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## Introduction



This edition of *The Middle Templar* looks both forward and back. In looking forward, we are pleased to include a very topical article by Peter Lodder QC, current Vice-Chairman of the Bar, about the momentous changes currently taking place in the profession and how these are likely to impact on barristers' careers in the future. An interesting contrast in developments north of the border is provided in an article by Roy Martin QC, who has many friends and colleagues in Middle Temple. In looking back, we feature the visit by Her Majesty The Queen last November to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Queen Mother's Treasurership. This, of course, followed the Bench Call of Master His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales last July and made 2009 a year of special Royal significance for the Inn. We also look back in this edition to appreciate the contribution made by our longest serving members of staff and enjoy their memories of life in the Inn in days gone by.

I should like to welcome Chris Suckling, our new Deputy Under Treasurer. One of Chris's responsibilities is to co-ordinate our efforts to reconnect with our membership. I am delighted that we are making good progress on this and I should like to thank Masters Michael Gledhill and David Blunt, respective chairs of the Participation Sub-Committee and Students' and Barristers' Affairs Committee, and Robert Temmink, Chairman of the Hall Committee, for the significant contribution they are making to drive forward initiatives and communicate effectively with our membership. We hope in particular that many barristers will support the annual Hall Dinner on 22 April (guest speaker Clive Anderson), and we are also looking forward to as much support as possible for the Scholarship Fund Appeal Concert on 17 May.

Finally, I am sure that readers of this magazine will wish to join me in congratulating Kristine McGlothlin who has transformed *The Middle Templar* into a publication of which we can all be proud. It is now sent to over 6000 members worldwide and is the single most important means of communicating with our membership.

### **Peter Hilling Under Treasurer**

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*Front cover: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the Queen's Room at Middle Temple during her visit to the Inn on 4 November 2009. (Photograph courtesy of Ripley Photography)*

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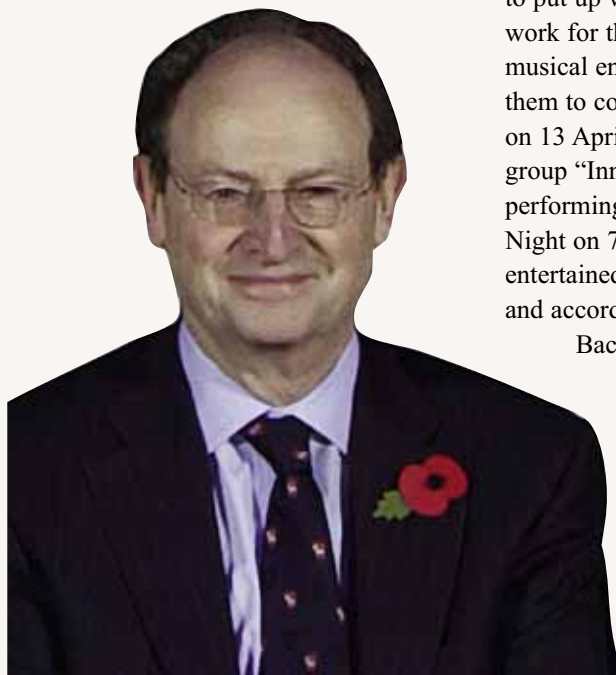
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# Foreword

by Master Treasurer

I joined Middle Temple nearly half a century ago, in 1962. I had a modest educational background: Northwold Road Junior Mixed School in Clapton (long before the gentrification of the area, but also long before Lower and Upper Clapton Roads came to be called Murder Mile) followed by Hackney Downs Grammar School. Although I hopelessly failed my History and Latin papers in the entrance examination, I was somehow offered a place at St Edmund Hall Oxford to study law. It was only while I was at university that I decided that I would like to be a barrister. I joined Middle Temple not because of any family connection (I was first generation university), but because of the list of scholarships offered and because friends had already joined the Inn. In those days, the pupil paid his pupil master rather than vice versa, but as a result it was easier to find pupillage. I was enabled to afford my pupillage and early years at the Bar by the awards of a Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition and an Astbury Scholarship.



So I owe the Inn. I have been active in the Inn's affairs ever since I was elected to the Bench in 1991. This year is the culmination of my efforts to repay to the Inn what I owe it. It is a pleasure, a privilege and an honour to be Treasurer. My ambition is to make a difference. By the time you read this, three months will have passed. Given that August and September are dead months, about a third of my period of office will already be in the past. Realistically, therefore, my, and any, Treasurer's ambitions for the Inn must be modest. So what are my objectives?

The Inn relies on the voluntary work of our members, who staff our committees and, most importantly, provide the advocacy training and education in which we excel. To demonstrate our appreciation of all they do, in January we held the first Reception for Committee Members. It was very popular, and I believe enjoyed by all.

There will be an extra Bench Night this year, to show our appreciation of the partners of our Benchers, who have to put up with their absence when they work for the Inn, and there will be musical entertainment to encourage them to come. The first Bench Night is on 13 April when the Inn's *a capella* group "Inn Harmony" will be performing. At the second Bench Night on 7 October, we shall be entertained by an unusual duo of cellist and accordionist playing music by

Bach, Saint-Saëns, and a wonderful tango by Piazzolla.

Which takes me to my third love, after my family, and the law: classical music. On 30 March, the Jerusalem Quartet and the Elias Quartet, two of the finest young quartets, came together to perform in Middle Temple Hall one of the greatest chamber music works, *Mendelssohn's Octet*, written when he was only 16. The Jerusalem Quartet's last CD was voted as "Chamber Music CD of the Year" by *BBC Music Magazine*, and their most recent CD is one of only three to be nominated for this year's award. The Elias Quartet is a musical generation younger than the Jerusalem Quartet. Their CD of *Mendelssohn's Quartet No 6 in F minor Op 80* was chosen by the BBC as the best recording of that work. The Octet was preceded by *Mozart's String Quartet in C major K157*, played by the Jerusalem Quartet.

On 17 May the Elias Quartet will return, this time with the wonderful pianist Melvyn Tan, for a fundraising concert in aid of our Scholarship Fund Appeal. They will play the *Schumann Piano Quintet*, a great work to be played during the bicentennial year of Schumann's birth. Before the interval, the Elias Quartet will play quartets by Haydn and Ravel.

In addition, we have established a relationship with the Royal Academy of Music. We are both educational establishments. Their students are of a very high standard indeed. Our cooperation gives them an opportunity to perform in public and us the pleasure of their performance. On 19 February, the St James Wind Quintet from the

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The Rt Hon Sir Stanley Burnton was Called to the Bar in 1965. He practised as a commercial lawyer, took Silk in 1982, was a Recorder, and sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division from 1994. He was appointed to the High Court Bench in July 2000. From 2007-2009 he was the Judge in charge of Modernisation, IT and the Estate. He was appointed to the Court of Appeal in April 2008.



*Master Michael Barnes, Chairman of the Rents, Tenancies and Parking Sub-Committee, Master Treasurer, and Master Andrew Longmore, Autumn Reader and member of the Education and Students' & Barristers' Affairs Committees at the Reception for Committee Members*

Academy gave us an unusual concert of seldom-heard music at a well-attended Music Night, and a percussion ensemble will entertain us on 27 April. I encourage all members to attend this very special evening.

Each year, the Inn organises a visit to support another jurisdiction. In 2009, it was Mauritius. This year, the twentieth since Nelson Mandela was released from prison, it will be to South Africa, where we shall together with our South African colleagues promote the basic principles that are the foundation of our constitutions: the independence of the judiciary, the independence of the legal profession and the Rule of Law. A very strong team will be going from here, including Masters Mance and Clarke, who are judges of the UK Supreme Court, and Masters Fennelly and Geoghegan of the Supreme Court of Ireland. A very eminent group of South African lawyers and judges will

participate in the conference, which will be held in the beautiful surroundings of the Law Faculty of the University of Cape Town. In addition, we are sending teams back to Mauritius, to tutor in advocacy and in mediation.

We should also build up our links with Europe, which is increasingly important to our law. On 9 February we Called to the Bench the first European judge to be made an Honorary Bencher, M. Jean-Marc Sauvé, the Vice-President of the Conseil d'État of France. (The purely nominal President is the Prime Minister of France.) M. Sauvé is a most eminent public lawyer whom we are privileged to have as one of our number. He made an excellent speech, acknowledging the sacrifices this country has made for the freedom of his country, referring to our common principles of the Rule of Law and democracy, and quoting Shakespeare and Samuel Johnson

(*"When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life"*). I hope that we shall see other eminent jurists from Europe joining the Bench and playing an active part in our affairs.

Financially, we have to adapt the Inn to the economic climate. Until two years ago, professional rents rose regularly year after year, enabling us to finance the expansion of our educational and other activities. The financial situation is now very different. The country has been in recession for well over a year, and office rents outside the Temple have fallen very considerably. We are fortunate in that we have maintained our rental income, but we cannot expect any significant increase for some years. However, we must create a fund for the modernisation of our estate. We must also maximise our contribution to scholarships, and provide our educational and advocacy departments with the resources they need. For these and other reasons, I have established a working group to scrutinise the Inn's activities, to ensure that we do what we do as well and as efficiently as possible.

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What of the other challenges that the Inn faces? Our most important concerns are for the publicly-funded Bar and the situation of our students. I am only too well aware of the difficulties faced by the Bar, in terms of the level of legal aid fees, the allocation of legal aid contracts, and the encroachment of solicitors with higher rights of audience on the work of the criminal Bar. We live in a world of change. We have a legal profession

## Guest Lecture Speakers



**Baroness Ruth Deech**



**Professor David Ormerod**



**The Rt Hon Lord Justice Hooper**



**Professor Cheryl Thomas**



**Sir Christopher Greenwood CMG QC**

with the highest standards of integrity and competence, and I am concerned about attempts to repair something which is not broken. These challenges led me to invite Baroness Deech, Chair of the Bar Standards Board, to give a guest lecture on 22 February on “*The Future of the Bar*”. Ruth is an excellent speaker, and her inspiring lecture in a packed Hall gave us valuable insights as to how the Bar Standards Board sees the way ahead.

On the following evening, Master Reader Ros Wright gave us an informative, yet humorous, address on “*The Changing Face of Fraud*”, a subject of which she has unparalleled experience.

My second guest lecturer is regarded by many as the guru of criminal law. Professor David Ormerod, of the School of Law of Queen Mary College, London, was Called to the Bench in November 2009. He has been described as “the quintessential practitioner’s academic”. He is the author of the current edition of *Smith and Hogan*, editor-in-chief, together with Lord Justice Hooper, of *Blackstone’s Criminal Practice*, and editor of the *Criminal Law Review*. His stimulating lecture on 22 March on “*Fair Trials—The Anonymous Witness Saga*” was extremely topical because of the prevalence of issues of anonymity in trials and on appeal.

Professor Cheryl Thomas, of University College London, has just published her important report “*Are Juries Fair?*”, which gives the results of the first empirical research into our jury system. On 11 October she and Lord Justice Hooper will debate the proposition that, “*Trial by jury ever has been, and I trust ever will be, looked upon as the glory of the English law*”. This promises to be an instructive and fascinating evening.

My last guest lecturer will be Master Christopher Greenwood, a judge of the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Master Greenwood is an inspiring lecturer, and I look forward to hearing what he has to say on an area of law of increasing importance.

The situation of students gives rise to increasing concern. A large number complete the BVC with no real hope of a pupillage place. Of the 37 Middle Temple students who attended the advocacy training weekend in York in February, only two had secured offers of pupillage. Yet many showed real ability. A well-known, medium-size, set of chambers in Leeds is unable to afford a paid pupillage this year. The new aptitude test recommended by the committee chaired by Master Derek Wood should ensure that only those with real ability attend the course, but I should like to see student numbers brought down to a better relationship with the capacity of the profession. Sadly, I am not optimistic that the radical action required, even if proposed, would be permitted.

At the end of 2010, when I hand over the reins to my successor, Professor Dawn Oliver, I hope that the Inn will be fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in a state at least as good as it is now. If the members of the Inn look back on the year and say, “That was a good year for Middle Temple,” I shall be very satisfied indeed.

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# Royal Luncheon

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treasurership of Queen Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Majesty The Queen visited the Inn on Wednesday, 4 November 2009. The Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Under Treasurer greeted Her Majesty on arrival in Middle Temple Lane before she was escorted into Hall for a group photograph with Benchers and the signing of the Inn's Visitors' Book. After a drinks reception in the Queen's Room, Her Majesty took luncheon with Benchers in the Parliament Chamber where the Treasurer, Master George Newman, gave a warm speech of welcome. At the end of the meal and following the tradition set by her Mother, The Queen mixed brandy into the Christmas Pudding. The Queen's visit, together with the Bench Call of Master His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales last July, made 2009 a year of special significance which confirmed the Inn's continued association with the Royal Family.

*Master George Newman with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Middle Temple Hall*





*Master David Latham is presented to Her Majesty in the Queen's Room*



*Masters Nicholas Phillips, Anthony*



*Front Row: Masters Anthony Clarke, Jonathan Mance, Patrick Mayhew, Simon Brown, Nicholas Phillips, Igor Judge, George Newman, Stanley Burnton, Christopher Rose, Patricia Scotland, Donald Nicholls, Barbara Calvert. Second Row: Alan Moses, Richard Aikens, Timothy Lloyd, Andrew Longmore, Robert Carnwath, Scott Baker, John Dyson, David Eady, Judith Parker, David Bean, Ian Burnett, David Latham. Third Row: Linda Sullivan, Leolin Price, Charles McCullough, Ian Kennedy, Anthony Arlidge, Adrian Whitfield, Derek Wood, Robert Seabrook, Michael Blair, Dawn Oliver, Shami Chakrabarti. Fourth Row: Nigel Wilkinson, Richard Wilmot-Smith, Rodney Stewart Smith, Michael Ashe, Anthony Boswood, Paul Worsley, Guy Mansfield, Janice Brennan, Richard de Lacy, Peter Cowell. Fifth Row: Paul Jenkins, Robin Griffith-Jones, Simon Monty, Clement Goldstone, Paul Darling, Philip Bartle, Bernard Richmond, Catherine Newman; Under Treasurer Peter Hilling*



*Clarke, Robert Seabrook, Leo Price, Michael Blair*



*Her Majesty and Master George Newman. The portrait of Queen Elizabeth, later The Queen Mother, painted by Sir James Gunn was commissioned by the Inn to commemorate her Call to the Bench in 1944.*



*Left: One of four silver-gilt standing salts acquired in 1904 to commemorate the accession to the throne of Edward VII. Below: Parliament Chamber*



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# All Change

## Which direction would you choose for the future of the referral Bar?

by Peter Lodder QC

It has been suggested that the Bar is approaching its own “Big Bang”. This phrase was adopted in the mid-1980s to describe the day on which the major de-regulation of the financial markets in London was implemented, a development that precipitated a complete alteration of the structure of those markets. In light of the credit crunch this analogy might be thought to be inauspicious, but few doubt that we face the prospect of a similar, fundamental change. It is more reassuring perhaps to remember that the Big Bang Theory, from which the phrase was derived, explains the origin of the universe and details why it continues to expand to this day. That theory accounts for a period of many billions of years: longevity of such magnitude is comforting.

