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Guernsey's Local Research, Natural History and Conservation Society

AGM

The AGM took place on Wednesday 27th March.

The President in his report referred to the tragic death of Past-President and invaluable stalwart of the society, Charles David, and also the demise of Hugh Lenfestey and Betty Caldwell.

The outgoing Treasurer, Peter Budwin, presented the accounts which showed that the society had again broken even, thanks to the substantial dividend received from our in-house company, Guernsey Environmental Services Limited, so ably and successfully managed by Jamie Hooper who also presented his report.

The elections resulted in the appointment of Pat Costen to the vacant position of Vice-President, Sylvia Brouard was re-appointed as an ordinary member of Council and Lawney Martin, our former secretary, and Julia Henney were appointed as new ordinary members.

David Cranch was elected as Treasurer in place of Peter Budwin who was relinquishing the post for health reasons and the President took the opportunity to pay tribute to Peter's eighteen years' service and presented him with a parting gift of two days half-board for two at Stocks Hotel in Sark.

Following the recommendation of KPMG our auditors, members approved the resolution to have the society's accounts prepared on an unaudited basis in the future. This, following changes in Guernsey Company Law, was now standard procedure, and would result in reducing much unnecessary work in the completion and presentation of the accounts, especially relevant to KPMG which for many years had performed that quite onerous task without charge.

Finally, it was resolved that from January 2014 single Guernsey and overseas subscription rates be both increased to £25 from £22 and £20 respectively. Other rates remain unchanged. **(Kindly remember to increase your standing orders before the end of the year.)**

Transactions 2011

Members are reminded to kindly come and collect their 2011 Transactions from Candie as they have been available for some weeks. We are reluctant to post them out locally as it now costs over £2 per copy.

Please note the Candie Office opening hours during May are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 10am and 11.30am. If you no longer require Transactions kindly let us know.

Alternatively if you would prefer an electronic version of the Transactions kindly Email **membership@societe.org.gg** including your surname and initials.

New Office Opening Hours

Please note that with effect from **Saturday 1st June 2013** our office at Candie will be open to the public on a Tuesday and Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon. The office will be closed on Thursday mornings.

Jethou Trips 2013

We have arranged 2 trips to Jethou this Summer. The first trip will take place on **Saturday 1st June** departing at 9.30am returning at 11.30am.

The second trip will be on **Saturday 6th July** departing 10am and returning at 12 noon. Cost per person will be £17. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Kindly Email **secretary@societe.org.gg**

The Colin McCathie Reserve

By the time Members read this, the Reserve (the Vale Pond) will be in our ownership; the price based on advice received from a leading firm of estate agents had been agreed at £95,000 and has initially been funded from our reserves which as you can imagine has left a considerable hole.

As has previously been reported we were extremely heartened from the outset by a donation and a pledge, each of £10,000, from Peter Johnson and Ian McCathie (Colin's son) respectively and it was decided to create an appeal to raise the balance of approximately £80,000 (including Congé etc) and this was duly launched on 21st April with Pat Costen's Never Worn/Hardly Worn clothing sale which despite fierce competition from co-inciding similar functions raised approximately £900, an event due to be repeated on 21st September at the Vale Douzaine Room.

It goes without saying therefore that donations will be extremely welcome and I would mention that if you are a Guernsey tax-payer, under the Charitable Donations Scheme donations of £500 or more may enable us to claim an income-tax refund of 25% thereof, in other words your donation would increase to £625.

Rodney Collette

Lower Magazine Fort Grey

When we had to leave Les Sablons in May 2011 we lost three very valuable resources: Joy's cakes, an outlet for our books and cards, and our Information Centre. We were fortunate that first the Chouet Tearoom and then the Bon Port Hotel agreed to sell some of our books for us and display our information boards, but we eventually lost both those sites.

It was with huge relief and gratitude therefore that last year we were able to accept an offer from Museum Director Jason Monaghan to take over the Lower Magazine at Fort Grey as an Information Centre. This is the small building to the left of entrance to the main building, where you can see some of the natural history and history of the island through the work of La Société. Entry is free so next time you are on the West coast stop and take a look. The Magazine is open daily from Easter to October, 10am to 4.30pm.



