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Introduction

The last *Information Bulletin* reported that Christine Woodland had retired. There have been further comings and goings amongst the Centre's staff, which are reported at the end of this *Bulletin*. Whilst no appointment has yet been made to the post of Head of Archive and Corporate Records Services, we were delighted to welcome Helen Ford as Deputy Archivist in October 2005. Helen's role includes responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Centre. Meanwhile Christine has continued to work for the Centre on a part-time consultancy basis to help bridge the interval.

Delmas Foundation Grant

The last *Bulletin* also reported the award of a grant from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation of New York to convert to electronic format the paper finding aid to Victor Gollancz's personal papers (MSS.157). This is now in the final stages of editing. A full finding aid for the papers of Gollancz's publishing company, Victor Gollancz Ltd (MSS.318), has also been drafted. Both finding aids will be placed on the Centre's web pages shortly.

TUC exhibition

Over 80 people attended a reception at the Centre on 27 October 2005 to mark the completion of a major cataloguing project, a catalogue of the 1970-1990 archives of the Trades Union Congress. The three-year project was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Guests included trade unionists, academics, and Warwick alumni. They heard several speakers, including TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber, discuss the importance of the TUC archive and the work of the MRC. Mr Barber officially opened an exhibition based on the archive. For further details please see the Centre's website,
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/news/>

Transport and General Workers' Union archive (MSS.126)

The Transport and General Workers' Union has extended its funding for cataloguing the union's archive for a further two years

As well as cataloguing the archives already held in the Centre, we hope to survey the papers of General Secretaries and other senior officers which are not yet deposited.

4. New deposits

A range of new deposits and additions to collections have been taken in since the last *Bulletin*. A complete list will be included in the Centre's Annual Report. Some of the collections are subject to access restrictions; please contact us for further details.

- British Nuclear Test Veterans' Association: 42 boxes of correspondence, campaigning material and membership records. (MSS.546)
- Confederation of British Industry: two further deposits from the CBI in August and in January 2006 making a total of over 400 small boxes. These deposits covered files for 1993 and 1994 and included the papers of the Director General's Office, Business Environment, Economics and International Competition Departments. (MSS.200/C)
- Council of Civil Service Unions: 29 boxes including correspondence, circulars and subject files. (MSS.415)
- Electrical Trades Union, papers of Frank Chapple: includes personal and official papers as General Secretary of the EETPU; correspondence, speeches and lecture notes, circulars and policy papers. (MSS.387/6)
- A small bundle of correspondence from the novelist Henry Green (real name Henry Yorke; 1905-1973) to Kitty Godley (first wife of Lucian Freud) was deposited via the University's English Department. This consists of 23 letters from the 1950s. (MSS.544)
- Catherine Hoskyns papers: 49 boxes relating to her research on women and the EC. (MSS.543)
- National Cycle Archive: a large amount of material has been deposited via the Cycle Touring and Countryside Trust, including material from the Fellowship of Cycling Old-timers, 1982-2003, and the Southern Veteran-Cycle Club, 1956-1963. It also includes papers relating to the Hart Safety Cycling Habit Skirt, designed by Hart & Son, artist tailor of Eastbourne, in 1896, and a CD of photographs of Evelyn Hamilton, the champion woman cyclist of the 1930s, who died in 2005. (MSS.328) Before its move from Godalming to Guildford, the Cyclists' Touring Club has added to the material held here: minutes, campaign files, life membership records, up to 1995; original drawings by Frank Patterson, prints by Patterson and others; publications by the CTC and the CTC

District Associations, including the early volumes of the Bicycle Touring Club's *Monthly Circular* 1880-1882, cycling posters, manufacturers' catalogues; and a large historic collection of photographs dating from 1878. (MSS.328/C)

- National Graphical Association/GPMU: an additional 22 boxes, including minutes and the papers of Tony Dubbins. (MSS.039/NGA)
- NATSOPA, London Clerical Branch: 41 volumes deposited by the Working Class Movement Library. (MSS.039/NAT)
- National Union of Bank Employees: 17 additional boxes (MSS.056)
- National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives/ Knitwear, Footwear and Allied Trades: a large archive including minutes, branch records, photographs, financial records and legal papers from c.1850 to 1970s.
- Transport and General Workers' Union: additional material on Health and Safety including posters and publications. (MSS.126)
- UNISON: a further addition to the papers of Rodney Bickerstaffe, the former General Secretary. (MSS.389)

Staff

There have been considerable changes of staff in the last few months. We wish all these former members of staff well for their future.

Andrew Macleod left the Centre in February 2006. Andrew is employed by the Pay and Power project and had worked on the archives of the Amalgamated Engineering Union held at the Centre. He then worked on the Biddulph archives from Herefordshire Record Office which had been temporarily transferred here. He has now moved on to work at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust Record Office on the archives of Slatters Son & Moore. We trust that our introduction to the mysteries of EAD was not too painful and wish him well with his archive training.

Andrew Morrison left the Centre in October 2005 towards the end of a fixed-term contract. He worked on the project to catalogue the archive of the TUC, 1970-90, and with John Symington was central to the final editing of the catalogue and to the creation of the exhibition about the archive now on display in the Centre. He also catalogued the papers of George Woodcock and the TUC's Medical Officer. We miss his cheery conversations.

Nouf al-Rawaf, who was working in the Centre as a records assistant, left in September 2005.

John Symington left the Centre in February 2006 towards the end of a fixed-term contract. He worked on the project to catalogue the archive of the TUC, 1970-90, and with Andrew Morrison was central to the final editing of the catalogue and to the creation of the exhibition about the archive now on display in the Centre. He also converted to electronic format the paper finding aid to Victor Gollancz's personal papers and compiled a full catalogue to the Gollancz Publishing archive. He compiled preliminary lists to the papers of the Incorporated Society of Organists (MSS.545), a second deposit of the National Union of Bank Employees (MSS.56) and NATSOPA London Clerical Branch (MSS.039/NAT). He assisted in surveys of the archives of NUFLAT and COHSE. He also kept the Centre's web pages up to date and published an article on banking union records in the *European Association of Banking History Journal*. The volume of work speaks for itself.

Richard Temple left the Centre in August 2005. Richard had been an Assistant Archivist, later Senior Assistant Archivist, in the Centre since October 1993 and rapidly established himself as a valuable member of staff. He was in charge of the Centre on a day-to-day basis from April 2005. We miss his humour and his music, as well as his knowledge of a wide range of MRC's archives. He has gone to Senate House Library, University of London, to take charge of the archives there.

Helen Ford joined the Centre in October 2005 as Deputy Archivist, a new post created after the review of the Centre. Her responsibilities are managing the day-to-day running of the Centre and dealing with the Centre's IT requirements. Helen's previous experience includes Devon Record Office, Sheffield City Archives, Laura Ashley Ltd, and ten years at the National Gas Archive for National Grid (previously British Gas /Transco).

Martin Sanders, currently at Lichfield Record Office, has been appointed to the post of Senior Assistant Archivist. He will join the Centre in April.

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