



COMMUNIQUÉ

The Newsletter of **LA SOCIÉTÉ GUERNESIAISE**

Autumn Issue 2013 No.82

Guernsey's Local Research, Natural History and Conservation Society

Publication of the Transactions 2012

The annual Report and Transactions for 2012 will be published on **23rd November**.

For those members who chose to collect their Transactions (see below) they will be available for collection at the headquarters on that day between 10 am and 12 noon and on subsequent Tuesdays and Saturdays between 10 am and 12 noon until the end of December.

Distribution of the Transactions

La Société is writing to all members who currently receive the Communiqué by post to establish how they wish to receive the Transactions in future.

If you currently receive the Communiqué by e-mail but the Transactions by collection from the headquarters or by post you will not have received the questionnaire so kindly e-mail your preference for receiving or collecting the Transactions in future to **secretary@societe.org.gg**

Distribution of the Communiqué

If you currently receive the Communiqué by post, but now wish to receive it on-line, please complete question 5 on the questionnaire.

Please note we will be writing to Corporate Members Separately.

Old Transactions

If any members have any pre-1970 Transactions they no longer require please contact the secretary Kate Lee on 725093 or e-mail **secretary@societe.org.gg** Collection can be arranged.

Subscriptions 2014

Subscriptions for 2014 will be as follows:

- Local single - £25**
- Local Double/family - £30**
- Overseas (Single, double or family) - £25**
- Students - £5**
- Corporate - £200**
- Single Life - £300**
- Double Life - £400**

Please note Direct Debits are taken in January of each year. Those who pay by cheque, Paypal or cash should please note that subscriptions are due on **January 1st 2014**.

If you are still paying by Standing Order kindly amend the amount in accordance with the above rates before the end of the year or switch to Direct Debit.

For those currently paying by Standing Order we enclose a Direct Debit form for your convenience and this can be returned in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope along with your Newsletter/Transaction questionnaire.

Christmas 2013

Christmas Gift Ideas and Round Table Christmas Fayre 17th November – Beau Sejour 10-4pm, free entry.

Please remember we sell local books plus an attractive range of note cards with local views, 3 for £1 or 5 for £1.50. Some of the cards are also available as Christmas cards.

Books and cards can be purchased from the office during opening hours – Tuesday and Saturday mornings between 10 and 12 noon. Books can also be purchased via the website **www.societe.org.gg**

We shall have a stall at the Round Table Christmas Fayre and will be selling Christmas cards and a few books. There will also be a raffle and a lucky dip. Please come along and support us.

New Year Luncheon

Sunday 12th January 2014

Last years carvery at Les Cotils proved to be a success so we shall return again on the above date at 12.45pm.

Carvery Menu

Rustic Chunky Cut Farmhouse Vegetable Soup,
Dairy Cream & Chives

Select Fjord Sweet Water Prawns
& Hand Picked Chancre Crab on Crisp Salad,
Piquant Thousand Island Relish

Frosted Melon, Exotic Fruits & Seasonal Red Berries,
Elderflower & Ginger Syrup, Iced Mango Sherbet

From the Carvery

Hand Carved Succulent Loins
of Angus Beef, Pan Thickened Gravy,
Giant Yorkshire Puddings

Sea Salt & Rosemary Dusted Quarters
of Free Range Chickens, Traditional Trimmings

Roast Scottish Wild Salmon Fillet,
Aromatic Thai Spiced Crust, Lime & Coriander Butter

Mediterranean Roast Vegetables, Basil Oil
& Egg Pasta Layered Lasagne, Aged Cheddar &
Parmesan Gratin

Market Fresh Panache of Butter Vegetables
New Seasons Finest Local Baby Potatoes,
Mint Leaves & Black Pepper Infusion Golden
Roasties, Duck Fat, Garlic & Crushed Herbs

Wide Choice of Tempting Desserts with Old Favourites such as

Baked Cheesecakes, Brûlées, Profiteroles,
Cakes and Tortes, Fruit Compotes
& English Cheeseboard

Freshly Brewed Fairtrade Coffee or Tea

The cost will be £18.50 a head to include a tip to the staff, but excluding drinks.

If you would like to join us please send your cheque payable to La Société Guernesiaise along with the names of those attending to the Secretary Kate Lee by **15th December**.

Please also indicate your choice of starter only. There will be no seating plan.

