

## The Two Bobs: our new comedy duo - but which is the straight man & which the funny man?



Have you heard the one about the SIGs? It'll have you in stitches. When the February issue of *Information World Review* came out the lead story was all about the

axing of jobs at CILIP, which is aiming to get itself "back on track" financially. (Who derailed it in the first place?) No matter: this is a sad story, containing the heartrending phrase "I wish we didn't have to do it" from Chief Exec. Bob McKee, [above] but unfortunately illustrated with a photo of Beaming Bob - looking

like the happiest man in the world. But then Bob *always* beams in every picture, unlike the editor of IWR whose first editorial on page 2 of the same issue bore the chilling sentence "...it would be unfortunate if, in six months time [CILIP] had to take further action, such as closing down special interest groups." Some of us certainly found this intensely worrying, and waited anxiously for a response from someone at CILIP (there are after all a goodly number of people employed at HQ to deal with SIGs, PR, image, membership *et al*). But nothing came. So after a decent interval your Chair e-mailed both Bob McKee and Bobby Pickering [right] to ask for clarification. Bob McKee replied thus: "Bobby was being mischievous, I think. There's no such suggestion. If there was, then obviously CILIP members would know about it

through CILIP channels." Hmm... did news of the redundancies reach the membership through CILIP channels? Wasn't it rather the gossip at Online which brought us that news? Wish we could feel reassured... We waited in vain for a response of any kind from Bobby Pickering, until well into March. Then two 'Reply' e-mails arrived from the IWR Editor. The first was completely empty. We responded, asking what was missing. The second was equally empty of all text. And although Bob McKee has had plenty to say to other publications on this subject. the rest has been silence so far as *ICLG News* is concerned.

...so was it goodnight from him?



## Happy about *your* pension?



For most of us, unless we're civil servants, MPs, fat cats or Eurocrats (not too many of whom are toilers in the library & information vineyards), worries about our pensions & financial futures tend to be ever-present. Wouldn't it be nice to think that your pension was secured in perpetuity by a large centrally-sited, purpose-

built, saleable building such as the one in the picture at left? This was the other little gem in the February *IWR* front page story: Captain Bob has securely plugged the hole in the good ship CILIP's pension fund by pledging the HQ building against any future shortfall. Wasn't it Aslib which used regularly to get itself out of financial trouble by serially selling off its bricks & mortar in the old days? Now there's an unfortunate precedent for an ethical shiny new organisation like CILIP to be following...

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## People

### ICLG Co-options

The ICLG Committee has co-opted two new members to help with the multiple tasks involved in running this large Special Interest Group. Our first new member is **Sarbjit Dhillon** [left], an Account Manager for Swets, who will be assisting with ICLG's sponsorship liaison - vital to our training seminars and meetings programming.



Our second addition is **Katherine Ross** [right] a senior recruitment consultant at Sue Hill Recruitment. Katherine has taken on our press, media & PR liaison, so you can expect to read more about ICLG in other publications in future as our improved profile-raising programme gets under way.



### Another phase has begun for Tim Buckley-Owen

Tim describes himself as an independent information society commentator - and is probably one of the best-known people in the business. Following his departure from CILIP at the end of last year we all knew it couldn't be long before he reappeared in other guise.



Tim is the editor of *Business Information Review*, and also writes on UK government information issues for *Managing Information*. He runs training courses for CILIP and Aslib, covering enquiry handling, abstracting & summarising, packaging & presentation and basic information skills. He recently gave a masterly presentation at T&F Informa's Corporate Information Management conference on **Rocket Science for Beginners** (you had to have been there!)

The best part lies in the first sentence of this item: it's so good to see Tim unshackled as a truly **independent** commentator again. That's what we've always loved him for.

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## AGM announcement

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## ICLG AGM 2006

The ICLG Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2006. This year again, with kind permission of N. M. Rothschild & Sons, it will be at their headquarters in New Court, St Swithin's Lane, London. The meeting will begin at 18.00 for the formal business of the AGM, and will be followed at 18.30 by a presentation/seminar on **Journalism, Libraries & Magazines** by Graham Coult, editor of *Managing Information*:

"What is a magazine for? How is it different to a trade paper or an academic journal? What are the hallmarks of a good magazine? Why are images and colour so important? These questions, along with practical sessions on headlines, press releases and writing stories will be covered at the ICLG AGM seminar. The aim of the session is to give everyone an understanding of what makes a good story, and a good reading experience, and perhaps to inspire them to try out a few ideas themselves – anything from a story up to a complete magazine, depending on how ambitious people are feeling"

Graham's library career began early, at age 11, when an exceptionally enlightened school started teaching him the nuts-and-bolts of what makes a library: how it works, Dewey Decimal classification, cataloguing *et al*. His career began with bookselling, and later took him as an information scientist to British Gas, undertaking research at their Scientific Research Centre. Subsequently this information role evolved via means unknown into journalism and the editor's chair, but to discover how this was achieved you must attend on May 17, when all will be revealed. Graham has a raft of qualifications in librarianship, journalism & French, and an even wider range of interests including mediaeval history, languages, cooking, railways & travel to particularly nice places abroad.

The AGM and seminar **must** be pre-booked: it will not be possible to take bookings on the night. The cost is £5 for ICLG members and £15 for non-members (but see the item on page 5 concerning ICLG membership). The booking form for this event can be downloaded from the ICLG website.

Drinks & canapés will be served on arrival and after the presentation.  
We are grateful to Swets for their sponsorship of this occasion.

