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

October 2017 - September 2018

**Management Committee**

The Management Committee met in November 2017 and May 2018. Matters considered during the year included:

* Annual reports are being added to the NBL web pages.
* Cataloguing of backlog was completed.
* Funding - Robert Curry submitted a successful bid to the Brewers’ Research and Education Fund for £2,200 for 2017/18.
* 415 new items were added to the NBL catalogue over the year.
* Cataloguing of new material will be funded by the IBD, which also funds the purchasing of new acquisitions.

**Membership**

* Colin McCrorie stood down for the committee, as did Steve Curtis. However, Steve will carry on supporting the NBL with managing book purchases and donations arising from reviews.
* Dr Katherine Smart will be invited to join the committee. Katherine is an IBD past president and was intimately involved with the inception of the NBL.

**Use of the NBL**

The total number of individual visits to the NBL in 2017/18 was 54. The number of telephone and email enquiries regarding the collection was 49.

Previous years below:

* 2016-2017 - 28 visits; 31 phone/email enquiries (new metric)
* 2015-2016 - 21
* 2014-2015 - 11
* 2013-2014 - 51
* 2012-2013 - 45
* 2011-2012 - 31
* 2010-2011 - 25

We continue to look at ways of increasing the number of visitors and researchers, and for opportunities to host organised visits.

**New additions/ donations**

The Management Committee again record their thanks to donors. With particular thanks to Ray Anderson’s (NBL Committee member) ongoing efforts to source important material for the NBL not yet acquired.

[Added](https://radar.brookes.ac.uk/radar/items/fc22126a-9031-43ec-8549-15f797769cc2/1/) to the NBL during the 2016-17 Academic Year.

**Cataloguing**

* The backlog was completed back in May.
* Items catalogued for the academic year 2017/18 - 398 monographs (+ a small amount of journals and CAMRA newsletters).

**Publicity and Promotion**

* A Semester 2 NBL exhibition was held using display cases on floors 4,3,2,-1 and in the Reading Room. The exhibition demonstrated the breadth of material in the collection, and included books and archival material relating to the brewing process, innkeeping, temperance, beer writing, brewery histories, and wines and spirits.
* The Library and Archive Group meetings was held 28/03/18 at Brookes such that members of the group could attend the above exhibition.
* In October 2017, items from the collection were used in a one-off class on the History of Food, which was attended by 30 history students.

**Brewers’ Research and Education Fund**

Oxford Brookes University Library acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the annual grant of £2200 for 2017-18 from the Brewers’ Research and Education Fund. 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*