



**Meeting of the Association of Pall Mall Libraries  
held at the Royal Institution  
on Thursday 19 April 2018 at 10.30am**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:**

Binni Brynolf, *Chair*

Gill Briggs

Gill Turner

Mary Gillies

Tony Pilmer

Karen Syrett

Kay Walters

Jane Branfield

Alice Cressland

Sian Prosser

Lynsey Hawker

Jane Harrison

Charlotte New

Nick Brown

Peter Aitkenhead

Graham Ivory

Francisca Mkandawire

Peter Elliott

Jan Coughtrie

Royal Institute of International Affairs

Royal Horticultural Society

London Library

London Library

National Aerospace Library

British Academy

Athenaeum

Army & Navy Club

Army & Navy Club

Royal Astronomical Society

The Kings' Fund

Royal Institution

Royal Institution

Christie's

Library & Museum of Freemasonry

IISS

Society of Genealogists

RAF Club

Caledonian Club

**Apologies for absence:**

Simon Blundell

Trevor Dunmore

Mark Hayward

Dunstan Speight

Barbara Grigor-Taylor

Lesley Whitelaw

Sheila Markham

Jane Trodd

Wendy Cawthorne

Jacqui Granger

Moira Goff

Reform Club

RAC

Savage Club

Lincoln's Inn

Alpine Club

Middle Temple

Travellers Club

East India Club

Geological Society

RUSI

Garrick Club

**1) Introductions**

Members introduced themselves.

**2) Thanks**

Jane Harrison and Charlotte New were thanked for hosting the meeting and for the very interesting tour of the building.

### **3) Talk by Sara Wingate Gray, Artefacto: *The long now of libraries***

Sara gave a very lively and inspiring talk about the many projects she's undertaken looking at libraries in the past, present and future. Sara's involvement has been on multiple levels from academic to playful to technological; she is particularly interested in access and community. She drew members' attention to Newslet for libraries (a free, curated newsletter containing the latest news, tutorials and resources in the library sector); Library Makers (a project supporting Luton Culture); and DIVA (an open digital archive of collections based in San Francisco State University).

Sara described the library wall that Artefacto set up in Haringey; her work on the East India Office collection for the British Library; and a project to bring technology to the rural libraries of Romania. Her academic work has included research into the history of Norwich's public library. And, she has also travelled the world with her portable library of lost and forgotten poetry. In conclusion, Sara looked at some projects that may have an impact on libraries in the future, these include augmented reality, blockchain technologies and open citations.

### **4) Minutes of the meeting on 18 January 2018**

The minutes were approved.

### **5) Training Group update**

Sian Prosser reported that the visit arranged by Kay Walters to Guildhall Library on 25 April was now fully booked.

Members expressed interest in the following training ideas:

- Enclosures for pamphlets – a training session led by Meagan Smith, conservator.
- Book repair course – a half day or day course led by DAD Bookbinders.

Sian would welcome any further suggestions for training.

### **6) Archives Group update**

Karen Syrett reported that the next meeting would be on 1 June at 10.00am at the British Academy.

### **7) Any Other Business**

- Sian noted that the Historic Libraries Forum were organising a visit to Spalding Gentlemen's Society on 19 May 2018 (details on their website).
- There was a brief discussion on GDPR but as the meeting was short of time, members were encouraged to continue the discussion on the mailing list.
- On behalf of the association, Binni wished Gill Briggs all the very best in her retirement and thanked her for her work on behalf of APLM, especially as Secretary.
- Jane Harrison volunteered to take over Gill's role as Secretary.

### **9) Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 19 July at the Society of Genealogists. Nicholas Poole, CEO of CILIP, will talk on *The future of CILIP and the profession*.