

This year has seen the UC&R BBO section arrange several successful events, and more are in the pipeline. The AGM, held in March 2006 at the Social Science Library at the University of Oxford, attracted a wide range of interest. Louise Clarke's talk, assessing the development of this new library and building a year on, was entertaining and insightful. The tour enabled us to place this assessment in context and see how Oxford University is developing and implementing academic libraries for the twenty-first century.

The Committee acted on feedback welcoming the opportunities our events offered for meeting other local professionals. In July, the Committee hosted a networking night for members to meet and discuss their continuing professional development. This social evening, held in Reading and co-hosted with the Berkshire, Buckingham and Oxfordshire District of CILIP, proved popular. Meeting Cheney Gardner, the Regional Liaison Officer, was a useful and welcome bonus.

"Ain't misbehavin' a day of workshops, presentations and discussion on managing student behaviour in libraries" was held on 1 February 2007. This joint event, run by CoFHE Mid-West Circle and UC&R BBO, was postponed from the autumn 2006. It was fully booked, with a waiting list, and provided a valuable and enjoyable day. This proves the attraction of a practical session examining the issues facing readers and librarians in their day-to-day life in libraries. This approach will be maintained by the UC&R Committee's plans for future events. In June we will host a seminar looking at the professional skill of classification. Planning is also in hand for the autumn joint event with CoFHE, which will focus on life after the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act. Full details, as always, will appear on our re-vamped website.

The Committee works hard to run these events, meeting regularly at a range of venues across the counties, and corresponding via email. If we are not running events you would like to attend, please tell us, or better still join the committee and make the events you want happen! We are always looking for enthusiastic new members, and with two committee members stepping down this year there is no better opportunity to join in.

The Committee are very sorry to lose both Ian Badger, our valiant Treasurer, and Paul Johnson, our hard-working Web Officer. The Treasurer's post can be a thankless task, but Ian bore it with good grace. Paul leaves behind him the legacy of a recently re-vamped website. Both are thanked for their positive contributions to committee meetings, their efforts in arranging events, and all the work they put in behind the scenes to help ensure the Committee runs as smoothly as possible. We wish them well with their promotions, which have taken them out of the BBO area.

Given these imminent changes, the Committee was pleased to co-opt James Andrews on his return to the Oxford area. James, as the Librarian of the Chantry Library, brings the welcome perspective of a specialised research library, and I am pleased to report he is hoping to commit his time more formally by joining the committee. Others have also expressed an interest in joining, so we look forward to some healthy committee elections.

In the meantime, I would like to thank the Committee as a whole for all their hard work, and for sharing tasks and responsibilities. All Committee Members are volunteers, and I thank them for their time and energy. I would also like to thank their employers for allowing them to carry out this work on the membership's behalf.

Joanna Snelling, Chairman
13 February 2007

Committee members during 2006:

Ian Badger	Treasurer	University of Reading
Paul Johnson	Web Officer and CoFHE Observer	University of Reading
Sue Pemberton	Committee member and National Rep.	Continuing Education Library, Oxford
Joanna Snelling	Chairman, CoFHE Observer and National Rep.	Corpus Christi College, Oxford
Kerry Webb (née Weller)	Publicity Officer	English Faculty Library, Oxford
Fiona Wilkes	Secretary	Wolfson College, Oxford
James Andrews	Co-opted member	Chantry Librarian, Oxford