *Evolving English* had also enjoyed great success. She ended by thanking the Friends' for all the support they had offered the Library over the past year.

Following the AGM, one of our Vice-Presidents, Lord Bragg, gave a talk on 'Language, Literature and the Bible', this being the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. His talk was warmly received by the audience.

Jean-Anne Ashton became Co-ordinator of the Volunteers on 1 July 2010. At the end of the year the number of volunteers had increased to 30 and an active recruitment programme continued. The Volunteers Desk in the Library's entrance hall was manned for part of six days a week including Saturday. Volunteers continued to assist the Membership Secretary as required. During the year Volunteers were briefed by Ed King and Zoe Wilcox on aspects of the Library's work.

The programme of activities this year was as popular as ever. All visits and events were well attended and included tours of the Jewish Museum, the London Library, the House of Commons, Bentley Priory, St Bride's Library where Friends heard a talk from the Librarian Nigel Roche, Benjamin Franklin House, the Royal Institution where Professor Frank James delighted Friends with tales of the great, the good and the bad of the scientific world, Handel House Museum, the Brunel Museum, Spencer House, Southwark Cathedral, the History of Mystery at the Magic Circle, Keats House, Highgate Cemetery and Leighton House. Nearly 200 Friends attended the two visits to St Pancras Station. Friends also enjoyed a Private View of the Peake Archive, which included a talk by Sebastian Peake, and there was a tour of the Conservation Department and a talk by the Conservation Intern, who had been sponsored by the Friends. Despite snow and ice, around 200 Friends and their guests attended the pre-Christmas shopping and social event, enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. Our President Lord Salisbury once again most kindly entertained the Friends at Hatfield House. As well as being much enjoyed by the Friends, the Activities programme is a valuable source of additional funds which contribute to our grants to the British Library.

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, Dame Lynne Brindley and her colleagues.

This Year's Grants

- £3,500 for the purchase of *The Dovaston Organ Book, 1801*. Compiled by John Dovaston of West Felton, Shropshire, it describes with 11 fold-out plates the workings and construction of the organ which he built in his house in 1801-4. Such accounts of organ building in Britain are rare before the mid-nineteenth century.
- £3,900 for the purchase of *Zionitischer Weyrauchs Hugel Oder: Myrrhen Berg, Worinnen allerley liebliches und wohl riechendes nach Apotheker-Kunst zubereitetes Rauch-Werck zu finden...* (Germantown [Pa.]: Christoph Sauer, 1739). This was the first substantial book printed in German type in America. Published for the Ephrata Brethren of Pennsylvania, it contains hymns sung at their cloister, composed according to the harmonic system devised by their leader Conrad Beissel.
- £750 for the purchase of *Corinphila Auktionen AG, Edition D'Or*, Vols IX to XXV (Zurich, 2008–10), to supplement the Library's holding of Vols I to VIII. *Edition D'Or* is a series published since 2006 which illustrates important contemporary collections of philatelic material.
- £2,171 for the purchase of *Ordonnantie ende Placcaet...* (Brussels, 1569), a proclamation in Dutch of Philip II of Spain as ruler of the Low Countries authorizing the use of force against English 'pirates' and prohibiting all ships from sailing unless they are sufficiently armed to resist them. Philip's autocratic government and attacks on Protestants had resulted in armed resistance led by William of Orange. As part of this, the 'Sea Beggars' operating out of England and Germany had begun attacking Spanish ships and strongholds.
- £2,000 for the purchase of a watercolour by John and George Sherwin, 1774, showing the arrival of Henry VIII and his suite at Portsmouth in 1545, a detail from the painting formerly at Cowdray Park. The Sherwins were commissioned by the Society of Antiquaries to copy this so that James Basire might engrave it for the Society. The Cowdray painting was destroyed by fire in 1792 and the watercolour of the whole picture appears not to have survived. This hitherto unknown watercolour of part of it is important in its own right and a valuable addition to the Library's topographical collections.
- £5,000 towards the education programme for the British Library's exhibition *Out of this World* in the Paccar Gallery from May to September 2011, allowing the Library to hold 100 free workshops for school children as well as Study Days for AS level Students and two Continuing Professional Development events for schoolteachers in partnership with the National Association for the Teaching of English.

TOTAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS: £17,321 (73,000)



(Left to right): *Zionitischer Weyrauchs Hugel Oder: Myrrhen Berg, Worinnen allerley liebliches und wohl riechendes nach Apotheker-Kunst zubereitetes Rauch-Werck zu finden...* (Germantown [Pa.]: Christoph Sauer, 1739). Organ Stops from *The Dovaston Organ Book, 1801*. *Out of this World* exhibition.

Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 30 June 2011

	2011 £	2010 £
INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM GENERATED FUNDS)		
Members' subscriptions	74,970	65,032
Donations	4,119	8,178
Legacies	16,500	11,000
Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid	15,475	14,293
Investment income	6,694	8,261
Events income	11,400	8,230
INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES)		
Other incoming resources	40	50
Total incoming resources	129,198	115,044
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds:		
Fundraising and publicity	9,706	11,709
Membership administration	31,716	30,107
Charitable activities:		
Grants to British Library	17,321	73,000
Governance costs	1,872	1,739
Total resources expended	60,615	116,555
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	68,583	(1,511)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		
Profit/Loss on revaluation of Investments	12,999	16,584
Net movements in funds	81,582	15,073
Total funds brought forward	285,925	270,852
Total funds carried forward	367,507	285,925

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2011

	2011 £	2010 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Furniture and equipment	0	0
Investments	173,070	160,071
	173,070	160,071
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	120	260
Debtors	31,284	14,061
Cash on deposit and at bank	198,549	148,496
	229,953	162,817
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due within one year		
Deferred income:		
life membership subscriptions	4,639	4,561
Grants payable	4,921	8,500
Trade Creditors and accruals	11,428	11,392
	20,988	24,453
Net current assets	208,965	138,364
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	382,035	298,435
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Deferred income: life membership subscriptions	14,528	12,510
	367,507	285,925
FUNDS		
General	247,507	165,925
Designated	120,000	120,000
	367,507	285,925

Signed on behalf of the Council
Lord Hameed
 Chairman
 14 November 2011

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 Road, London NW1 2DB. The full accounts have been examined by MHA MacIntyre Hudson, Chartered Accountants, and received an unqualified report.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' 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 30th June 2011.

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Council

Chairman	The Lord Hameed of Hampstead CBE DL ^[3]
Deputy Chairman	Dr Christopher Wright OBE* ^[5]
Treasurer	Graham Allatt FCA* ^[2]
Secretary	Stephanie Kenna (from 1 Mar 2011; Acting Secretary from 8 February 2010)* ^[5]
Council members	Jean-Anne Ashton* ^[3] Peter Barber ^[2] Dr Peter Beal FBA ^[1] Amanda Benton (from 1 Mar 2011)* ^[2] Dr Ruth Coman* ^[4] Nina Evans (from 1 Mar 2011) ^[1] Frances Hawkins (Co-opted 16 August 2010, elected 1 March 2011) ^[4] The Lord Hemingford (until 1 March 2011) ^[2] Edmund King ^[3] Robert Kirton FCCA FRSA* ^[2] Michael Leapman ^[5] Professor Kathleen McLuskie** ^[1] David Marcus LLB (d January 2011)* ^[1] Dr David Shaw (from 1 March 2011) ^[1] Paul Stevenson ^[0] Kathy Wrennall (to 1 March 2011) ^[1]
Membership Secretary	Nichole Chapman

[#] Denotes number of Council meetings attended

* Member of Finance and Audit Committee

** Appointed by The British Library Board

‡ Co-opted as Co-ordinator of the Volunteers

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

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Cover image: J and G Sherwin, Watercolour (1774) of a detail of a lost painting at Cowdray Park of Henry VIII, 1545.