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

October 2019 - September 2020

**Management Committee**

The Management Committee met in November 2019 and May 2020. Matters considered and progressed during the year included:

* The library website has been updated to improve the user experience including NBL and Michael Jackson pages.
* Annual reports are being added to the NBL web pages.
* Cataloguing of NBL materials is up to date.
* Funding - Robert Curry submitted a successful increased bid to the Brewers’ Research and Education Fund for £2450 for 2020/21.
* Digitisation Project - Digitisation of audio-video content from the National Brewing Library (NBL) and Michael Jackson collections at Oxford Brookes University. The content to be digitised included:
* 120 VHS tapes
* 6 Umatic/Betacam/Betamax tapes
* 53 cassette tapes
* 4 audio reels
* 55 microcassettes

A final report for the above project, due to complete now December 2020 due to Covid-19 delays, was submitted to the Brewers’ Research and Education Fund to release the final 10% of funds (£550).

* 27 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**

* David Wilson from the BBPA has stood down and was thanked for his contribution. Steve Livens from the BBPA joined the committee.

**Use of the NBL**

The total number of individual visits to the NBL in 2019/20 was 20. The number of telephone and email enquiries regarding the collection was 27. The collection was closed from March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Previous years below:

* 2017-2018 - 54 visits; 49 phone/email enquiries
* 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.

Books added to the NBL during the 2019-20 Academic Year:

<https://radar.brookes.ac.uk/radar/items/73383ab8-e998-4c8b-9998-ef415cc7a34d/1/>

**Cataloguing**

* Items catalogued for the academic year: 27

**Publicity and Promotion**

* Well attended and received Professor Katherine Smart lecture Nov 6th 2019 on the science and business of brewing (incorporating a brief history of the NBL), forming part of the Oxford Brookes public lecture series for 2019- 2020. Local brewery Hook Norton and our neighbour - distillery ‘TOAD’ promoted their beverages before and after the lecture.

**Brewers’ Research and Education Fund**

Oxford Brookes University Library acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the annual grant of £2450 for 2019-20 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, preservation, access and initial basic enquiry service.

*Robert Curry/ National Brewing Library Management Committee Nov 2020*