

# MODERN RECORDS CENTRE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## 1. *Introduction*

This *Bulletin* records another busy five months at the Centre. There has been an unusually large turnover of staff, so that those of us who were left were hard pushed to cope with the day-to-day demands of running the Centre, let alone to process several very large accessions. Nonetheless progress is reported below.

## 2. *Funding developments*

Good news has been received from the Research Support Libraries Programme's Access Funding programme. The University Library will receive money from the programme for three years. Part of the money will be used to fund an additional archivist's post. As well as enabling us to make our holdings more accessible by additional cataloguing, the post will enable us to maintain our lunchtime opening. It will also allow us to open later in the evening. We are canvassing readers' views on the most useful times. The options being considered are: opening until 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; opening until 7 p.m. on two evenings; opening until 9 p.m. on one evening. Please let us know your views. We hope to be able to start the longer hours once the additional archivist is in post, perhaps by June.

## 3. *Higher Education Hub project*

The previous *Bulletin* reported the receipt a further grant from JISC to enable the Centre to participate in the Higher Education Archives Hub project. This is a pilot project, aiming to give researchers a single gateway to collection-level descriptions of archives held at a number of universities. The Centre has been compiling collection-level descriptions of its holdings since last February but this grant is speeding up the work. The Centre's own results are already available via the Centre's web pages (see the end of this *Bulletin* for the URL). The HE Hub is now available on a trial basis at <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk>. **The project welcomes feedback from researchers.**

## 4. *New deposits*

Archives continue to be deposited. They are described briefly in the following list. Some of them have yet to be processed, so that their entry is simply a 'marker.' As usual, a complete list will be included in the Centre's *Annual Report*. Please note that not all of them are available for research.

- *Association (of Headmistresses) of Independent and Direct Grant Schools*: minutes of committee meetings, 1942-72, minutes of AGMs (including annual reports), 1943-73; memoranda, circulars and correspondence, 1942-72; survey of schools and related correspondence for evidence to the Public Schools Commission, 1968. (MSS.188/AIDGS)
- *Mary Brennan papers*: papers relating to her work as a CND activist, 1983-94, including Christian CND, Greenham, and West Midlands CND. There are also papers relating to the Chernobyl Disaster Fund for Health Care. (MSS.410)
- *Cycling Touring Club*: Additional material has been deposited, including a number of cycling publications. (MSS.328/CTC)
- *Maurice Edelman*: Additional papers, including manuscript and typescript versions of *Disraeli in Love* and *Disraeli Rising*, and other literary works: *All on a summer's night*, *The Fratricides*, *Some are too good for it*, *Who goes home?* *The Family Party*, *Sink the QE2*, *Winston Churchill*, *Daily Mirror history*, *Shark Island*, *The Prime Minister's Daughter*, *The Minister*; articles published/radio talks by ME; scrap books of press cuttings, 1947-52; pocket diaries; various subject files including files on General de Gaulle, the French motor industry, the campaign against American comics, 1953; the case of Admiral North, 1955; and the Franco-British Council. There are also letters of condolence to Mrs Tilli Edelman, 1975-6, letters from Councillor and Mrs D. Berry, 1985-94 and other Coventry contacts. (MSS.125)
- *Fire Brigades Union*: Additional papers include John Horner's reminiscences of his period as General Secretary of the union, 1939-64. John Horner led the union during a crucial period in its history and his memoir includes details of the dramatic events of the war years, during which the Auxiliary Fire Service was integrated into the union. Also included in this deposit are a correspondence file about the writing of the union's history, 1987-92, and some union publications. (MSS.346)
- *Inter-Banks Organisation and Methods Association*: The Centre is very grateful to Mr. Graham Briscoe for arranging the deposit of these papers. IBOMA was formed in 1960 to facilitate co-operation between financial institutions based in the City of London. IBOMA was wound up in 1997 and the archive includes minutes of meetings, correspondence and programmes of events. (MSS.394)
- *James Charles McLauchlan papers*: J. C. McLauchlan (1912-1999) was a member of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, serving as chairman 1970-2 and in many other offices. His papers relating to his work for the Institution have been deposited. (MSS.409)
- *MSF* Twenty-one very large boxes await unpacking. (MSS. Number not yet determined.)

