



**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](mailto: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.

The minutes were approved.

#### **5) Training sub-group update**

The training group will be meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> 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.