Ensuring the long-term future of the referral Bar is the imperative behind the proposal of alternative, some say radical, models for practice. At the



heart of the issue is the question of how to enable the Bar to meet the demands of a modern market whilst maintaining the quality and distinctive characteristics that have served the profession so well. The Bar attracts excellent applicants; it will carry on doing so by demonstrating that the young Bar in particular will continue to flourish. Why has this become significant now?

The market for the provision of legal services has undergone considerable transformation. The true consequences of earlier legislative changes have become clearer in the past few years as solicitors (and others) have reacted to the increased financial pressures on government and business alike by seeking other ways to earn an income. In addition, important organizations, such as the Crown Prosecution Service, who formerly instructed the self-employed Bar in all of their higher court advocacy work, have sought to make careers for employed barristers more attractive by offering the opportunity of in-house advocacy. More now drink at the waterhole which once was the exclusive preserve of the Bar.

The effects have been seen across many areas. Publicly funded work — notably in crime — has been the focus of much of the recent debate, but it is not confined to this field of practice. The use of in-house advocates as juniors is more common in civil actions as a device to increase the income of commercial firms. The Bar is founded

upon healthy professional rivalry; it is a dynamic upon which we thrive, so why should these developments cause concern? Because, increasingly, this new market is neither free nor fair and the Bar is handicapped by a substantial dependence upon work which can only come on referral from those who have become direct competitors. There is now a financial disincentive for some solicitors to instruct self-employed barristers. The remedy identified?

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Voices began to call for the opportunity to have greater access to lay clients. The concept of direct access has developed significantly in recent years but the requirements of the Code of Conduct are such that contact without the intermediary of an instructing solicitor remains restricted. The only way to deal with this problem would be by rule change and this would require the approval and support of the Bar Standards Board.

Many have regarded the BSB at best as an unwelcome inconvenience; it was feared that this would be a slow and torturous process. In fact the BSB revealed itself to be decisive, perceptive and helpful. Recognising the public interest in the provision of high-quality advocacy services and in the

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# Bar Seminar

## 10 June 2010



On the evening of Thursday, 10 June a seminar will be held at Inner Temple to discuss the future of the Bar in light of the changes ushered in by the Legal Services Act 2007 and the changing face of the legal services market.

The seminar will stimulate a debate between the most important decision makers at the Bar, and more generally in the legal profession, as to the future shape and role of the Bar and the Inns.

The aims of the seminar will include the creation of a common vision for the shape of the Bar in about five to ten years' time, as well as agreeing the key features of the Bar that should be retained and extolled.

Details on the seminar will be available shortly. For further information, please contact Ariel Ricci, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Bar, at [aricci@barcouncil.org.uk](mailto:aricci@barcouncil.org.uk).

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maintenance of a fully competitive market, it quickly appreciated the parallel importance of assisting the Bar in easing some of the regulatory restrictions that might otherwise threaten its future.

At the end of last year it announced its decisions. Some of them will require rule changes. These will need the approval of the Legal Services Board, which may be granted by Easter. The decisions are:

1. Self-employed barristers can, under the Code as it stands, make use of corporate vehicles to procure legal services, provided that (i) the vehicle is not itself supplying legal services, and (ii) barristers are not paying referral fees to procure instructions. (This has come to be known as the "ProcureCo" model).
2. Barristers will be permitted to become managers of Legal Disciplinary Practices (LDPs) regulated by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority (SRA) without having to re-qualify as solicitors.
3. Barristers will be permitted to practise in more than one capacity at the same time, eg as both a manager (or employee) of a recognised body and as a self-employed practitioner.
4. The BSB will consult on whether or not it should become a regulator of entities. If it does become an entity regulator, barristers will be able to form barrister-only partnerships, including limited companies and LLPs, and these entities will be regulated by the BSB.

And so the ball is back in the Bar's court.

In order to stimulate the debate, the

Bar Council has staged a series of "Road-shows" around the country. The Circuits are to hold further meetings. These events are not intended simply to educate the Bar as to what may now be done, they are also an opportunity for representatives to gain the views of the members. We are learning together.

All very interesting say some, but we did not come to the Bar to conduct a practice which is little different to that of a solicitor. The tail should not wag the dog. A respectable extension of this argument is that by these changes the Bar will lose its identity: those who do not like the present situation should leave, and the remainder will continue as specialist referral practitioners.

It is important to stress that whatever the final outcome of the BSB's decisions, alternative structures will not become compulsory. These changes are facilitative, available to those who wish to take advantage of them. It is also important to stress that even if you do not regard these proposals as relevant to your practice, the wider impact of such changes on the market may in due course oblige you to react. Above all else it is vital that we uphold the quality in advocacy which has distinguished the Bar for so long. It is by continuing to provide the best specialist advocacy service that we will maintain our position, whatever the competition.

Every challenge is an opportunity, some may take it up with relish, some with reluctance and some may not need to take it up at all. Whichever category you fall into, I invite you to take part in the debate. The better informed it is, the more likely the outcome will be to the advantage of all. When you do so you may reflect on the words of Bertolt Brecht: "*Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are.*"

# The Regulation of the Bar

## The Scottish Dimension

by Roy Martin QC

The topic of regulation of the legal profession has been one of continuing interest for several years. The release in November 2009 by the Bar Standards Board of its proposals for the conduct of barristers who may become involved in the forms of legal business structure which are envisaged by the Legal Services Act 2007 has heightened the relevance of this matter for the Bar.

It appears to be inevitable that those of us who have regarded barristers as members of an exclusively individual profession, operating largely on a referral basis, will find ourselves among colleagues who are in

partnerships or who are managers of legal disciplinary partnerships. The shape of the legal profession as a whole will inevitably change and one may ask whether in fifty years, or even twenty, there will be effective fusion between the barristers' branch and the solicitors' branch given that what is envisaged for barristers will permit them to act in many ways as if they were solicitors.

The established principle of higher court advocacy for solicitors means that the reverse is already the case.

Despite a union of over 300 years, Scotland has remained a separate legal jurisdiction within the United Kingdom

which has been preserved as a result of Articles XVIII and XIX of the Act of Union (Union with Scotland Act 1706). This has meant a distinct court system continuing to exist north of the Border with judges applying different laws, exercising functions in courts which have different titles, and applying procedures which remain distinct from those in England and Wales.

One element of this different jurisdiction is the nature of the legal profession. Although it is divided in the same way as the rest of the United Kingdom, that is between advocates (the title of which is given to barristers) and solicitors, the way in which the profession is regulated has become quite different. Despite the debate which has raged elsewhere about the need for separation between regulation and representation, neither the Faculty of Advocates nor the Law Society of Scotland has created separate regulatory arms equivalent to the BSB and Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Traditionally, the Faculty of Advocates has regulated the conduct of those who practise at the Bar under the authority of the Court of Session. The Faculty has existed for over 470 years and it has no founding or other constitutional document and is not a statutory body. The regulatory arrangements which exist are a consequence of custom and practice and are not significantly directed by statute. The Faculty regulates the admission, conduct and organisation of advocates and its practice rules are approved by the Lord President of the Court of Session. The rank of Queen's Counsel (which in Scotland was adopted just over one hundred years ago) is awarded on the recommendation of the Lord President, and he consults interested parties including the Dean of

*Parliament Hall, Parliament House, Edinburgh*





*Formal sitting of the judges of the Court of Session in Court 1 at Parliament House*

the Faculty of Advocates, but government ministers are not involved.

As a result of devolution following the Scotland Act 1998, the Scottish Parliament was given full legislative competence over a wide range of domestic issues in Scotland, including regulation of the legal profession. The Legal Services (Scotland) Bill is currently passing through the Scottish Parliament and, if its proposals become law, it will maintain a distinctly different approach to the regulation of the legal profession in Scotland and to the regulation of advocates.

As introduced, section 5(1) of the Bill provides that “*an approved regulator is a professional or other body which is approved as such by the Scottish Ministers*”. (Bills before the Scottish Parliament have “sections” not “clauses”). It is clearly envisaged that both the Faculty of Advocates and the Law Society of Scotland will be such approved regulators.

In section 86(2), the Faculty and the Law Society of Scotland are identified as “regulatory authorities” for the purpose of that section. Section 87 provides that the Court of Session is responsible for the admission of advocates, and for regulating the practice, conduct and discipline of

advocates. It also provides that these responsibilities may be exercised on behalf of the Court by the Lord President or by the Faculty. If enacted, this will enshrine in statute that the ultimate responsibility for the regulation of advocates lies with the Court.

Section 88 requires that the professional rules of the Faculty cannot be made or revoked without the approval of the Lord President. Although section 89 also requires the approval of the Scottish Ministers (after consulting the Office of Fair Trading) to practice rules including the rule against partnerships, this reflects the existing situation under section 31(1) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990. The Faculty has maintained its view that the rule against partnerships involving advocates is in the public interest for a number of reasons, in particular because it promotes the greatest access to justice, minimises potential conflicts of interest and means that the greatest range of legal expertise is available to the whole population, both general and of solicitors, throughout Scotland. The existing rule against partnerships has been approved in accordance with the 1990 Act.

It remains to be seen if the provisions of the Legal Services (Scotland) Bill concerning advocates will be enacted as introduced. If they are, the practical result may be that in years to come the legal profession in general, and the Bars in particular, will have an even more distinctly different appearance north and south of the Border. Those at the Bar in the north would continue to be bound to practise as individuals whereas those in the south could become partners or participants in other forms of legal business structures. Whether the maintenance of an individual referral Bar in the smaller jurisdiction of Scotland would be sustainable given the forces which are likely to prevail as a result of the proximity of its much larger southern neighbour would remain to be seen. Nevertheless, what is occurring in the regulation of the legal profession in Scotland is just the latest example of the distinctively different legal landscape which has always existed in the northern part of the United Kingdom since the Act of Union.

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# The Employed Bar

by Master Rosalind Wright, Lent Reader

I am delighted to be one of the few Readers to have a background at the employed Bar, although two recent past Treasurers have had distinguished careers as employed barristers.

Employed barristers make up nearly a third of all barristers in practice, but are too often regarded as the poor relations of “proper” barristers, who are self-employed and work from chambers. This is an unjust and blinkered view. The opportunities for those who opt for employed practice are enormously wide and very rewarding in every sense.

Barristers work in commerce, finance and industry, the armed forces’ legal services, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Government Legal Service, in local government, as clerks to the justices in magistrates’ courts, in trade unions and in law centres. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of non-practising barristers employed in solicitors’ firms.

Commercial firms welcome barristers, and many former employed barristers are on the boards of FTSE 100 companies. Such a large number and in so many very high-profile and important positions make this category of barrister a highly significant sector of the Bar. Many barristers move from chambers into employment and back again. A life-time career in self-

employed practice from chambers is no longer necessarily the only route many prospective barristers take on being Called to the Bar.

Employed barristers have advocacy skills which equip them, not only for the courts, but for negotiations with commercial counterparts, for putting a compelling case to the Board, and for the occasional foray into alternative dispute resolution, where in-house barristers are called on to represent their employers in mediations and arbitrations. Those who gained higher court rights of audience retain them in employed practice and can and do represent their employers in court.

Some private sector firms, including solicitors firms, offer pupillages and have registered themselves as approved training establishments. Even more opportunities arise in the GLS, with a number of departments now registered. A full twelve-month pupillage can now be undertaken in the employed sector though many pupil supervisors feel that a period should be spent in chambers to give pupils a comprehensive experience of life at the Bar. The GLS offers pupillages in a wide range of departments giving trainee barristers a unique insight into the workings of Government and the passage of Bills.

Relations between the employed Bar and the Inns is growing, and all the Inns have employed barristers as Benchers. The Inn is fortunate to have a strong representation on its Bench of employed barristers, largely from the public sector, though a couple of distinguished barristers from commerce have recently been elected.

For years, employed barristers have kept a low profile within the Inns of Court. They seldom dined and rarely lunched in the Inn and took little part in Inn activities, whether serving on the Hall Committee, becoming Benchers, or helping with the Inn’s educational activities. This is no longer the case. Employed barristers have volunteered their services to speak to students about the opportunities at the employed Bar; they participate in Cumberland Lodge weekends. Many now regularly dine in Hall, and Gray’s Inn and Middle Temple have hosted Employed Bar dinners. As a result, many attended and enjoyed themselves, some not having dined in Hall since their Call.

As more employed barristers take on pupils, they will want to take a more active role in the education of the next generation of barristers and pass on knowledge and experience gained in the employed sector of business planning, personnel and financial management which the self-employed Bar cannot aspire to.

Middle Temple has, as members and Benchers, some of the most distinguished doyens of the employed Bar in public and private practice. Master Paul Jenkins heads the GLS as the Treasury Solicitor. We have the current and two former DPPs on our Bench. The Inn has done a great deal to foster relations with the employed Bar which will help future generations of Bar students to look at employed practice not as “second best”, but as a considered first choice, which will give them an exciting, diverse and fulfilling career at the Bar.




