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Editorial

Welcome to this my first issue as your new Editor.

Many thanks must be given to those who have gone before me, in particular, Christina Donnelly, editor for eight years, and Ronan O’Beirne who guest - edited the last issue whilst a replacement editor was being sought.

In this current issue we have a feature by Andrew Walsh (Welcome Scheme Co-ordinator) talking about the Welcome Scheme operating in Huddersfield and beyond, a group photo of former ‘Library School’ mates — are you in there? - current hot topics gleaned from the Library press, a little more about myself for those of you who do not know me, regional and national news, and last but not least, details of important forthcoming events happening in the region.

As ever, your views, contributions and letters are most appreciated, and are most needed (!)—please send them in by email, post or any which way to suit, and I will be pleased to give them an airing in forthcoming issues.

Remember, if you’re Chartering, Revalidating or even starting out on the ‘qualifications trail’, to contribute to something like this newsletter always looks good on the cv, besides being of obvious interest and value to your fellow professionals.

I am very much looking forward to hearing from you all.

Alison Harling—Editor

**Next Branch Committee Meeting - Friday 8th December 2006 2pm
Sheffield Central Library
All most welcome**

Features...

WELCOME! offers even more.

WELCOME!, the partnership committed to improving access to libraries in Kirklees and Calderdale are now offering even more to library users in the area.

Not only do we now appear on the new **Find it!** website, we can now offer a whole new service to adult learners in our region – access to computers and subscription databases through the library at the University of Huddersfield.

For the last three years WELCOME! has encouraged public access to its member libraries. We have always offered at least reference access to print materials in our libraries which now include the University of Huddersfield; Kirklees and Calderdale Public Library services; several college and 6th Form libraries; NHS libraries; and careers libraries.

As well as direct referrals by library staff we have previously offered two access maps – a glossy printed leaflet plus our regularly updated website (<http://welcome.hud.ac.uk>). We are now also pleased to be on the Inspire Find it! website (www.findit.org.uk) along with increasing numbers of other libraries across our region, making it even easier for potential users to find our libraries.

Our most recent achievement though, is that we can now offer a trial of guest access to computers at our lead institution, the University of Huddersfield.

Dedicated computers at our main Huddersfield campus library will be available for guests to use Microsoft Office software; access the internet; and search many of our subscription databases. People will simply need to bring in two forms of identification and sign a form to get a username and password to access these facilities.

This pilot will allow adult learners in our region to search almost 60 high quality databases, as well as accessing the internet and Microsoft Office software while in the University library.

Andrew Walsh
Welcome Co-ordinator
University of Huddersfield

For further information about WELCOME! contact Andrew Walsh or Kathryn Kilburn by email (welcome@hud.ac.uk); phone (01484 472581); or look at our website (<http://welcome.hud.ac.uk>).

'Down Memory Lane'

Take a look at this.....

The photograph overleaf was taken by Glyn Sutcliffe in Park Square Leeds in June 1974. That year marked the last Library Association 2 year course at Leeds Polytechnic before 3 year undergraduate degrees became the way to qualify.

Bill Anderson was the course director - he is at the bottom right seated on the grass.

Down 'Memory Lane'



If you would like to contact Glyn (4th from the right on the back row) his email is as follows:

glyns@britishlibrary.net

<http://pages.britishlibrary.net/glyns>

If you are in this picture, or want to submit your own, we would like to hear from you—just drop a line to the Editor. Details at the end of this newsletter.

Profiles...

A little bit about your new Editor..

What is your name?

My name is Alison Harling and I have been a member of CILIP for just over 10 years.

Where and when did you start out on the 'Library trail'?

Having used Libraries for most of my life, I thought it would be rewarding to work in one. Getting started was not easy, but after visiting the Chief Librarian (Dorothy Wood) at Calderdale Public Libraries for some advice, I began a programme of work experience there, then embarked on a part-time post-graduate Masters in Information Studies at Leeds Metropolitan University. My husband and 3 children took over the domestic reins at this point, whilst the work experience turned into a Library Assistant's post, and my studies continued. After 3 years, I moved to Calderdale College as an Information Officer, completed my Masters and became an Assistant Librarian.

Where are you now?

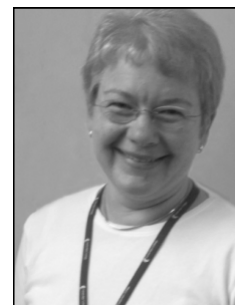
Having survived one or two restructures, I am now Library Supervisor at the College, working with a fantastic team of talented colleagues.

How did you become Editor?

Although already busy in a full-time post, I wanted to contribute in a practical way to CILIP in Yorkshire, and learn a new skill whilst 'on the job'. I volunteered to fill the advertised vacancy and am now pleased to be a co-opted member of the Branch Committee.

What do I look like?

Not much first thing in the morning, but here is a mugshot taken whilst at work. As you can see, I do enjoy my work!



What next?

Maybe Chartership...Revalidation....?

