



Friends Of The Priaulx Library

January 2010 Newsletter

The Committee of the Friends of the Priaulx Library would like to wish all of our members a very Happy New Year.

QUIZ EVENING

An excellent evening's fun and entertainment were had at the annual quiz, held this year at the Peninsula hotel, on a wet and windy Wednesday evening in November.

105 Friends and guests took part, in eighteen teams, in what proved to be a hard-fought contest, with rounds including Music, History and Local Knowledge, amongst others.

At the end of the evening the President of the Friends of the Priaulx library, Peter Walpole, presented the winners trophy and prizes of limited edition copies of Guernsey maps, to the well-deserving team 'The Taffs', whose members were Carole Perrot, Dave Merifield, Alison Hemery, Linda Rowe and Sam Rowe.



It should be no surprise that four of the above are involved in education, and teach together at Blanchlande college, although we suspect Dingbats is not currently on the curriculum. Well done to them for scoring an impressive 141 points.

While the scores were being totalled up we had the raffle, with some great prizes generously donated by local companies and individuals.

All-in-all, through the sale of raffle tickets, donations and fund-raising, we raised £845 on the evening, which will be used to benefit the library, through the many projects that are being undertaken.

So thank you to all who took part in the evening, and who continue to support the important work that is being carried out on behalf of our great local facility, and we hope that we will see you all again next year.

Finally, but very importantly, we would like to say a big thank you to the Quiz-master, Sean McManus and his team, who generously prepared all of the questions and ran the event in a smooth manner, and who made the evening so enjoyable and fun to take part in.

The sponsors for the raffle were;

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A small but steady flow of new member applications has been received over the last few months. The membership now stands at 184, including 7 corporate members. This is somewhat short of our target of 200 by the end of 2009, but is nonetheless encouraging. 17 new members have joined during the year, and total membership has increased by about 10%. Subscriptions for 2010 are now due, and early payment would be appreciated. Reminders are being sent to those who pay annually.

DATA PROTECTION

The Data Protection Commissioner has advised that the Association, as a charity, is exempt from registering under the Data Protection Law because the personal data which it maintains is used only for the purpose of maintaining contact with members, for accounts and records, for administration and marketing in relation to its activities, and is not passed to third parties. Nevertheless, it is open to individual members to object to their contact data being maintained, and anyone wishing to object should contact the Membership Secretary, David Le Conte, at 01481 264847, dleconte@guernsey.net.

GUERNSEY HEROES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY

This programme is now well under way, having been launched with the lecture by Keith Moore, Chief Librarian and Archivist of the Royal Society, on 23 November. Adverse weather conditions meant that he almost did not make it to the Island, but despite a tedious journey he gave a spirited and wide-ranging talk about the 350-year history of the Society, illustrated by many examples of Fellows who had made seminal contributions to world science. The earliest reference to Guernsey which he had been able to find in the archives concerned a 17th century recipe for cormorant, a delicacy which has long disappeared from our tables!

The appreciative audience numbered about 60 - a very encouraging turnout, especially as this event was not only the first in the Guernsey programme, but also the first event in the Society's anniversary year. It is to be hoped that there will be similar support for the exhibition opening at the Priaulx Library in April, the second lecture on 13 May, and the third one on 20 October.

In the meantime, we have been informed that the Guernsey Heroes project is to be featured in the next issue of Inside Science, the Royal Society's magazine. We have also contributed photographs to the Society for its See Further programme, and have been asked to write an article about one of our Guernsey Fellows, Warren De La Rue, for the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery, where he is buried.

Further details about the Society's anniversary celebrations can be found at <http://royalsociety.org/seefurther/>.

TAX EXEMPTION

We are required, as a Charity, to claim exemption from Income Tax each year. The revised Constitution agreed at our last AGM has been filed together with our exemption claim for 2010. Incidentally as a reminder, Covenants and Testamentary provisions in favour of the Friends are possible and such help is welcome.

PROVIDED FOR THE LIBRARY

During 2009 we saw the successful raising of funds to provide a lift in the Library and it is now in full use. We also funded the provision of a ramp for wheelchairs at the rear entrance and a disabled person's research station. Also we helped with some printing and the provision of wine glasses for use at functions. In addition we have set aside monies for 2010 to assist with new carpeting and with both interior and exterior signage.