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

October 2015 - September 2016

**Management Committee**

The Management Committee met in November 2015 and May 2016. Matters considered during the year included:

* Peter Lugosi (OBU - Reader: Oxford School of Hospitality Management), Paul Oakley (BBPA- Statistician) and Dr. Jerry Avis (IBD CEO) were welcomed as NBL Management Committee members.
* The official opening for the NBL in its new home in the John Henry Brookes Building was successfully held on 21st Jan 2016, and reported in the IBD newsletter (with thanks to Simon Jackson). The event provided the chance to celebrate the move to the Library in the John Henry Brookes Building and to thank the trustees and donors of the University whose continued support has been instrumental in the development of the collections.

**Membership**

The National Brewing Library Management Committee notes with sadness the passing of our esteemed colleague and National Brewing Library founding member Chris Marchbanks. Chris, a fellow of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling, had a strong interest in the history of brewing, the brewing process and brewing literature.  As the author of many technical articles in brewing trade magazines, journals and conference reports and an expert in brewing and related books across the centuries, Chris’s expertise and enthusiasm were essential to the creation and building up of our collection.

**Use of the NBL**

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

* 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. This year included donations from the Brewery History Society, Vicki Marchbanks (widow of Chris Marchbanks) and Diana Ashby.

Added to the NBL during the 2015-16 Academic Year:

<https://radar.brookes.ac.uk/radar/items/67b1e7e1-4c71-4e5c-8f8d-fe199bb36cd4/1/>

**Book Cataloguing**

The cataloguing of new NBL acquisitions, donations and the backlog continues, and funding for this work has been agreed. Over the course of the 2015/16 academic year 550 new titles were purchased for the NBL by Ray Anderson at cost of £9744, ensuring the collection is kept up to date.

**Web Pages**

The NBL web pages were checked, and updated, with a further link added in the management section to Annual Reports. A complete re-design and modernisation of the NBL pages was also successfully undertaken as part of the Learning Resources web redesign project at Oxford Brookes.

**Publicity and Promotion**

* New NBL leaflet created to be made available at events such as the local whisky shop tastings.
* New mobile friendly web pages created as part of Learning Resources web site re-development project.

Notable publicity this year:

Articles:

* Eleanor Possart’s Oxford Brookes Onstream article on her pick of the collection *The History of Signboards* by Larwood and Hotten (1866) also appeared in the local press.
* National Brewing library articles will continue to feature in the regular slot for Learning Resources in Brookes internal online Onstream magazine.
* An article on the new location, history and access details for the NBL published in Brewer and Distiller International (Vol 12, Iss 10, 2016)

**Brewers’ Research and Education Fund**

Oxford Brookes University Library acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the annual grant of £2,000 for 2015-16 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*