Photos courtesy of Kate Lee

Requests

1. Is there any one who could come into Candie to set up and restart a pendulum wall clock?

This clock was purchased by LSG to celebrate our centenary and was mounted in the Lecture Theatre. However it proved to be a bit noisy and was consigned to lie on top of the herbarium upstairs. It has been brought back down and now hangs in the meeting room.

2. Does anyone have a lockable glass-fronted display cabinet in which our Archivist can display some of our treasures please?

Kindly contact the office on **725093** if you can help.

Vietnam to Cambodia Cycle Challenge



Day 1

After meeting up with the other fifteen participants in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) on Thursday 8th November and have our bikes sized and fitted, it was an early night for us in preparation for starting the cycle challenge the following day! In the morning we transferred out of the city a short way via coach, as the roads through Saigon were incredibly busy; I have never seen so many scooters in one place (literally millions) and there didn't appear to be any discernible rules of the road. We saw families of four all on one scooter, quite happily driving along. This first day was relatively short, distance-wise, to help break us in and allow time to adjust the bikes if necessary. We finished cycling for the day just outside a town called Trá Vinh; a trip of 57km.

Day 2

Day two was one of the longest days, in terms of both distance and time cycling. This was a day of riding through local villages hidden within the Vietnam countryside, on narrow rudimentary 'roads', over little make-shift bridges, and along dirt tracks. At one point we were cycling on a tarmac road just before midday, and the heat on this leg really took its toll. The group much preferred cycling through the shade of the jungle where there was respite from the incredibly hot glare of the sun. We finished the day 95 km later in a town called Cấn Tho. The group was so exhausted after this long day it and was dinner and bed by 8pm.

Day 3

The last day of cycling in Vietnam was a 75km journey from C n Tho to Ch u D c, just outside the Vietnamese-Cambodian border. We cycled through beautiful villages and lush jungle, the Mekong delta and little towns, the local children running out to shout and wave at us. Once or twice we cycled past a local school, and the children were lined up along the edge of the road with their arms outstretched to hi-five us as we cycled past, some of them running alongside for a while. It must have been strange to see eighteen British people cycling past their school and homes in the intense heat and humidity!

Day 4

Monday 12th November was a transfer day, and after we visited the floating market (where locals sell their wares from their boats on the water), we obtained our visas and crossed the border in Cambodia.

We spent the afternoon and early evening exploring the Killing Fields and S21 (a local school turned prison turned genocide museum), learning about some of the incredibly sad recent history of the country and the people involved during the leadership of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge regime. It was a sobering experience, and the group was silent as we tried to understand what it must have been like to be there at that time. Our Cambodian guide was very knowledgeable on the subject as his mother had been there, and he told us her story as we made our way to our accommodation for the night.



Crossing the Mekong Delta in small groups with our bikes.

Day 5

The second half of the journey took place in Cambodia, starting in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. Along the way we stopped at in a town called Udong, which is situated at the foot of Udong Phnom Mountain. We climbed the mountain via hundreds of steps, which led us to the temples at the top. The view was stunning, as the land is predominantly flat; you could see as far as the horizon and just about make out Phnom Penh in the distance, approximately 40km away. We continued on our way and finished another 57km later; a total distance of 97km on day five. After three days of cycling and a day's rest my bottom was hardened to the many hours on the saddle, and although this was the furthest we had cycled I found this part of the challenge less difficult than during the first few days.

