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**REPORT ON MAJOR HERITAGE ACQUISITIONS: JULY - OCTOBER
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PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

The purpose of the paper is to inform the Board of the most notable new heritage acquisition items secured by the British Library.

ABSTRACT / SUMMARY

The paper gives an overview of the most significant additions to the British Library's collections within the period specified.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is invited *to note* the report.

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During the period under review the following major heritage acquisitions have been made:

Miniature manuscript prayer-book: probably produced in Italy, c. 1600, consisting of a mixture of well-known prayers (e.g. to recite before sacramental confession, for the remission of sins). Originally from the library of Lord Lumley (c. 1533-1609) and bears Lord Lumley's characteristic ownership inscription.

Accepted under the Cultural Gifts Scheme by HM Government from Lucy Wood in memory of Robert Holden and allocated to the British Library, July 2015.



Joan Bakewell (Baroness Bakewell) (b. 1933): drafts of novels and memoirs, personal diaries and correspondence (including letters from Harold Pinter during the 1960s and beyond) relating to Joan Bakewell's career in media and public life.

Purchased from Joan Bakewell, 8 Oct. 2015, for £55,000



Letters from Harold Pinter in the Joan Bakewell Archive

Bertie Marshall ('Berlin') (b. 1960), author, performer and punk scenemaker: personal diaries, notebooks and correspondence; 1978-2014.

Purchased from Bertie Marshall via Maggs Bros Ltd, Oct. 2015, for £25,000



Bertie Marshall Diary

Due Diligence guidelines have been followed for all acquisitions made during this period. Heritage Purchases above £10,000 in value are compliant with the Library's policy and processes for single tender applications for this type of material. Acquisitions of £20,000 and above are capitalised and are reported in the Library's annual report. The potential for obtaining or licensing IPR has been explored as part of the process of each acquisition.

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