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## Diary Dates

**Friday 26th June at 7.30pm** at the Lecture Theatre  
A presentation by Zoe Randle of Butterfly Conservation. This will be part of a programme organised with **Butterfly Conservation** to promote their **Moth Count** project. It will be followed by the emptying of moth traps at **Blanchelande at 10am the following morning**. Both will be open to the general public and members of the Junior Section will be welcome to attend. The Sunday morning session will be tailored to the juniors alone. Please note: The moth traps do not kill the moths.

**Sunday 19 July** Entomology walk led by Charles David, open to all. Meet at 2.15 pm at the big car park at Pleinmont.

**Sunday 6 September** Walk around L'Ancrese looking at dolmens, natural history, botany, the entomology and geology of the area. All members will be welcome. Meet at 2.15 pm at the car park by the golf course.

## Jethou Trips

There will be two trips to Jethou this year, by kind permission of the tenant, Sir Peter Ogden. The dates are **Saturday 30 May** and **Saturday 18 July**. On each occasion the departure time is 9.30am returning at 12.00 noon. A second boat may operate, leaving at 10.00 am and returning at 12.30 pm. The cost is £15 per person and booking and pre-payment are essential via the Secretary, to whom you should send £15 pp along with the names of those wishing to go. Travel will be on Buz White's Access Challenger, leaving from the Sark boat quay.



## Orchid Field Walks



The following walks have been arranged and all will start at 10.30 am at the car park with the bus shelter opposite the L'Erée Hotel. The cost is £4 per person and the walks will last about one and a half hours. The walking is easy on flat ground. The orchid fields are renowned for their spectacular displays.

**Sundays 10, 17, 24 and 31 May  
and Wednesdays 13, 20, 27 May  
and 3 June**

## Annual Sale

This will be held this year at Blanchelande Girls' College Les Vauxbelets on Sunday 17 May at 2pm by kind permission of the Principal Mrs L Le Page

Please support this important and enjoyable fund-raising event by attending, helping and contributing items. The following are the stalls and the organisers who will arrange to collect or receive goods from you. Any goods may be brought to Les Vauxbelets on the morning of the Sale from 10 o'clock onwards.

Plants – The Botany Section doesn't have a Secretary at the moment but the stall will be manned by Rhi and John Cook and friends. Please bring as many plants as you can on the morning of the sale.

Cakes - Please contact:

**Julia Peet  
Lawney Martin**

**Tel. 238620  
Tel. 237853**

Large cakes are particularly popular but smaller cakes and buns are most welcome. Also jams, preserves, breads, puddings – anything edible.

**Annual Sale Continued...**

Books - This stall is being organised by the Nature Conservation Section. Please contact:

**Denise Thoumine** **Tel. 723003**  
**Jane Gilmour** **Tel. 700024**

A recent survey in the Times found that 65% of readers admitted to pretending to have read certain books in order to impress. Please own up and bring in those books, so that someone else may have a turn at pretending.

We received a huge number of books last year; please let us repeat that. Any left over are donated to Book Aid, the charity that sends them out to third world countries.

Bric-à-brac - This stall, essentially re-cycling, will be organised by the Climate Change Section. Please contact:

**Vanessa Crispini-Adams** **Tel. 238150**

Good quality items only please: unused impulse buys or Christmas presents, anything cluttering your cupboards and lofts.

Raffle – This will be organised by the Ornithology Section. Please contact:

**Judy Down** **Tel. 256464**

Please donate anything you would wish to win yourself.

## Direct Debit Project

I just wanted to give you all an update on the Direct Debit Conversion Project we undertook at the end of 2008. We are relatively pleased with the initial response we have had from members in signing up or converting their standing orders to Direct Debit. However, it has not been without the odd problem, not the least of which was members' banks not heeding the request to cancel standing orders when processing the Direct Debits. This has caused us at Candie Gardens considerable extra work as you can imagine. Rest assured we will be re-crediting those members who have paid their subscription twice for 2009 because of this problem. We will be doing this through the Direct Debit scheme and you should receive your refund in May. **Would all members who now pay by Direct Debit who previously paid by standing order please ensure that they inform their banks to cancel them, as we cannot do this.**

Many thanks for your patience in this matter and also, could I take this opportunity to encourage those members who have not converted to payment by Direct Debit to consider doing so. To obtain the forms, please contact the staff at Candie Gardens, who will be happy to assist you.

