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**‘Give the Priaulx a Lift’ Appeal - Update**

As of the last week of October, the Priaulx Library received official planning consent and the building control permit for the core project – the new lift, the toilet for the ambulant disabled and the interior first floor ramp. It is very likely that the building work will begin before the end of the year for the project that will enable disabled or older users of the library to access the wealth of historic material housed upstairs in the building. The access audit report also recommended other work such as a disabled persons workstation in the research room, exterior ramps, improved signage, assistance to visually impaired users and improved parking to include a dedicated disabled space.

Thanks to the great generosity of the Friends and Council we are delighted to announce that we have just exceeded raised funds of £100,000 which is a wonderful achievement especially bearing in mind the difficult economic environment. We extend our most sincere appreciation to the Friends who have already contributed. Our final plea is to all Friends to use your contacts to help us to make the final fundraising push to allow us to complete all of the recommendations from the access audit report. The aim being to ensure that as many people as possible benefit from the excellence of the Priaulx Library.

Peter Walpole  
President

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**Guernsey Tomorrow**

Guernsey Tomorrow is a Policy Council initiative to involve islanders in a conversation about what sort of place they want Guernsey to be. It will set the framework for the revised strategic land use plan, which in turn will form the review of the urban and rural area plans. Visit the evolving Guernsey Tomorrow Website. [www.guernseytomorrow.gg](http://www.guernseytomorrow.gg) for more information.

The Guernsey Tomorrow initiative needs as many people as possible to get sharing, debating and discussing the challenges and opportunities facing the island. As you may know, the first meeting took place on Saturday 20 September to which 70 invited representatives from all parts of our community contributed their views.

The Guernsey Tomorrow Team have offered to run a sub-session for La Société & other affiliated groups on Friday 21st November to give as many people as possible within our organisations the opportunity to be part of this process.

If you would like to join this session and add your voice to this important process, please contact Vanessa Crispini by Monday 17th November. Also if you know of anyone else who would welcome the opportunity to be involved, please feel free to pass this invite on.

Vanessa can be contacted by email [vcrispini@cwgsy.net](mailto:vcrispini@cwgsy.net) or by phone 238150 or 07781 422188

### **Christmas Drinks**

Following the great success of last year's "opening the doors at Christmas", the Committee of the Friends of the Priaulx Library would like to invite all members again this year. The date is Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, the time 4 till 6pm and there will be music, mince pies, wine and a great deal of festive cheer.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and please do bring along friends and family.

### **Membership**

The membership has declined slightly, as a result of several members defaulting on their 2008 subscriptions. However, numbers have recovered somewhat with new members joining. There are currently 155, including five corporate members.

### **Royal Society Anniversary Exhibition Grant**

We have been notified that an application by the Friends to the Royal Society for a grant in the sum of £1850 to stage an exhibition and a series of lectures has been successful. Called "Guernsey Heroes of the Royal Society", it will feature two prominent Fellows of the Society: Warren De La Rue (1815-1889) and Samuel Hoskins (1799-1888), together with a number of other Guernseymen who were Fellows, and others who had Connections with Guernsey. It will take place in 2010, to coincide with the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. This project is being led by David Le Conte, and will be run in association with La Société Guernesiaise.

### **Funds Report**

So far this year we have paid for a new scanner for the Library, some book rebinding costs and leaflet printing. Donations to the Lift for Disabled Users Appeal are still coming in. We have set aside £10,000 from accumulated funds but hope to raise at least another £50,000 needed in the next few months to meet the recommendations in the Access Audit we commissioned. **Please see what you can do both personally and through your contacts.** Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of the Priaulx Library and sent to our Treasurer at Vents d'Aval, Route de la Lague, Torteval, GY8 0QE.

### **Events for Autumn 2008**

Those who did not get to see the Early Guernsey Photography Exhibition at The Gallery in July, will be pleased to note that a selection of the photographs are being displayed at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital until the first week of December. They are going up as part of the Hospital's community art policy and it was felt that local pictures of this sort would be beneficial to patients and visitors alike. Reproductions can still be obtained at The Gallery and a full catalogue of images is available for download from the Priaulx Library website at [www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk](http://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk)

The Priaulx Library will also be starting its six-week series of lectures and courses run through the College of Further Education from the end of October. Information and application forms are available through the College, although places are limited. A second course on research skills starts in January.

### **Can you help?**

We are calling on all the Friends to tell us if you want to help the Library more. We are now recruiting for extra support in the areas of fundraising, membership drives, sales projects and of course in helping out in the library with the cataloguing of newspapers and photographs. Volunteers are also needed to assist with covering rare books with acid-free paper. This work is essential to ensure the books are kept in good condition for generations to come.

