

## **DR WILLIAMS'S LIBRARY**

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# **LIBRARY E-BULLETIN**

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### **Reading Room**

The Library will be closed for the Bank Holiday from 5pm on Friday 22 May until 10am on Tuesday 26 May 2009.

Staff are exceptionally busy preparing for the closure so please allow extra time for us to process requests for material, answer your queries and complete photocopying orders. Office and book moves are being carried out in advance of the building works. Noise will be kept to a minimum, but the Reading Room may have periods of disruption.

### **Three month closure**

Dr Williams's Library and the Congregational Library will be closing at 5pm on Friday 29 May 2009 for approximately three months. This will allow for the installation of a lift, a wheelchair accessible entrance and new strong rooms.

The following closure measures were agreed by the Trustees:

- The maximum number of loans to Members was increased to twelve items from Friday 1 May 2009. Books borrowed or renewed from 1 May are due back on Thursday 1 October 2009. Postal borrowing will be suspended for June, but will resume on Wednesday 1 July (subject to stock and staff availability). Books must be returned by post from Monday 1 June until the Library reopens.
- Photocopying will be completely suspended during June, but a postal service will be available from Wednesday 1 July 2009. Requests will be subject to stock and staff availability, plus normal copyright and conservation restrictions. A minimum charge of £4 will be levied.
- Enquiry services will be suspended throughout the closure.

When the libraries reopen in mid-September there will be a restricted service of only two days a week, but it is hoped to resume the normal Library hours within a short period. In addition, not all the collections will be immediately available; it is likely that a number will not be accessible until the new strong room has been commissioned in the New Year.

### **The Surman Index Online**

The Surman Index is now freely available to search online via <http://surman.english.qmul.ac.uk>.

Charles Surman's extraordinary biographical card index of Congregational ministers includes the names of about 32,000 individuals, and, where known, their dates, details of their education, ministries or other employment, together with the sources used. It covers the period from the mid-seventeenth century to 1972, and though it focuses on England and Wales, it includes Congregational ministers serving abroad provided they trained or served as ministers in Britain. Although intended as an index of Congregational ministers, it also gives details of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Presbyterians. Further information can be found on the website.

### **New accessions**

You can [download a list of the material we have recently catalogued](#) [PDF 77KB]. If there is a specific item on the list you would like to see please [contact the Library](#) to check its availability.

### **New publications**

Two new publications are available to buy from the Library:

*Continuity and change in Protestant preaching in Early Modern England*  
[2006 Friends of Dr Williams's Library lecture]  
by Ian M. Green (£4)

*A darker shade of Pepys: the Entring Book of Roger Morrice*  
[2007 Friends of Dr Williams's Library lecture]  
by Mark Goldie (£4)

A full list of available publications is available on the [Library website](#). Please [contact the Library](#) to make an order.

### **St Deiniol's Library**

To celebrate the completion of extensive refurbishment work at [St Deiniol's Library](#), Friends and Members of Dr Williams's Library are being offered a special summer offer.\* When booking a Friday and Saturday night stay at the standard rate (£45 p.p.n), Sunday night will be included free of charge. The offer includes dinner, bed and continental breakfast. To take advantage of this offer please contact St Deiniol's, quoting DRWILLIAMS09.

\*Offer only available to Friends, Members, Staff and Volunteers of Dr Williams's Library, 14 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0AR. Offers are subject to availability. Offer does not include lunch, telephone calls or drinks from the bar. Normal terms and conditions apply. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Offers cannot be used whilst attending a course at St Deiniol's. Offer available for visits beginning before 30 September 2009. En-suite rooms may be available at a supplement of £12 per room per night.

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