Day 6

As we cycled further into the heart of Cambodia the change in landscape and land use was apparent in comparison to Vietnam. The land was more open with less jungle and fewer temples dotted about, and we



The floating Market in Vietnam, and the temple museum at the Killing Fields in Cambodia, which contained hundreds of the skulls of victims of the Khmer Rouge

noticed more cattle and agriculture. We cycled through numerous rice paddies which were incredibly lush and green, and lemon grass fields that smelt amazing. You could see how the rice paddies had been planted at different times as the fields that were ready to be harvested were turning a lovely yellow colour, and those that had more recently been planted were bright green. Local farmers stopped their work to wave at us as we skirted the edges of the rice paddies; the friendly attitude of the locals is something that has stuck with me, it was incredibly heart-warming. We may not have been able to understand each other completely but they were eager to help in any way they could. One local lady let us take shelter in her little wooden open-front house at the side of the track when we were caught unawares in a storm. You could see that she didn't have much, but she offered us drinks and nibbles anyway.

We finished that day after having cycled 60km.

Day 7

We finished the challenge on Thursday 15th November, crossing the finish line at the Angkor Watt temples in Siam Reap, Cambodia; a total distance under our belts of 420km. We spent the day exploring the Angkor Watt temple complex, as well as a number of other temples in the area. As we wandered through the temples in Angkor Watt the sky darkened and we heard rumbles of thunder as a storm gathered over our heads. The last of us to leave the temples decided to cycle to the hotel we were staying in that night (we had become rather attached to our bikes by this point!), and as we were about to leave the heavens opened. Within minutes we were drenched, and the last bike ride of the trip was spent racing through lakes of water streaming down the roads. It was great fun! That evening was spent in celebration of completing the challenge; we went out to dinner where we watch some traditional Cambodian dancing.

This challenge was unlike anything I have ever done before. It was incredibly hard work, and I really had to push the limits of my physical endurance. But the people and the location were so amazing, everyone helped each other through the pain and fatigue, and although it was tough I enjoyed every second of it. I know that it was worth every penny that has been raised.

Jessi Jennings

Section Reports

Archaeology

For several (freezing) weeks this spring the Archaeology Section helped with the excavation of a 19th century gun battery at Fort Richmond. The project was led by Guernsey Museum on behalf of States Property Services, who are investigating the possibility of selling off the site. It was unknown how much of the battery survived because machine gun positions and concrete shelters had been built onto it during the Occupation and then after the war the site had been further altered by backfilling and landscaping.

A trench 15 x 2m was dug between a German air-raid shelter and gun position; it was sited to pick up the inner and outer walls of the battery and the moat which lay below the outer wall. As can be seen from the picture, substantial remains do survive: this is the inside face of the inner wall with a step up to a firing position, the concrete in the bottom left is the side of a German shelter and the metal object is a tin tub which was buried along with the wall during the construction of the German positions. The moat below the outer wall was also identified and found to be over two metres deep; it had cut significantly into the solid geology of the hill.

In April the Section had the opportunity to walk four fields in the area of La Hougue Fouque. The mound known as La Hougue Fouque was the site of an alarm gun in historic times and during the 19th century stone tools were found at the site suggesting that it may have prehistoric origins. The fields were systematically walked by a group of fifteen Section members and all the man-made surface material was collected. This has yet to be washed and examined but it will be very interesting to see whether there are prehistoric or Roman artefacts present.

A new book entitled *The History and Archaeology of Jethou* has been published and is available in local book shops. It has been written by Jenny Cataroche and is the result of several years' research and a programme of archaeological fieldwork.

Tanya Walls



Photo courtesy of Philip de Jersey

Events: 'Bodies of Evidence: new light on Herm's medieval population'

On **Thursday 11th July** at 8.00pm there will be a talk on the excavations at the cemetery of St Tugual's Chapel in Herm. This will be given by Philip de Jersey and Jenny Cataroche.

The skeletons discovered last year have now been fully examined and radiocarbon dated to the early Middle Ages. They are generally well-preserved and it has been possible to recognise pathologies and to make observations on life and death in Herm at this time.

Astronomy

We have had a rather interesting time over the past three months. We started with STARGAZING LIVE when we and other astronomy groups from all over Britain come together with the BBC, who promote an interest in astronomy by encouraging groups like ourselves to open our observatories to the Public.