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Rosalind Wright CB QC is the Chairman of the Fraud Advisory Panel. She was Director of the Serious Fraud Office (1997-2003), and was also previously General Counsel and an Executive Director for ten years at the Securities and Futures Authority. Prior to taking up that appointment, she was an Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions at the DPP’s Department, where she worked for 18 years, after five years in practice at

## Events and Dates for your diary

### Music Night Percussion Concert

**Tuesday, 27 April**

Students from the Timpani and Percussion Department at the Royal Academy of Music will perform pieces by Debussy, Joe Locke, J.S. Bach, Alan Emslie, and Dave Friedman & Dave Samuels. This Qualifying Session will take place in Middle Temple Hall at 6:45 for 7:15 pm. Dress is Day Suit with Gown. Hall and student members book through the Treasury Office at [members@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:members@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800. Benchers book through the Under Treasurer's Office at 020 7427 4803 or email [r.pydiah@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:r.pydiah@middletemple.org.uk).

### Middle Temple Employed Bar Reception

**Wednesday, 28 April**

Middle Temple employed barrister members, which include academics and law lecturers, are encouraged to attend this reception and are welcome to bring as guests employed barristers from other Inns. This event will give employed barristers an opportunity to meet and socialise with other employed barristers and discuss common interests and professional issues. The Reception will take place in the Prince's Room at Middle Temple from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Dress is Lounge Suit. Tickets cost £17 each and can be purchased through the Treasury Office on 020 7427 4800 or email [members@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:members@middletemple.org.uk).

### Four Jurisdictions Law Conference Belfast, Northern Ireland

**Friday to Sunday, 7 - 9 May**

The conference will be held at the Culloden Hotel, Holywood, County Down with a dinner on Saturday evening, hosted by the Northern Ireland Bar and Bench, in the Inn of Court at the Royal Courts of Justice in Belfast. For further information about the programme, registration and prices, contact Michael Sheil at [michael.sheil@barlibrary.com](mailto:michael.sheil@barlibrary.com).

## The Middle Temple Historical Society

The Middle Temple Historical Society was founded some thirty years ago by enthusiasts who wanted to learn more about the history of the Inn, its buildings and its other treasures.

At least four talks are organised each year and the subjects include not only the history of the Inn, but also the other Inns, the Courts, aspects of the law, lawyers and other persons linked to the Inn.

Each evening begins with a drinks reception at 6:30 pm followed by supper at 7:00 pm. A talk follows and members always have the opportunity to ask questions.

The programme of supper talks in 2010 is as follows:

**Monday, 1 March**

HH Andrew Rose,

*"The Life and Work of Sir Bernard Spilsbury"*

**Monday, 28 June**

HH Anthony Bradbury,

*"The History of the London County Courts"*

**Tuesday, 19 October**

Master Eric Stockdale,

*"Some Legal Perspectives"*

**Monday, 22 November**

Sir Robert Crawford

(former Curator of the Imperial War Museum),  
*"Adapting Museums to Changing Public Taste"*

The Society also usually organises an evening outing in June or July and the decision if and where to go is taken by those attending the previous meeting.

Membership is open to all who have an interest in the Inn and the subscription is a modest £5 per annum. Each supper party costs £25 per person. New members are always welcome.

Those interested in joining should write to:

**Miss Paola Kovacz,  
Honorary Treasurer of the Society  
c/o Middle Temple Treasury Office  
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**or email [paolakovacz@uk2.net](mailto:paolakovacz@uk2.net)**



### **Professor Jennifer Temkin**

As Professor of Law at the University of Sussex Jennifer teaches criminal law, evidence and forensic science, and the legal process. After the LSE she was Called to the Bar in 1971. She is the author of *Rape and the Legal Process*, and *Sexual Assault and the Justice Gap: A Question of Attitude*. She has served on a number of committees, including: Enquiry into Children Who Abuse other Children (1990-1992), a Standing Committee on Sexually Abused Children (1993-6), Justice on Sexual Offences Law Reform (1998), the Home Office Sex Offences Review (2000), and the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Treatment of Sex Offenders (2003-6).

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### **Mr Justice Jonathan Baker**

Jonathan was appointed to the High Court Bench in November 2009, and assigned to the Family Division. He was formerly Head of Harcourt Chambers from 2004 until his appointment. He was Called to the Bar in 1978 and took Silk in 2001. His entire career at the Bar was in Harcourt Chambers, where he has been a leader in the family law field with a number of publications to his credit. He is Governor of Magdalen College School in Oxford.

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### **Neil Davey QC**

Neil attended Bradford Grammar School, Oriel College Oxford, and ICSL. He was Called in 1978, became the Junior of the North Eastern Circuit in 1984, and took Silk in 2001. He has a heavy criminal practice in Leeds and is a member of John Coffey QC's Chambers at 3 Temple Gardens in London. He has already proved his dedication to the Inn over the last nine years by being a regular trainer for Middle Temple Advocacy at Cumberland Lodge and York weekends.

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### **The Hon Daniel Janner QC**

Daniel's father, Greville, was a Middle Templar. At Cambridge Daniel was elected President of the Union and read law. He was a Jules Thorn Scholar and was pupil to Mr Justice Burton in Master Sherrard's Chambers where he was a tenant for the first eight years of his practice until he joined his present chambers at 23 Essex Street. Since 1994 he has been an editor of the *Criminal Appeal Reports* and has served as a member of numerous Bar Council and Circuit Committees. He has been a director of research for the Society of Conservative Lawyers. He has been an active advocacy trainer and sponsor for many years.

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### **Andrew Clarke**

Andrew graduated at Corpus Christi, Cambridge and on joining the Inn became an Astbury Law Scholar and a Lloyd Jacob Exhibitioner. His professional life has been spent in-house, in the oil industry. After serving in various parts of the world as General Counsel for Mobil Oil, he is now back in London as Assistant General Counsel for Exxonmobil International, with legal oversight responsibility for its gas and power business in Europe. He is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration, and Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Counsel International Arbitration Group. He has served for many years on the Inn's Scholarships and Prizes Committee.

## Professor Geoffrey Gilbert

Geoffrey directs the University of Essex LLM in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. He is a member of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges and contributes to their round tables and research. He offers training in advocacy to judges and lawyers in “transition countries” such as Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo as they adopt the EU Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. He has also trained Serbian judges in ways of combating torture, and worked in an International Bar Association team with the Serbian Ministry of Justice to help devise laws to establish the war crimes court.

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## Jeffery Onions QC

Jeffery is a successful commercial Silk. After St John’s Cambridge he returned part time to St John’s as a tutor. He has been a tenant at One Essex Court since 1982, where he is on the management committee. He was a member of the Middle Temple Students' Association in 1980-1981 and an Astbury Scholar. His interests include cricket, music (Patron, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and Sponsor, Temple Song), theatre (Patron, RSC Stratford) and the British Museum (Founder Member Townley Group and Patron). Apart from judging moots, his main activity on behalf of the Inn has been as a regular scholarship interviewer from 2000 to date.

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## Mr Justice Guy Newey

Called in 1982, Guy was appointed to the High Court Bench (Chancery Division) in January 2010. His previous Chancery practice, latterly in Maitland Chambers, had focussed on litigation with a strong emphasis on appearing for public bodies. From 1990 until he took Silk in 2001, Guy was one of the Junior Counsel to the Crown (Chancery and then on the A Panel), as well as Junior Counsel to the Charity Commissioners. He was appointed by the Department of Trade and Industry in April 2005 as a Companies Act Inspector in the celebrated MG Rover Group case. Guy became an Acting Deemster of the Isle of Man in 2003, and a Deputy High Court Judge in 2006.

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## Sarah Singleton QC

Following Roedean, Lancaster Girls' School, Jurisprudence at Hertford College, Oxford and a pupillage at Littleton Chambers, Sarah has practised in family law in Manchester since 1984. She took Silk in 2006. She has given service to the Northern Circuit (as the first woman junior in 1988, and as an organiser of social events and advocacy training), the FLBA (regional Committee and at Cumberland Lodge) and the Inn (advocacy training and involvement in the Northern/North Eastern Circuit Dinner in 2008). Her public service includes chairmanship of the Trustees of Relate, Greater Manchester, regular work in a soup kitchen, and cycling for charity.

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## Joe Smouha QC

Joe is a commercial Silk. After Magdalene College, Cambridge, Joe received his Masters degree from NYU. He was Called to the Bar in 1986 and was a Harmsworth Exhibitioner and Jules Thorn Scholar. He took Silk in 2003. He has served the Inn loyally since 1985 when he was President of the MTSA. In that role he sat on the Students' Affairs Committee, remaining there as the Bar representative until 1993, when he joined the Scholarships & Prizes Committee, on which he still sits. He is an advocacy trainer and has participated in numerous scholarship interviews over the years.



# Honorary Benchers



## Professor Richard Rawlings

Professor of Public Law at UCL, with present research and teaching interests in UK constitutional and administrative law, including judicial review and regulation, and in European administrative law. Richard's works include *Law and Administration* (1st ed 1984); *Pressure Through Law* (1992) (both with Master Carol Harlow); and *Delineating Wales: Constitutional, Legal and Administrative Aspects of National Devolution* (2003). Edited volumes include *Law, Society and Economy* (1997); *Law and Administration in Europe* (2003) (with Paul Craig); and *Devolution, Law-Making and the Constitution* (2005) (with Robert Hazell). In February 2008 he delivered his inaugural lecture, "Modelling Judicial Review". Professor Rawlings has held research grants from the ESRC and Nuffield, and has recently been involved in CONNEX, a circle of national experts working on 'Accountability in Network and Multi-Level Governance', and in WIRE, a pan-European collaboration on regionalism and constitutionalism in the EU. He is a founder member of the *Times* Law Panel.



## Ambassador Louis B. Susman

U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James's since July 2009, following a career as a banker and lawyer. He held senior positions with Salomon Brothers, Inc and in Citigroup. Until June 1989 he practised law in St. Louis, Missouri for 27 years, latterly as senior partner in Thompson & Mitchell, with a practice focused on mergers, acquisitions and general corporate law. In that capacity he served on the Board of Directors and on the Management Committee of the St. Louis Cardinals from 1975 to 1989, a period during which they won the World Series in 1982 and the National League Championships in 1985 and 1987. In 1988 Master Susman was appointed by President Reagan to the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy overseeing the U.S. Information Agency, and he was also a Director of the nonpartisan Center for National Policy in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Chairman's Circle of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and of the Boards of The Art Institute of Chicago and The Northwestern Children's Memorial Hospital.



## M. Jean-Marc Sauvé

Vice-President of the French Conseil d'État (Council of State) since 2006 (under the nominal Presidency of the Prime Minister). After passing out top of the École National d'Administration (ENA) in 1977, he joined the Conseil d'État, serving both there and in the Ministries of Justice (in the cabinet of the Garde des Sceaux and later as Director of Administration) and of the Interior (Director General for Public Liberties and Legal Affairs). After a brief appointment as Préfet of the Département de l'Aisne from 1994 to 1995, he became Secretary General of the Government, and a member of the Conseil d'État from 1995 until 2006. His expertise in legal administrative affairs and improvement and codification of the law is matched by his interest in fine arts (formerly Chairman of the French Academy in Rome at the Villa Médicis, and a director of the Louvre Museum) and in public administration (with numerous presidencies in the Écoles des hautes, including the ENA itself).

# United States Honorary Benchers

by Master Eric Stockdale and His Honour Judge Peter Murphy

*Master Stockdale writes:*

The first American minister to represent the infant United States in London was John Adams, who was appointed by the Continental Congress and served here from May 1785 to March 1788. He was a Massachusetts attorney, who had demonstrated his grasp of one of the principal traditions of the English Bar, by bravely (and successfully) defending the British soldiers who had opened fire on a Boston crowd in March 1770. Despite his professional background, he seems to have had no contact with the Middle Temple – save possibly as a sightseer.

The first Federal minister to be despatched to the Court of St. James's by President George Washington was certainly no stranger to the Inn. After the departure of Adams, there was no United States minister here until the arrival in January 1792 of Thomas Pinckney, the Governor of South Carolina. His entire school and university education had been in England; he joined the Inn in December 1768 and was Called to the Bar in November 1774. In December he sailed home to Charleston to practise law. His elder brother, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, had been Called by the Middle Temple in January 1769 and played an important part at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, where he was one of the Inn's seven signatories of the U.S. Constitution. Thomas Pinckney returned home in 1796, in time to be a candidate in the first post-Washington presidential election, in which he came third, after Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who became President and Vice-President respectively.

Relations between Great Britain and the United States were strained in the first years of the nineteenth century, during the presidency of Jefferson and

then James Madison, mainly because of the pressure put on the British navy by the Napoleonic Wars, the resultant Orders in Council restricting the movements of neutral ships, and the seizure of seamen from American ships.

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A low point was reached during the War of 1812 when British troops set fire to the capital of the new country, Washington. Half a century later the American Civil War later led to further disagreements. Fortunately, since the beginning of the twentieth century relations between the two countries have been very close, the Inn playing its part in cementing the links between the two common law jurisdictions.

The modern concept of Honorary Benchers began in January 1900 with the election of Lord Robertson, the former Lord Justice-General, on his promotion to the House of Lords. In 1905 Joseph H. Choate, an attorney, was the first American ambassador to be made an Honorary Bencher – and the first non-Briton. He must have appreciated the link with *Domus*, as according to Ethan Ellis's *A Short History of American Diplomacy* (1951), he considered himself to be homeless in London. 'At a time when his government owned few embassies and forced its representatives to find quarters at their own expense, a London bobby stopped him on a late evening stroll and inquired why he was not at home, where he belonged. "I have no

home," replied Mr. Choate, "I am the American Ambassador."'

One of the few good things to come out of World War I was the increased friendship with American lawyers, especially after the United States joined the exhausted Allies in 1917. During the war Master Rufus Reading was simultaneously Lord Chief Justice and Ambassador in Washington and helped to improve trans-Atlantic links. In July 1918 the Inn gave a dinner to some fifty American lawyers and law students serving with the U.S. Army in England. In the following year John W. Davis, the Ambassador and former Solicitor-General of the United States, was Called to the Bench.

