**Annual Report of the National Brewing Library at Oxford Brookes University**

October 2014 – September 2015

**Management Committee**

The Management Committee met in November 2014 and May 2015. Matters considered during the year included:

* The committee agreed to vary the terms of membership such that Oxford Brookes University and the Institute of Brewing and Distilling now have five members each. We welcomed Robert Curry (Head of Academic Development and Delivery - Learning Resources), Eleanor Possart (Archivist) and Colin McCrorie to the Committee.
* A sum of £25,000 as income from IBD Book Sales, plus any future income, is available for the  IBD Library and Archive Group to fund the purchase of further materials for the NBL and keep the collection up-to-date.
* Progress is underway with cataloguing the remainder of the older material in the NBL and sorting the IBD archival material. Additional funding for this work will be provided to OBU.

**New Home in the John Henry Brookes Building**

The NBL, along with all Brookes’ Archives and Special Collections, moved into the Library in the John Henry Brookes building in August 2015.

**Use of the NBL**

The total number of individual visits to the NBL since 2010 is as follows:

* 2014-2015: 11
* 2013-2014: 51
* 2012-2013: 45
* 2011-2012: 31
* 2010-2011: 25

[NB 2014-2015 was the year Special Collections were still in the Buckley Building while the rest of the Library was in JHBB so we didn't get as much use]

We continue to look at ways of increasing the number of visitors and researchers, and for opportunities to host organised visits. This work will be given renewed impetus now the Archives and Special Collections have been moved to their new home in the John Henry Brookes building.

**New additions / donations**

During 2014, 548 items were donated or purchased, including donations gratefully received from The Worshipful Company of Brewers, CAMRA, Quintessence Editions, Ray Bailey, John and Diana Ashby. The Management Committee again record their thanks to the donors.

**Book cataloguing**

The cataloguing of new NBL acquisitions and the backlog continues, and funding for this work has been agreed.

**Web pages**

The NBL web pages were checked, and updated, with further links to related sites added.

**Publicity and promotion**

* John Henry, an IPA beer brewed by the Shotover Brewery to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the University using old recipes found in the National Brewing Library, has been such a success that at present repeat runs of the brew mean it is still available. A display of books from the NBL together with the banner had featured at the press launch for the beer on 23 October 2014 (this was featured in the Oxford Times, and subsequently in IBD Newsletter).
* Katherine Smart gave a public lecture at Brookes on 22 April 2015 with the title Buds, bubbles and bottles – breaking barriers in brewing.
* The Local CAMRA group came for a tour of the NBL before their December meeting.

**IBD Grants Committee grant**

Oxford Brookes University Library acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the IBD Grants Committee annual grant of £2,000 for 2014-15. The grant contributes towards the day-to-day ongoing costs of supporting and maintaining the collection, e.g. cataloguing, stock management, access and an initial basic enquiry service.

*Robert Curry/ National Brewing Library Management Committee*