



Friends Of The Priaulx Library

June 2010 Newsletter
President's Report for 2010 AGM

Recently, I was delighted to hear Claire Le Pelley Chairman of the Council of the Priaulx Library say that 'The Friends mirrored the dreams of those who set up the group some five years ago' - not least of course the late Mike Burbridge who was the driving force behind that same dream. It is reassuring to hear such comments, but my colleagues and I on your committee appreciate that dreams need to materialise and become reality if continued success is to be the order of the day.

In reflecting on our achievements over the past year, I am pleased to report that we have been active during the library's 120th anniversary year with a broad range of background support for what we hope and believe has been the benefit of both the Council and the highly committed staff of our revered institution. Our flagship event has been driven by David le Conte who, following an enormous amount of research and effort has primarily managed the Guernsey Heroes of the Royal Society project which encompasses three lectures and an exhibition at the library. The first event was a lecture by Keith Moore the Librarian and Archivist of the Royal Society to a near capacity audience during somewhat inclement winter weather - so much so that we feared an empty house on the night! We were privileged to hear that the lecture was the Society's first event of the international programme for their 350th anniversary celebrations.

In terms of material capital project support, we have played our part in raising funds to provide the new passenger lift and ancillary facilities which look tasteful and in keeping externally and operate efficiently internally for the benefit of those who otherwise would find it difficult, if not impossible, to reach and enjoy the treasures on the upper public floor.

Whatever the major projects entail, as a committee we are mindful of the importance of help in terms of the basics - the important matters of practical 'hands on' help in relation to the rebinding of books, scanning and the like together with the acquisition of suitable equipment, the design and printing of leaflets and assistance at various internal and external events in the life of the library. May I take this opportunity to thank all those members who volunteer to provide practical help to our cause, for I know that is much appreciated.

Fund raising in the current economic environment is certainly a challenge especially for a charity like ours which, for all its merits, is not in the 'life or death' priority category in the eyes of most. However, we are in reasonably good financial health and, within our mandate, we expect to be able to help finance meaningful projects to assist the library - in line with our priorities for the year ahead.

The committee realizes that after five years of existence we should rightfully reappraise and refocus our priorities and objectives and that all of us should deliver on our commitments. In seeking to 'raise our game' we propose focusing on a) lifting the public profile of The Friends in supporting the Council's efforts in making our heritage more accessible and relevant to a wider audience in the Bailiwick and beyond; b) more effectively co-coordinating, motivating and activating our team of volunteers and c) raising funds, primarily through a targeted new membership drive. In this context, and on behalf of the committee, I should be most grateful if any friends feel that they can help us in achieving our objectives - in any way possible - do please contact our secretary Gavin Lanoe on 07781 127798 or by email to Gavin@Lanoe.net.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to thank my committee for their support, especially those members who are retiring following their splendid contributions; their offers to stay in touch and help us 'in retirement' is most appreciated.

Peter Walpole
President
The Friends of the Priaulx Library.

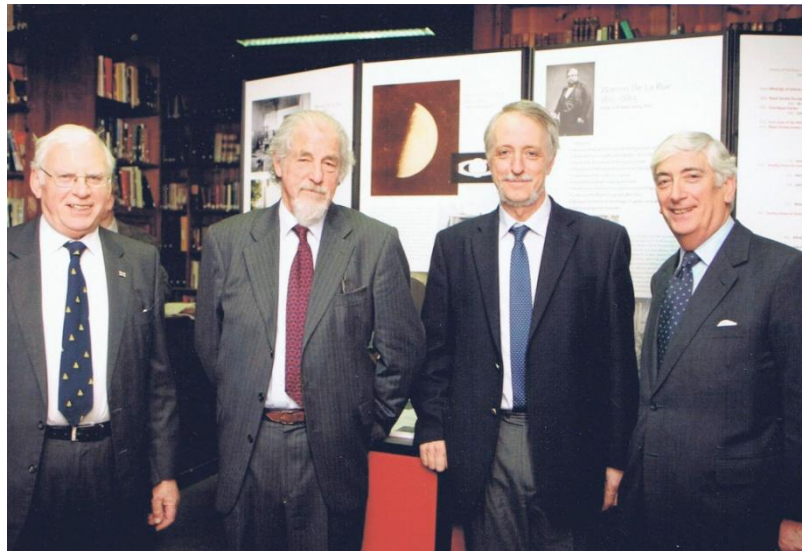
Guernsey Heroes of the Royal Society

The exhibition at the Priaulx Library was opened by Royal Society Vice-President Professor John Pethica on 30 March, in the presence of Bailiff Sir Geoffrey Rowland and Lady Rowland, members of the Friends, and invited guests. Professor Pethica commended the displays and remarked that he was surprised at the number of outstanding Fellows which Guernsey had produced. The exhibition continues until 25 June, so if you have not yet seen it you still have a chance to do so.