Colin McCathie Reserve

I am pleased to report that the Reserve (Vale Pond) is now legally ours at a cost, with Congé etc, of just over £100,000, the proceeds of which were subsequently distributed to the shareholders of the previous owners, The Commercial Company of the Channel Islands Ltd, by way of Capital Dividend, each of which was accompanied by a note explaining the circumstances of their windfall and encouraging them to subscribe to our Appeal Fund.

At the time of writing the total amount donated from that source amounted to £23,000 of which, between them, members of the McCathie family had contributed an astonishing sum approaching £20,000; other donations, including Peter Johnston's £10,000 amounted to £11,775, making a very encouraging total of £34,775.

Fund raising continues and donations, however small, will always be welcomed and I would remind you that those in excess of £500 will qualify for the 25% claim under the Income Tax Charitable Donations Scheme.

Rodney Collenette

The Shows

While we had Les Sablons it wasn't felt necessary to take a stand at the Shows but this year we decided to start again.

We began at the Viaër Marchi. We left things a bit late and our site was a bit out of the way but we'd never been there before so it was all good experience. All those who manned the stand deemed it a success, for though we sold very little, we had put up the display boards and attracted a lot of interest.

The West Show was a great success and we cleared £328.



Dorothy and David Le Conte at the West Show

The North Show wasn't quite so good financially but was thought to be well worth the effort because of the interest shown in our displays. We certainly gained more members as a result.

Sincere thanks to Lawney for organising the North Show stand and to all those who did their stint – some at both shows.

These events are so important to keep us in the public eye and we are always looking for volunteers. If you feel you can spare an hour or two, please let Kate know. We shall be taking a stand at the Christmas Charity Fayre at Beau Sejour in November and will welcome help there.

Pat Costen

The Bee Lady

In June we were informed by Sark's Roseanne Guille that Brigit Strawbridge, of TV fame, would be visiting that island in early July to give a presentation on her specialised subject, bees, and that she had indicated that she would be prepared to break her journey and give a talk in Guernsey, at a very reasonable fee we would add. Needless to say we took up her offer and a capacity audience enjoyed a fascinating talk and presentation on the subject of not only honey but also bumble and solitary bees, their state of health, the problems and challenges facing them and not least their importance to the whole ecological system; no one present can have failed to be impressed by the extent of her knowledge and her passion for her subject.

Brigit was due to arrive from Bristol, by 'Fly Maybe', at mid-day on the day of the talk but the flight was cancelled and she was coached to Gatwick and landed at Guernsey Airport in time to arrive at Candie at 8.10 pm (for a 7.30pm start) and addressed a spellbound audience for the best part of two hours without a break.

For the first time we operated our new policy of charging admission for non-members as a result of which only a small deficit was incurred; this had been kindly underwritten by the Camp du Roi Garden Shop which for good measure topped it up with a generous donation for which we are extremely grateful. We are certainly hoping to arrange a repeat, possibly at a larger venue.

Rodney Collette



Brigit Strawbridge with Bee chart - photograph courtesy of Richard Lord.

Bloxie Tours

Six years ago my husband Peter wrote a piece for one of the moth journals about Bloxworth Snout moths found in German bunkers here. Within a matter of hours of publication, he received an email from UK moth man Keith Tailby asking if he and two moth friends – Mark Hammond and Graham Finch could come over, and would Peter show them the moths.

They flew in for a day, we took them to lots of bunkers, they saw lots of Bloxworth Snouts and flew back home again. A few weeks later, two more of their friends arrived to do the tour and we waited at the airport arrivals door with a Bloxie Tours sign held high.

The Bloxies as they are collectively known in our house are a group of very keen moth men who do most of their mothing throughout the night, sleeping in tents or cars. They are well-known in Jersey where they have added much to the lists.

This summer, having read a paper by Phil Sterling and Peter on the Southern Green Emerald that is found at one place at Pleinmont and on the Grand Isle south of Brittany, all five of them, together with Mark's wife Julianne decided to come over and look for it.

Sadly, because things have been about three weeks late, they were unable to find their target. However, Peter advised them that the Vaux de Monel would be a good place to blitz that night and six traps were set, tents pitched, sleeping bags spread in cars and we left them for the night.

Michelle Hooper has taken up mothing and was able to join them both at night and early the following morning and learn many new species.

Pat Costen



Photograph courtesy of Roy Hilton

Grazing Conservation Herd

Over the years, agricultural intensification and changes in land use have led to the loss of almost all of our species rich grasslands and heathlands. Over the next 9 months, La Société will be setting up a Conservation Grazing herd to halt this loss on some of the islands most important sites.

