



Friends of the Priaulx Library Newsletter

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President's Report from the 2013 AGM

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The next Friends' event is on the research undertaken for a book on Elizabeth College by Bruce Parker

This illuminating talk will be at the Candie Lecture Theatre at 7pm on Wednesday 26th June 2013

The evening is free to members of the Friends but a small charge of £5 will be made to non-members.

Space is limited so tickets will be available at the Priaulx Library in late May.

More details on page 5.



Evan Ozanne

I reaffirm the commitment of the Friends' Committee to provide support to the Priaulx Library Council and to the Chief Librarian and her staff in the provision of finances to purchase equipment, books, charts and maps and for rebinding and restoration when required. Our funds are supported by our 247 members' annual fees of £10 per person and by grants and donations from local Associations and Companies.

a. In April 2012 we received £4,479 from the Association of Guernsey Charities as a grant from the 2011 Guernsey Christmas Lottery Draw.

b. Recently we received a donation of £2,129 from the Guernsey Branch of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment.

c. On the 8th June of this year we will be recipients of a share of the entry fees into the 2013 Rotary-Itex Walk. This is likely to be in the region of £2000.

d. Masonic Lodge Balfour Cockburn provided an amount of £600 for the purchase of desks with full AC power and ethernet connections for students and researchers.

Over 250 local charities are registered with the Association of Guernsey Charities. Each will have an active Committee bidding and applying for grants and donations. Whilst individuals and Companies on Guernsey are always most generous when asked to donate to a local charity, inevitably it is the charities that provide the very necessary support to the aged, the sick and children that attract emotional and therefore funding support.

The protection of our social and military history for present day research and for Guernsey's future generations is exceedingly important. Research for family history is inevitably a popular request made of the Library staff, but the Friends are determined that the Chief Librarian should have our financial support when she requires, to make purchases for equipment and documents to enhance the Library's reputation as Guernsey's National Research Centre.

So the continuing work of the Committee is most important and the raising of our profile is something we have been particularly trying to achieve this past year. We do not forget that not only do we wish to increase our membership but we must also give something in return to our members to encourage them to stay with us. We have during the year, improved the Newsletter, continued a series of talks with free attendance for our membership and very soon we will have a new web site.

We are currently looking at our merchandise and I hope we have some new lines for our appearance at the 2013 Viaer Marchi, the Library Open Day and the Round Table Christmas Fayre.

I wish to record my thanks to all of the Committee members for the personal time, enthusiasm and commitment they give to the cause.