



3rd NCA PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STOP PRESS – Bicentenary of the Press Gallery celebrated in exhibition in the House of Commons - p1

The Ball is Rolling – Archive Awareness Month Gains Momentum – p1

Plans for the first ever Archive Awareness Month are taking shape across the UK. Under the theme of Love and Hate there may even be the chance to taste original recipe workhouse gruel! *Contact: Fiona Cameron, Marketing and Publicity Coordinator Archive Awareness Month on 020 8392 5376*

What's Happening? – The Archives Task Force –p2

The Archives Task Force is busy shining a spotlight on the UK archival scene. Find out what that spotlight is revealing and how the Task Force is thinking. *Contact: Emma Halsall, Resource on 020 7273 1421*

Funding Behind the Scenes Work–The National Manuscripts Conservation Trust–p3

The National Manuscripts Conservation Trust plays a small but vital role in funding those kinds of things that make access possible, giving life saving grants to conserve some of our nation's manuscripts. Here's a taste of its work. *Contact: The Secretary, NMCT on 020 7412 7052*

Archival Hinterland or Seedbed – Archives outside the public sector – p3

In this briefing we aim to give you a sense of some of the problems facing the myriad of archives that rarely receive public funds. Not just that though... we also take the opportunity to celebrate a range of really successful projects outside the public sector. *Contact: Katie Norgrove, NCA on 020 8392 5376*

Continuity – Functions of the Historical Manuscripts Commission Continue – p3

As the lead advisory body for non-publicly funded archives, the role of the HMC will continue after the formation of The National Archives *Contact: Chris Kitching, The National Archives (Historical Manuscripts Commission) on 020 7242 1198*

Looking for a Loving Home – 'Orphaned' records – p4

What can we do about those archives searching for a guardian? *Contact: Chris Kitching, The National Archives (Historical Manuscripts Commission) on 020 7242 1198*

Thanks to the Treasury–Acceptance Of Manuscripts And Archives In Lieu Of Tax–p4

As it reaches its 30th year, we review the role of the Acceptance in Lieu Scheme in securing outstanding works. *Contact: Chris Kitching, The National Archives (Historical Manuscripts Commission) on 020 7242 1198*

Keys to Unlocking the Door of Archival Meaning – More resources needed to tackle cataloguing backlogs – p6

What sort of access to houses of historical discovery can archives provide without the keys to let us through the door? *Contact: Chris Kitching, The National Archives (Historical Manuscripts Commission) on 020 7242 1198*

Sitting Between the Scientist and the Archivist: The National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists – p7

Find out how this organisation has been busy revealing what 22 Nobel Laureates, to name but a few, committed to paper. *Contact: Peter Harper Director, NCUACS on 01225 385241*

Private Papers Given over to Public Enjoyment – The Roald Dahl Centre, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire – p8

The private papers of the creator of the Big Friendly Giant, put into trust, form the core of a new centre to celebrate the life of one of our best-loved authors. *Contact: Sue Davies, Manager/Curator on 01494 890973*

Business Archive Finds a Way to Share its Past – Unilever and The United Africa Company Project – p9

It may not be a core business function, but Unilever has found the means to give access to the records of one of its early acquisitions. *Contact: Jeanette Strickland, Corporate Archivist, Unilever plc on 020 7822 6642*

When the Archivist went to the Children's Ward School: an experiment in outreach and learning – p10

How some hospital records helped build an interest in history for children not able to go to school. *Contact: Nicky Sugar, now College Archivist, Royal Holloway University of London on 01784 443814*

Connected Earth: A Partnership Approach from Business – p11

How a £6m investment from British Telecom revolutionised access to its historic collections. *Contact: David Hay, Head of Group Archives, BT on 020 7242 1967.*

From the Horse's Mouth – Working in a Private Archive – p12

What's working life like for the archivist from the Guardian Newsroom? *Contact: Gavin McGuffie on 020 7886 6804*

