

PRESS RELEASE

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We are delighted to announce the appointment of two new Trustees and a new Patron of Chawton House Library.

Dr. Linda Bree is the Literature Publisher at Cambridge University Press. She spent the early years of her working life at the Institute of Management, where she became Institute Secretary before returning to university in the late 1980s to undertake research in eighteenth-century fiction. Since the mid-1990s she has developed her career in publishing while continuing her scholarly research.

Among her own publications is the only full-length study of the eighteenth-century novelist, Sarah Fielding, and editions of Fielding's novel *The Adventures of David Simple* (Penguin, 2002) and Jane Austen's *Persuasion* (Broadview, 1998). She is the in-house Editor of The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Jane Austen, and is currently co-editing with Janet Todd, the *Later Manuscripts* volume in that edition.

Dr. Reg Carr was Bodley's Librarian in the University of Oxford (and Director of University Library Services) for 10 years from January 1997 until his early retirement in December 2006, and held a Professorial Fellowship at Balliol College during the same period. Upon Dr. Carr's retirement from Oxford, the University Council conferred upon him the title of Bodley's Librarian Emeritus. For the previous decade, from 1986 to 1996, he was Librarian at the University of Leeds, and combined those duties with the university-wide role of Dean of Information Strategy.

In 1999, he was elected Chairman of the Research Libraries Group and became the first non-North American to serve in this capacity in the 30-year history of the California-based consortium. Dr. Carr has also held senior posts in the libraries of the Universities of Cambridge, Aston, Surrey and Manchester and holds degrees from the Universities of Leeds (BA), Manchester (MA), Cambridge (MA), Oxford (MA) and Leicester (DLitt). His latest book (*The Academic Research Library in a Decade of Change*) was published earlier this year by Chandos Publishing.

Mr. Nigel Humphreys who is currently Chairman of Youth Clubs, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, has resigned as a Trustee and is now a Patron of Chawton House Library.

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