The Friends of the British Library is governed by a Council, elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting, and also has a President and numerous Vice-Presidents.

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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.

Peter Barber OBE MA, FSA, FRHistS


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. Since 2003, she has organized the Friends’ visits to many Libraries and external venues.

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


The Rt Hon the Lord Hemingford


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].

Prof Kate McLuskie

Appointed by BL Board October 2007. Director of the Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham 2005-11. She had previously held senior academic leadership roles as Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of Kent and Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Southampton. Appointed to the BL Board May 2007.

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**