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THE UK DYSLEXIA ARCHIVE

HELLO! A PROJECT UPDATE…

It's been another busy few months for the project. We've added another terrific interview to the Archive, with John Friel, one of the leading barristers in special educational needs in the country. Many thanks to John.

A COUPLE MORE ARTICLES

In March, we published a short article on the *Conversation* website for International Women's Day, highlighting the role of women in the dyslexia movement. It got some good coverage and was republished by the *Independent*.

We also published a slightly longer piece on the history of dyslexia in the *Psychologist*, looking at how the science has changed over time and some of the major theorists of the condition. Thanks to everyone who got in touch with us after reading the article with their own reflections on the history of dyslexia research.

CONFERENCE, ARCHIVE AND TV…

This month was the BDA International Conference in Telford, and we were pleased to go along and present a paper on the history of the Word Blind Centre. The Word Blind Centre is just one element of the history of dyslexia, but an important one in understanding the events and achievements that came later.

The archive also acquired some more resources, with many thanks to Jennifer and Robin Salter. We might need to move the archive to a bigger room soon…

Earlier this month, we were also pleased to assist a television documentary team, who are tracing what it's like to live with dyslexia and how understandings of the condition have changed over time. We're looking forward to seeing it broadcast soon.

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