In 1922, the Chief Justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, who had the unique distinction of having earlier been the President of his country from 1909 to 1913, was made an Honorary Bencher. When waiting to take his place at the High Table, he was visibly affected, explaining to his neighbour: *'I feel strangely moved, finding myself sitting here in the home of Blackstone, in the very cradle of the Common Law of England and of America.'*

Taft's successor as Chief Justice was Charles Evans Hughes, who had been made an Honorary Bencher in 1924, when he was serving as Secretary of State and as Chairman of the American Bar Association during its first visit to London. Since then other such chairmen have also been made Honorary Benchers. In the same year the new ambassador, Senator Frank Billings Kellogg, was elected to the Bench. Brigadier-General Charles Gates Dawes, a former Vice-President of the United States, became ambassador in 1929 and was Called in 1930. The only other ambassador to be

Called before the Second World War was Robert Worth Bingham, in 1934. Since 1947 every United States ambassador in London has been elected to the Bench.

Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger was Called as an Honorary Bencher in 1971 and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist in 1995. The last three years has seen a flurry of elections, prompted partly by the 400th anniversary of the Virginia Company and the settlement at Jamestown, Virginia. Ambassador Robert H. Tuttle was Called as an Honorary Bencher in 2006, and Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. in 2007. He was followed later that year by Justice Donald W. Lemons of the Virginia Supreme Court, who had helped to organise the legal conferences in Richmond to celebrate the anniversaries. The Middle Temple had, of course, played an important role in the foundation of the Virginia Company and a number of members attended those conferences, reinforcing the longstanding ties with the Commonwealth of Virginia. On 3 December 2009, Louis B. Susman, President Obama's ambassador to London, was Called to the Bench, and

last year, U.S. Attorney-General, Eric Holder Jr., was elected to the Bench and hopefully will be Called in 2010.

It may safely be asserted, without fear of contradiction, that the link of the Middle Temple with the United States, and in particular with its courts and legal profession, has never been stronger. It is clearly not possible to ascertain the importance of the link with the Inn for the Honorary Benchers as a whole, but the following account by His Honour Judge Peter Murphy, who practised and taught law for many years in the United States, demonstrates its importance to one Chief Justice, who was a regular visitor to the Inn.

*Judge Murphy writes:*

I spent a great deal of time talking with Chief Justice Warren Burger between 1983 and 1995 about our four Inns and the American Inns of Court (AIC). In 1983, Chief Justice Burger invited me to become a member of an *ad hoc* committee of the Judicial Conference, whose purpose was to consider and, if possible, implement the establishment

of the AIC as a nationwide body. The committee completed its work in 1985, having established the AIC Foundation based in Washington DC. I was then elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation and served in that capacity until 1999. Chief Justice Burger recruited me for the committee partly because he knew me as a fellow member of the Middle Temple. He drew on the Inns of Court, especially Middle Temple, for his inspiration in almost everything.

He was a passionate Anglophile who believed that the Inns of Court represent all that is best in terms of professional ethics and high standards of advocacy at the Bar. He believed that we were streets ahead of the American Bar in those respects. I must admit that I thought some of his views, though very sincerely held, were to some extent the result of looking through rose-tinted glasses. He failed to see the ways in which the American Bar is just as advanced, if not more so, than the English Bar, particularly in the field of professional education and especially advocacy training. He completely overestimated the contemporary significance of dining in

*Ambassador Joseph H. Choate  
Called to the Bench: 1905*



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*Chief Justice William H. Taft  
Called to the Bench: 1922*



*Photo courtesy of Collection of the  
Supreme Court of the United States*

*Ambassador Anne Armstrong  
Called to the Bench: 1976*



*Middle Temple Archive*

Hall and lectures given in the Inns of Court. Of course, I would never have tried to disabuse him because he did see something real and valuable about the essence of our Bar, and because his belief and energy were essential to the beginnings of the AIC. The AIC was originally his vision and his alone.

The seminal moment came when he visited England as a member of the Anglo-American Judicial Exchange, and left with the conviction that he must take something of the essence of our Bar with him. Chief Justice Burger realised that he could not reproduce the Inns of Court in the United States, but he was convinced that a programme loosely based on what he perceived to be the main strengths of the Inns — a strong sense of discipline and honour, professional camaraderie (as evidenced by dining in Hall), and a commitment to professional training (pupillage and Inn activities) — could be successful.

The essential American Inns of Court concept was born of this conviction: the local group of judges, lawyers, law professors and students meeting together to promote ethical standards, professionalism, and forensic skills, passing the torch from one generation

to the next, and providing an ongoing system of mentorship. On his return to the United States after the Anglo-American Exchange in 1977, he started to discuss his ideas with one or two close confederates.



I am not sure that Chief Justice Burger ever had a complete picture in his mind of what a specific American Inns of Court programme would actually look like on the ground. He conveyed the basic concept to others and was wise enough to stand back and let them work it out; but he chose those others well, natural leaders such as Judge Sherman Christensen, Judge Howard Markey, Professor Sherman Cohn and Ralph Dewsnup, with all of whom I was privileged to work on the original *ad hoc* committee and then on the Board.

But Burger lent his full personal support, and the weight of his office, to our work, and was instrumental in

opening many doors for funding and organisational purposes. Without our Honorary Bencher Warren Burger there would be no AIC today. When I first became involved with the AIC in 1983, there were six American Inns. There are now almost 400, spread over each state. The AIC in London was ceremoniously inaugurated as the 400<sup>th</sup> AIC as part of the Virginia Charter celebrations in April 2006. More than 75,000 judges, lawyers and students have participated in the AIC activities at some time.

I feel very proud that Middle Temple has once again played an important role in the legal life of America, and I am proud that I was invited to draft the Declaration of Friendship signed by Chief Justice Burger on behalf of the American Inns and by Lord Bridge on behalf of the Inns of Court, in 1985.

Chief Justice Burger told me more than once that he believed his work in establishing the American Inns of Court was the most important contribution he had made to the law, and I know he regarded his election to the Bench of Middle Temple as the greatest honour he received in a long and distinguished career.

*Chief Justice Warren E. Burger  
Called to the Bench: 1971*



*Photo courtesy of Robert S. Oakes,  
National Geographic Society, Collection  
of the Supreme Court of the United States*

*Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist  
Called to the Bench: 1995*



*Photo courtesy of Dane Penland,  
Smithsonian Institution, Collection of  
the Supreme Court of the United States*

*Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.  
Called to the Bench: 2007*



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Supreme Court of the United States*

# *A History of the Middle Temple*

by Master Richard Havery

When he was Treasurer, Sir David Calcutt QC had the idea that the Inn should produce a book giving an account of its history. Very quickly a plan took shape; I was asked to guide the project, and a team of eminent legal historians were invited to divide the work up among them. Hart Publishing, the Oxford-based legal publisher, agreed to publish the book, and contracts were soon signed. The book, *A History of the Middle Temple*, is now in the final stages of preparation and will be published in 2011. It will be a scholarly work, appealing to the informed lay reader as well as to historians and lawyers. At the same time it is intended that the book will be highly readable, the product of original research in the archives of the Middle Temple, and a treasure trove of information about the Inn and its diverse history and influence in the wider world.

The book consists of a series of chapters giving the history of the Inn in chronological order, preceded by a prologue and interspersed with excursions on particular topics. The prologue, on the Knights Templar, is by

the eminent medievalist Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith, well known as Britain's foremost historian of the Crusades. Later chapters, dealing with the Inn in the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, are by Cambridge Professor, Sir John Baker; the eminent Blackstone scholar and retired Professor at the University of Adelaide, Professor Wilfrid Prest; and historian of the Victorian legal profession, Professor Raymond Cocks, recently Pro-Vice Chancellor of Keele University. Among the excursions there will be articles on the maritime connection of the Inn, its literary connections, and the history of the Temple Church.

The history of the Inn is a long and fascinating one, and though many members are familiar with the outlines of this history, this new book promises to give us the most complete picture yet. For instance, it is well known that Templars held the estate of the Temple from the twelfth century until their suppression in the early fourteenth century. Thereafter the lawyers came; the first reference to the Middle Temple apparently appearing in a year book reporting the Call of Serjeant William Hankford in 1388.

The Inn's surviving records date from 1501, but we know of Middle Templars before that time, including



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Oil painting by Joseph Nicholls of Middle Temple Hall from Fountain Court, 1738. The painting shows Middle Temple Hall from the north side with the corniced belfry of the clock tower surmounted by the Lamb and Flag which had been constructed in the fashionable classical style in 1667. The classical cupola with curved pediments and a double-curved dome had replaced the spiky Gothic fleche in 1732 and lasted almost a century until replaced by Henry Hakewill's neo-mediaeval cupola in 1826. The picture also shows the proximity of the Thames before the embankments of the 1770s and 1860s. The painting hangs in the Prince's

some who became prominent in politics, for instance Richard Empson, of the unpopular Empson and Dudley team of revenue-raisers for Henry VII, who was also a governor of the Inn.

By 1571, in the same year that Plowden produced the first volume of his *Commentaries*, membership of the Inn had grown to such an extent that a new Hall was required. The magnificent Middle Temple Hall, one of the wonders of Tudor London, was completed in 1574 under Plowden's direction. The Hall was to survive a devastating fire in 1679 — which caused more damage than any single air



raid during the Blitz — destroying a large part of the Middle Temple estate.

By Elizabethan times the Inns of Court were known colloquially as the Third University of England. Many persons other than lawyers became members of the Middle Temple, among them Sir Walter Raleigh, Elias Ashmole, Edward Hyde (Earl of Clarendon), William Congreve, Henry Fielding, Edmund Burke, William Cowper, and William Makepeace Thackeray. Raleigh is best known as an explorer and adventurer. What is less well known is that he was convicted of treason before a bench which included

another Middle Templar and former highwayman, Sir John Popham, Chief Justice of the King's Bench. Another Middle Templar and explorer was Bartholomew Gosnold, discoverer of Cape Cod, who named a nearby island Martha's Vineyard, in honour of his six-year old daughter.

From those beginnings grew the thirteen American colonies, and in due course, five Middle Templars signed the Declaration of Independence on 4 July 1776. Moreover, the Constitution of the United States was drafted by a committee chaired by yet another Middle Templar, John Rutledge who, along with six other Middle Templars, was among the 39 signatories

of the U.S. Constitution.

And so the history continues. The story of the Inn in modern times may be less colourful, but is no less important. In the last century and a half we have witnessed the transformation of the Inn into one of the world's pre-eminent centres for legal education and practice; today the Inn offers numerous scholarships for prospective Bar students and is at the forefront of advocacy training in the UK.

We shall all be grateful to the authors of this new history for shining a bright new light on our Inn, and I, for one, look forward to seeing it in print.

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# The Garden in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

by Masters Stephen Lloyd and Judith Parker

Master Kingsland was Master of the Middle Temple Garden from 1 January 2000 until his sudden death on 12 July 2009. Lawyer, politician, gardener, he combined a busy practice in constitutional, planning and environment law with his important role as shadow Lord Chancellor and opposition spokesman for Legal Affairs. Of pre-eminent importance was his love of gardening, both at home in Shropshire, and as Master of the Middle Temple Garden. We were privileged to work with him for some years as members of an *ad hoc* garden committee. His death last summer after we had seen him so well the previous week at the Bench Call of Master HRH Prince William of Wales was a terrible shock to all. We miss his wise guidance, his sound judgment, and his dry wit.

The original structure of the Middle Temple Garden is difficult to discern and can now never properly be retraced. There have certainly been a number of changes in the topography of the Inns over the centuries, not least as

a consequence of the building of the Victoria Embankment. Before the Embankment was built the boundary between the Inn and the river would have been about where the present library stands. The southern end of the garden is thus reclaimed land and the gardens were originally much smaller than they are today. The present day boundary is marked by a mound created when the embankment was created (and beneath which runs the District and Circle Lines) and topped by two lines of magnificent London Plane trees probably planted shortly after the construction of the embankment was completed.

The story in Shakespeare's *Henry VI Part 1* (Act 2 scene 4) of the plucking of the white (Yorkist) and the red (Lancastrian) roses in the "Temple Garden" by members of the rival houses is almost certainly an invention. Both the Inner and the Middle Temple claim the story as their own and each has red and white roses. Our new box parterre (by the west wall of the Hall) in which our roses grow, however, is

authentic, being based on an original design (discovered by our former head gardener Carolyn Dixon) dating from 1677.

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The present Middle Temple gardens are distributed around the Temple. The main garden running from Fountain Court down to the Embankment is usually thought of as the Middle Temple Garden, but Fountain Court is ours, as is the central area of Elm Court, for which, last summer we received (jointly with Inner) the prestigious award of London in Bloom Best Business Premises. The courtyard between the north side of the Church and Falcon Court is also ours.

Until 2007 Inner and Middle Temple jointly employed a gardening team. Upon the retirement of Les Ball, who had given many years of service to both Inns, the Inns decided that the time had come for each to employ their own garden teams so as to concentrate on the different requirements of their respective gardens. The Masters of the Gardens of the two Inns maintain close and co-operative contact, as do their respective head gardeners. Inner Temple, which has a larger garden, has room for glasshouses, storage, propagation and potting, and has been most generous in making some of these facilities available to us when we need them.

In July 2007 Middle Temple recruited as head gardener Carolyn Dixon, together with Olusanjo Williams





(Willy). Carolyn immediately brought fresh eyes to the garden, in particular to the bedding out areas in the top terraces. Willy began to renovate the lawn, which receives heavy traffic and wear during the summer party season. He has performed miracles. In the autumn of 2008 Carolyn returned to her native New Zealand permanently to be with her family. Although she was with us for barely a year, her contribution made an immediate and lasting impact. One of her many happy innovations was to frame the sundial on the main lawn with topiary crescents of beech and box which are now developing into a substantial feature.

Although we were sad to lose Carolyn we have been very fortunate to find in her place Kate Jenrick, who trained at Kew with Inner Temple head gardener Andrea Brunsendorf. Kate has continued the work of rethinking the plantings, respecting the traditions but not being afraid of radical change providing it is in sympathy with the gardens.

Kate is also a horticultural tutor and assessor one day a week for the Hoxton Trust. The Trust was established in 1982 with the aim of enhancing the social, economic and environmental potential of Hoxton. Besides offering a free legal advice service and a variety of business and environment training courses, it delivers a City and Guilds qualification in Amenity Horticulture. As the students neared the end of their course last summer, Stephen McErlean, Daniel Harewood, Geoff Collis and Barry Baker started coming to Middle as volunteers in order to widen their experience. Geoff and Barry remain regular volunteers and have been a great help not least by taking on responsibilities such as watering during summer holidays.

