

MORRAB LIBRARY NEWSLETTER, AUTUMN 2014

I had hoped to update you on our Fraud Case. To date the Economic Crime Unit (ECU) have completed their work on our case and have submitted it to the Local Police Investigative Unit to present to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). Once we have received a date for the case I will obviously report the details to all members. I would be very grateful if you could note the enclosed Gift Aid Form which has a new format. If appropriate and you are a regular tax payer we encourage you to sign it and return to Reception. This can be a very significant addition to our Annual Income, as is our Membership Subscription, so very important to our stability. There are always forms at the Library if you would find that easier. We are totally dependent on donations and subscriptions and of course are very grateful for the monthly amount that the Myner Trust bequeath to us. Membership subs are as you know due in January 2015. It would save a great deal of office time if you pay promptly, as more than 90 were not up to date this year. We will send another reminder to you all in January. If not paid up by March 31st we will have to remove names from our membership list unfortunately.

Our Art and Photo Archive Rooms are now fully furnished and equipped thanks to the generosity once again of the Myner and Tanner Trust. We have submitted a Heritage Lottery Fund Application to digitise the Photo Archive Room. The bid has been accepted and we will know if it is successful towards the end of October. If so we will then be advertising for a 2 year post in the press and on our Library Website. This appointment will then organise the new equipment in the Archive Room and train 4 volunteers to use the new computers, scanners and reproductive equipment we have already in place. This is a very exciting project and if successful will bring added income into the Library for research purposes from local, national and worldwide sources. We are all keeping our fingers crossed. Due to Sue Nebesnick and Mark Penrose's combined efforts with the monthly book sales and Summer Fair, we have raised over £4218. This money has been already used for new books for the Library and we will now be able to replace our antiquated night storage heaters which are over 25 years old. Hopefully this will enable us to reduce our electricity bills. Congratulations to Sue, Mark and all the volunteers who have helped with these events so valiantly.

We are also working closely with Cormac and Penwith Housing Association to cut down the mangled mass of undergrowth and trees at the back of the building adjacent to the Morrab Cottage. This is by no means the only cause of the serious damp problems in the Newspaper Archive Room and we have also asked for a quote to attack the intrusive and serious damage by damp to this area and hope to be able to rectify this problem. More information when we can raise the formidable amount of money required. This is all very positive news and the Management Committee are very aware of the need to maintain our lovely Library for the safe keeping of its book collections and archive materials. Without the support of our band of volunteers this year we would not be able to report to you of our many success stories.

With that in mind I must also thank Ann Trevenen-Jenkin for the many years she has been not only on the Library Committee but also as a Custodial Trustee. I have received her resignation for the latter post, since she is such a busy lady and on behalf of you all I thank her most sincerely for her dedicated work. Thanks to the generous support of the Myner and Tanner Trusts, your very generous donations and our fund raising efforts our bank balance is very stable and healthy. We hope this will continue as we have made new, very stringent changes to our financial safety procedures. I am personally very excited about the future of our Library as a centre for reading, friendship, knowledge and research.

Thanks to you all.

Mary Ellery

Chairman

LIBRARIAN'S NEWSLETTER

If you refer to Bob Harrison's Newsletter Autumn 2013 you will think that this is ground-hog day but a lot has happened since 2013, so here goes. The entire Library has been re-organised this year and almost every book has been moved and new rooms fitted out and the Library returned to a peaceful state (!?) for members and researchers to enjoy. Congratulations to all involved with the very successful WW1 exhibition – many months of hard work paid off. We are hoping to have a bumper craft fair on 8th November – we already have several takers for stalls but we hope to squeeze in a few more. If any member has some amazing craft work contact Sue Nebesnuick or Mark Penrose. The Library will be closed on Saturday 18th October for our official opening ceremony, for invited guests only (due to lack of space) but we hope that our members will come to our Christmas Celebrations on 6th December and wander around the new extension. Most members have already used the fantastic new facilities and so an opening ceremony seems a little de trop but we are all very keen to thank the Myner Trust and all involved with the incredible project.

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