His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Fabion Malbon, visited the exhibition on the 2nd June, and also took the opportunity to look at some of the Library's treasured volumes.

Chief Librarian Amanda Bennett and Project Leader David Le Conte gave the Raymond Falla Memorial Lecture on 13 May, before an appreciative audience of 100. The lecture covered all the Guernsey Heroes, concentrating on Warren De La Rue, Samuel Elliott Hoskins, John MacCulloch, John Lihou, Richard Saumarez, Sir Henry de Vic and Henry de Saumarez.

The final lecture of the series, entitled "*What's the point of the Royal Society? A modern perspective*" will be given by Professor Nicholas Day FRS, CBE at 8.00 pm on 20 October at the Frossard Centre, Candie Gardens.



David Le Conte, Professor Nick Day, Professor John Pethica and Bailiff Sir Geoffrey Rowland at the exhibition opening.
(Picture reproduced courtesy The Guernsey Press Co Ltd.)

Priaulx Library Diary of Events for 2010

June 23rd	Book Clinic in association with Derry's Paper and Book Conservation. 10am to 4.30 pm at the Library
July 17th	Priaulx Library Open Day featuring Library Tours and displays
Summer 2010	Some exhibits from the Castle Parish exhibition of 2009 will be put up at the Library for those islanders who didn't get to see the exhibition the first time round, or who would like to see it again
October 20th	What's the Point of the Royal Society? A Modern Perspective. Final lecture in the Guernsey Heroes of the Royal Society lecture series, given by Professor Nicholas Day, FRS at the Frossard Centre, Guernsey Museum, 8pm
November 2010	Exhibition at The Gallery. The theme has not yet been decided, but is likely to feature either Maps or Hogarth Prints.
December 2010	A repeat of the successful 2009 'Christmas Shop'
December 4th	Friends of the Priaulx Library Christmas Drinks at the Library 4pm-6pm

Book Clinic.

On Wednesday 23rd June the Priaulx Library, together with Derry Paper & Book Conservation Ltd. are holding a book clinic between 10.00am-4.30pm at the library. Anyone wishing to bring along any personal books, manuscripts etc that are need of attention can do so for advice or a no obligation quotation.

For further details, please contact Amanda Bennett on (01481) 721998 or Andy Graves of Derry at andygraves@btconnect.com

Open Day

July 17th is the annual Priaulx Library Open Day. All are welcome to view some of the more interesting parts of the Library's collections and there will be tours of the building given by the Chief and Deputy Chief Librarians.

Please can you help?

The Friends are looking for volunteers to assist on the forthcoming Priaulx Library Open Day on Saturday 17 July. Not only are we looking for Friends, but welcome friends of Friends too. All will be able to help in various ways on the day and we ask for as little as two hours of your time, that said more will always be gratefully received and you really will be able to make a difference.

If you are interested and we hope you are, please contact David Montgomery on 07781 139569 or via email at web@friends.org.gg

New Committee Member – Connie Wakeham

I am married to Kevin and we have two children, Robert 22 and Victoria 20. Robert has recently graduated from Plymouth University. He has completed a marketing degree and is now working in Canary Wharf in London as a recruitment consultant for sales and marketing jobs. Victoria has just completed her second year at Bournemouth University. She is studying for a degree in journalism and multi-media and is working for Hope FM in Bournemouth for a few weeks this summer.

I worked for Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands for 25 years. I have done numerous jobs at Insurance Corporation ranging from underwriter, claims administrator, accounts administrator, personal assistant to the managing director and latterly I was marketing co-ordinator. I was responsible for the company's marketing budget, sponsorship, advertising, corporate entertainment. I completed an insurance diploma through the Chartered Insurance Institute in 1997 and in 2002 I completed the Chartered Institute of Marketing's Diploma in Marketing. I was president of the Insurance Institute of Guernsey for one year from April 2004 until April 2005.

In 2006 I moved to the GTA University Centre to become a programmes manager. I organised courses for the finance industry within Guernsey. I also visited finance houses in Guernsey to establish the demand for courses within Guernsey. I organised short courses, conferences, professional courses and post graduate diplomas. I was responsible for sourcing the tutors and marketing the courses. I was also responsible for ensuring that the courses were financially viable and that sufficient candidates attended each course. I was responsible for all the insurance courses while I worked for the GTA University Centre.

In August 2008 I became marketing co-ordinator for the Health Information Exchange. This is a Guernsey registered charity and all the money stays in Guernsey. I was responsible for raising the profile of the charity and helped with fund raising activities. I was responsible for designing new leaflets, children's hospital books and generally raising awareness of the work which the charity does in Guernsey. The Charity provides a free health information service to all residents of the Bailiwick of Guernsey. The Charity also provides travel information for Guernsey residents who have to travel off island for hospital treatment. I still work as a volunteer for the Charity and I also I am a member of the Guernsey Disability Alliance and I am a member of the Disability User Group. I take the minutes of the meeting once per month for the Guernsey Disability User Group and I work with Wendy Beaven, Director of Information Services, to arrange a speaker to talk to the group each month.

