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If you know the library and want to join at once, please write your name and address on this reply slip and post it together with a cheque payable to The Morrab Library.

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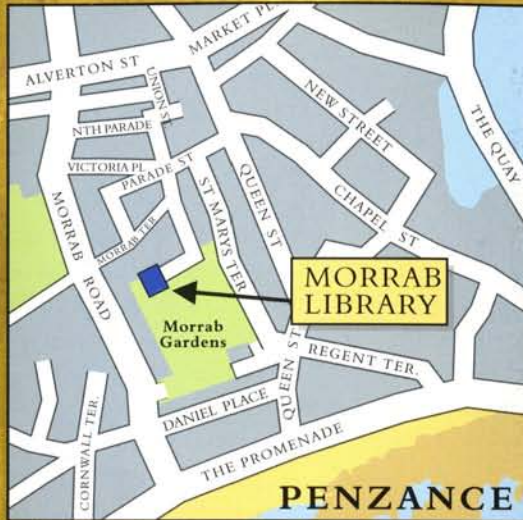
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The Librarian, Morrab Library, Morrab Gardens,
Penzance, Cornwall TR18 4DA.



The Library viewed from Morrab Gardens

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OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays to Fridays: 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Saturdays: 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Closed Sundays & Mondays.



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This is your library...

In Penwith we are lucky to possess a rare, remarkable, and rewarding thing – a large independent library.

The Morrab Library is rare because there are only 19 in the country, rarer still because it is one of the largest – ranking sixth, with more than 40,000 volumes.

It is remarkable because it houses a marvellous collection of collections which it has gradually acquired since 1818. They include some 2,000 books printed before 1800, one of which is the only copy in Britain; a collection of 3,000 Napoleonic memorabilia, which its original owner described as ‘the only great Napoleonic collection in the world’; a wealth of Celtic and Cornish books; and a photographic archive of 10,000 negatives and prints.

It is rewarding because it is a real pleasure to be there. Some of that is due to the building itself – a fine Victorian mansion set in delightful gardens, with large and comfortable rooms. The Reading Room, with its current magazines and reference books, is especially sunny and welcoming – although members use every room as a reading room, except perhaps the pantry where they make themselves coffee. But above all, thanks to its members and staff, the Morrab has the happy atmosphere of an unstuffy club.

That atmosphere is probably why most people join the Morrab, certainly why they stay in membership. Although it’s a rich resource for scholars, the vast majority of members go there for the latest novels and non-fiction, and to meet other members. It is a library for all who like books and people. Its membership has been steadily growing.

What’s the procedure for joining?

Procedure is hardly the word. You pay your subscription and that’s it. Among independent libraries our subscription is about the lowest, and wonderful value – roughly the cost of one hardback book per year. Subscriptions run from 1 January to 31 December, but anyone can join at any time and the first subscription is reduced for those who join after 30 June.

If you hardly know the Morrab, or don’t know it at all, please come in and ask for a guided tour. The Librarian or any committee member will be glad to show you round. I know you will be interested but, more than that, I hope you will like it so much that you will want the Morrab to be *your* library.

In which case, read the information about joining – and may I be the first to welcome you as a member?

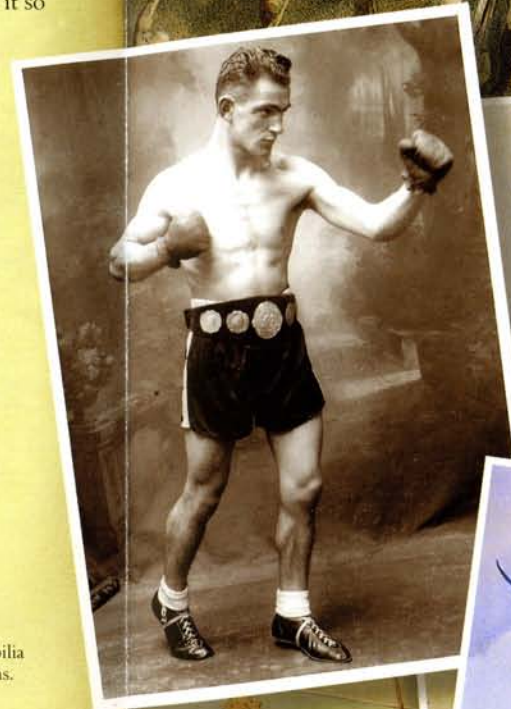
Annabelle Read, Librarian



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Above: the Library’s president A N Wilson

Right: pictures from the Dawson collections of Napoleonic memorabilia and the Peerage, and the Morrab’s large archive of local photographs.



Founded in 1818. Moved to Morrab House in 1889. Formerly The Penzance Library. As everybody called it the Morrab Library, that became its name in 1997. A registered charity – number 309250.

Principal collections – books of Cornish & Celtic interest; old & rare books; the Dawson collections of Napoleonic and other memorabilia; 19th & 20th century literature; sociology; history & biography; 19th & 20th century local papers and national magazines; maps; several manuscript archives; local photographic archives.

Social activities throughout the year. Winter lecture series (free).

The Morrab adds to its stock by buying new novels, other books of general interest, and books about Cornwall. Members can take out six books at a time.