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## Annual General Meeting

**The AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23 March at La Trelade Hotel for the purpose of transacting the following business:**

- a. To hear the report of the President, Mrs Pat Costen.
- b. To receive the annual statement of accounts.
- c. To appoint a Vice-President. Council will be proposing Mr Rodney Collenette. Any other nominations for this post, supported by a seconder, should be sent to the Secretary to reach her by **Monday 8 March**.
- d. To elect the officers and members of the Council. G. Allez and M. Bairds are not eligible for re-election, but Prof. N. Day has agreed to stand again.
- e. To appoint auditors.
- f. To award Honorary Membership.
- g. To consider any other matters or propositions affecting La Société. Any member who wishes to make a proposal at the AGM should submit it in writing, supported by a seconder, to reach the Secretary by **Monday 8 March**.
- h. To receive the annual report and accounts from Guernsey Environmental Services Limited.

A full agenda, together with minutes of the last AGM and a copy of the 2009 accounts, will be available to all members who attend the AGM. Details of nominations for the post of Vice-President and members of Council and all proposals for discussion will be displayed on the noticeboard at Candie from **Saturday 6 March**.

The meeting will be followed by a talk by Jurat David Le Conte on La Société's 125-year history.

## Diary Dates

**Exhibition: Guernsey Heroes of the Royal Society - 1 April to 25 June 2010, at the Priaulx Library.**

The Island's celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Royal Society continues with a major exhibition, featuring the work of ten outstanding Guernseymen

who were Fellows of the Royal Society, as well as a number of others who had some association with the Island. It will include publications and surviving artefacts. Poster exhibitions and talks will also be offered to island schools in the summer term, and a poster exhibition will be displayed in the Guille-Allès Library in May.

A lecture about the Guernsey Fellows will be held at 8.00pm on **Thursday, 13 May**, at Les Cotils, and will be given by Amanda Bennett, Priaulx Librarian, and David Le Conte, Past President of La Société. The lecture, run by WEA Guernsey, is free, but please enrol by calling Colette Bearder on 237888.

**Sunday 23 May** The Annual Sale will take place on at Blanchelande School, Les Vauxbelets, by kind permission of Mrs Lesley Le Page, Principal. Please start sorting out books, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes and growing plants for this event.

The Société website can be found at the usual address [www.societe.org.gg](http://www.societe.org.gg).

## Subscription Reminder

**Members are reminded that subscriptions were due on 1 January.** Subscriptions have remained at the same rate for 2010. Those who pay by direct debit have had the subscription fee taken, and should ensure that any previous standing order has been cancelled. Anyone who normally pays by cheque should send it to the Membership Secretary. Your membership card is enclosed, whether you have paid your subscription or not, they take several weeks for us to process.

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	Guernsey, Sark and Alderney	Jersey, UK and overseas
Single	£19	£16
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Corporate	£200	£200

# Presidents Report

## AGM - Slide Presentation by Jurat David Le Conte

At the dinner to celebrate the 125th anniversary of La Société, Past President Jurat David Le Conte gave a slide presentation of our history. David has agreed to repeat this at the AGM. With, among other things, photos of outings in the past and indeed more recent ones. Those unable to see it the first time will find it most interesting, as indeed will those, like me, who look forward to seeing it again. Details of the AGM appear elsewhere in this Communiqué.

## The Darwin Lecture

Bailiff Sir Geoffrey Rowland and Lady Rowland joined an almost full house for the lecture by Professor Day CBE FRS at the Princess Royal Centre for Performing Arts on 7 November. Following his carefully crafted lecture, Professor Day answered some challenging questions with consummate ease, thus providing a most enjoyable and thought-provoking evening for La Société's celebration of the Darwin anniversary. I hope Professor Day will be able to reproduce this lecture in a future edition of the Transactions.

## Dictionnaire Angllais-Guernésiais

In 1967 Past President of La Société Marie de Garis (who will be 100 years old this coming June) wrote her Guernsey French Dictionary. This soon went out of print and in 1982 a greatly enlarged and revised edition was published. This edition is also now out of print and with the resurgence of interest in Guernsey French, Bill Gallienne, secretary of the Philology and History Section, approached Marie to suggest republishing the Dictionary with further revision. Bill felt that the Guernesiais-Angllais section should be expanded to mirror the Angllais-Guernésiais one. Marie agreed and Bill has been working tirelessly at this enormous task, submitting text as he goes along to Marie and her son John to be checked. He had reached 'S' the last time I asked!

## Gillian and Hugh Lenfestey

Early last year the Astronomy Observatory meeting room began to leak badly. After finding that the problem couldn't be solved by repairing the roof, our landlords Gillian and Hugh undertook to re-roof and generally upgrade the entire building, for which I would like to thank them most sincerely on behalf of the Council and membership.

## Transactions

Two years ago a proposal was put before Council to give members the opportunity to receive the Transactions in a form other than hard copy, in order to save money. After some debate Council decided to offer members the option of continuing to receive the Transactions as hard copy, to download them from the website, or not to receive them at all. A questionnaire was sent out and the responses are as follows:

	Guernsey	UK	Europe	Ald/Sark	Jersey	O'seas
<b>No</b>	220	43	1	4	-	23
<b>Yes</b>	299	76	9	2	10	16
<b>Download</b>	352	87	4	3	-	33
<b>No reply</b>	438	90	5	9	5	15

As can be seen, there has been considerable saving achieved from the 'Nos' and the 'Downloads' but in the meantime an increase in postage has reduced those savings. The cost to overseas Zone 2 has meant that we are actually paying more than the membership subscription when we include the cost of printing. We may therefore have to consider increasing the cost of subscription to those members in 2011.