Over the years the Inn has taken

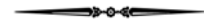
many awards for its gardens and we have been doing particularly well of late. In 2007 we won the "Summer Floral Award" presented by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners. We won the "Winter Colour Competition" (also run by the Gardeners Company) in 2007/8 and again in 2008/9. We took the City of London award for "Best Large Garden" in both 2008 and 2009. Jointly with Inner, we won the "London in Bloom Award for Best Business Premises" for 2009. It used to be the practice to display our plaques for awards but, alas, these proved too tempting for one or more light-fingered members of the public. As soon as we can find a satisfactory way of securing them against theft we will have our new awards on show.

Over the last few years the Inn has made a number of changes in the structure of the garden, partly for practical purposes to improve access, partly to add interest and detail to a long, narrow site. The new stone steps, sweeping down through the terrace, have enhanced the south view of the Hall complex and added balance and harmony to the top of the garden. They are particularly popular with wedding photographers. We also created the sitting area at the end of the garden around the resited sundial, to which Carolyn added the topiary crescent. Access to the garden for heavy traffic at the south end has been improved by extending the gravel walk which is also now an attractive feature in its own right.

The beds in Fountain Court have been through a number of plantings. These are not easy sites and a number of earlier schemes have failed, however we are hopeful that the current plantings will flourish. Expect changes to the planting in Elm Court as Kate tries to get more colour for longer in



**Kate Jenrick** trained at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, and has a Diploma in Horticulture. She worked with the NCCPG National Plant John Bartram Heritage Collection at Painshill Park, Cobham, which has plants introduced from America in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. She is involved in engaging young children in horticulture and, as qualified horticultural assessor, currently teaching adults on a work-based diploma in Land Studies.



**Olusanjo Williams** (Willy) first came to the Temple as an agency gardener working for Inner Temple in February 2005. During the transition period after the two Inns had decided to dissolve the previous arrangement of sharing garden staff, Willy transferred to Middle Temple as a temporary gardener, becoming a permanent member of the Inn's staff in January 2008.

this delightful space. Look out for snowdrops, daffodils and tulips in Elm Court and all round the gardens.

The terraces are still bedded out twice a year for winter colour and a changing summer scheme. In a move away from traditional Victorian schemes though, there is a backdrop of shrubs including William Shakespeare Roses, a mature Japanese Maple and a combination of *Choisya* and *Berberis* which gives a striking golden and red hue in early spring.

Contrary to popular belief, trees do have a natural life span and from time to time have to be replaced. The large

cherry in Elm Court, which was probably planted during or shortly after the rebuilding and remodelling of Elm Court after the war, succumbed to old age and disease and went off to Cherry Elysium. Hopefully by the time you read this its replacement, an *Acer Griseum*, will be settled in; it is a beautiful specimen tree with warm red peeling bark and dark green slightly crinkled leaves with glowing autumn colour.

The tree in Church Courtyard, an elderly *Malus* (crab apple) also reached the end of its life and has been (or will be) replaced with a summer flowering

*Styrax Japonica*. The mulberries in Fountain Court, of considerable age, (mulberries, in contrast to cherries, are long lived and not subject to disease) flourish. All our trees are regularly maintained. They are covered by preservation orders and changes have to be approved.

The number of benches in the various courts has been significantly increased so that members, visitors and people simply passing through, can sit and enjoy the environment. We have also added more traditional lead planters giving year-round displays of container plants. A tradition is developing of individuals and chambers funding the provision of benches and planters, a practice we very much like to encourage.

We are very conscious of the challenges of climate change and the need to conserve energy and resources. This winter a

tank to store rainwater and an automatic watering system are being installed. These will bring substantial benefits to the garden and in “green” terms are significant in two respects. First, the watering system can be timed to operate at night thereby conserving water that in daytime would be lost through evaporation. Second, the ability to collect and store rainwater makes use of a natural resource which would otherwise be lost. The installation of the equipment does involve short-term upheaval (not least undoing some of Willy’s hard work on the lawn), but the benefits will be with us for the long term.

On other environmental issues, Kate tackles diseases and pest problems on ornamentals with biological and cultural methods first. Only when it is really necessary is resort made to pesticides; reluctantly powdery mildew on roses had to be tackled with sprays last summer. The fact that virtually all the garden is on view means that we lack working space, however Kate is determined to compost and recycle as much garden waste as possible even if the aesthetics of this corner or that has to be sacrificed, and we entirely support her in that endeavour.

At the moment none of our beds has any guide to what is planted and we are considering whether we can provide a reasonable amount of information without intrusive labelling; however, there is no need to be shy about approaching Kate and Willy who welcome questions from visitors to the garden.

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If you are interested in funding a bench or planter, please contact Ian Garwood, Director of Estates, on 020 7427 4840 or email



# New Fellows

The Fellows scheme was created in 2009 to promote the interests of the Inn by establishing links with individuals who are willing to give service to the Inn for a period of three years. Fellows are expected to promote the Middle Temple to their contacts and are encouraged to involve themselves in Middle Temple activities.

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## Laura Hoyano

Graduated from the University of Alberta in Canada with degrees in medieval history and law, Laura was Called to the Alberta Bar in 1983 and practised commercial, insurance and catastrophic personal injury law for 10 years, interrupted by a sabbatical year in 1990-91 to read for the BCL at Balliol College, Oxford. In 1994 she decided to return to academic life, moving to England to accept an appointment at the Law Faculty of the University of Bristol. In 1999 she was elected to a Tutorial Fellowship and CUF Lectureship at Wadham College Oxford, where she teaches tort law, human rights, medical law & ethics, and evidence. In 2009 she was elected as a Fellow with an advisory role concerning ways to enhance diversity at the English Bar.




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## Professor Peter Leyland

Professor of Public Law at London Metropolitan University and visiting Professor of Public Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies, UL, Peter is widely published in the field of UK constitutional and administrative law, comparative constitutional law, and on Thailand's constitutional system. His research has included devolution, freedom of information, utility regulation, and executive accountability. He is the author of *Constitutional Systems of the World* in the Hart series. Peter is a visiting professor at the universities of Bologna, Padua, Ferrara and Bocconi, Milan; at the Council of State and Administrative Courts in Thailand; and at the University of Victoria in Canada. As a Fellow he hopes to be able to introduce talented students from a range of backgrounds to the opportunities made available by the Inn.




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## Olga Thomas

Faculty and Departmental Tutor, Faculty of Laws, University College London, Olga joined the UCL Laws Faculty as Faculty Tutor in 2007 from the University of Buckingham. She is chair of the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT) Consortium. She has special interests in widening participation and in the Pathways to Law initiative. As a Fellow she will encourage students from diverse and non-standard backgrounds to consider a career at the Bar, and to join the Middle Temple. She is advising the Inn on the establishment of prizes to be awarded to the very best students from disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to spend time during vacations in chambers or with judges in order to find out about practice at the Bar.



# Science Photo Library

by Renae Satterley, Rare Books Librarian



In 2009 the Library started a new project with the Science Photo Library to digitize scientific images and portraits from its collection of rare books and manuscripts and make them available online. So far we have had 128 images digitized and made available, and will add another hundred images early this year.

As shown in the sample illustrations here, there are a variety of images available. The illustrations we chose come from a variety of books dating from the 14th to the 19th centuries.

Topics on display include conspiracy trials, portraits, insects, plants and medicine.

Some of our favourite images include an astronomical calendar from a 14th century astrology manuscript, the *Astronomiae liber sive calendarium*; wrestlers from Mercuriale's 1577 book on gymnastics, *De arte gymnastica*; and engravings of machinery from Jacques Besson's *Theatre des instrumens mathematiques et mechaniques*, published in Lyon in 1596.

This collaboration has allowed us to further publicize our rare books



collection by making it available to a wider audience. We also hope that it will generate some much-needed income for the Library. The images can be purchased as photographic, framed or box canvas prints. They can also be purchased and downloaded for publication.

In addition, this project has allowed us to have high-quality digital images made of two "lost" celestial maps, one of which is illustrated here. These two maps are copies of Albrecht Durer's famous 1515 celestial planispheres, and were made by Jan van Bronchorst in 1537. They are included in our copy of *Ptolemy's Almagest*, printed in Cologne in 1537. They are the only known copies of these maps in existence, and make an excellent companion to the Library's Molyneux globes, which are also the only pair in existence. An article published in January this year in *Imago Mundi: International Journal for the History of Cartography* gives greater detail about these maps, their history, and why they remained hidden for so long. A copy of the article is available for consultation in the Library. A second article will appear later in 2010, in a German publication; this is a collaborative article and will include further details about Jan van Bronchorst.

Items in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection are available for consultation. Contact Renae Satterley at [r.satterley@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:r.satterley@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4830.

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To view the images, visit the website at [www.sciencephoto.com](http://www.sciencephoto.com). Click on 'search', which takes you to 'advanced search'. Enter 'middle temple' in the 'search method' box, click on 'contributor', then search. The 128 images will be displayed.



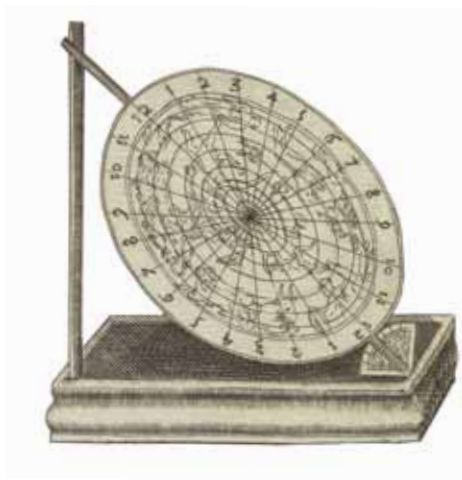
## Library Services and New Acquisitions

With the present financial restraints, it is no longer possible to buy all the titles which have previously been taken for granted. We are thus increasingly dependent on the goodwill of those members who continue to support us so loyally and generously with their contributions.

Our heartfelt thanks go to: Charles Mynors for *The Control of Outdoor Advertising and Graffiti*; Master Louis Blom-Cooper for *The Judicial House of Lords 1876-2009*; Master Richard Hill for *A Light on the Shore*; Bernard Doherty for *Accidents Abroad: International Personal Injury Claims*; Master Eric Stockdale for *Further and Worse Particulars, Blackstone's Criminal Practice 2010* and *Blackstone's Criminal Practice Bulletin*; Tim Kevan for *Kevan and Ellis on Credit Hire* (3rd edition); HHJ John Mitchell for *Adoption and Special Guardianship: A Permanency Handbook*; Master David Bean for his *Injunctions* (10th edition); Master Michael Blair for *Blackstone's Guide to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000* (2nd edition); Master Stanley Burnton for *Holding List of Law Reports and Journals in Paper and Online*; Master George Newman for *Halsbury's Laws of England, vol. 52*, (5th edition); Master Michael Crystal, Mark Phillips and Glen Davis for *Butterworth's Insolvency Law Handbook*; Jonathan Schwarz for *Booth: Residence Domicile and UK Taxation* and *Schwarz on Tax Treaties*; Professor Rainer Wörlen for *Erbrecht*; and Stephen Mason for *Electronic Evidence: Discovery, Disclosure & Admissibility*.

Other recent additions include *Archbold: Criminal Pleading 2010*; *Cook on Costs 2010*; *Duncan & Neill on Defamation* (3rd edition); *McGregor on Damages* (18th edition); *Palmer on Bailment* (3rd edition); *Phipson on Evidence* (17th edition); *Rant on Court Martial and Service Law* (3rd edition); *Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences*

The Library is open daily from 9 am – 8 pm Monday to Thursday and 9 am – 7 pm on Friday. The Inn libraries will be open in rotation from 10 am - 5 pm as follows:



1	May	IT
8	May	LI
15	May	MT
22	May	GI
29	May	Closed
5	June	IT
12	June	LI
19	June	MT
26	June	GI
3	July	IT
10	July	LI
17	July	MT
24	July	GI
31	July	Closed

There is now a dedicated email address for requesting documents: [documentdelivery@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:documentdelivery@middletemple.org.uk). The application form can be found at <http://snipurl.com/uf7tq>. Please indicate how you would prefer to receive items, ie by email, fax or post.

## Welcome to the new Deputy Under Treasurer



**Chris Suckling** joined the Inn in January 2010 with specific responsibility for IT, Human Resources, and Alumni &

Development as well as providing support to the Under Treasurer.

Chris was born and raised in the former Rhodesias. He graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell as an aircraft engineering officer in 1973 with a First Class Honours Degree. His Service career encompassed electrical engineering responsibility for a large number of aircraft types. His information technology experience came from responsibility for the main computer software in the Tornado GR aircraft as well as having held major projects developing Oracle databases for use by the military. He taught a post-graduate computer sciences course for three years, and spent nine years working in Whitehall. Chris retired from the RAF in 2003 in the rank of Group Captain.

From 2003-2009 Chris worked with Fujitsu Services, responsible for winning new business, developing software solutions, and delivering an on-going managed service supporting military operations. He has chaired and presented at conferences held under the auspices of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), at the Ministry of Defence and with commercial organisations. He is a Member of the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) and of the Institute of Directors.

Chris was awarded the MBE for his work developing community relations in Scotland.



# The Hall Committee

by Robert-Jan Temmink, Chairman

In the last issue of *The Middle Templar* I wrote about the functions of the Hall Committee: primarily to encourage participation and to ensure representation of those members of the Inn who are neither Benchers nor students. A new committee was elected in January 2010 and immediately set to work on a number of projects.

First, fulfilling an initiative by the Participation Sub-Committee, Hall Committee members have been seeking to secure a representative of Middle Temple in every chambers around the country. By the time this article is published I hope that we will have found a 'Rep' in more than half of all chambers. The role of a Rep is to act as a first port of call for the Inn when helping to keep the Inn's records up to date; communicating with its membership; identifying and encouraging potential advocacy trainers, sponsors, interviewers and moot judges; and generally acting as a focal point for dissemination of information about social and other activities within the Inn and then encouraging members' attendance at those functions. It is not expected that the role of Rep will be in any way onerous, nor (lest there be some concern) is it a fundraising position. Ideally, we are seeking members called anytime between 1990 and 2004 to fill these positions. If you have any interest in this project, do please get in touch with me and I will gladly add you to our list of volunteers.

