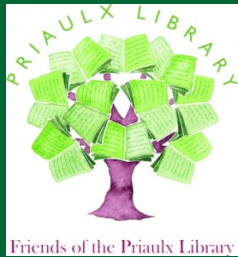


FRIENDS OF THE PRIAULX LIBRARY



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The Library, set above Candie Gardens close to the centre of St. Peter Port, opened in 1889 thanks to the bequest of Osmond De Beauvoir Priaulx. He gave the Candie Estate, including Candie House to the people of Guernsey, on the condition that the house became a free public library forever, and to which he donated his valuable personal library.

Today the Priaulx Library is recognised internationally as a centre of excellence.

In recent years, the Library has specialised in local studies, with a large collection of books, photographs, maps and other materials concerning Guernsey life and history. It is the main repository for the Island's collection of newspapers, going back to 1791. It is also the principal centre for genealogical research, and provides a service to all residents of the Bailiwick, expatriates and the descendants of expatriates. It contains a number of distinct and significant collections, including a large body of works concerning military history.

THE FRIENDS OF THE PRIAULX LIBRARY

The Friends of the Priaulx Library (FOPL) was formed as a Charitable Association in 2005 with the purpose of providing support to the Priaulx Library Council and the Chief Librarian and staff.

WHY DOES THE LIBRARY NEED FRIENDS?

The Library is not a government body and is run on a very tight budget by independent Trustees and a Council. The Library has a permanent staff of seven including a Chief Librarian and Deputy Chief Librarian. The States of Guernsey maintains the fabric of the building and provides a limited annual grant towards the basic running costs but there are a number of projects and aspirations, which remain unfulfilled, and this is where the Friends play an important role. If the Library is to continue as the Bailiwick's centre of excellence, then both outside financial support and helpers are required.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SINCE 2005?

Since its formation in 2005 the Friends, working in close co-operation with the Priaulx Library Council and the Chief Librarian and staff, have been involved in: -

- Raising funds to enable the Library to purchase a lift, enabling easy wheelchair access.
- Increasing awareness and membership of the Library by organising attendance at events, open days, guided tours of the Library and social functions.
- Assisting the staff at the Library in the conservation of books, documents, newspapers, and also in digitisation projects.
- Arranging for the publication and sales of old prints of Guernsey.
- Selling merchandise.
- Raising funds to pay the costs of conserving books.
- Scanning the Library's photograph collection, having first provided the funds to purchase a machine to do so.

WHAT BENEFITS CAN I EXPECT BY JOINING THE FRIENDS?

Apart from the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the preservation and maintenance of the Bailiwick's history; being a Friend also provides the following: -

- Invitations to join conducted tours of the Library with access to non-public areas.
- To be able to view, by appointment, rare works from the Library's collections.
- The opportunity to attend lectures and join Friends' fund raising and social events.
- A Quarterly Newsletter and information on other historical and cultural events.

Friend of the Priaulx Library Membership Form

I/We wish to join The Friends of the Priaulx Library and enclose my/our completed Membership Form together with the Banker's Standing Order Form or a cheque payable to The Friends of the Priaulx Library to the value of £_____.

Membership Category

Individual £10 / Family £20 / Student £5 / NPO £50 / Individual Life £200 / Corporate £250

Full Name (block capitals): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

If you have some spare time and would like to join our team of volunteers, we would welcome hearing from you. There are lots of interesting tasks in which you can be involved, either in the library or at various events.

Please e-mail info@friends.org.gg for more information.

We encourage you, if at all possible, to join by way of a Standing Order. This method saves the Charity administrative and postage costs.

Bank Standing Order Form:

To (Name and address of your bank): _____

Postcode: _____

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 to debit my/our account accordingly.

Signature(s): _____

Full Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form to the Membership Secretary at the following address:

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