**Peter Budwin**  
*Honorary Treasurer*

## President's Report

### The Information Centre

On 21 March our new Information Centre at Les Sablons, L'Érée, was opened by Bailiff Geoffrey Rowland. He and Mrs Diana Rowland - members for over 30 years – were joined by members of Council, Minister for the Environment Deputy Peter Sirett and Deputy Gloria Dudley-Owen representing the Culture and Leisure Department.

The centre will be open daily and will provide a snapshot of the work of La Société, and of the natural, social and cultural history of the island. Our books and cards are on sale there, and visitors can enjoy a snack in the tearoom run by the centre's custodian Joy Goldsmith.

Money bequeathed to us by the late Joan Bagley was used to create this new venture and I have received a letter from Joan's sister, Mrs Lecia Foston, expressing her delight and saying how much Joan would have loved to know that her bequest had been used in this way. The following people were acknowledged and thanked:



Eric Ozanne, our landlord, for honouring his pledge to Jamie to give us first refusal on the building when he closed his tearoom in 2007;  
Rich Austin for making Change of Use application to the Planning Department on our behalf;  
Geoff Allez who wrote the contracts and agreements and gave advice on any legal potholes that we might find ourselves falling into;  
Lawney Martin, Rhi Cook, Nancy Ogier and Richard Hocart who answered the call to arm with paint brush and roller and come and decorate;  
Jason Monaghan for invaluable advice on how to present the information and display our goods and for allowing us the use of the museum's technical department for mounting the posters on board;  
Charles David who put together the posters, many of which he actually wrote himself;  
Andy Dorey for mounting the posters on the wall.

### World Heritage Status

Representatives of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney and Sark met at the Candie headquarters on 14 March to set up a working group and discuss the way forward. The group will meet in June in Alderney.



## Presidents Report Continued...

### Members of Council

At the AGM in March we lost four valuable members of Council. John Nicolle was ineligible for re-election and Jennie Grange and Les Curtis did not wish to stand again, due to pressure of work or family commitments. Rhiannon Cook who, with Jennie, had stepped in as joint Botany Secretary at Bridget's tragic death, also resigned, having found, like so many others, that life in retirement can become even busier than when working. All four members contributed enormously on Council, drawing on their professional and academic expertise to provide advice and comment on the wide range of issues that come before us. Our sincere thanks go to all of them; they will be much missed. I am particularly delighted that Judith Keen agreed to accept my own nomination to stand as an ordinary member and bring to Council a wide range of knowledge as an archaeology and history graduate, as a professional librarian, as a boat skipper and with an interest in natural history.

However, we still need two more members of Council and I do urge all our members to consider either putting themselves forward or nominating a colleague. The only requirement is to attend (if possible) ten Council meetings a year on the second Monday of the month. As mentioned above, La Société is consulted on many issues and we do need a broad range of expertise around the table when addressing them. Furthermore, decisions frequently have to be made about the running of La Société. There is no obligation on an ordinary member to belong to any of the sections, or indeed to have any particular ability in any of the disciplines covered by them. You may feel that experience gained at work, be it in business, a trade, finance, social work, education or any other employment, would help us further the aims of La Société. If so, or if you would just like further information, do please contact either me or Lawney Martin. Contact details: Pat Costen, **Tel. 264500**, e-mail [patcosten@cwgsy.net](mailto:patcosten@cwgsy.net) Lawney Martin, **Tel. 725093**, [societe@cwgsy.net](mailto:societe@cwgsy.net).