If this sounds like your cup of tea, and there is always plenty of that on hand, simple email [admin@friends.org.gg](mailto:admin@friends.org.gg) or call Gavin Lanoe on 246715 and tell us who you are.

### **Volunteers are being sought to help with audio recordings**

Yan Marquis, the Guernsey French Language Support Officer is also seeking people to help out with primary school Dgernésiais classes so if you are a speaker and would be prepared to be recorded, would like to help with recording speakers or with classes, please contact Gloria Dudley-Owen email [gdudleyowen@cwgsy.net](mailto:gdudleyowen@cwgsy.net) or 263536

### **Website**

Have you logged onto the Friends website at [www.friends.org.gg](http://www.friends.org.gg)? Check it out today; it has loads of interesting news items, and is updated regularly.

If you would like to make suggestions or add some content to the website please get in touch with David Montgomery on [mail@quikpixel.co.uk](mailto:mail@quikpixel.co.uk)

### **Quiz Night**

The second Friends quiz night was held on a very cold and wet evening on the 30th October at Blanchelande School. The event was very well attended by quiz buffs of all skill levels, and the raffle and bar did brisk trade which resulted in over £1,000 being raised. More details, including the full results, are on the website [www.friends.org.gg](http://www.friends.org.gg)

Our thanks go to David Montgomery and Wendy Byrom for arranging the evening, Pelican's café for the supper, and of course all the local companies who donated prizes.

### **Guernsey Voices**

In association with the Guernsey Arts Commission, the Friends of the Priaux Library would like to invite you to an evening of Guernsey Literary delights. From Mr. Pye to Ebenezer Le Page, from Métivier to Swinburne, a number of extracts from novels, essays and poems relating to the Bailiwick will be read aloud in a number of different venues within the atmospheric setting of the Priaux Library. The event will be on Friday November 21st from 7-9pm. Entry is free, all are welcome and refreshments will be served.

### **Book Bags**

The Library is pleased to announce the availability of an exclusive book bag. Available from within the library for £5.

The bag could be used to carry shopping or wine and even books!



## New Books for Autumn 2008

Summer 2008 has seen a surge in the buying of local books, almost entirely due to the publication of two very different, but very popular titles. Firstly, Andy Priaux : The Biography of the Three-time World Touring Car Champion and secondly that best-selling phenomenon The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. However, although the Priaux Library obviously has several copies of these titles, many column inches have already been spent on reviewing them, so here instead is a list of recently acquired and less well known local books:

*A Collection of Occupation Recipes by Lillie Aubin Morris.* This, alas, does not contain a recipe for Potato Peel Pie, but has rather a lot of other tasty dishes, including Limpet Omelette and Carrot Jam. This little book was published by the Jersey Museums Service way back in 1994, but has only just been added to stock here in Guernsey. Many of the recipes were collected from those who lived through the Occupation and provides an interesting, if slight, glimpse into daily life.

*A Descriptive Grammar of Guernsey French by Dr. Harry Tomlinson.* Dr. Tomlinson, the well-known Guernsey French expert (and former Chief Librarian of the Priaux Library) has produced a very useful and accessible reference guide to those interested in speaking the native tongue. As all those with a passing familiarity with the language know, there are no set rules for writing or speaking and Dr. Tomlinson points out very early that the book is intended to be descriptive rather than prescriptive.

*The Imperial Executive in America : Sir Edmund Andros, 1637-1714 by Mary Lou Lustig.* The Andros family were long associated with Guernsey and although he was born in England, Sir Edmond firmly belonged to the local branch, being the son of Amias Andros, Bailiff and Seigneur of Sausmarez. An influential Stuart Courtier and Diplomat, he became an early Colonial Governor of America, which is the story that Mary Lou Lustig tells. This is an academic text, but is a treat for all those interested in Colonial America.

*Treachery by Julian Stockwin.*

Stockwin may be a familiar novelist to those who enjoy sea-stories in the Patrick O'Brian vein. This novel is the ninth in a series about his hero Thomas Kydd, who rises from press-ganged seaman to Master of his own ship. In this new instalment, Kydd finds himself sent to guard the Channel Islands under the watchful eye of Admiral Saumarez himself. Mr. Stockwin spend some time in Guernsey last year doing his research for this novel, and the Priaux Library staff are gratified to be thanked in the acknowledgements. Saumarez has of course appeared briefly as a 'fictional' character in O'Brian's famous series of novels, but in Treachery he is given a larger role to play, which islanders may find of interest...