They will graze a combination of La Société managed land and land owned by the States of Guernsey Environment Department. The benefit of using cattle to graze land, rather than manual cutting and raking, is that it will produce a less uniform sward structure with small patches of bare ground and dung.

This will encourage germination of wild flowers and provide shelter and food for a diversity of invertebrates and small mammals; leading to an overall increase in diversity in these sites.

La Société have already received over £3,500 in donations from Mike Meinke, who raised the money by running the Marathon Des Sables earlier in the year. This money will allow us to buy the stock and basic fencing needed for the herd.

If you would like to get involved with the herd, or are interested in sponsoring it, please get in touch with the Guernsey Biological Records Centre at gsybiorec@cwgsy.net.

Julia Henney

Section Reports

Archaeology

Early in the summer there was a short excavation at Acorn House School prior to the building of a new classroom. We were able to re-locate trenches dug in the 1980's, when the Iron Age warrior burial was discovered, and to open adjoining new ground.

The site must have been levelled at some time since the bedrock was very close to the present ground surface, however pits and post-holes had been cut into the rock and in these we found Iron Age pottery and a possible piece of Roman glass.

Barry Cunliffe returned to Sark in June to carry out more excavations in the Tanquerel field. This is in the centre of the island, near to the mill, and was the site of an 18th century discovery of Iron Age and Roman treasure (now sadly lost).

The current work has revealed that the area was a focus of activity from the Bronze Age through to the Iron Age; probably for settlement in the earlier period and then ritual activity later. Amongst the finds this year were pierced stone rings and five amber beads.

In August Section members joined with the Alderney Society for a further season of excavations at The Nunnery led by Jason Monaghan. This year we worked on the east facing ramparts; this portion of the fort was rebuilt after the collapse of the part of the wall onto the beach below.

An important discovery was that the Germans had used part of the Roman tower wall for one side of a bunker; the change from Roman sandstone wall to German concrete can clearly be seen. This really is an astonishingly well-preserved Roman fort, with outer walls surviving to their full height in many places and significant surviving remains of the internal tower.

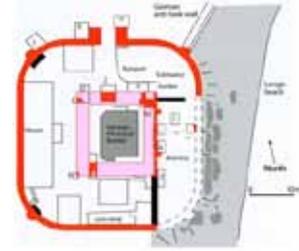


Diagram courtesy of Jason Monaghan

The Roman walls are shown in red: the outer wall is upstanding (in places to its original height) but with the notable exception of much of the east side, which is collapsed and lies in pieces on the beach below; the remains of the inner tower have been identified by excavation and in 2013 it was observed that they make up part of a German bunker constructed its south-east corner. The numbered boxes are archaeological trenches and the other boxes are post-medieval buildings.

On the west coast of Le Crocq headland, near Fort Richmond, pebbles scraped up the beach to raise the shingle bank and protect the properties behind from the sea revealed an ancient land surface containing prehistoric pottery and flints. In August the Section spent a day at the site, clearing back more of the shingle and retrieving the finds. There were some quite sizeable pottery fragments, perhaps making up a large part of a single pot, but unfortunately this is very fragile and it will probably not be possible to reconstruct it. The finds still need proper examination, but are thought to be early Bronze Age in date (c1800BC). The highest tides will wash the area and replace the shingle.

Our restoration of the Brothers' Cemetery is ongoing - and indeed will be for some time. This historic cemetery, tucked away beside Elizabeth College, has been closed to the public for over 30 years and the tombs neglected. We began work at the end of last year but had to stop in the summer to obtain a Faculty from the Ecclesiastical Court; this has been granted and we are now able to continue. So far we have cleared destructive vegetation from the tombs and carried out remedial re-pointing. The tombs are all of the box vault type and some will need of a degree of rebuilding in order to make them secure. This is rather different to our usual 'below ground' work but is interesting and rewarding and offers an opportunity to learn new skills. If you are interested in helping with this work please contact the Section Secretary. In November there will be a talk on the history of the cemetery and the progress of the restoration project.

Tanya Walls



Restoration of tombs in the Brothers' Cemetery – photograph courtesy of Philip de Jersey

Events

Saturday October 26th 2013: Guided walk of archaeological sites at L'Ancrese, meet at the Pembroke car park at 2pm. It is anticipated that the walk will take between 1½ and 2 hours.

