



**Meeting of the Association of Pall Mall Libraries  
held at The Athenaeum  
on Thursday January 18th at 10.30am**

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**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Binni Brynolf	Chatham House
Laura Beduz	RAC
Nick Brown	Christie's
Gill Briggs	RHS
Jan Coughtrie	Caledonian Club
Harpreet Dhillon	Middle Temple
Lenka Geidt	Middle Temple
Moira Goff	Garrick Club
Jacqui Grainger	RUSI
Jane Harrison	Royal Institution
Mark Hayward	Savage Club
Lynsey Hawker	The King's Fund
Kevin Jewell	ISS
Sian Prosser	RAS
Dunstan Speight	Lincoln's Inn
Kay Walters	Athenaeum
Anne Welsh (Speaker)	UCL

**Apologies**

Julie Beckwith	RCP
Simon Blundell	Reform Club
Wendy Cawthorne	Geological Society
Trevor Dunmore	RAC
Peter Elliott	RAF Club
Jane Holmes	RAC
Sheila Markham	Travellers Club
Tony Pilmer	National Aerospace Library

Jane Trodd  
Sarah Watts  
Lesley Whitelaw

East India Club /Royal Pharmaceutical Society  
IOD  
Middle Temple Library

### **1) Introductions**

Members introduced themselves

### **2) Apologies**

Apologies for absence were noted

### **3) Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October at The Travellers Club/matters arising**

The minutes from this meeting were approved. It was noted that although only a small number of people attended, and despite some issues with Binni's meal, overall it had been an enjoyable event.

Sian reported that she had now taken over as representative on the Historic Libraries Forum.

Gill reported back on the outcome of the meeting with JISC around collaborative negotiations for electronic resources. Essentially all the people who attended came from organisations with a particular interest in science, and the deals being proposed by JISC were linked to large science database providers. If the scheme goes ahead, participants would be allocated a JISC band, and would then pay a fee to access discounts on deals within the scheme. This might be of interest to other APML members and Gill will feed back any progress, though it seems likely this will not be in place until 2019.

Binni mentioned that Nick Poole had agreed to be a speaker at the July meeting.

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

Sian informed everyone that no meeting was organised at the moment. She had been trying to organise a speaker on GDPR but without success; however there would be one at the next LLPSLG meeting in March, after which Sian will send an email out to

see if people still wanted another event (bearing in mind that implementation is by May 25<sup>th</sup>).

#### **6) 'Classification as World View' – Anne Welsh**

Anne, who is an LIS lecturer at UCL, gave a talk to the group on her PhD studies on classification. She argues that classification at a local level is more useful to the reader than global systems which are imposed. The way books are classified in a library represent the individual who has created the system and tell us a great deal about the history of the library and its users. She urged us all to look at any existing documentation about the implementation of systems in our libraries as they will inform us about the collections.

#### **7) Archives group update**

Karen reported that 12 people had attended the last meeting on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. The speaker had been Megan Smith from the Parliamentary Archives who had talked about employing a conservator. Karen will add notes to the website along with a summary of everyone's activities. Next meeting will be March/April time, but not arranged yet.

#### **8) Any other business**

Sian mentioned a forthcoming meeting regarding the new National Bibliographic Database and the issues relating to uploading catalogues to COPAC and SUNCAT. She will circulate the email to see if anyone else is interested.

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

The next meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>. As yet neither a venue nor a speaker has been agreed, though Jacqui (RUSI) said it might be possible for her to host and also to talk about the work she has been doing.