Towards the end of 2008, La Société's company, Environment Guernsey, bought a ride-on Brushcutter to enable easier management of some its nature reserves. The new machine is designed to cut long grass, bracken and even light scrub and can be used on steep slopes. It has already proved successful at Pleinmont and La Garenne, where bracken management programmes are in place and it is hoped that a range of sites will benefit from its use. Following the purchase, HSBC donated £1,000 towards the cost of the Brushcutter. La Société is very grateful for this generous donation, particularly during the current financial climate. We wish to thank HSBC for its support of La Société and its commitment to the local environment.

**Pat Costen**

## SECTION NEWS

### Archaeology

As part of a wider initiative to improve Delancey Park, the Archaeology Group helped to clear around the dolmen which is on the eastern slopes. It is a Neolithic burial monument of c3000BC, but its damaged condition makes it difficult to tell how it would originally have looked. Discovered in 1919, it was excavated shortly afterwards and pottery, flint tools and fragments of stone axes were found. We have no proper records of this excavation and so do not know how thorough it was. The plan is to re-excavate the dolmen and perhaps re-erect some of the dislodged stones.

Hopefully there will be some undisturbed archaeological deposits and more will be discovered about this rather enigmatic monument.

Guernsey Museum recently began an excavation in fields to the west of the airport; this is the area onto which the airport authorities would like to extend the runway. A series of test pits are being dug and two have revealed Bronze Age pottery and archaeological features, so there may have been a settlement in the vicinity. Once the test pits are completed it is hoped that a larger trench can be opened around the identified prehistoric features and that there will be opportunity for members of the Archaeology Section to be involved.

The Archaeology Section hosted the newly formed Junior Section in January. Several members assisted with a prehistoric pottery workshop for the children, this involved handling prehistoric pots, reconstruction from broken pieces and making your own pot. It was very successful and will be repeated as part of the 'Festival of British Archaeology' in July.

On a very cold day in February the Section walked a field near Les Tielles. This is right on the parish boundary and close to La Hougue Anthan - a mound which has now gone but can clearly be seen on the 1787 Duke of Richmond map. A large quantity of flint was recovered which is still being examined. It was noticed that the density of flint increased closer to the site of the hougue and this could prove to be significant.



*The Archaeology Section walking a field near Les Tielles.*

**Archaeology continued...**

Also in February, Dr Jason Monaghan (Director of Guernsey Museum and Galleries) showed a video of last year's excavations at The Nunnery in Alderney. Video is an interesting and concise way to tell the story of an excavation, but also serves as a very useful record; used in conjunction with traditional methods, it can provide detail which may not have been recorded elsewhere.

In March Dr Philip de Jersey (States Archaeologist) gave a talk on Celtic coinage. Before returning to Guernsey in 2007, Dr de Jersey was keeper of the Celtic Coin Index, a project based at Oxford University. This was an excellent opportunity to hear the latest thinking on Celtic coinage and included details on how the coins were made and the significance and gradual evolution of the designs. Interestingly, although a number of coin hoards have been found in Jersey, Guernsey has none – or none have been found yet. Only five coins are known to have been found here.

**Tanya Walls**

## Entomology

At this time of year queen bumblebees emerge from hibernation and start founding nests. Later in the year workers will be produced and in the summer and autumn new queens and males. Only the queens survive the winter buried in the ground. In the summer parasitic species of bumblebees emerge. These enter the nests of the host species and kill the queen. Subsequently the workers in the nest raise the brood of the usurping queen, but these are queens and males only.

Bumblebees have recently been given English names, but these have not been completely standardized so it is easier to learn the Latin ones – one can then read about them in older books and in French and German as well.

There are five common bumblebee species in the Channel Islands and now is a good time to learn to distinguish them, before the difficulties caused by the emergence of the parasitic species and males, which complicate the picture later. At the moment only queens and workers are present. They can easily be told apart by their colour pattern:

All brown. *Bombus pascuorum*. This species nests on the surface of the ground in old mouse nests.



***Bombus pascuorum***

All black but red tail. *Bombus lapidarius*. This species nests underground.



***Bombus lapidarius***

Striped but red-orange tail. *Bombus pratorum*. This species often nests above ground, in an old robin nest or in an attic. The colonies mature particularly early; new queens and males may be produced in June.