Thursday 28th November 2013: 'The Brothers' Cemetery, Rue des Frères' an illustrated talk by Philip de Jersey, 8pm at The Frossard Theatre. **Thursday**

30th January 2014: 'Neolithic Stepping Stones', an illustrated talk by Tanya Walls, 8pm at The Frossard Theatre.

Astronomy

The electric motor which slides our roof to allow our main telescope to see the sky and restores it when we have finished stopped working in November last year. We had to resort to our hand winch to do the job instead. It took a while but I am pleased to say that all is well again. A new motor and gearbox was found from a company in Brighton and has been installed.

Summer is rather a quiet time for observing as the skies do not darken until quite late. During June it was still quite light at 10 pm. But when July comes and then August and the schools are on holiday, we open our observatory every Thursday evening so that the Children can bring their adults to see the stars. This year has been particularly good for clear skies, so our visitors have looked through the telescopes and relaxed in our lecture theatre to watch a film or listen to an illustrated talk.

Our income is generated from our subscriptions, the WEA Course, from these open evenings and group bookings. We do not charge for admission but we do thank people for being so generous with their donations. Once again this year, we had a visit from the hard of hearing group. We are so pleased they can enjoy our talks and films by the use of sub titles and their extremely efficient interpreter.

We recently had a visit by our friends from Sark. Annie Dashingier who heads the SAstroS Dark skies group paid us a visit along with members of her team. We had a wonderful day in brilliant sunshine, showing them our observatory and then talking over lunch at the Bruce Russell's Mint. Annie is a lovely person. Annie and her team deserve full credit for their remarkable achievements. We are now looking forward to the autumn and winter when the weather is not so kind, but the skies darken earlier.

Frank Dowding

See the Stars with large telescopes

Visitors are welcome at Guernsey's Astronomical Observatory on **Friday 8th November 6.00 pm**. 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

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** or **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 **e-mail richmond.austin43@gmail.com**

Family History

During the Summer the Section had two meetings. The first, in June, was an interesting walk/talk "around Cobo" with Sylvia Brouard. July saw ten members visiting the Greffe, always a very interesting visit. October will see the Annual Dinner, now oversubscribed. Then November 20th the meeting at the Frossard Theatre, starting 7.45pm will be the Section's AGM. The evening will start by the Dean of Guernsey, the Very Reverend Canon Paul Mellor, on the "Guernsey Deanery's Relationship with the Winchester Diocese". All welcome.

Edith Le Patourel – Section Secretary

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

Historic Buildings

Events

Saturday 19th October - Reviewing work on mounting-blocks and learning from this year's French trip. Talk by John McCormack, Frossard Theatre at 7.30pm.

Saturday 9th November - Dating our chimney pots: an attempt to work out when and from whence they were imported. Talk by John McCormack, Frossard Theatre at 7.30pm.

Saturday 23rd November - The peasant house of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Talk by John McCormack, Frossard Theatre at 7.30pm.

Saturday 14th December - Mortars and Stonework: Dating by Geology. Talk by John McCormack, Frossard Theatre at 7.30pm.

Those who have not attended the Section's talks should contact **John McCormack 720303** or e-mail **mrjam@cwgsy.net** before turning up, in case of any changes to dates or subjects of talks.

Nature Conservation

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

Marine Biology

Events

Tuesday December 3rd: Marine Biology Section End of Year Meeting, to be held at the La S G office at Candie 7pm to look back at what we have achieved this year, organise an annual report, and plan/prepare for 2014. Will be a good opportunity to find out what the section has been up to in 2013, and the direction we are looking in for next year.

Other News

The French intern student, Elise, spent ten weeks in Guernsey over summer conducting a survey of Belle Greve Bay for the Marine Biology Section. She has worked very hard throughout the time she has been here, and I hope she enjoyed her time with us. The habitat maps of Belle Greve were progressing well. Hopefully, this will provide a good starting point for further research into the ecological value of the bay. A big thank you to the Guernsey Biological Records Center and the Alderney Wildlife Trust for the time they've put in and their help throughout. Elise has now returned to France, and we await her completed report. I'm sure we'll see her again!

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!

Ornithology

In my last article I wrote about the birds we see here in the autumn and winter. As summer draws to a close I am thinking of the birds that tell us that summer is with us. Soon they will be making their epic journeys back to their wintering grounds as far away as South Africa, and, hopefully they will return to us next year, needless to say quite exhausted, to breed and rear their young.

