

Friends of the Priaulx Library

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

January/February

Guernsey Military History Display at the Priaulx Library

18 February

Quiz evening at Les Rocquettes Hotel @ 7.30pm.

For details please contact: Rob Grant on 07781 115028 to enter a team of six or e-mail: robbertgrant@hotmail.com Cost £10.00 per head, including supper.

Spring events:

Early March:

A display celebrating the bi-centenary of the Quaker Movement in Guernsey.

12 May—15 May:

Guernsey Literary Festival featuring "Murder at the Library" on the evening of 12th May.

Monday 4 July

The "Friends" will have a stand at the Viera Marchi at Saumarez Park

Saturday 23 July

Summer Open Day at the Priaulx Library

Achievements of the Friends



Friends at the Viera Marchi July 2010

Since its formation in 2005, the Friends of the Priaulx Library have supported the Library by:

Arranging for the publication and sale of old prints of Guernsey, Christmas cards, note cards and financing the conservation of books and newspaper collections.

Assisting with the digital scanning of newspapers and photographs and scanning numerous documents for public research.

Organising tours of the Library's wonderful collections.

Arranging lectures on genealogical research, book conservation and rebinding of books which form part of the Library's valuable collection.

Promoting a series of Royal Society lectures throughout 2009/2010 to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Royal Society.

Following a generous donation from

the Lloyds TSB Foundation for the Channel Islands, the Friends of the Priaulx Library raised further funds to install a lift to the first floor of the Library to allow disabled access to the newspaper and photographic collections.

This was an enormous fund raising project, which considerably enhanced the facilities at the Priaulx Library.

The Friends have organized and supported a number of social events, including Christmas gatherings, library tours, open days, quiz nights etc.

Be transported back in time and discover the history of the Bailiwick of Guernsey

Discover some secrets about the Priaulx Library.

Read page 2 of this newsletter to discover who has died in the Priaulx Library.

Who was Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx? Read page 3 of this newsletter to find out more.

Visit the Priaulx Library and discover its wonderful collections of valuable books, photographic collections, fascinating newspaper collections and magazines

Visit our Library Shop

The Priaulx Library shop is open throughout the year Monday to Saturday 9.30am until 5.00pm.

You can purchase various books, note cards, calendars, mugs, pens, bookmarks etc. You can also purchase beautiful black and white Carel Toms' photographs of

Guernsey. Some of the photographs have been printed on canvas.

There are lots of other photographs to purchase.

The staff at the Priaulx Library can order canvas prints of your choice. You can select your picture from

a list of 24 images which are available at the Library.

These historical photographs of Guernsey make wonderful gifts for family and friends; or you can treat yourself to a personal gift.

Please note that your membership subscriptions were due for renewal on 1st January 2011.

Our preferred method of collection is by Banker's Standing Order. If you have not completed a standing order form already, please complete and return the Banker's Standing Order Form on page 5 of this newsletter and return it to our Membership Secretary:

Connie Wakeham, Cavatina, Houmet Lane, Vale, Guernsey, GY6 8JQ



The Carey family outside Candie House

This was their family home from 1845 to 1883 while Sir Peter Stafford Carey was Bailiff of Guernsey.

He was Guernsey's longest serving Bailiff (38 years) and died at Candie House in 1886.

Did you know that several other people died in the Priaulx Library? Discover who they were.



Who was Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx ?

Who has died in the Priaulx Library?

Lady Carey (Emily Aubrey Warren) died in Candie House on February 2nd 1881.

Her husband, Sir Peter Stafford Carey died in Candie House in January 1886. He was Guernsey's longest serving Bailiff (38 years).

We are not entirely sure in which rooms they died, as the plaque commemorating Sir Peter's death is detached from the wall on which it was originally hung.

We do know that Sir Peter died in a room on the first floor – probably the newspaper room or the St. Aubyn Room.

Their daughter Constance Bertie Carey also died in the house on 7th January 1877 aged 23 from consumption.

Others who died in Candie House are:

Martha Mourant (nee Mollet), who died in 1798. She was the wife of Pierre Mourant, builder of the house.

Pierre and Martha Mollet's daughter, Martha also died in the house later the same year.

It is understood that Pierre Mollet himself died at Candie House in 1828, but we can only assume this.

Harriet Augusta Raines, wife of the first Librarian, Percy Groves, died in the Library on September 24th 1908.

The Chief Librarian, Mr Trotter died in Candie House 1979. He lived in a flat in the Library.