The weather was not kind to us but many people came and received handouts sent to us from the BBC; they were shown the computerized telescopes and we gave a number of illustrated talks.

On the evening of January 24th we had a group visit. The weather was not kind, but once again our lecture theatre and to see the telescopes proved successful.

The Société Junior section paid us a visit on the Saturday afternoon of January 26th. The idea was to show everyone the details on the Sun using our Sidereostat. This is a piece of equipment that tracks the Sun and reflects an image for viewing. Unfortunately the clouds would not cooperate, but to see the telescopes and various film shows helped to make for a successful afternoon.

February 4th we had a visit from a Brownies group. It always surprises us how knowledgeable and interested the young people are of space.

On February 5th we held our AGM. It was well attended with very little change in the committee members as just about everyone was happy to continue.

This was followed by our annual WEA Stargazing Course, which even with the snow, finished on time with some excellent viewing nights. This is led by David Le Conte and is always over subscribed.

Wednesday March 27th was Science Day at Castle Cornet. We had been asked to participate by Jo Dowding, representing the Guernsey museums. It was a very enjoyable day. David Le Conte, George de Carteret and I were allocated an area in the Hatton

Gallery, which we shared with guest presenters in Science and Industry from Manchester. We promoted our section with a rolling slide show and a picture gallery along with informative leaflets. At two allocated times during the day we worked outside with the children, to demonstrate how we can see certain planets at any one time and not others.

During March we were approached by a very nice lady asking if we would entertain a hard of hearing group. We decided that we could and on March 19th using sub titles with the illustrated talks and working with the sign language interpreter, the evening went very well. In fact we have been asked to do it again. It is very rewarding to find we are able to help in this way.

Frank Dowding.

See the Stars with large telescopes

Visitors are welcome at Guernsey's Astronomical Observatory on the following nights in 2013

25th July 9.00 pm	1st August 9.00 pm
08th August 8.30 pm	15th August 8.30 pm
22nd August 8.30 pm	29th August 8.30 pm
08th November 6.00 pm	

All are on Thursdays, except for November (Friday).

There will be a talk or slide-show, plus observing if clear. Donations are welcomed and assist with running and maintenance costs. We suggest adults £2, children £1.

The Observatory is in La Rue du Lorier, St Pierre-du-Bois. Perry's Guide reference 21 E3. Parking is usually available at La Houquette School, Rue des Paysans.

From the school go 100 yards up the road, then left onto Rue du Lorier, then immediately right, behind a large bunker. The road is dark, so a torch is advisable. For further information and directions see www.astronomy.org.gg, or call **255215**.

Botany Walk Events

1) L'Ancrese - Saturday 1st June 14:15

Meet at L'Ancrese Car Park by L'Ancrese Lodge flats to see Deptford Pink. Perry's Guide ref Pg7 E3.

2) Fort Doyle - Saturday 6th July 14:15

Meet at Fort Doyle car park for Yellow Cicendia and Orange Birdsfoot. Perry's ref Pg 7 H2.

3) Forest Cemetery - Saturday 3rd August 14:15

Meet at Forest Cemetery - please park on Le Chemin le Roi for Field Scabious and arable weeds.

4) Port Soif - Saturday 7th September 14:15

Meet at Port Soif car park by kiosk for Blue Fleabane and Knotted Pearlwort. Perry's Guide ref Pg8 C1.

5) Fort Grey - Saturday 5th October 14:15

Meet at the Fort Grey slipway for a walk through the lanes to view arable weeds. Perry's Guide ref P26 B2.

Members will receive a monthly newsletter, either by post or email. Please send a cheque to Soc. Guernesiaise Botany Section with your details to Jean and Gavin Sampson, The Ferrers, 1 Milton Gardens, Rue Cauchée, St Martin, Guernsey GY4 6NU Tel: **234430** Email: gavsampson@cwgsy.net

Please send your name, address, postcode and telephone number, and your email address if you wish to receive your newsletter that way.