***Bombus pratorum***

Thorax stripes yellow, black: tail white. *Bombus terrestris*. This species nests underground. It is the only one where some queens start a new nest in the autumn and it survives the winter. Many other queens start nests in the spring.



***Bombus terrestris***

Thorax stripes yellow, black, yellow: tail white. *Bombus hortorum* (face also longer than in *Bombus terrestris* so you can tell by the shape at glance once you are familiar with the species, and don't have to look at the stripes on the thorax. It can feed in particularly deep flowers where the other bees have to cut a hole to steal the nectar)



***Bombus pratorum***

This species, like *Bombus pratorum*, nests above the ground surface, sometimes in quite unsuitable places such as a pocket of a coat hanging up in a shed.

**Charles David**

## Ornithology



When we meet as a section each month we spend the first half of the meeting discussing numerous topics, all of which, of course, are in the context of birds, such as their welfare, environment, and species seen during the past month.

There have been debates on the future of Belle Greve Bay, and the various development plans that have been put forward through the media. We have urged members to go and support the protest walks.

There were protracted debates about the proposed Millennium walk around the reservoir, which of course we would agree has been an unprecedented success.

Dog disturbance at the Richmond end of Vazon continues to be a hot topic in the section. La Société has recently received a letter from The Environment Department which is encouraging. This informed us that following a letter from Mrs Pat Costen, our President, to the Environment Department on the subject of dog walking in the area, there will be an amendment put before the States later this year to revise the Control of Dogs Ordinance (1992). This is something that we have been pressing for certainly ever since I have been in the section, which is now some 14 years!

Proposals for upgrading our various reserves have also come up for discussion from time to time, sometimes getting quite heated, as different members want different things from the reserves. We have biologists wanting things managed for plants. We have birders wanting things managed to encourage birds. We have photographers that want things managed so that they can get the best photographs possible. The evenings become very interesting!

However there is one subject above all others that is perpetual, and guarantees a division of views every time it is debated. Is it the States of Guernsey? No. Is it the cost of membership? No. Do you give up?

It is without doubt "The Grapevine"! What "Grapevine" I hear you ask? Well let me tell you.

Every time a section member finds a bird that is considered rare, we have a list of names and telephone numbers that need to be called. This alerts all

section members to what bird has been found, followed by when and where, and finally by whom. This sounds simple enough, doesn't it? Well, there are actually three lists, A, B, and C. Now if a member of A list finds the bird, they need to contact the person on the top of the A list followed by the person that is below them on the list, plus the top person on the B list and C list. Are you with me so far? Good.

However it is possible that the person on the top of the list doesn't answer their phone, even though in most cases their work number, home number, and mobile number are on the list. There is even a line under the number that they prefer to be called on. So what do you do? You phone the next one on the list, and so on until you find someone that answers their phone. Oh, you can leave a message on their voicemail if they don't answer, but you can't stop until you reach a live person, and don't forget, there are three lists!

It is very exciting finding what could be a possible first for Guernsey, even more exciting if it is a first for the Channel Islands. Imagine the ultimate adrenaline rush you get if you have been the finder of a first for Britain!! Only to remember that - there is The Grapevine! It can sure knock the joy of finding a bird. Not that you don't want to share the bird with other birders. That would be suppression - a hanging offence! Yet think of the bird-watching you miss while you are trying to contact that person who WILL NOT answer their phone, yet who will give you endless grief if they don't hear about that bird. There is also the pressure of being the person who initiates the Grapevine call.

What if you have misidentified the bird, and it isn't even rare? Could you face the shame? You have been the cause of sending dozens of people dashing out the office, the home, only to be told that it was just a Common sandpiper.

Then of course there is the constant debate of what species are Grapevinable, (is this a new word?). For our newer birders there are a huge number of species they would like to be called out for, whereas for the more seasoned birder, nothing short of a rediscovered Dodo at the Claire Mare would shift them.

