

The Bloomberg tablets and an update on fundraising plans for the Hellenic and Roman Library

The evening will focus on the exciting new finds from the archaeological excavations from Bloomberg's new European headquarters in London. The finds constitute Britain's largest, earliest and most important collection of Roman waxed writing tablets which include the first hand-written document known from Britain, as well as the earliest ever reference to London. Dr John Pearce, an expert on Roman archaeology and ancient documents from King's College London, and Dr Roger Tomlin, who deciphered and interpreted the tablets, will discuss the tablets and their significance.

A drinks reception will follow in the Library to announce fundraising initiatives to be undertaken in support of the Library following the signing of the new long-term Agreement with the University of London.

The Hellenic and Roman Library (HARL, Reg. Charity No. 1163798) was established in 2014 by the Hellenic and Roman Societies as a charitable company with the purpose of looking after their interests in, and the management and operation of, their Joint Library as part of the Combined Classics Library, in collaboration with the Institute of Classical Studies of the University of London. As part of these arrangements, HARL is responsible for the costs of employing the Librarians. A key aspect of its remit is fundraising for the endowment of the Librarian posts, and also to defray other costs associated with the Library.

Please join us for an interesting and informative evening and learn more about our future plans.