Entomology

Any queries kindly contact Rich Austin on tel: 721915 or Email richmond.austin43@gmail.com

Family History Events

Wednesday 19th June 2013

A walk/tak around Cobo with Sylvia Brouard. Meet at the carpark below Guet at 7pm. Non-members £5.

July Meeting – TBA

Friday 16th October 2013

Annual Dinner – Venue TBA

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

Historic Buildings Mounting Blocks

The Section is at present conducting an island-wide survey of mounting blocks. These somewhat insignificant accessories to farmhouse complexes have never, to our knowledge, been commented upon before, and as there is no obvious reason for retaining them, they are potentially in danger of removal as properties are changed.

A recent talk revealed all sorts of questions we could not properly answer, such as why it was that most of them rise from left to right. What is the date-range of them? Indeed, is it possible to date them in any way? We wondered if they only became popular when it was the fashion for ladies to do more riding side-saddle, and whether they died out as carriages became affordable. Certainly there seem none that we discovered in a quick look at two areas linked in

any way with coursed rubble roadside walling, which is a style of building starting around 1800. And at Saints Farm, along lcart Road, a large stone forming the top of a wall linked to a mounting block is from an arched doorway, which indicates that there, the mounting block can only date from a period after the house was refronted. And what about status? Can cottages as well as farms have such amenities, or are they limited to large houses?

Other questions arose, such as what happened to your horse after you had dismounted, or before you mounted. Presumably your own animals were looked after by a farmhand and were taken to and from stables or stable yards. But what about visitors? Why are the blocks always on the roadside and never, it seems, inside a courtyard?

Were they primarily for visitors, and if so, were there any tethering rings on a roadside so that you could leave your horse safely while you delivered a message or took tea (if it yet existed)?

The survey is an ideal exercise for all the Section in that it does not need to penetrate into anyone's property, for as far as we have seen, all mounting blocks are on the roadside, or if they could not legitimately intrude into a road, then immediately inside a gateway. However, if any readers know of any blocks out-of-sight from a public road, it would be much appreciated if they could contact the Secretary on 720303 or by e-mail mrjam@cwgsy.net with such information.

It is planned to insert the eventual list of mounting blocks into the spreadsheets of a book on Channel Island Houses now in preparation. Similarly, knowledge about any mounting blocks that once existed but are no more would also be very gratefully received.

It might be of interest to comment that there seem to be no mounting blocks at all in Sark or Alderney, and very few in Jersey. Why this should be so is yet another unanswered question.

John McCormack

Events:

June 6th to 9th - Historic Buildings -French Trip

Thursday 6th June to Sunday 9th June

French trip. We shall be arranging a weekend around the Granville area of Normandy and to Les Iles Chausey. If you are interested in receiving more information as it becomes available, please let the Secretary know by e-mail as soon as possible. Numbers will be limited to 25, and priority will be given to members of this group who register in good time, after which it will be opened for other friends and colleagues by invitation only. Please specify if you would be interested in visiting Chausey only.

Saturday 13th July 14:30

Split-level houses. Visits to houses at Les Issues and elsewhere. Details later.

Saturday 10th August 14:30

A visit to Les Annevilles Manor and its garenne. This house includes much of what was built between 1248 and 1265 by Sir William de Chesney, enigmatic though much of it is; and the only moated rabbit warren in the Channel Islands. Meet at the Manor. Adequate parking at both sites.

New members are always very welcome to attend, but should contact John McCormack (Tel: **720303** Email mrjam@cwgsy.net) beforehand in case of alterations or final instructions. Those attending regularly should ensure that they are already members of La Société, and are asked for an annual payment to the Section of £10 at the beginning of each year: this covers petty cash items.

Junior Events - Local History

Saturday 29th June: Gold-accredited tour guide Sylvia Brouard will take us round Hommet headland. This is the tour that was cancelled on April 13th because of bad weather. Meet at Vazon Café at 2pm

Marine Biology

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Jessi Jennings on **07839 250558**, or via Email at marinebiology@societe.org.gg and I look forward to seeing you!

