

THE FRIENDS OF THOMAS PLUME'S LIBRARY

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For just over 300 years, Maldon has housed a treasure whose significance stretches far beyond the Essex town. Thomas Plume's Library, left to Maldon by a grateful native and leading churchman, is one of the largest and most interesting collections of books of its time still to survive in the building erected to house it.

St Peter's Tower is all that remains of an ancient church in the centre of Maldon. Dr Plume funded the rest of the building to provide a grammar school and a home for his book collection upon his death in 1704. The Library's handsome panelled room, approached by a narrow spiral staircase, provides a magical setting for over 7,000 leather-bound volumes – but it is not merely a tourist attraction. The books continue to be of value to researchers who may visit it on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2-4pm; and Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.

The Friends of Thomas Plume's Library was formed in 1988 to help the Library's Trustees preserve this Maldonian gem in a good state for future generations. The Friends raise funds for repair and renovation of the books, but above all, to help find and acquire replacements for 16th and 17th century works that have been lost since the Library was formed. Over 250 titles have been found so far, but many more are needed to bring Dr Plume's bequest back to its original size.

Front page:

Woodcut border from the title page of
'Locī Communes Rerum Theologicarum'
By Philipp Melanchthon 1522

Purchase funded by the Friends of Thomas Plume's Library to replace the copy missing from the original collection, March 2014

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