Sand martins bred here in the last several years, this year we have seen no evidence of breeding, but as I write our secretary, Vic Froome, is with a researcher from Ireland who has suggested alterations to the breeding boxes installed for them at the Vale Pond; we can only hope that they will return to breed in the next year or so.

House martin numbers are down, but they have bred here this year, again with the help of Vic and helpers. We can all help by installing one or several house martin nests beneath our gutters where these loveable little birds like to nest.

Swallow numbers again decreased but I hear that many of our horse loving neighbours are helping them by giving them access to their stables where they like to nest in rafters and rear their families. Swifts, the supreme flyers, who feed, sleep and mate on the wing and only land to nest and rear their young are in serious decline. They are being helped by Vic and his helpers who have installed swift boxes in Delisles and St Stephen's churches, Vale mill, the tower at Pleinmont and various other locations. Vic is having great success with the Guernsey Housing Association which is installing boxes in new buildings as they are constructed. These do not affect the building and cost little. One can install a box in an existing building too; ask your builder. Information can be found at **www.londons-swifts.org.uk**.

So, all of our obvious summer visitors are in trouble; they are part of our summer, their twitterings and screechings would be sorely missed. So, please, if you possibly can, do your bit to help them before next summer. To learn more join us on the **first Thursday of each month at 8pm** at La Société Headquarters in Candie Gardens.

Nancy Ogier

Baptists on Guernsey

Since the establishment of Methodism, Non-conformity has been an integral part of Guernsey society and has contributed to the shaping of local culture.

Whilst Baptists have not always had a high profile, they have played their part in this. A new book, 'Two Centuries of Guernsey Baptists', by historian Dr Tim Grass (based on the Isle of Man) tells the Baptist story and explores the reasons behind the changing fortunes of both French and English Baptist congregations.

The book will be launched by the author at an exhibition introducing the local Baptists' history and heritage. **23rd November 2013, 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.** Emmanuel Baptist Chapel, Longue Rue, St Saviour. Parking and refreshments available.

The Toilers of the Sea

A CAMPAIGN FOR A DEFINITIVE EDITION

When Hugo finished the manuscript of the Toilers of the Sea he took it into St Peter Port and asked his bookbinder to bind in 36 of his illustrations and paintings.

While he was writing his great novel Hugo had drawn and painted incessantly, returning time and again to scenes from his story. He doodled in the margins of the manuscript and occasionally he would stop writing and start to sketch using the same quill. His writing and his paintings were but two parts of a single work of art.

Amazingly, this his greatest work has never been published with all his illustrations. Indeed the full text has only ever been fully published in English once. I have been discussing this with Joe Whitlock-Blundell, Head of Production at the Folio Society. Joe is persuaded that a full translation of Hugo's great novel, published complete with his 36 illustrations is a good idea, indeed he has already explored the concept and prepared some artwork and done the budgets. He cannot however put the project into production without a solid indication of interest, in short he needs 200 people to pledge to buy a copy.

That's where Guernsey comes in, I am trying to find those 200 pledges and persuade Folio to put the book into production. The book will be published as one of Folio's stunning limited editions. There will be only 1500 copies for sale at £195 each. Each will contain the full text in English and beautiful reproductions of Hugo's 36 illustrations, reproduced from the originals, by kind permission of the Bibliotecque Nationale in Paris. The books will be quarter leather bound and feature Hugo's artwork on the covers and on the slipcase. To guaranteed a reserve copy or for more information please email me at info@clearvuepublishing.com and head your email Toilers of the Sea.

Martin Morgan

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. Everyone is welcome to attend as many of the sessions as they wish, on a regular or an adhoc basis. Work varies by season and volunteer skill, from watering plants to digging trenches and repairing roofs! Tools and guidance are available, but if you prefer to bring your own tools / share your knowledge and experience we'd be happy to see you. For further details contact ivan@guernseywalledgarden.org.gg or **Tel: 07911 719115**



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.

Guernsey Tobacco Factory, La Ramée, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2ET
Tel: (07781) 166924 • Email: jamie.hooper@cwgsy.net • gsybiorec@cwgsy.net

New Associated Groups - G.S.P.C.A.