Nature Conservation

If you are interested in being involved please contact Denise Thoumine on **723003**

Ornithology

The cold weather has brought the usual winter visitors—redwing and fieldfare in their hundreds and numerous lapwings, but, lapwings in particular have not appeared here in the numbers they did twenty to thirty years ago. The same is true for many of our waders.

Thanks to all the members who have done Wader Counts over the last thirty years, we have noted that their numbers are significantly down. Turnstone numbers are down by 77%, Dunlin by 88% and Purple Sandpiper by an alarming 99%. There are several reasons for this, disturbance being one, so please, encourage all those you know and those you do not, to keep their dogs in particular, off the beaches especially during migration time and winter. Negotiations are ongoing to place better signs at significant sites, our thanks go to Jamie Hooper for his work on this and Paul Hillion for the use, with no charge, of some of his photographs in connection with this project.

On a lighter note, a Dartford Warbler was seen at Pleinmont on March 4th, so, again, we can only hope they will return here as a breeding species. The Bird Race started in 1987 and since then a total of 164 species have been seen on that day. Margaret Austin has kept records every year and we thank her for her sterling work. She and husband Rich, were awarded our Birder of the Year trophy for 2012 for their ongoing work on ringing records giving us valuable information on the movements and lifespans of some of our beloved birds.

If you wish to learn more then join us on any first Thursday of the month at Candie at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Nancy Ogier

New Associated Group

-The Guernsey Beekeepers Association

The Guernsey Beekeepers Association represents the island's beekeepers. We run a regular monthly series of talks (in the winter) and demonstrations (in the summer) that are designed to interest and educate local beekeepers.

We rely on our expert senior members for most of these, but occasionally we are fortunate to have experts from the UK to join us.

We are running a series of more structured training courses, that have the potential of taking the enthusiast from complete novice to master beekeeper.

Chris Logan Telephone: 07781 422 909

WEA Guernsey

Full details of all courses are listed on the Association's web site: www.wea.org.gg

NCCPG - Events Spring 2013

Bank Holiday Monday 27th May. at 10am at Sausmarez Manor NCCPG Giant plant Sale. Entry free
Sat 12th - Sat 26th October in the Lower Greenhouse, Candie Gardens NCCPG Nerine Festival **Sat 12th** open 2pm - 4pm. Thereafter 10am - 4pm daily. Entry free, nerines for sale.



Environment Guernsey is the wholly owned company of La Société Guernesaise. • We manage La Société's nature reserves and undertake numerous land management contracts for various States of Guernsey Departments, the National Trust and private individuals. • We also run the Guernsey Biological Records Centre and provide an environmental consultancy service.

For all aspects of conservation advice and contracting, please contact us.

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Guernsey Conservation Volunteers

Although we are very pleased with the number of members in GCV we would always welcome more! If you would like to come along to a work party, or just find out more about the group, please contact Angela Salmon on **721163** or through the GCV website www.gcv.org.uk.

The Friends of the Prialx library

Wednesday 26 June 2013

Talk by Bruce Parker. Working title-' My research for my book Elizabeth College'. Number 6 in the Friends of the Prialx Library's lecture series. Commences 7pm in the Frossard Lecture Theatre, Candie Gardens. Admission by ticket only.

The Guernsey Botanical Trust

The Victorian Walled Kitchen Gardens in Saumarez Park are being restored by the Guernsey Botanical Trust. There are two daily volunteer sessions, between 10:00 and 13:00 and between 13:00 and 16:00. nearly every day. For further details contact ivan@guernseywalledgarden.org.gg or Tel: **07911 719115**

13th July 14:00 - 16:00 Summer Garden Party (Part of 'Floral Guernsey')

30th August Garden Tour and Tasting (Part of 'Taste of Guernsey')

21st September Autumn Event

Legacies and Donations in Lieu of Flowers

Members are reminded that it is possible to make La Société a beneficiary of their will. Money or property can be left for general use, or if desired for a specific purpose. They are also reminded that donations in lieu of flowers can be made in memory of members who have died.

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