

Friends of the Guild Library

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The primary purpose of the “Friends” scheme is to enable interested persons to support the library through financial contributions and promoting the library.

SUBSCRIBERS

Members of the Friends give a minimum subscription of £5 per year which can be Gift Aided through the Guild. All monies raised by the Friends are Guild funds, but allocated to a designated Library fund. The fund helps to meet the running costs of the library.

BENEFITS FOR FRIENDS

In addition to the normal library membership benefits available to all Guild members, subscribers to the Friends receive:

- An annual newsletter updating on latest developments and sharing research done in the Library.
- Two additional free postal loans each year.
- An invitation to join the Devon Ringing History Group run by the Friends.
- The opportunity to book space at St Petrock’s for research or small meetings during normal library opening hours at no extra charge.
- Opportunities to volunteer and act as Ambassadors for the Guild Library.

Friends may, if they wish, assist the Librarian with staffing library opening and collection maintenance and development tasks such as book repair, digitisation of records and research.

Subject to the approval of the Guild Committee, the Friends scheme will be open to interested persons who are not Guild members. Requests to be a Friend should be sent to the Librarian (librarian@devonringers.org.uk).

DEVON RINGING HISTORY GROUP

The Friends are setting up a group to facilitate and encourage research into the history of bells and ringing in Devon. The ability to contact others interested in similar topics will be a key benefit of membership of the Group and marking the 150th anniversary of the Guild through promoting its history will be a key focus. An email list (and possibly a Facebook page) will be established to facilitate this. Enquiries about joining the Group should be directed to the Librarian.