*We can only do that if  
we know your views*

The Hall Committee held its first of several 'surgery evenings' in the Inn on 25 March. These evenings give members an opportunity to air thoughts, grievances, ideas and



*Front row: Marie Lewiecki, Rebecca Richardson (Secretary), Robert-Jan Temmink (Chairman), David Williams QC, HHJ Michael Oppenheimer, Michael Collard. Back row: Gary Blaker (Vice-Chairman), Ali Dewji (MTSA President), Stephanie Barwise QC, Imran Mahmood, Andrew Spink QC, Araba Taylor, Christa Richmond (DUT Education)*  
Photo courtesy of Charlotte Draycott

initiatives with the members of the Hall Committee who represent your views on the Inn's Standing Committees. This year we have one primary point of contact and one deputy for each Standing Committee as listed. I know that it is not terribly fashionable to say what you think about the Inn; it is certainly unusual for barristers to attend functions like this, but please consider coming to meet the Hall Committee members. We know that there are huge numbers of members who continue to have a great affection for the Inn, are willing to get involved in some of the Inn's many activities, and who hold strong views about matters which concern the Inn, but who are concerned that it is a bit 'sad' to speak up, or who are nervous about having to meet 'new' people in the context of a busy work and social life. However, we are a friendly bunch and I am keen that, when we speak at the Standing Committees, we are truly speaking on behalf of the barrister members of the

Inn. We can only do that if we know your views.

Thirdly, the Hall Committee is trying hard to get our members back into Hall and reconnecting with each other, with the students, and with the Benchers. The annual Hall Dinner is a celebration for the barrister members (both employed and self-employed) and this year Clive Anderson has agreed to speak. This year for the first time we have half-price tickets for the first 50 barristers under 7 years' Call applying. The champagne reception and four-course dinner starts at 7 pm on Thursday, 22 April. Please do come, it is always a fun evening. The following week, on Wednesday 28 April, there will be a Reception in the Inn for members of the employed Bar, which includes academics and law lecturers: this event has great networking potential and, as the changes provided by the Legal Services Act come into force, the desirability and need to work more closely with the employed Bar

come more sharply into focus than ever before.

So far as future plans are concerned, we are exploring the possibility of a family day within the Inn, a package of benefits available solely to members of Middle Temple, and provision of further value-for-money CPD events (probably at a time which would enable those who are approaching the CPD year deadline to 'top up' their points!). If there are other things which you think the Inn could or should be providing for members, please let us

know and we will do everything we can to bring your ideas to fruition. You are welcome to get in touch with any member of the committee individually; alternatively, simply email us at [hall@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:hall@middletemple.org.uk).

On the next two pages you will find a list of contact details of individuals who are willing and able to help you realise your as-yet-unfulfilled desires to become more involved in the life and work of the Inn. If there is anything which piques your interest, please do get in touch.

## Annual Hall Dinner

Thursday, 22 April 2010

Middle Temple Hall

7:00 for 7:45 pm

Black Tie

£60 for Barristers and Benchers; £30 for Students

Tickets can be purchased through the Treasury Office at 020 7427 4800  
or by email at [members@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:members@middletemple.org.uk)

### Clive Anderson

After studying law at Cambridge University, where he was also President of Footlights, Clive was Called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1976. He practised as a barrister specialising in criminal law for about fifteen years. In the meantime he had written scripts for Frankie Howerd, Griff Rhys Jones, Mel Smith and others, and performed as a stand-up comedian, which led to presenting radio and television programmes, in particular *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* on BBC Radio 4 and then on Channel 4 TV, where he won a BAFTA Award in 1989. Also on Channel 4 he presented ten series of his chat show *Clive Anderson Talks Back*, picking up British Comedy Awards in 1991 & 1992, before moving on to BBC1 with *Clive Anderson All Talk*. He has interviewed many leading politicians, film stars, actors, comedians, musicians, singers and writers. Clive has also presented a variety of other documentary, political, comedy, quiz, arts and live entertainment television programmes including *Maestro* and *The Proms* both for BBC2. He also hosted an eight-part comedy series *The Funny Side of ....* for BBC2. On radio he presents *Loose Ends* and chairs *Unreliable Evidence*, a legal discussion programme on Radio 4, and *Chat Room*, a satirical



## Hall Representatives on the Inn's Standing Committees

### Executive & Bench Selection Advisory Committees

Robert-Jan Temmink  
Gary Blaker

### Catering Committee

Gary Blaker  
Christiane Valansot

### Church Committee (Joint with IT)

Andrew Spink QC  
Araba Taylor

### Education Committee

Christiane Valansot  
Marie Lewiecki

### Estates Committee

Stephanie Barwise QC  
Tim Becker

### Finance Committee

Michael Collard  
Jeremy Cousins QC

### Library & Archive Committee

Dr Juliet Williams  
David Williams QC

### Scholarships & Prizes Committee

Evan Price  
Araba Taylor

### Social Committee

Rebecca Richardson  
Alex di Francesco

### Students' & Barristers' Affairs Committee

Helen McCormack  
Imran Mahmood

# Sponsorship Revitalisation Programme

by Master David Blunt

The Sponsorship Revitalisation Programme, which has been initiated by the Participation Sub-Committee, is being undertaken to revitalise Sponsorship, which, in recent years has been afflicted somewhat by inertia on the part of students and, to some extent, on the part of Sponsors, i.e. failing to make or maintain contact.

Whilst it is no longer necessary for Sponsors to instruct students in relation to dining rules, Sponsors can perform a valuable role in introducing students to the history, traditions and activities (including dining and other social activities) of the Inn, providing guidance as to activities they can undertake to improve their CVs, as to the scope of, and differences between areas of specialisation, as to the differences between sets of chambers, between practice and lifestyles in and



A member of 4 Pump Court, David Blunt QC has an extensive and wide-ranging national and international civil practice with particular expertise in construction and engineering, information technology, and professional negligence. He has been Chairman of the Students' & Barristers' Affairs Committee since

out of London, between practice at the self-employed and employed Bar, and generally in acting as a mentor.

In turn, Sponsors may gain from Spondees an insight as to the content of relevant degree courses and Bar Professional Training Courses (BPTC) and the current trials and tribulations of qualifying, which may be useful to chambers when assessing applications for pupillage, etc. In addition, Sponsorship provides an opportunity for the making of good friendships.

The plan is that from April 2010, so far as is practicable, every student should be assigned a Sponsor and should participate in the Sponsorship Scheme. The making and maintenance of contact between Sponsor and Spondee will be encouraged by:

- endeavouring to match each student with a Sponsor practising in the fields of law and in the location in which the student is interested;
- at Call, seeking the confirmation of the student's Sponsor that the student has participated in the Sponsorship Scheme;
- so far as practicable, providing machinery for pursuing Spondees who are showing signs of inertia.

The Sponsor's role is as described above, and is intended to be enjoyable and rewarding.

Students will be told that, whilst a Sponsor may be prepared to give advice, it is not the role of a Sponsor to obtain, or assist students to obtain, pupillage; help students with their work; write CVs; complete application forms; or help students with "networking". A Sponsor might, however, if so disposed, assist students in obtaining marshalling or mini-pupillages.

Apart from Silks, who are likely to be distant from the problems currently experienced by would-be entrants to the Bar, all members of the Inn who have qualified and are in practice at the self-employed or employed Bar, including recent entrants, are eligible to be Sponsors. Limited experience is by no means a disqualification and in some cases may be advantageous from the Spondee's point of view.

The Inn will need to provide Sponsors for approximately 600 students each year. At present, we are far short of that number, and will be soliciting the assistance of all members of Hall to build up as large a panel as possible. Historically, Sponsors had up to four Spondees at any one time. Under the new plan a Sponsor need only take on one Spondee at a time, and there will be a maximum of three. In these difficult times, the collegiate character of the Inn is of particular importance, and it is to be hoped that members of the Inn will respond positively to the current programme.

If you would like to act as a Sponsor, please contact Sarah Hankinson, Students' Officer at [s.hankinson@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:s.hankinson@middletemple.org.uk) or telephone 020 7427 4800.

Members are encouraged to update their contact details to ensure they receive information from the Inn.

**Contact Georgina Wright,  
Alumni Officer, at  
[g.wright@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:g.wright@middletemple.org.uk)  
or 020 7427 4816**

# How to become involved in the Inn

Members are encouraged to become more involved in the Inn by participating in any of the areas listed below. Please contact the designated person for further information about any of the following:

**Judging a moot.** Contact Richard Chapman, Students' Officer, at [r.chapman@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:r.chapman@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4869

**Becoming a Sponsor to a student.** Contact Sarah Hankinson, Assistant Students' Officer, at [s.hankinson@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:s.hankinson@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800

**Taking a marshal.** Contact Sarah Hankinson, Assistant Students' Officer, at [s.hankinson@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:s.hankinson@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800

**Helping with advocacy training.** Contact Stacey Brown, Education Officer, at [s.brown@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:s.brown@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800

**Giving an educational talk/lecture.** Contact Christa Richmond, DUT (Education), at [c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800

**Interviewing students for scholarships.** Contact Christa Richmond, DUT (Education), at [c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800

**Helping with the annual Education Open Day for University and Sixth-Form Students.** Contact Christa Richmond, DUT (Education), at [c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:c.richmond@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4800

**Using the Library.** Contact Ruth Jones, Reader Services Librarian, for a tour of the Library facilities at [r.jones@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:r.jones@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4830

**Sponsoring a rare book.** Contact Renae Satterley, Rare Books Librarian, at [r.satterley@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:r.satterley@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4830

**Donating a book to the Library.** Contact Vanessa Hayward, Keeper of the Library, at [v.hayward@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:v.hayward@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4830

**Establishing a Middle Temple Society in your jurisdiction/country.** Contact Georgina Wright, Alumni Officer, at [g.wright@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:g.wright@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4816

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**Contributing to the Scholarship Fund Appeal.** Contact Chris Suckling, Deputy Under Treasurer, at [c.suckling@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:c.suckling@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4868

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**Volunteering to help in the Middle Temple Garden.** Contact Kate Jenrick, Head Gardener, at [k.jenrick@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:k.jenrick@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4840

**Attending Church events,** ie lunchtime Organ Concerts and Choral Mattins. Visit [www.templechurch.com](http://www.templechurch.com) or contact Henrietta Amodio at [henrietta@templechurch.com](mailto:henrietta@templechurch.com) or 020 7353 8559

**Contributing to the Organ Fund Appeal.** Contact Penny Jonas, Development Consultant, at [penny@pennyjonas.com](mailto:penny@pennyjonas.com) or 07778 799 842

**Auditioning for Revels.** Auditions take place in late September for the two performances in December. Contact Rebecca Richardson at [rebecca.richardson@hardwicke.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.richardson@hardwicke.co.uk)

# Scholarship Fund Appeal Concert

by Master Catherine Newman, Chairman

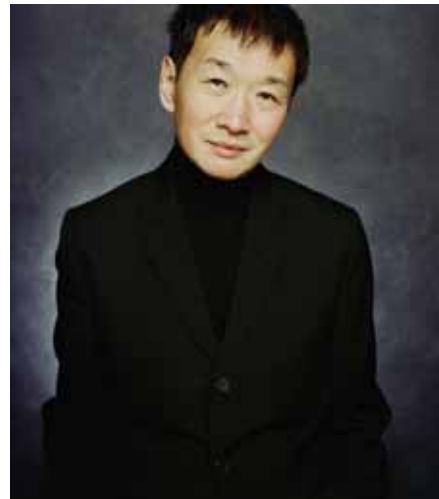
The Scholarship Fund Appeal will be holding its first major fundraising event on **Monday, 17 May 2010**. The Elias String Quartet and Melvyn Tan will play Schumann's *Piano Quartet* and music by Haydn and Ravel at an evening concert in Middle Temple Hall.

**The Elias Quartet**, Sara Bitlloch and Donald Grant (violins), Martin Saving (viola), and Marie Bitlloch (cello), perform around the world, and are currently in residence at the Wigmore Hall for a season. The Quartet was formed in 1998 at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. They received second prize and the Sidney Griller prize at the 9<sup>th</sup> London International String Quartet Competition in 2003, and were finalists in the Paolo Borciani Competition in 2005. This season they were selected for BBC Radio 3's prestigious New Generation Artists' Scheme. The

Quartet's most recent recording, featuring works by

Mendelssohn, Mozart and Schubert for Wigmore Hall Live, has received outstanding reviews. Other recordings include Mendelssohn Quartets for ASV Gold/Sanctuary Classics, a disc of French harp music with harpist Sandrine Chatron for the French label Ambroisie, and Alexander Goehr's *Piano Quintet* for Meridian Records.

**Melvyn Tan** has built a formidable international reputation during a long exploration of the precursors of the modern piano. This culminated in a series of groundbreaking performances and recordings on the fortepiano including the complete Beethoven Concertos and Sonatas and Schubert Impromptus. He has worked with orchestras such as the London Philharmonic and Netherlands Symphony orchestras, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Academy of St Martin's in the Fields, Stuttgart



*Melvyn Tan*  
Photograph courtesy of Sheila Rock

Radio, Salzburg's Camerata and Mozarteum Orchestras, New World and Melbourne Symphonies and has toured Australia regularly with the Australian Chamber Orchestra. He is the founder of the New Mozart Ensemble, a flexible chamber ensemble/orchestra which he has directed in many major festivals and music centres worldwide.

We are delighted that these excellent artists have agreed to perform for us to help us raise money for the Scholarship Fund Appeal.

Through the generosity of members we have already raised nearly £3 million for much-needed scholarships to assist Middle Temple students of modest means in achieving their ambition of attaining a valued professional qualification. We are not yet able to give enough help to all those who merit it. We hope that members will be encouraged to give whilst enjoying a splendid evening in the Inn.

Details will be posted on the Inn's website in due course. For further information, contact Chris Suckling, Deputy Under Treasurer, at [c.suckling@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:c.suckling@middletemple.org.uk) or 020 7427 4868.



# MTSA News

by Ali Dewji, President

It has been a busy and exciting year for the Middle Temple Students' Association. While the newest cohort of students has been hard at work on their academic or vocational courses, and steeling themselves for the next round of pupillage applications, the MTSA has sought to support their efforts with its array of advocacy activities, social events and support programmes. We have also strived to continue the tradition of contributing the voice of student members to decision-making throughout the Inn.