Perhaps now you can appreciate why it is a subject that gets such a regular airing at our section meetings. Those who never got the call. Those who never made the call, those who passed on the call, but like Chinese whispers sent people to the wrong place looking for the wrong bird.

Yet, do you know what? It does work most of the time, and when it doesn't we still talk to each other. By the way, at the time of writing the Snowy Owl is still on Lihou, and the Fan-tailed Warblers are still at Port Soif. How do I know? I heard it on the Grapevine! Finally, after all that, we would be pleased to welcome you to our monthly section meeting that takes place on the first Thursday of each month at Candie HQ.

**Rod Ferbrache**



## NCCPG

Bank Holiday **Monday 25 May at 10.30am** at Sausmarez Manor - NCCPG Giant Plant Sale

**Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm** at Les Cotils - Cameron McMasters will give a lecture on 'South African bulbs in their habitats'.  
Entry to non-NCCPG members £3

**Monday 5 October at 7.00pm** at Les Cotils - Joint NACF & NCCPG lecture by Laura Ponsonby 'A Taste of India - its buildings and plants'. Entry cost not yet known.

**Saturday 10 - Saturday 24 October** NCCPG 10th Anniversary Nerine Festival in Candie Gardens

**Wednesday 18 November at 7.30pm** at Les Cotils - Chris Smith will give a lecture on 'Heritage Vegetables'.  
Entry to non-NCCPG members £3

## Guernsey Conservation Volunteers

The Guernsey Conservation Volunteers are always very busy but Spring is probably the busiest season of the year. Fortunately the Group now has the largest membership that it has ever had so the amount of work carried out has increased, but there is a down-side to having a large group. The large number of tools and equipment now needed for each work party means that it is getting increasingly difficult to fit them into a Volunteer's car. A much better way of transporting the tools would be in a small van but at present the Group does not have sufficient funds to purchase a suitable vehicle. If anyone knows of sponsorship that may be available or wish to make a donation towards a van then Angela Salmon would be extremely pleased to hear from you. Please contact her on **721163**.

As always GCV welcomes new people to their work parties. The Spring work parties are as follows:

**6pm Thursday 23 April** - Rue Rocheuse orchid fields  
**10am Saturday 25 April** - Vaux de Monel, Pleinmont  
**6pm Thursday 30 April** - Rue Rocheuse orchid fields  
**6pm Thursday 7 May** - Rue Rocheuse orchid fields  
**10am Saturday 16 May** - Gouffre Reed Bed  
**10am Saturday 23 May** - Petit Pré, Talbot Valley  
**6pm Thursday 28 May** - Petit Pré, Talbot Valley  
**10am Saturday 30 May** - Petit Pré, Talbot Valley  
**10am Saturday 13 June** - La Mare Huchon douit, St Sampsons  
**10am Saturday 20 June** - Petit Pré, Talbot Valley

If you need further details of the above work parties or wish to find out more about the Guernsey Conservation Volunteers please take a look at the website - [www.gcv.org.uk](http://www.gcv.org.uk)

## Weather Summary JAN - MAR 2009

The first half of January had the coldest weather experienced locally since January 1997. This period did, though, continue the dry theme established in the latter half of December. The weather then changed markedly with plenty of wind and rain, but also higher temperatures. Whilst there were a couple of gales reported, there were no particularly strong gusts of wind.

The wet and windy weather continued into February, however it became cold again, with north-east winds bringing a procession of snow showers through us on the night of the 1st. By dawn on the 2nd there was lying snow to a depth of up to 20cm, which of course caused much disruption to island life. There was another flip in the weather pattern after the 10th, with high pressure becoming dominant, resulting in a return to dry conditions with the wind staying light for most of the month.

March also had a wet and rather windy period in the first 10 days, but subsequently it turned dry once more and became very sunny. Thanks to receiving 122.3hrs of sunshine from the 13th - 25th, and having two days of unbroken sunshine over the last two days, this ended up as the sunniest March recorded at the Airport. We were also noted as being the sunniest place in the British Isles during March. In contrast to the preceding four months, temperatures were marginally above normal.



## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on 24 March at La Trelade Hotel. The President reported that three members of Council had retired: Les Curtis, John Nicolle and Mrs Jennie Grange; the Council had been discussing how to make the Transactions available online to members who did not feel they needed a paper copy; the orchid fields had been renamed "The Bridget Ozanne Orchid Fields"; a lease had been taken on the former tea rooms at Les Sablons and a new information and interpretation centre created there, and part of the area sub-let as a tea room, funding for which had come from the Joan Bagley bequest; the Junior Section had been formed, with funding from Yorkshire Guernsey; more interest was being shown in Guernsey French and the History Section was now the "History and Philology" Section; La Société was assisting in States initiatives, and general working relations with the States were very good; La Société was co-operating in a World Heritage status bid, jointly with Jersey; the Annual Sale had taken place again in 2008; and there would be a talk on Darwin to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* on Saturday 7 November to be given by Prof. Nicholas Day CBE FRS. The Hon. Treasurer gave a summary of the accounts and explained that the excess of expenses over income for the year of some £25,000 was arrived at before taking into account a legacy of about £13,000. Land management costs had risen, bank interest had fallen. The new direct debit system for subscription payment had been causing problems was it was hoped they would shortly be resolved. After the resignation of Mrs Rhiannon Cook as Botany Section Secretary, which position is vacant, the Officers were re-elected en bloc and Mrs Judith Keen was elected as a new Council member. It was agreed that corporate subscriptions should rise from £100 pa to £200 pa with effect from January 2010.

## Family History

At our meeting in February, we welcomed Liz Walton who spoke on "Guernsey in the First World War". It was a most interesting subject, covering what happened to many islanders during those days.

The March meeting was the talk by Bryan de Jersey which had been postponed the previous year, entitled "Memories of a Tradesman in Guernsey". Bryan kept the audience interested by his anecdotes of his life from apprentice to boss, and the people he met during this time.

**20 May** – "Saumarez Park and its Environs" with Gillian Lenfestey. Meet at 7.00 pm in the Saumarez Park children's playground.



**17 June** – "St Peter Port" – a walk with Sylvia Brouard, meeting at 7.00 pm at the Liberation Day Monument. Members £3, non-members £5.

**22 July** – "An introduction to St Peter's Church" with Bill Gallienne. Meet at 7.00 pm.

**21 October** – Tennerfest – venue to be decided.

**18 November** – a talk by Gillian Lenfestey: "Thomas de la Rue, printer and publisher", followed by the AGM.

All meetings are held at La Société's HQ at Candie commencing at 7.45 pm, unless otherwise stated. All welcome.

Any family history queries should be addressed to The Family History Section, PO Box 314, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 3TG.

**Edith Le Patourel**

## Junior Section

The juniors continue to have a full and interesting programme.

In January, Tanya Walls and her team introduced them to prehistoric pottery and they were able to handle the real thing before going on to make their own pots and practise reconstructing pots from broken pieces. In February, Bill Gallienne introduced them to basic Guernsey French with the help of some cartoon characters. The following month Andrew Casebow led an excursion round bluebell wood at Fermain. The children were given a list of plants to find. Chris Mourant from the Bird Section was on hand to identify any birds that we saw. In April Nancy Ogier gave the children a lesson in bird identification. Chris joined us again and pointed out the different birds in Candie Gardens. This session was poorly attended, probably because several of the children were still away on holiday while others were playing sport. It will be repeated - probably next month.

**28 June** Emptying of moth traps at La Société Information Centre, Les Sablons, L'Erée at 10am.

**Pat Costen**

# Officers and Council Members

## Officers:

President	Pat Costen	264500
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WEA	David Le Conte	264847

In addition to the Section Secretaries being Council members, other Council members are:

J. Hooper, (co-opted), G. Allez, Mrs V. Crispini-Adams, A. Ritchie, N. Day, Miss J. Gilmour and Mrs Judith Keen.

Any member of La Société who is interested in joining one of the Sections or groups should contact the relevant Section Secretary.

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