**SWETS**

## Group profile by David Griffiths, ADLG



### What is the Aerospace & Defence Librarians Group?

The strictly factual answer is that the Aerospace & Defence Librarians Group (ADLG) is a specialist subgroup of the ICLG, bringing together librarians working in a wide range of aerospace and defence institutions: government, industrial and academic organisations; learned societies & research associations.

It might also be fair to state that it represents one of the principal elements of the "Industrial" side of its parent. Our membership comes from a variety of bodies: the national (British Library & National Archives) - Universities and Colleges - 7 different MoD and defence agencies, and a whole range of commercial organisations large and small.

ADLG is an active group in its own right, organising visits and seminars and producing a lively newsletter. At the same time, it has strong links with the rest of ICLG.

#### **Benefits of membership:**

Membership is free to all members of ICLG. In return ADLG offers librarians and information professionals in the aerospace and defence sectors the opportunity to:

- Meet other people working in these fields, and to exchange ideas and information
- Benefit from the experience of librarians facing similar problems and challenges
- Meet librarians from very different organisations

- Keep up to date with new technologies and developments
- increase professional knowledge and expertise

#### **What do we do?**

A flavour of what the ADLG does is evident from its programme of visits, and from past seminars. These and other activities are reported in our newsletter. ADLG has a full ongoing programme of visits. Recent trips have included:

- RAF Museum
- National Army Museum
- Croydon Airport
- British Library
- Imperial War Museum
- Meteorological Office
- Gatwick Airport
- Civil Aviation Authority

In addition, we try to hold our AGM at a different location each year – recent AGMs have been at the Royal Aeronautical Society, the Met Office and the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, as well as the British Library.

Consequently participants can expect the visit to involve activities such as going "airside" at Gatwick, climbing into the gutted body of an aircraft undergoing conversion at British Aerospace Filton, and seeing seismological data for an earthquake arriving at AWE as it happens! This year we have visited the British Airways Archives and Museum in West London. Some pictures from this visit appear on the following page.

#### **Seminars and courses:**

ADLG organises a programme of valuable learning opportunities.

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## Group profile *continued*

In September last year we ran an over-subscribed and well received seminar on **Managing e-collections in the specialist sector.**

ADLG also ran a seminar at last year's [Umbrella conference](#) on **Acquiring & Maintaining Specialist Knowledge.**

Previous seminars have covered

- ◆ **Electronic Information : Success/Failure;**
- ◆ one for **new entrants to the profession** working in aerospace and defence-related libraries;
- ◆ **Online Searching for Aerospace & Defence Librarians;**
- ◆ **Sources of Technical Reports;**
- ◆ **New ways of promoting and delivering information within the organisation,** (on the Internet and Intranets),

### Publications:

Reports on all of the above activities, plus much more, feature in our newsletter, which includes articles, product news, book reviews, details of conferences and

exhibitions, information about forthcoming visits and courses. We welcome contributions from our readers too, whilst committee members are usually forced to submit to a "grilling" under the guise of the ADLG Questionnaire!

One of the more unusual aspects of the ADLG is its "international" reach. We have several members outside the UK, and this international collaboration has even developed into mutual exchange visits.

Reports on such a visit, from a member in Grenoble, and on a return visit by ADLG members, have also featured in recent issues of the ADLG Newsletter.

If any of the above has persuaded you that the ADLG has something to offer you, then please contact me

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We will always be happy to hear from you.

## ADLG's British Airways Museum visit in February 2006



ADLG members going round the museum's display on their recent visit.



### Those were the days!

BOAC 1967 paper dress worn by BOAC stewardesses between New York and the Caribbean. This was the age of flower-power and the hemline was to be "no more than 3" above the knee"

## ICLG Membership

You do not have to be a member of CILIP to join ICLG. For only £25 per year you can join ICLG independently, and enjoy all the benefits available to ICLG members.

- ◆ Membership entitles you to attend ICLG & ADLG events, and other joint events at considerably reduced fees. For example you can attend the AGM advertised on page 4 at the reduced members' rate of £5.
- ◆ You will be able to obtain substantial discounts when booking major events like **Online Information 2006**, the **Library & Information Show** and **UMBRELLA**.
- ◆ **ICLG News** is published six times a year in electronic format and alternate issues will be posted to you in hard copy three times a year.
- ◆ You will be notified of forthcoming events by e-mail
- ◆ We will keep you informed of all CILIP initiatives which affect the interests of those working in the commercial sector.

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*Send to ICLG Hon. Treasurer:*

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### Notice for current ICLG independent members

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## Press Releases: What's New



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The next issue of *ICLG News* (May) will be an electronic-only edition. The deadline for contributions to this issue will be 1 May 2006 for anything you would like to see published. All contributions, comments - positive or negative - from members are extremely welcome, and will help us to

produce the newsletter you want to see from ICLG. Please e-mail contributions for the next issue - with any attachments - Word (text) jpg, gif or bmp (graphics) preferably, please, to the Editor, *ICLG News* at:

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...and finally - another picture has belatedly come our way of the multipartite Christmas bash - hence-forth apparently to be known as the Information Professionals Ball!.

Our picture shows the Chairs of 2005's seven organisations contributing (plus one or two other important people on hand at the time). Pretty late in the day admittedly for Christmas pictures - our purpose is merely to remind any members who were *not* able to attend in 2005, that the Information Professionals Ball 2006 is an absolute **must**. Planning is already under way, venues are being inspected, and with its new title no doubt there will be even

more organisations represented. It may not get bigger - there must be limits - but it will certainly be better every year. So make a note in your diaries **now**: Monday 27 November 2006 will be a night not to be missed.

