



**Meeting of the Association of Pall Mall Libraries
held at the Oxford and Cambridge Club
on Thursday 13 October 2016 at 10.30am**

MINUTES

In attendance:

Anna Brynolf, *Chair*
Gill Briggs
Martin Cherry
Karen Syrett
Kay Walters
Mary Duffy
Jane Harrison
Lynsey Hawker
Sarah Hume
Jan Coughtrie
Jane Trodd
Huw Williams
Tanya Kirk

Royal Institute of International Affairs
Royal Horticultural Society
Library and Museum of Freemasonry
British Academy
Athenaeum
Army & Navy Club
Royal Institution
Kings Fund
RUSI
Caledonian Club
EIC & In&Out
Oxford & Cambridge Club
British Library (Speaker)

Apologies for absence:

Julie Beckwith
Tony Pilmer
Simon Blundell
Sian Prosser
Renaë Satterley
Mark Hayward
Sarah Watts
Lesley Whitelaw
Adam Waterton
Moira Goff

Royal College of Physicians
National Aerospace Library
Reform Club
Royal Astronomical Society
Middle Temple
Savage Club
Institute of Directors
Middle Temple
Royal Academy
Garrick Club

1) Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

2) Apologies

Apologies for absence were noted.

3) Talk by Tanya Kirk from the British Library: *Curating an exhibition at the British Library.*

Tanya gave a very interesting talk on her experiences of curating exhibitions at the BL, in particular their most recent 'Shakespeare in ten acts'. She ran through the steps from inception to delivery, explaining the criteria which would be used by the panel to decide which exhibitions to mount. These would include broad appeal, relevance, and positive learning outcomes for the visitor. Most exhibitions would include items on loan from other sources, and some AV elements. 2 exhibitions are held annually with considerable time invested in the research and sourcing of material, and the build would normally take around 3 weeks. There is usually also an online version provided and a book to go with it. Lessons have been learnt from public reactions to posters using 'women wearing pretty dresses' (Vivien Leigh as Lady MacBeth) - men didn't feel the exhibition was relevant to them!

Members of the group had many questions – Tanya has offered to share the slides from her presentation.

4) Minutes of the meeting on 14 July 2016

Anna reported back on some of the matters arising from the minutes.

- With regard to the question about CPD25 reciprocation, Anna understood this was due to be discussed at their recent steering group meeting but she had not received any feedback as yet.
- Anna reported that the domain for the website had been about to expire so she had organised a new one and transferred the data. There is still some updating to be done. All agreed it looked good. It was noted that as a result we also have a new email address – info@apmlibraries.org. It was suggested that we might broaden the scope of the blog by asking others to write about a 'Day in the life' in their libraries.
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The minutes were approved.

5) Training sub-group update

The training group will be meeting on 24th October. Current sessions are as follows:

Training

- Copyright – Jan/Feb

Under consideration – Making funding applications
Comparison of free month's trial of RDA toolkit

Visits

- *National Archives* – 19/10/16.
- *National Theatre Archives*

6) Archives Group update

The group has not met since the last meeting, but will be meeting next week – anyone welcome.

7) Christmas Lunch

On the grounds that everyone has enjoyed it in the past, Anna suggested we go again to the Spaghetti House in Piccadilly. She will circulate a Doodle Poll to see which Thursday in

December suits everyone best, and she will also speak to Sian to see if she is willing to organise it.

7) Meetings in 2017:

The next meeting will be the Christmas lunch – date to be arranged.

Anna has booked Chatham House for the July meeting. Requests were made for venues for other meetings and members would report back on possibilities. A bookbinding speaker is available for the January meeting and a talk on digitisation for April.

8) Any other business

Sarah from RUSI asked if anyone had a stuffed penguin in their club..... apparently donated a while back and there was a rumour it had ended up in one of the clubs. Even more surprisingly, at least two club librarians thought they might have one!

Gill asked if anyone had suggestions for disposal/recycling of bound journals, but apart from Storage companies, there were few ideas.