The Carey family are buried in a plot at the Candie Cemetery which is overlooked by the Library

Festung Guernsey

During the occupation of the Channel Islands the German authorities created the 'Festung Guernsey'. It records all of the German defences and weapons on Guernsey from 1940 to 1945. It also includes British defence fortifications and garrisons and the Constitution and history of Guernsey.

The Divisional Cartographic Section of the German 319th

Division, with a team of fourteen, completed it in 1944 and it is a mixture of drawings, cartography, photography, printing and calligraphy.

The Library holds an original copy of the Festung and a facsimile edition published by Martin Morgan of Clear Vue Publishing Department. Martin describes the 'Festung' as being "the single

most important document to come out of the occupation of the Channel Islands". Both can be viewed on request



Evening events

The Library can tailor events for individual and corporate parties.

Tours of the Library can be arranged. Discover the secrets of one of Guernsey's famous historic buildings.

The Library can

arrange book signing events for local authors.

If you have an event and you would like the ambiance of a historical building, please consider the Priaulx Library as a venue.

Please contact Amanda

Bennett, Chief Librarian or Sue Laker, Deputy Chief Librarian for more information on Library events.

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New Year's Greetings from your Committee

The Committee of the Friends of the Priaulx Library:
pictured from left to right:

- Gordon Dawes, Vice President
- David Montgomery, Volunteers Co-ordinator
- Connie Wakeham, Membership Secretary
- Peter Walpole, President
- John David, Committee member
- Bill Robilliard, Treasurer
- Rob Grant, Fund Raising Co-ordinator
- Evan Ozanne, Committee member
- **Photograph taken by:**
- Gavin Lanoe, Secretary



Facts about Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx

Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx was born in Guernsey in 1805. Osmond never lived in Candie House but his brother Joshua did during the 1830's. Osmond died at his home in Cavendish Square, London in 1891. He was cremated at Woking in Surrey and his ashes were brought back to Guernsey. Osmond bequeathed his Candie Estate, including

Candie House to the people of Guernsey with the condition that a free library be set up and to which he donated his valuable personal library.

Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx's portrait hangs above one of the three Royal Doulton fireplaces situated on the ground floor of the Library.

Each fireplace is tiled in a different colour (blue, green and brown) and date from 1888 (the same year that the Royal Doulton factory opened).



Urn containing Osmond Priaulx's ashes. This is on the ground floor of The Library

The first Guernsey Literary Festival will take place at various venues in Guernsey

12th May to 15th May:

The Guernsey Literary Festival is organized by the Guernsey Arts Commission.

A wide variety of events will take place during this week.

Saturday 14 May

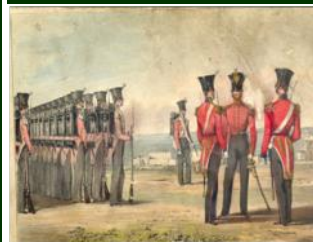
Appreciation sessions to learn about the life of GB Edwards, author of "Ebenezer Le Page".

Visiting writers include:

Annie Barrows (niece of the author of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society).

Other well known authors will be visiting Guernsey to participate in the Festival.

More details of this exciting event will follow in our Spring newsletter.



Visit the Guernsey Military History display at the Priaulx Library throughout January and February

People and Places

Please help us to identify the people and places featured in these photographs which form part of the Library's extensive collection.

For more details about the photographs visit the Priaulx Library website: www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk



Do you recognise any of these ladies in Guernsey Costume at St Saviours Market?



Can you identify this unknown couple? The photograph was taken by Grut, a well known Guernsey photographer. Serial Number 46/876.



Arthur William Hall is in the centre of the photograph (Uncle Bill with his niece Edna Scott). Arthur died in 1938 aged 60. He was a postman and then a butler. Do you recognise any of the other women in the photograph? What is the building in the background—is it a public convenience or a ladies changing room?



This photograph is labelled Perelle Bay. Edna Scott is sitting on the running board. Do you recognise any of the other people in the photograph?



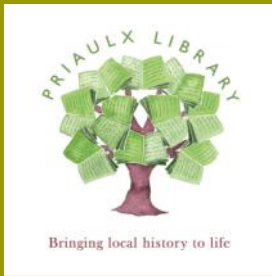
Do you recognise this vicar?

The photograph was taken in the Central Studios of T.A. Grut. It is not dated but the Library staff has estimated that it was taken between 1905 and 1915.