I currently work part time as a secretary/receptionist for the BWCI Group.

New Committee Member – Evan Ozanne

Born Guernsey 1938. Evacuated with mother to Wales age 20 months. Returned to Guernsey in 1945. Haute Capelles School and then Elizabeth College. 1959 Commissioned into the Royal Hampshire Regiment. Served in British Guiana, Germany, Northern Ireland, UN Cyprus and UK. 1970-1976 Army Public Relations Mobile team travelling throughout the world, then NATO HQ in southern Germany and then Cyprus during the Turkish invasion in 1976. Retired from Army in 1976 and returned to Guernsey. Joined the Guernsey Tourist Board. Chief Officer Recreation Committee. Deputy Director Tourist Board. 1993 introduced the Floral Guernsey initiative and led the Fortress Guernsey programme. Retired from the Civil Service in 1998. Torteval Douzaine 2008 and 2009. Editor the Torteval parish magazine 'Les Tortevalais'.

New Committee Member – John David

Until retirement Assistant Analyst (Microbiology), States' Analyst's Department.

Interests:

Local History. At present working through Lukis family material at the Guernsey Museum, and scanning Carel Toms photograph collection at the Priaux Library. Member of La Société Guernesiaise (formerly Council member and representative on National Trust Council). Catalogued the Société Lantern Slide collection, (and in connection with that listed those in the strong room at the Priaux Library).

Bellringing: Member of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (Ringing Master, Channel Islands District, 1992-1995, 2001 to 2004. Member of Diocesan Guild Stewardship Committee).

Le Viaër Marchi

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, The Friends of the Priaulx library are to take part in this year's La Viaër Marchi, which is being held at Saumarez Park on Monday 5th July.

For the first time we will have a stand at the event, and it is our aim to highlight some of the facilities that the library have available, and the services that they provide, and also to showcase the good work that is carried out by and on behalf of the members of The Friends of the Priaulx Library, and to encourage other members of the public to consider joining this important support group.

We will be displaying some items of interest, including copies of some old articles from various local newspapers, including the Evening Press, the Weekly Press, The Comet, Deutsche Zeitung etc.

We will also have on display some old Guernsey maps, and a selection of photographs from the large Carol Toms collection that have recently been scanned by volunteer members of the Friends.

There will be items available for purchase, including library merchandise, copies of 'Guernsey on the Map', and Susan Ilie's excellent book 'Telling Tales', all of which help towards raising funds for the continued good work that is carried out on behalf of the library.

So please come along, and encourage your family and friends to visit the stall and see what we and the library do.

A Note from the Treasurer

If you do not visit the Priaulx Library's website www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk regularly you could miss some very interesting stories or information on our island's past, let alone up-to-date news of additions to the Library's collections. You might even be tempted to visit the Library more often to see the regularly changed special displays. Currently why not view the Can you Help section and read about the Mystery of the Ostrich Feather Hat? Elsewhere, read about the Minutes of the States Controlling Committee during the Occupation - recently lodged with the Library. The Special Collections deserve attention as also does the Current News and Events. Hopefully, if you also pass the word, more and more people will visit the Library and also join the Friends.

Thank you.
Bill Robilliard

Can you help us with the Carel Toms collection?

As you know the Friends have been scanning in the complete Carel Toms collection but every now and then we are stumped by the subject matter. If you can shed any light of the six images below please let us know.



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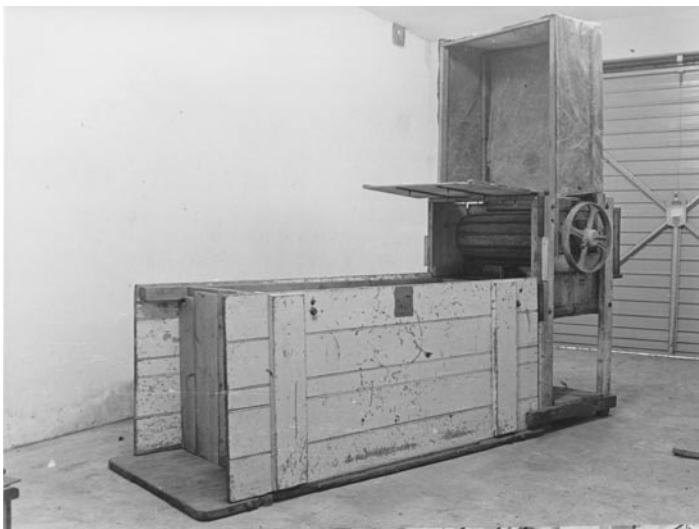
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