

WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF
THE FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Our aims

- To support the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the preservation, promotion and use of its historical archive.
- To promote interest in the history of the College, and of psychiatry more widely.

Proposed activities

- One meeting a year at the College, usually in connection with a display or presentation.
- A history session at the annual meeting.
- Annual visit/outing to a site of historical interest such as an old asylum.
- Encouragement of history projects relating to psychiatry.
- Newsletter by post, three times a year.
- Members' ideas welcome.

Membership

- Open to College members and other interested persons with a College member's support on payment of the current subscription.
- Donors to the Adopt-A-Book scheme to be offered inaugural (first year) membership.

Francis Maunze, Archivist

Fiona Subotsky, Honorary Archivist

History sessions at the Annual Meeting 2009 in Liverpool

S7 From Shell Shock to Secure Psychiatry in Merseyside

Wednesday 3 June 11:30–12:45

Professor Edgar Jones: 'Shell Shock: the Work of Maghull in World War I'

Dr Caroline Mulligan: 'Ashworth Hospital Now'

S17 History of Psychiatry in the 18th and 19th Century

Wednesday 3 June 16:15–17:30

Dr Alannah Tomkins: 'What's Up Doc: Medical Practitioners in 19th Century Asylums'

Dr Lisetta Lovett: 'Thomas Bakewell, Madhouse Keeper and Moral Therapist – An Advocate for Fair Deal?'

Archives update

Archives Collection Development Policy

The Archives Collection Development Policy was approved by the Central Executive Committee on 20 March 2009. It provides guidelines for the selection of College archives from institutional records and personal papers.

Institutional records

The recently updated records management policy of the College provides guidelines for the creation, maintenance, storage, retrieval and transfer of institutional records of permanent and historical value to the College archives. These official records include: minutes of all meetings and other key bodies; correspondence and other supporting documents for new initiatives and major decisions; reports, policy statements and guidelines; research papers; financial, personnel and property management records; and all publications produced by the College.

Personal papers

The policy also enables the College Archives to acquire personal papers of past Officers, Fellows and Members which relate to the history of the College, psychiatry and mental health, especially those which substantially supplement and complement existing institutional archives. These papers will include: biographies; curriculum vitae; memoirs; official correspondence relating to College business; professional correspondence relating to professional and government bodies; diaries; and photographs and other audio-visual materials.

Preservation of College archives

On 17 September 2008 Jonathan Rhys-Lewis, a consultant in preservation and collections management, carried out a preservation audit of the College's archives and book collections.

Recommendations

Recommendations included the compilation of a preservation policy, disaster preparedness plan, and guidelines for labelling, repackaging and storage of archives. A bid will be made to the Wellcome Trust for the cataloguing and conservation of the archives collection. The project will include the creation of

an online catalogue, labelling and repackaging of the archives, and repair work on targeted and prioritised archives.

The Dr Francis Felicity Kerr Bequest

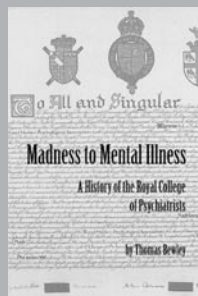
The College is grateful for the recent bequest of £10 000 from the estate of the late Dr Frances Felicity Kerr to be used for the archives preservation project. The donation will provide funding for the creation of an additional archives repository. However, further funding will still be required for the furnishing of this store room with proper archival shelving and environmental monitoring equipment.

Special offer: 20% off for members of FOCA

Madness to Mental Illness: A History of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Thomas Bewley's book is a comprehensive history of the Royal College of Psychiatrists as an organisation and gives an overview of developments in British psychiatry and its subspecialties over the past two centuries (July 2008, hardback, 158 pages, full price £35).

Members of the Friends of the College Archives can buy this book with 20% off the full price (discounted price is £28) by calling Book Sales on 020 7235 2351 ext. 101. Learn more about the book at: www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications



Adopt-a-Book

An opportunity to contribute towards the history of psychiatry and the College.

The Adopt-a-Book scheme of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was launched at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh. The scheme is aimed at raising funds for the conservation and repair of the College's antiquarian book collection.

Further information can be found at: www.rcpsych.ac.uk/college/archives/adoptabook.aspx. Since its launch in July, the scheme has received considerable support, mainly from members of the College.

Several adopted books have now been repaired. We would like to thank all those who have generously donated to the scheme so far, and look forward to your continued support. The following is the list of donors.

2007

Dr Philip Sugarman
Dr John S. Christie
Dr Larry Culliford
Dr Indrani Anthony-Pillai
Drs Val and Karen Yeung
Drs Dora and Jack Black
Dr A.A. Hubelling

2008

Dr Roger Cole
Northern Ireland Division Executive Committee
for Dr Graeme McDonald and Dr Caroline Marriott
Dr A.J.J. Perez-Gil
Dr Teresa Black
Northern Ireland Division Executive Committee
for Dr Arthur O'Hara

2009

Professor George Ikkos

From the archives

The image shows one of the early records in the archives collection. This is a copy of a notice to members of the Association of Medical Officers of

Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane of the Annual Meeting of 1860. The Association was the first predecessor body of the College.

Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

WILL TAKE PLACE

At the Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Thursday, the
5th of July, 1860.

Under the Presidency of

JOHN CHARLES BUCKNILL, M.D. LOND., F.R.C.P.

The Meeting will be held at the FREEMASONS' TAVERN at One o'Clock. The retiring President, SIR CHARLES HASTINGS, D.C.L., will resign the Chair to the President Elect, DR. BUCKNILL, who will deliver an Address to the Association.

The General Business will afterwards be taken.

The Secretary has received intimation from Dr. Conolly, that the following Foreign Psychologists will be proposed by him as Honorary Members, viz :

Dr. Falret,	} Paris.	Dr. Fleming, Editor of the <i>Zeitschrift</i>	} United States	
Dr. Calmeil,		<i>der Psychiatrie.</i>		} of America.
Dr. Voisin,		Dr. Howe,		
Dr. Achille Foville,		Dr. Butler,		
Dr. Morel, Ronen.		Dr. Piny Earle,		
Dr. Van Leeuwen, Holland.		Dr. Rae,		

Professor Laycock, of the Edinburgh University, will also be proposed as an Honorary Member, by Dr. Robertson.

The Dinner will take place at Seven *precisely*, at the FREEMASONS' TAVERN. Members proposing to dine are particularly requested to leave their names at the Bar of the Tavern.

Members of the Profession desirous of Admission into the Association are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary before the day of Meeting.

The following Papers will be read :

1. *On the Prospects of Physicians practising in Cases of Insanity*, by Dr. Conolly, D.C.L.
2. *Suggestions towards a Uniform System of Asylum Statistics*, by Dr. Lockhart Robertson.

Notice of further Communications, and of Subjects for Discussion at the Annual Meeting, may be made to the Honorary Secretary.

Members of the Committee are requested to meet at the Freemasons' Tavern, at Twelve, Noon, on the day of Meeting.

The Rules of the Association, as adopted at the Annual Meeting, 1855, can be had on application to the Honorary Secretary.

C. LOCKHART ROBERTSON, M.B. CANTAB.,
Honorary Secretary.

Hayward's Heath, Sussex, June, 1860.

FOCA *membership form*

Friends of the College Archives

I would like to become a Friend of the College Archives.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:.....

Telephone no:

Email:

Signed:

Date:

College membership number OR name of sponsoring member of College:
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Subscription is currently £25 per person per calendar year. Note: subscriptions received between June and December 2009 will entitle membership to end 2010. Please make cheques payable to: The Royal College of Psychiatrists (Archive Fund).

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