

The Priaulx Library

Become a Friend

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

Today the Priaulx library is recognised internationally as the centre of excellent.

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 local 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 large body of works concerning military history.

THE FRIENDS OF THE PRIAULX LIBRARY

The friends of the Priaulx Library was formed as a Charitable Association 2005 with the purpose of providing support to the Priaulx Library Council, 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, managed by Independent Trustees and a Council. The library has a permanent staff of seven; which includes the Chief Librarian and Deputy 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, which remain unfulfilled. This is where the Friends play an important role.

If the role of 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 cooperation with the Priaulx Library Council and the Chief librarian and staff, have been involved in:

Raising sufficient funds to purchase a lift, allowing wheelchair access to all public areas.

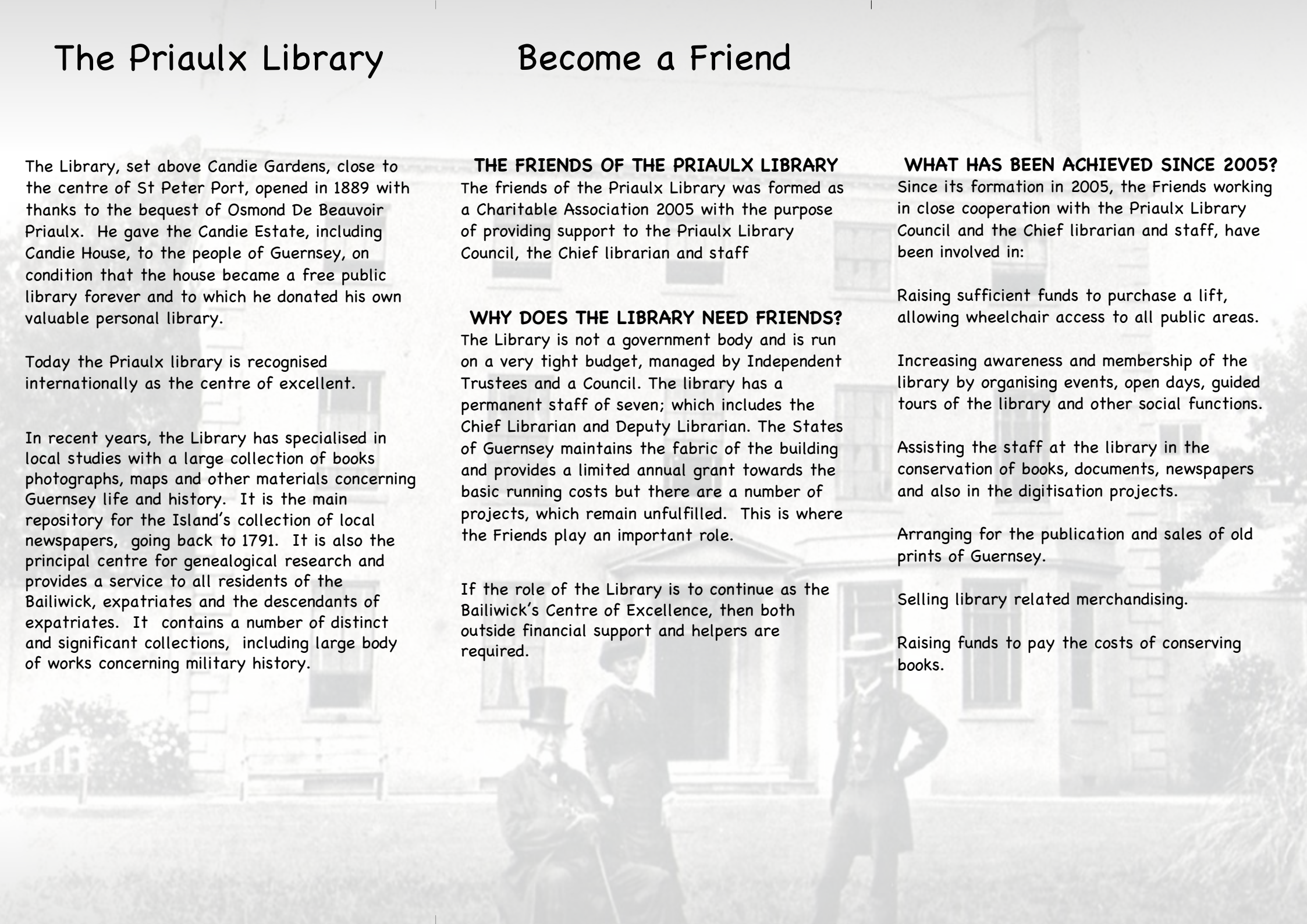
Increasing awareness and membership of the library by organising events, open days, guided tours of the library and other social functions.

Assisting the staff at the library in the conservation of books, documents, newspapers and also in the digitisation projects.

Arranging for the publication and sales of old prints of Guernsey.

Selling library related merchandising.

Raising funds to pay the costs of conserving books.





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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 collection.

The opportunity to attend lectures and join Friends fund raising and social events.

A bi-annual newsletter and information about historical and cultural events.

Do also have a look at our website, (www.friends.org.gg) and Facebook page

Registered Guernsey Charity No: 264

Friends of Priaulx Library Membership Form

I / we wish to join The Friends of Priaulx Library (FoPL) and enclose my/our completed application form, together with the Banker's Standing Order.

Membership Category

Individual £10 / Family £20
Individual Life £200 / Corporate £250

Full Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

We appreciate payment by standing order as this saves the Charity time and administration costs.

Bank Standing Order Form

To *(your bank's name and address)*:

Bank name:

Address:

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Post Code:

Your a/c no:

Sort Code:

Please pay to:

HSBC, P O Box 31, St Peter Port, GY1 3AT. Sort code 40-22-25, for the credit of Friends of Priaulx Library, a/c no. 62799405, the sum of £, now, being the subscription due, and hereafter, the same sum, annually on January 1st, until further notice from me/us and debit my/our account accordingly.

Signature(s):

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Full Names:

Address:

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Postcode:

Date:

Please return the completed form to:

The Membership Secretary
The Priaulx Library
Candie Rd.
St Peter Port
Guernsey
GY1 1UG

or email it to info@friends.org.gg

The FoPL will email you with the newsletters and information about group activities but, because of GDPR, we cannot send you these emails unless you signify agreement by confirming your email address here.

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