Group of Channel Island Internees from the German camp at Ilag VII Laufen, Bavaria 1944 (The camp received only single men from the islands) **photograph from Reverend Spencer Carey-Curtis' scrapbook.**

Can you name the man in the back row second from the right? The man on the far right (middle row) and the man second from the right in the front row?



The Priaulx Library in the recent snow



The interior of the Priaulx Library

2011 Membership Subscriptions are now due:

1. Individual annual: £10
2. Family annual (two adults and children of the family): £20
3. Student in full-time education: £5
4. Non-profit making bodies: £50
5. Individual life membership: £200
6. Corporate annual (corporate or other business entity): £250

Membership rates apply per calendar year. Subscriptions for existing members are payable on 1 January each year. Any donations over and above the annual membership charge are always welcome.

New arrangements were introduced with effect from 1 January 2010 under which the Income Tax Office will top up donations made by individuals to Guernsey registered charities out of taxed income. Further information about these new arrangements can be found on the Income Tax section of the States of Guernsey website at: www.gov.gg/ccm/navigatgion/income-tax/charities-and-non-profit-organizations/

Provided that an individual who pays tax in Guernsey donates at least £500 in a calendar year to a charity registered in Guernsey, the Income Tax Office will make a payment to that charity which is equivalent to the tax concerned. If you donate £1000 in the year 2011 the Income Tax Office will pay the charity £250, ie. The Income Tax Office will refund direct to the charity the tax on the income out of which the donation was made.

Please send your donation to our Treasurer: Bill Robilliard, Vents d'Aval, Route de la Lague, Torteval, Guernsey, GY8 0QE

Please post your subscription to our Membership Secretary, Connie Wakeham at the address on page 1 of this newsletter. Alternatively, please complete and return the attached Standing Order form no later than 31 January 2011. Thank you for your support.

BANKER'S STANDING ORDER FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the Membership Secretary:

Connie Wakeham, Cavatina, Houmet Lane, Vale, Guernsey GY8 8JQ or email: membership@friends.org.gg

To (name and address of your bank):

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Account number:Sort code:Please pay to:

HSBC, PO Box 31, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 3AT, sort code 40-22-25, for the credit of The Friends of the Priaulx Library, account number 62799405, the sum of £ now, being the subscription due, and hereafter the sum of

£ annually on the 1st January until further notice from me/us in writing, and debit my/our account accordingly.

Signature(s): Full name(s):

Address:

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The Friends of the Priaulx Library was established in 2005. The purpose of this Guernsey registered charity is to support and assist the Priaulx Library in its work.

The Library opened in 1889 after the bequest by Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx. He stipulated that the work of the Library is directed by a Council comprising: the senior descendant of Osmond Priaulx, two other trustees, two persons appointed by the Lt Governor, two appointed by the States of Guernsey, the Dean of Guernsey and the Principal of Elizabeth College.

The Library holds major local studies and collections. It is also the centre for family history research in Guernsey.

The Priaulx Library needs your help. If you have any spare time and can volunteer to assist at our various events or you would like to help with scanning and digitisation projects. Please contact David Montgomery by e-mail: web@friends.org.gg

Why does the Library need assistance?

The Priaulx Library has had a great deal of success in recent years with the recruitment of hard working professional librarians supported by able staff. Amanda Bennett, Chief Librarian, Sue Laker, Deputy Chief Librarian and the team are knowledgeable, friendly and helpful.

The team of librarians cater for all your research needs.

Whilst progress has been made with cataloguing collections, (particularly with the newspaper and photographic collections) more work is needed.

Although the States of Guernsey Education Department maintains the building and provides an annual grant towards the basic running costs, the Library still has to be run on a very tight budget. Resources of money and staff are very limited. Consequently many projects are ongoing.

Following a generous donation by the Lloyds TSB Foundation for the Channel Islands, the

Friends of the Priaulx Library raised a significant amount of money to install a lift to allow disabled access to the first floor.



The friendly Library staff can help you research any historical project relating to Guernsey, including tracing your ancestry or Guernsey military and social history

The role of the Friends

The Friends of the Priaulx Library supports the Library staff in the conservation of books, documents and gets involved in scanning and digitisation projects.

The Friends help to raise money for specific projects ie the provision of equipment necessary for the preservation of Library materials, bigger and better digital scanners, book or newspaper binding, book repairs and improvements to the library's facilities.

The Friends help to raise the profile of the Library through membership drives and other events.

If you have some spare time and would like to join our team of volunteers, we would love to hear from you. There are lots of projects and events you can get involved with. Please e-mail David Montgomery at web@friends.org.gg if you can help.