Contact Steve Byrne **Tel: 257261** www.gspca.org.gg

The Friends of the Priaulx library

Events

Wednesday 30th October – Talk entitled the History of Scouting by Eric Grimsley, 7pm in the Frossard Theatre. **Saturday, 16th November 2013** - we are holding a Quiz Evening at the Western Community Centre (Styx) in St. Pierre du Bois. Starts at 7.30 p.m. £10 per person that includes a Ploughman's supper. Teams of six but individuals who turn up will be placed with a team. Fantastic raffle prizes. To secure entry please email Eric Grimsley e.grimsley@cwgsy.net or **Tel: 255220**.

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.

NCCPG

Saturday 12th - Saturday 26th October 2013 in the Lower Greenhouse, Candie Gardens NCCPG Nerine Festival **Saturday 12th open 2pm - 4pm**. Thereafter **10am - 4pm daily**. Entry free, nerines for sale.

Le Cercle Français

Events

Saturday 16th November 2013: Le Cercle Français. Talk in French «Paris, ma ville natale». presentation by Sarah Boufi, of the Jersey-based travel firm GO-TOURS. Images of the French capital will be shown on screen. At the Frossard Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wednesday 29th January 2014: Le Cercle Français. Talk in French "La photographie de Victor Hugo". The speaker is Stéphanie Duluc of La Maison de Victor Hugo. At a time photography was beyond the reach of the public at large the great writer made it his hobby. The result is shots of his family we would never otherwise have seen. With illustrations on screen. At the Frossard Theatre, 8 p.m.

Officers and Council Members

Officers:

President	Rodney Collenette	249021	president@societe.org.gg
Vice President	Pat Costen	264500	
Secretary	Kate Lee	235380	secretary@societe.org.gg
Honorary Treasurer	David Cranch	07781 120915	treasurer@societe.org.gg
Membership Secretary	Denise Thoumine	723003	membership@societe.org.gg
Editor of the Transactions	Richard Hocart	254693	editor@societe.org.gg
Reserves Committee Chairman	Jane Gilmour	700024	
Land Management & Conservation Officer	Jamie Hooper	266924	
Volunteer Co ordinator Reserves	Anthony Stagg	722351	
Archivist	Pat Costen	264500	
Librarians	Jean & Gavin Sampson	234430	

Section Secretaries:

Archaeology	Tanya Walls	727614	archaeology@societe.org.gg
Astronomy	Frank Dowding	255215	astronomy@societe.org.gg
Botany	Vacant		
Climate Change	Andrew Casebow	722245	climate.change@societe.org.gg
Entomology	Rich Austin	721915	entomology@societe.org.gg
Family History	Edith Le Patourel	721566	
Geology and Geography	Andrew Dorey	252123	
Historic Buildings	John McCormack	720303	mrjam@cwgsy.net
History & Philology	Bill Gallienne	265529	history@societe.org.gg
Junior	Pat Costen	264500	
Marine Biology & Zoology	Jessica Jennings	07839 250558	marinebiology@societe.org.gg
Nature Conservation	Denise Thoumine	723003	
Ornithology	Vic Froome	254841	ornithology@societe.org.gg

Associated Groups:

The Alderney Society & Museum	The Secretary	823222	
Alderney Wildlife Trust	Roland Gauvain	822935	
Bat Group	Pat Costen	264500	
Guernsey Conservation Volunteers	Angela Salmon	721163	
G.S.P.C.A.	Steve Byrne	257261	
Friends of the Priaux Library	Gavin Lanoe	246715	
La Société Serquaise	Jo Birch	832788	
National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (Guernsey Group)	Tattie Thompson	239444	
Lé Coumité d'la Culture Guernésiaise	Dr Harry Tomlinson	255891	
Guernsey Meteorological Observatory	Martin Crozier	237766	
WEA	David Le Conte	264847	
The Guernsey Botanical Trust	Ivan Le Tissier	07911 719115	
The Guernsey Beekeepers Group	Chris Logan	07781 422909	

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

J. Hooper (co-opted), Miss Jane Gilmour (co-opted), Mrs Sylvia Brouard, Ms Judith Keen, Richard de la Rue, Mike Deane, Richard Lord, Miss Jessica Jennings, Adrian Nicolle, Mrs Lawney Martin and Miss Julia Henney.

Office Hours: Please note that with effect from 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.

Tel: 01481 725093

Published by La Société Guernesiaise
Candie Gardens, St. Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 1UG
Email: société@cwgsy.net
Website: www.societe.org.gg
Design, production & printing:
www.ips.gg

© La Société Guernesiaise