News from the region

Revalidation Success

Congratulations to Daniel Park (Chair of CILIP Yorkshire and Humber) on gaining his Chartership Revalidation. Very much ahead of his peers, being the first in the region to pass the test, he recommends it as a very worthwhile exercise to do.

See his inspiring article in the latest issue of *Impact* (Journal of the Career Development Group) Autumn 2006 Volume 9 no. 3.

Renaissance Museums Partnership

Yorkshire's museums are to receive £300,000 in a successful competition for Government funding through the Renaissance in the Regions museum programme.

Money was awarded to 15 museums throughout the region. They will each work in a partnership with one of the 'hub' museums—Bradford, Hull, Leeds, Sheffield or York. The partnership will take the themes of education, archaeology, community history and visual arts to find different ways of promoting and interpreting the collections for non-traditional audiences of schools, young people and disadvantaged communities.

(MLA Yorkshire E-Info News Bulletin, accessed 19/09/2006)

For further information on activities, professional development etc. at MLA Yorkshire, visit www.mlayorkshire.org.uk

COFHE-YH

Sadly, we saw the demise of COFHE Yorkshire and Humber this summer. It was decided to close the Circle due to lack of sustainable interest. Said Janice Lavigueur (Chair) "If it is felt, in the future, that there is a need to re-form the group under new officers and committee members, we hope this will be possible." (COFHE Bulletin 109, Summer 2006).

Membership Survey—John Allred

Your Branch Committee at their meeting on Friday October 13th reviewed our 1997 Survey and discussed how we might keep our Branch members better informed and involved in Branch affairs.

We feel it is important that we do all we can to maintain a sense of professional community at a time when there is increasing fragmentation and diversification of our work.

Your Branch proposes to send to all members with an email address on the CILIP Members' database a copy of our committee's agenda before each Meeting, and to invite your comments on the business. This is the first stage of our plans to set up easy ways in which you can participate and direct Branch activities. There are no plans to discontinue the printed CILIP in Yorkshire and Humber newsletter.

Your Branch would also like you to tell us one thing you would like the Branch to do for you.

The email address to use for the present is: jracilipyh@tiscali.co.uk

National News

Employer packs—have you received yours?

Under the heading 'quality people equals quality service' employer packs have been sent to over 4,000 Human Resource professionals and senior managers in 8 sectors with the aim of improving their understanding of the LIS profession as an aid in the recruiting process.

The pack emphasises the importance of employers recruiting, retaining and rewarding the best staff to meet the information needs of their organisations. It also promotes Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and explains how CILIP membership and involvement in professional activity can bring real benefits to employers.

Copies and further information available from CILIP, 7 Ridgmount St., London WC1E 7AE, or email: advice@cilip.org.uk giving the name and address of your Human Resource Manager.

CILIP Life@Work Survey 2006

Urgent! CILIP needs your help to help you! Please follow this link to complete the questionnaire:

http://www.cilip.org.uk/professionalguidance/workforcedevelopment/lifework_survey/

There is a **prize draw** for all those who complete a questionnaire. Prizes are: 1 year's FREE MEMBERSHIP, FREE PLACE on any ONE DAY COURSE in 2007, FREE copy of 'Managing change' by Susan Carol Curzon, FREE copy of 'Evaluating the impact of your library' by Markless & Streatfield.

Governance Review Task Force

CILIP Council has set up a Governance Review Task Force, chaired by Derek Law, to recommend a governance structure for CILIP that is fit for purpose.

It will meet monthly and report back to Council on 7th December 2006.

As part of its work it will be consulting all key stakeholders about governance at CILIP.

Individual members can have their say on the existing governance structure or ideas, however radical, about a future structure. This can be done through the CILIP website, by post to Guy Daines, Head of Policy & Governance at CILIP, or email: guy.daines@cilip.org.uk

Online Communities

Following a successful pilot, CILIP online communities discussion forum was launched officially on Members' Day in October.

All CILIP members will be able to view and post to the forums, guided by 40 'enthusiastic champions' who have volunteered to assist.

Discussion threads started so far have included topics such as 'Demonstrating value', 'How to keep customers', working in a commercial environment, 'Words to describe what we do', biographical and private interests, and so on.

The pilot clearly showed an enthusiasm for professional networking in this way, prompting the Communities team to say, "We now need to keep up the engagement". (Update, October 2006 Vol 5 (10), p.4). For more information, visit:

<http://communities.cilip.org.uk>

Professional Update Events in the Region



Marketing—gives your Library wings

This workshop will be presented by **Antony Brewerton**, Oxford Brookes University.

The aim is to aid colleagues in the mastery of marketing techniques, specifically for the promotion of Library and Information units and their services.

Time: 10.00am — 4.00pm

Date: Wednesday 21 November 2006

Venue: Edward Boyle Library
Conference Room,
University of Leeds

Cost: £75 (incl. refreshments)

For further details on booking please contact:

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www.cilip.org.uk/yh

Next Issue:

- Meet your Committee.
- News from around the region and beyond.
- Features, opinions, letters—please send them to the address below.
- Profiles— meet Liz Chapman, MA student in librarianship aiming to be a Children's Librarian.
- Professional Updates.

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