The social year kicked off with the glamorous Hollywood Party, a fun-filled gala event that featured everything from live music and dancing to a buzzing casino and even a cinema running some of Tinseltown's classics. For those who missed out, we are already busy with plans for the legendary Summer Ball which will no doubt cap a year of hard work and creditable achievement for a great many students.

The MTSA advocacy activities continue apace. In mooting, we are proudly supporting a team to compete in the prestigious Willem C. Vis Commercial Arbitration Mooting Competition in Vienna. For the more novice mooters, our new Mooting Workshop Programme has just been launched and will be supplemented by a Mooting Day event later this year. Building on the success of last year, we will be hosting our second annual Speed Moot competition after Easter. We are also hoping to begin recruitment soon for our team for the Inter-Inn Moot, where a good deal of institutional bragging rights will no doubt be on the line.

On the debating front, Middle Temple has finished strongly in several inter-varsity debating competitions, including victory at the Bath IV, and



*Front row: Abbey Brindley (Part-Time Students' Rep), Victoria Harris (Social Secretary), Ali Dewji (President). Second row: David Kingswell (City Law School Rep), Gun Ming Chung (College of Law Rep), Chellsie Muirhead (Debating Officer). Back row: James Ray (Treasurer), Richard Main (Returning Officer), Sam Williams (Vice-President), Idowu Olofinmoyin (BPP Rep), Colin Witcher (Mooting Officer). Not pictured: Marie Harbin (Education and Welfare Officer), Natalie Kyneswood (Out-of-London Students' Rep)*

made a forceful return to international competition at the World Championships in Turkey last month. The MTSA is keen for Middle Temple Debating to once more be a source of pride and vitality in the Inn and would particularly welcome contact from any members of Hall or Bench with experience of competitive debating who are interested in getting involved.

The Association has been active in other areas as well. The first of our Pupillage Seminars for students is coming up soon and will no doubt continue to attract many students eager to begin their professional lives. We are also investigating the possibility of a Middle Temple Students' Association five-a-side team.

To complement these and all our activities, we have begun to invest in our capacity to communicate regularly

with the student membership, to help bring the benefits of membership of Middle Temple to as wide a body of student members as possible, and to help promote participation and reconnection with the Inn.

The training and support of the next generation of Middle Temple advocates is part of the core business of the Inn, and we are committed to the view that a strong and active Students' Association is integral to the realisation of that goal.

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# Hot Bench in North Carolina

by Jonathan Holt

Little did any of us know upon success in the semi-finals of the Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition exactly what the phrase “Hot Bench” meant, how it might haunt us in months to come, and finally, how we would learn to love it. Lee Speakman and I soon learned that our fellow Middle Temple mooters, Jennifer Neil and Holly Tibbits, would be competing in the United States with us.

Upon our arrival in Washington D.C. we were given a terrific welcome by Congressman Mike McIntyre, Caroline McIntyre, and Beverly Sizemore from the University of North Carolina. After a meal at the Old Ebbitt Grill, the oldest saloon in Washington, we were treated to a stunning tour of the city by night.

Soon began the journey down to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. After a brief stop to collect some stereotypical American goods, such as Lifesavers, Mountain Dew, and a liquid they called “gas”, we found ourselves in our accommodation at the university. With barely enough time to drop off our bags, we were given our second welcome in as many days, this time at the leafy retreat of Ken Broun, once Mayor of Chapel Hill and Head of the Law Faculty, now in charge of the exchange between the Inn and UNC. This was our first opportunity to meet with our American counterparts: Augustus Willis, Sora Lee, Stephanie Horton and Rob Munro. After a brief discussion of the mooted problem and a lengthy discussion about our cultures, we parted ways.

The following day was the first time we encountered the Hot Bench, and it wouldn't be the last. The term was explained as describing a panel of judges who make frequent and demanding interventions. There wasn't a mooter spared from the panel's wrath;

we each realised the stakes were higher than in previous rounds, and no punches were being pulled. We knew we had to improve, and improve we did.

The second round took place in a beautiful hall used primarily for debating. The problem was the same, but we had each reversed roles. With critique from the first round still ringing in our ears, we approached the interventions with greater confidence. Again, the Hot Bench was roaring like an open furnace, but having steeled ourselves against the heat on the previous evening, we were able to deflect the interventions a little more readily. After a grueling session, four of us were thrilled to have made it through to the finals taking place in the State Supreme Court: one team from the UK, the other from North Carolina.

By the time the four finalists had reached this stage we were tempted to think that we had dealt with any possible intervention that might arise, but the Appellate Justices of North Carolina were soon to prove us wrong. Questions were direct and demanding, but responses were gradually more lucid and brisk. With the battle so

closely fought, it was ultimately decided that no winner would be announced, and celebrations were had by all competitors whilst overlooking downtown Raleigh from thirty floors up.

Our trip was punctuated in possibly the most American manner: we were invited to watch a game of American Football. And what a match this promised to be: the Tar Heels of UNC were to play their neighbours and rivals, the Pirates of East Coast University. Encouraged to wear as much Tar Heel Blue as possible, we attempted to join in with cries of, “Go the Winning Team!”, and “Let's get a Pop Fly to the In-Zone!”, perhaps betraying the fact that we had very little idea of exactly what was going on. With fireworks exploding with every touchdown and cheerleaders galore, the day was a spectacle like no other.

I'm sure that I speak for all of my fellow competitors when I say how grateful I am to Middle Temple for this wonderful trip, to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for their hosting and welcome, and to everyone involved for teaching us how to learn to love a Hot Bench.

*Lee Speakman, Jennifer Neil, Master John Roberts, Holly Tibbits, Jonathan Holt*



# Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation

Honorary Bencher, The Rt Hon Lord Thomas Bingham, was awarded the first Onassis International Prize in Law on 14 December 2009. Brief introductions were made by the Chancellor of the Institute of France, Gabriel de Broglie, and the President of the Onassis Foundation, Anthony Papadimitriou. Sir Basil Markezinis and François Terré later spoke on Lord Bingham's contribution to the discipline of law. The Prize in Humanities was bestowed on Sir John Boardman (Lincoln Emeritus Professor of Classical Archaeology and Art of the University of Oxford, and Jean-Yves Empereur (Director of Research at the National Foundation for Research in France and Founder of the Center of Alexandrine Studies in Alexandria).



*Master Anthony Papadimitriou front and Master Thomas Bingham behind centre*



## Democracy's Illusions: Challenges to the Rule of Law?

This conference, which is kindly sponsored by the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, is being organised by a team of international figures, including Master Deputy Treasurer, Professor Dawn Oliver. It will take place on the weekend of 18-20 June at Inner Temple, and those attending can earn 6 CPD points.

The lectures and panel discussions will have a strong reference to the classical age, and the presentations will address democracy, how it has evolved by country and how the Rule of Law is applied. Topics will cover the Greek origins of democracy with philosophical references, race and religion as they relate to democracy,

democracy at present, and the future of democracy.

A concert organised by the Temple Music Foundation will take place on Friday, 18 June in Temple Church featuring a new piece by John Tavener called "*Towards Silence*". Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of Diokleia will deliver the sermon in Temple Church on Sunday, 20 June.

Conference speakers will include: The Rt Hon Lord Justice Laws (Treasurer of IT); Professor Vernon Bogdanor CBE (Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford); Professor Paul Craig (Professor of English Law, Oxford); The Hon Mr Justice Bokhary (Judge of the Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong);

Dirk Maresch (Judge of the Higher Administrative Court of Berlin); Dr Peter Jones (Classics scholar, Cambridge); Professor Dawn Oliver; Soli Sorabjee (Jurist, India); Professor Spyridon Flogaitis (Director of the European Public Law Center, Greece); The Rt Hon Sir Kenneth Keith (Intl Court of Justice); Justice Donald Lemons (The Supreme Court of Virginia); Justice James Foong (Federal Court of Malaysia); and Shami Chakrabarti (Director of Liberty).

For further information, and to register your interest in attending, please contact Angela Nielsen, Conference Administrator, at [anielsen@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:anielsen@innertemple.org.uk).

# Long-Serving Staff

## Estates Department

by Ian Garwood, Director of Estates

The Estates Department, like the other departments of the Inn, has its fair share of long serving members of staff, but we just pip the Library because **Johnny Ireland** (below), painter and decorator, has been with the Inn for **33 years and 9 months**, and is the Inn's current longest-serving staff member. As was common in those days, Johnny came to the Inn through his father, Teddy Ireland, who was employed as the Hall Porter, retiring in 1989 after more than 30 years of service.



The Inn had changed very little since the war when Johnny joined it in 1976, with a fairly small works department under the direction of the then Surveyor, Stan Sheppard, with his wife, Aimee, acting as secretary. Stan Sheppard, who had himself been with the Inn since before the war, was a great character with a tremendous knowledge of the Inn and ready dry wit — more on that later.

There were some great characters in the Works Department at that time. Not least the plumber who had been a professional boxer in his time and had been the sparring partner for Jersey Joe

Walcott. At 6'3" and over 16 stone he had still come off worse in this arrangement, leaving him with a very unstable character and a propensity to cry uncontrollably wherever and whenever the mood took him. All too often we would have to retrieve him from a flat or set of chambers, but his favourite spot was outside the Library boiler house in the centre of Middle Temple Lane. When you have dealt with that sort of thing, remonstrating with a 6'2" scaffolder holds no fears.

Although not always wanting to admit it, my length of service only falls three years short of Johnny Ireland's, and I have now worked at the Inn for **30 years and 6 months**. When I joined the Inn in August 1979, Michael Murray had just taken over from Stan Sheppard as surveyor. An architect by profession, Michael Murray's practice had been located in 1b Middle Temple Lane, and it was to there that I had written seeking a position as a trainee architect. On closing his practice and taking up the post of surveyor, my letter was redirected to Michael Murray, who was, by coincidence, looking for a trainee surveyor. I was invited to attend an interview and the rest, as they say, is history.

In those early years Stan Sheppard would occasionally call into the office to meet old friends and catch up on things generally. He was always interesting to listen to and the ready wit was evident when recalling incidents or telling amusing anecdotes. Even at his cremation, which he had planned meticulously, he had the last laugh. As the curtains opened and the coffin rolled forward, the organist played *'Smoke gets in your eyes'*.

Michael Murray, whom I still see from time to time, instigated a programme of major improvements,



including conversion of basements to chambers and the replacement of building services. He taught me much and I owe him a lot. Michael Murray was succeeded by Geoff Parr in 1988, who unfortunately had to retire after a short term in office due to ill health. This heralded a period of flux which resulted in me taking the role of acting surveyor on more than one occasion. Things eventually settled down again with the appointment of Lyn Grenville-Mathers as Director of Estates in 2003. His primary role was to oversee the refurbishment of the main kitchens and the building that would later be known as Burnton Buildings. Lyn always joked that he would be remembered for spending all of the Inn's money. Never a truer word said in jest!

The Inn has not changed that much over the years and hopefully it will be able to retain that unique sense of tranquillity and history that seems to hold most visitors in awe, whilst fulfilling its original function as a home for barristers' chambers. People will come up to me now and say that it has changed significantly over the last

thirty years but perhaps it is so gradual that to me it will always be the same (although I have noticed that other members of staff and the local beat bobby seem to be getting younger!).

As the article covers longevity of service, it is perhaps fitting that I should leave the last word to Stan Sheppard, who apart from a break for war service, remained with the Inn for over 40 years. Whilst consulting some files the other day, I came across a large beautifully handwritten written petition from the members of the Inn to the Treasurer and Benchers dated February 1928. Signed by some forty-five members at the time, it listed a number of items on the Estate that required immediate attention. On the reverse Stan Sheppard had written in pencil '*work now finished February 1972*'.



**Mark Fenlon** (above) started at the Middle Temple in August 1979, after leaving school and working in a Stationer's in Chancery Lane. Mark came for an interview for the car park security position at the age of 17 and has now worked for the Inn for



**30 years and 6 months.** Mark has been married to Debbie (Paul's sister) for 29 years, they have three children and three grandchildren.

**Paul Parkes** (above) started at the Middle Temple in October 1982 and insists it was nothing to do with Mark being married to his sister. Paul has now worked for the Inn for **27 years and 4 months**. Paul is married to Joyce and they have one son and two grandchildren.

Mark and Paul are the eyes and ears of The Temple working within the security team of the Inn. They work extremely well together considering Mark is an ardent Arsenal supporter and Paul an ardent Tottenham supporter. They are only ever slightly at odds depending on which one has managed to obtain the bragging rites.

Throughout the years, Mark and Paul have seen many celebrities visit the Inn. Both were extremely gutted to learn that the occupant in one of the cars they once refused to accommodate was Clint Eastwood, their number one idol at the time.

**Peter Donovan** (below) joined the Inn in November 1984 becoming an integral member of the Estates Department as a handyman, and in 2003 he moved sideways to work 50% for the Porters/Security and 50% for the Catering Department. Peter can be found at varying times working in the Porter's Lodge, in the Hall at Lunch, manning the cloakrooms, working outside, or running up to Holborn to get keys cut for the Inn. The Inn has greatly benefitted from his flexibility and adaptability over the last **25 years**.



# Long-Serving Staff

## Library and Catering Departments

### Ruth Jones, Senior Librarian



I have now worked at Middle Temple for **31 years and 8 months**. My first day at the Inn seemed to consist of lunch in Hall, rump steak followed by pear “Belle Hélène” (with solid chocolate!), and meeting an acquaintance who walked me round Inner Temple Garden. It seemed a pretty good start, but I had no idea that I would spend the rest of my career under the protection of Domus.

In the early years it was a real struggle to stem the daily flow of European documents and navigate the Official Journal indexes which seemed to use a different system each year. Without the continuing support of the European Information Association and the European Commission’s library staff I would have been utterly lost. In the early 90s the internet and email transformed my life beyond recognition. Suddenly I could access the resources of the great European databases. But I did not anticipate the other great change ahead: the departure of my dear colleague, Stuart Adams, after 20 years as Reader Services Librarian which left a big gap and one which I have only pretended to fill during the last five years.