- *Arthur Marsh papers*: The papers of Arthur Marsh (1922-99) were deposited at the Centre in October. Arthur Marsh was appointed Senior Fellow in Industrial Relations at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford in 1964. Arthur Marsh's publications on industrial relations were numerous and included *The Seamen*, (1989) and *The Clerks* (1997). His papers include arbitration files on industrial disputes, agreements and conference reports in the steel industry c. 1910-70s, and files on the National Union of Seamen, including the 1966 strike. (MSS.408)
- *National Federation of Building Trades Operatives*: The main archive of the NFBTO had been deposited in the library of UMIST but it has now been transferred to the Centre. It includes various series of minutes and circulars, including Executive/General Council minutes 1922-61, conference reports 1921-71, circulars 1922-70, and minutes of the National Joint Council of the Building Industry. It also includes many volumes of reports, pamphlets, etc. collected by the NFBTO. Further material is to be transferred. The archive is still being unpacked. (MSS.78/BO)
- *National Union of Public Employees*: In 1987 NUPE switched from taking verbatim minutes to making video recordings of its national conferences. Films for 1987-1991 have now been deposited. NUPE archives are closed until they are twenty years old. (MSS.281)
- *Operational Research Society*: Additional minutes and papers relating to the Society's Council and various committees, c. 1963-1987 have been deposited. The Society's papers are closed until they are twenty years old. (MSS.335/SO)
- *Transport and General Workers' Union*: The latest addition to the TGWU archive includes correspondence of James Sexton, 1913-38, and a volume of minutes presented to Harry Gosling after the London transport workers' strike in 1911. The deposit also contains correspondence files on the TGWU's relationship with the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers, 1950-69, Port of Liverpool Staff Association, 1969-70, files about the 1989 docks strike, and civil defence, c. 1954-6. There are minutes for the Docks Trade Group National Committee, 1922-77, the Chemical Section National Committee, 1946-77 and the Clerical National Trade Group Committee, 1922-9, 1934-65. There is a great deal of material concerning the union's involvement in policy-making for the motor industry at a European level in the 1990s. The Union's papers are closed until they are twenty years old. Another addition to the archive comprises photographs of delegations to conferences, including biennial delegate meetings, c. 1920s-50s. (MSS.126)
- *Water Companies Association*: The Water Companies Association was a trade association for the water industry. It was formed in 1885. On 1 April 1998 it joined with the Water Services Association to form Water UK. The papers deposited include AGM and Committee Minutes 1885-1975, annual accounts 1951-74, Executive Committee papers 1977-

89, Executive Council papers 1965-88, Annual Reports 1934-74, and Conference papers 1979-89. (MSS.407)

#### **4. *Staff***

Readers of this bulletin will know that we have been very fortunate in obtaining several grants from the JISC's Non-Formula Funding Programme to enable us to catalogue archives and to revise our *Summary Guide* to meet new archival standards. Our *Annual Report* for 1998-9 contains details of those colleagues who joined us to work on these projects and who have now moved on. Eleanor Rowe and Monica Ory also joined us, on a part-time job-share basis. Eleanor had worked in the Centre on a part-time basis for several years. She was able to list the papers of the Association of Head Mistresses and to process various other deposits. She has now moved away to Scotland. Monica was a newcomer to the Centre, but not to archives: she is the former Deputy County Archivist at Warwickshire County Record Office. She carried out a thorough editing and revision of the finding aid for the YWCA archive, which had been compiled over several years by several people. She has moved on to another project. It was a great pleasure to work with them both.

We have been joined by Charles Fonge, who completed the archive MA three years ago and who has just successfully completed his Ph. D. at the University of York, editing the cartulary of St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick. Charles is working on the HE Hub project, organising the retrospective conversion to EAD of the finding aids for the Operational Research Society's archive, and undertaking new cataloguing.

#### **5. *Telephone and Fax number changes***

The Centre now has its own fax machine. The number is +44 (0) 1203 572988. Please note that from April 2000 (not 1 July 1999 as previously reported) the Centre's telephone and fax numbers will change to (tel.) +44 (0)24 7652 4219 and (fax) +44 (0)24 7657 2988.

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