One of my most abiding memories is of discovering the Master of the Music and the Conservator engaged in some doubtless innocent activity on the floor of the Muniment Room, but I was rebuked so roundly for not knocking first that I have been very wary of him ever since. Another memorable event was the opening of the new Archive Department by the U.S. Chief Justice.

Guarding the library entrance I may have risked my life by intercepting his bodyguard. I heard later that Master Roberts was very impressed with our security and I parted on friendly terms with Corporal Craig who admitted failing in his duty. Less happy was my encounter with an antique bookcase which led to a bout of shingles!

Last summer I was most honoured to be presented to Master HRH Prince William of Wales. He expressed interest in the library, but he did not seem too sure about doing a course in palaeography to enable him to read the manuscripts for himself.

My greatest childhood ambition was to be a cathedral chorister — a tall order before Equal Opportunities! I have fulfilled this in a small way at Exeter, St Paul’s, and Bath Abbey. None of this can compare with my 2009 debut in Hall at the Music Night with guests from Chuo University. Thank you, Master Arlidge. I look forward to further engagements.

I am grateful to everyone who has encouraged me along the way and given me such an interesting and enjoyable time at Middle Temple.

### Jean Murray, Hall Waitress

Jean Murray started at the Middle Temple on 3 December 1979. In her **30 years and 2 months** of working in the Catering Department, she has seen the rise and fall of Thatcherism, Majorism, the comings and goings of the Blairites and now we have the Brown era. She has seen 30 Treasurers come and go and countless staff in the Hall. Up until September 2009 you could count the numbers of absences Jean has had on one hand. She is more reliable than any

bus service Britain has ever seen.

Jean’s traits are best described by one of her colleagues with whom she has worked for countless years, Julie Freeland.

*“I have known Jean for over 20 years. She is one of the most loving and caring women I know. She is very proud of her family, her husband of over 50 years, Brian, their four children and her six grandchildren to whom she is very close. Jean is a very considerate lady who is always thinking of others. I know that my life is so much richer for knowing my mate, Jean.”*



## Angela Knox, Deputy Keeper of the Library



It was a warm summer's day when I came to Middle Temple Library in 1982, after service in London University libraries, first Goldsmith's College and then the British Library of Political and Economic Science. Not many will remember, but back then I was 5' 8". Long periods in the basement and the loft, moving stock from said basement to loft and back again for building work have taken their toll. Blood donors receive a badge when they have donated so many pints, I expect to receive a gold Wellington boot badge when, if heaven forbid, I have experienced my tenth library flood. There is nothing worse than water in a library; it is infinitely worse than fire. I have memories of being alone in a damp dark basement on a Friday evening trying to move book stock away from the flood seeping through from the gents' toilets above. I still suffer from flashbacks.

As a librarian, one is taught to handle and organise the world of

knowledge, to make it accessible. So it also can be like being a detective, and no matter how much experience one has, one can still be asked a question that can really test one's research skills. Many past enquiries, of course had to be undertaken without the benefit of the Internet and in many cases this still holds true. And not all the enquiries are purely legal (although the illegal ones can be fun).

In the past I have undertaken research for former Treasurers on Danish countesses, titles, ie is it the "King of Greece" or the "King of the Hellenes"?, and finding a rare masque held at Harvard University. I like to think that my finding an exact copy of the Treaty of Utrecht (you will all, I am sure, be familiar with the 1713 Treaty) prevented our accidentally giving Gibraltar back to Spain because we were returning a long disused English graveyard on the mainland to the Spanish and whether that would also have an affect on any other land that we had been granted under the Treaty.

*"So do we all, but we can't always have what we want"*

And speaking of Spanish, I had to do a very rough translation of the Spanish penal code provisions on rape for a member at the Enquiry Desk, which raised a few eyebrows from other library users. I was using some very interesting words. I have even been asked, "I want unlawful sexual practices". How frank, I thought. "So do we all, but we can't always have what we want," I replied. It turned out it was *Thomas on Sentencing* that was required.

I have some wonderful experiences: the various royal occasions, in

particular the 400th anniversary of the granting of the Letters Patent of 1608, and the various performances in the Hall such as *Twelfth Night*, which will remain cherished memories.

And I have over the years met some fascinating people, including a Dalek. Of course he does not technically qualify as people. I heard the distinctive "Exterminate" from the Smoking Room (now the Prince's Room). I felt that I should warn my colleagues that there was a Dalek in the Smoking Room but they looked at me somewhat strangely. However there was nothing sinister about his presence as he was a guest at a wedding here.

Above all the most important thing over the past **27 years and 6 months** has been the many good friends that I have made whilst working here, who have been so supportive, such good company and who will remain friends for life.

Now I must return to digging my escape tunnel that I am hoping will connect with the District and Circle Line. Unkind "friends" who have little faith, or indeed no faith, in my sense of direction have said that I am more likely to hit the Amersham/Chesham branch of the Metropolitan Line.



### Other Long-Serving Staff

Ian Overall, Catering	23 years
Lee Hartfield, Catering	22 years
Colin Davidson, Catering	22 years
Joan Bryce, Estates	21 years
John Fenlon, Estates	21 years
Les Parkes, Estates	20 years
Joe Nascimento, Catering	19 years
Adrian Jones, Estates	19 years
Eddie Bowers, Estates	19 years
Lesley Whitelaw, Archive	19 years

## Kalisher Trust Fundraising Event

Sunday, 16 May 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Middle Temple Hall

*"The Dunsinane Two": Judge Deeds tries the Macbeths.* Martin Shaw will try Lord and Lady Macbeth for murder. Matthew Macfadyen will play Macbeth. Simon Russell Beale will participate. The proceedings are partly scripted by Peter Moffat, writer for *Cavanagh QC*, *North Square* and *Criminal Justice*. It will be part improvised by three QCs: Helena Kennedy, Bob Marshall-Andrews and Master Anthony Arlidge. Tickets are £35 each (plus a £1.50 fee for credit card bookings) and will be on sale from the Middle Temple Treasury Office after 12 April.

All proceeds go to the Kalisher Trust, which was founded in 1996 in memory of the death of Michael Kalisher QC, to assist those struggling to embark on a career at the Criminal Bar. Its aim is to support and encourage those rising stars who, in the face of increasing costs and dwindling fees, might otherwise be lost to the profession.



Simon Russell Beale CBE

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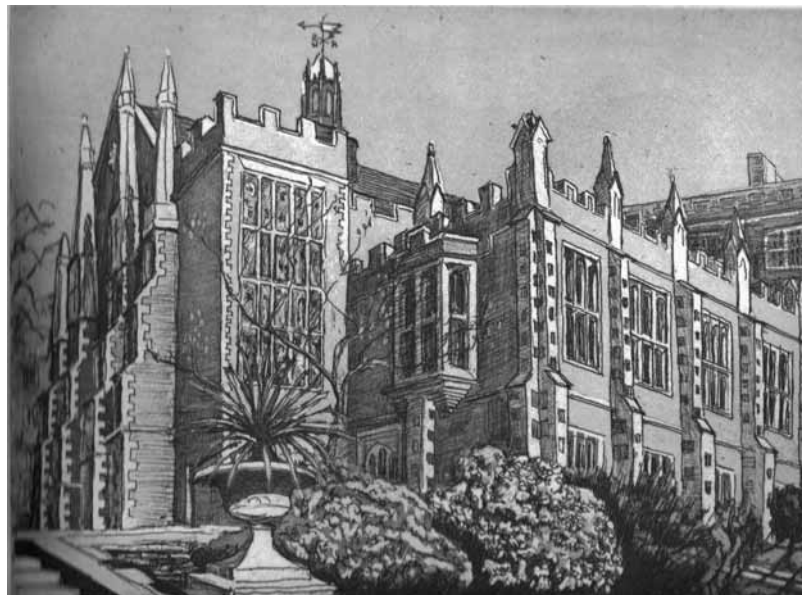
## Dorset Art Weeks

### John Owens' Gallery

29 May – 13 June

Once every two years, artists throughout Dorset open their studios to take part in the largest Art Week in the country. John Owens, whose drawings and etchings of the Inns of Court are well known, will open his studio daily, except Tuesdays, from 29 May until 13 June. The gallery is located at 84 West Street, Corfe Castle, Dorset and Middle Temple members are especially welcome. Visit [www.johnowensgallery.com](http://www.johnowensgallery.com).

In the past John has designed greeting cards of scenes in the Inn; these can be purchased from the Treasury Office for £1.50 each.



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## Beat the Bankers: House of Lords vs House of Commons Tug of War

Tuesday, 9 June

College Garden, Westminster Abbey

Join in this celebration of quintessential England at the most exciting event in the Parliamentary calendar. By joining the Bar's Tug of War team, members will have the exclusive opportunity to tug against a private bank in a battle of the Financial World vs the Legal World. To be part of the action and for more information, contact Michael Black QC at [mbqc@xxiv.co.uk](mailto:mbqc@xxiv.co.uk) or telephone 020 7691 2424.



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# Temple Music Foundation

## Concerts

On **Monday, April 26**, **Iestyn Davies** will give the first countertenor recital in the Temple Song series focusing on English song and including works by Britten, Tippett and Butterworth.

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Robert Schumann will be marked by a special concert on **Tuesday, 8 June**, the very date of Schumann's birth in 1810. Renowned Austrian baritone, **Wolfgang Holzmaier**, joins Julius Drake for a programme of Heine settings, including the great *Dichterliebe Cycle*. As part of the Schumann celebrations, Julius Drake will also be working with four outstanding young recitalists (**Pumeza Matshikiza, Anna Grevelius, Robin Tritschler, and Marcus Farnsworth**) and will perform with them in three early evening concerts in the Temple Church on **7, 9, and 10 June**, all at 6.45pm.

Following their very successful concert in 2009, the **Holst Singers**, directed by Stephen Layton, return on **Wednesday, 26 May** with an inspiring programme of Bach motets. They are joined by cellist **Joseph Crouch** for Bach's *Cello Suites nos 1 and 2*. The **Temple Church Choir** and director James Vivian will perform the final choral concert of this season on **Thursday, 1 July** in a performance of Wesley's *Blessed be the God and Father* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*.

**Friday, 18 June** marks the welcome return to the Temple of a major work by **Sir John Tavener** with the performance of *Towards Silence*: a thrilling and deeply spiritual work combining four string quartets and a large Tibetan bowl. The legendary **Medici Quartet**, for whom the work was composed, will be joined by three young quartets: the **Finzi Quartet**, the **Harpham Quartet** and **Court Lane Group**, each of whom is making its name on the concert platform.

In the autumn we will welcome celebrated baritone **Simon Keenlyside** to the Temple Church on **Friday, 22 October** for a programme to include songs by Schubert. On **Thursday, 18 November** tenor **Mark Padmore** returns to Middle Temple Hall where, after the success of Britten's *Canticles* in 2009, he will once more be joined by **Richard Watkins**. Together with Julius Drake, they will present the world premiere of **Roxanna Panufnik's** evocative new work, *Generation of Love*, for tenor, horn and piano, commissioned by the Temple Music Foundation. The programme will also include songs by Beethoven and Schubert.



*Iestyn Davies*



*Pumeza Matshikiza*



*Wolfgang Holzmaier*

**For more information about these events  
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**[www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)**

**or telephone Nicola Benson, Temple Music Co-ordinator, on 020 7427 5641**

# INN EVENTS

## April 2010

Thursday, 22	<b>Hall Dinner</b> (Black Tie)
Tuesday, 27	<b>Music Night:</b> <i>Percussion Concert</i>
Wednesday, 28	Middle Temple Employed Bar Reception
Friday, 30	Hall closes after Lunch

## May

Monday, 3	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 4	Hall re-opens for Lunch
Friday, 7-9	Four Jurisdictions Law Conference Belfast
Monday, 10	Oxford MT Society Dinner in MT Hall
Tuesday, 11	<b>All Inn Dining/Sponsorship Night</b>
Thursday, 13	<b>Private Guest Night</b>
Friday, 15-17	<b>Cumberland Lodge</b>
Sunday, 16	Kalisher Trust Fundraising Event in MT Hall
Monday, 17	Scholarship Fund Appeal Fundraising Concert <i>Elias Quartet and Melvyn Tan</i>
Tuesday, 25	<b>Music Night:</b> <i>Ebony Steel Band</i> ( <i>Caribbean</i> )
Friday, 28	Easter Term Ends Hall closes after Lunch
Monday, 31	Spring Bank Holiday

## June

Monday, 7	Hall re-opens for Lunch
Tuesday, 8	Trinity Term Begins
Sunday, 13	London Garden Squares
Monday, 14	<b>Moot Semi-Final</b>
Thursday, 17	Amity Dinner for Benchers at Inner Temple
Tuesday, 22	<b>Moot Semi-Final</b>
Monday, 28	Middle Temple Historical Society Lecture
Tuesday, 29	<b>Bench Call</b>

## July

Tuesday, 6	Middle Temple Garden Party
Thursday, 15	<b>Private Guest Night</b>
Tuesday, 20	<b>All Inn Dining/Sponsorship Night</b>
Thursday, 22	<b>Call Day</b> (Trinity A: 1 pm) (Trinity B: 6 pm)
Friday, 30	Hall closes after Lunch Trinity Term Ends

## September

Monday, 6	Hall re-opens for Lunch
Sunday, 19	London Open House (1-5 pm)
Tuesday, 21	<b>Introduction Session for London Students</b>
Friday, 24 – 26	Law Conference in South Africa
Monday, 27	<b>MTSA Elections</b>

## October

Friday, 1	Michaelmas Term Begins <b>Music Night:</b> <i>King Masco (West African)</i>
Friday, 1-3	Out of London Students' Weekend
Saturday, 2	<b>Ordinary Dining Night</b>
Sunday, 3	<b>Sunday Lunch</b> after Choral Mattins
Thursday, 7	Bench Night II for Benchers and partners
Monday, 11	<b>Guest Lecture</b>
Tuesday, 12	<b>Bench Call</b>
Thursday, 14	<b>Call Day</b>
Tuesday, 19	Middle Temple Historical Society Lecture
Thursday, 21	<b>Private Guest Night</b>
Tuesday, 26	<b>Moot Final</b>
Thursday, 28	<b>Grand Day</b>

## November

Monday, 8	<b>Guest Lecture</b>
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