We urge any members who don't wish to receive the Transactions but didn't respond to the questionnaire to please let us know. We do rely each year on a band of willing volunteers who come to Candie and take significant numbers to deliver in their home area even though we ask those members that are able, to come and collect their copies.

There are nevertheless many uncollected copies remaining at Candie. If you are able, please call in and collect yours on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning between 10.00 and 11.30 am or from our Interpretation Centre at Les Sablons. If you choose Les Sablons please give your name to the staff in the tearoom. All remaining copies will of course be posted.

## Pat Costen

# SECTION REPORTS

## Archaeology

In October renovation work to a house in Sandy Lane provided the opportunity to examine a little-known dolmen. Although it was discovered in 1872 and is a Protected Monument, it is in a garden and has been obscured by vegetation. We cleared recent debris from around and inside the chamber and now have a much better idea of its form; it is a small chamber with at least three supporting stones and a large boulder capstone, the entrance facing south-east. Although there are no known finds from the dolmen, it is clearly a burial chamber and probably dates from the Neolithic period (c4000-3000BC).

Back in November we enjoyed an excellent talk by Archaeology Officer Dr Philip de Jersey on the recent excavations in Guernsey. There was a summary of the work at the site west of the airport and also of the recent excavations at Kings Road, including the opportunity to view some of the Iron Age weaponry and personal ornaments from the graves.

Before the weather became too wet at the end of the year, we continued with our excavations at the site west of the airport. We have found more evidence of prehistoric activity, including a small pit containing some large pieces of prehistoric pottery. The pieces



are from a single vessel and had been spread through the higher part of the soil by ploughing. They may be from a complete pot which had been buried, perhaps a cremation urn. It was common during the Bronze Age to place cremated remains in large pottery vessels which were then buried; sometimes being inserted into earthen barrows. We have a sample of the soil from the pit and analysis of this may tell us something about the contents of the pot. The trenches are currently waterlogged and we will resume work on this site once it has dried out.

One windy December afternoon the Archaeology Section combined with the Junior Section to examine the eroding headland at Fort le Crocq. There are several archaeological deposits visible here: a medieval layer, another containing briquetage (coarse Iron Age pottery used in salt production) and an older one containing prehistoric – probably Bronze Age – pottery and flint. We recorded the positions of the various deposits and made a collection of the material. The children also joined us later to wash and sort the finds.



**The eroding headland at Le Crocq**

As part of the regeneration of Delancey Park, Archaeology Section members have helped with clearing around the dolmen on the north-east side of the hill. In June Dr George Nash of the Clifton Antiquarian Club will be leading an excavation of this monument. After its discovery in 1919 it was only partially excavated, so there is a good chance of finding undisturbed archaeological deposits and finding out more about this enigmatic burial chamber.



**Clearing the dolmen in Sandy Lane**

There will be talk about the Romans in Guernsey

at the Frossard Theatre, Candie Gardens on Thursday 18 March at 8.00 pm. See the website, nearer to the date, for further information.

**Tanya Walls**

## Entomology

The Entomology Section will meet with the Botany and Nature Conservation Sections for their monthly outings in 2010. Please see these Sections for times and places.

## Geology

**17 April** Juniors' Event: Meet at Moulin Huet car park at 2.00 pm. We will be investigating the fact that rising sea levels are not a new thing, and looking at raised beaches, caves, wavecut platforms etc.

**21 April** Meet at Le Guet car park at 7.00 pm. We will be looking at the Cobo Granite along the south coast of Cobo as far as Albecq, to see the new road-retaining wall.

**19 May** Meet at Doyle monument at 7.00 pm. A walk from Marble Bay to Jerbourg headland.

**9 June** Park and meet at 'La Mirage' car park at 7.00 pm for a look at L'Ancrese common, La Varde dolmen and adjacent coast.

**Andy Dorey**

## Legacies and donations in lieu of flowers

Members are reminded that it is relatively simple to leave money to La Société in a will. All that is required is a codicil to a member's will which can be arranged by an Advocate or Solicitor. 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.

## Bat Group

For details of bat walks please consult the Société web-site.

## Juniors

In August a small number of members joined a Marine Biology outing at Bordeaux led by Charles David, then in September there were two meetings. The first was a most enjoyable trip to Herm. We were joined by Chris Maurant of the Ornithology Section but there were disappointingly few birds to see. Charles David was over with his family and was able to identify the insects and flowers that we found. After a packed lunch on Shell Beach, Tanya Walls gave us a most interesting tour of the University of Durham archaeological dig which has been led by Professor Chris Scarre over two seasons.



**Dr Fraser Sturt outlining the equipment together with Sam Vahey and Michael Firth.**

The second was another with Tanya who organised a superb session, this time with the archaeologists digging for a second year at L'Erée headland, Duncan Garrow and Fraser Sturt from Liverpool and Southampton universities respectively. The juniors were first taken over to the Creux és Faïes dolmen. After outlining its function and some of its features, Dr Garrow led the juniors back to the dig where they were divided into groups and given 'hands on' experience of digging, washing and sorting the finds, and mapping the area with an electronic distance monitor and GPS.

If that wasn't enough, in early December Tanya invited the juniors to join the Archaeology Section at Fort Le Crocq where they were armed with trowels and invited to use their newly learned skills. Just before Christmas they visited the St Johns Street store where they processed their finds. Philip de Jersey, the States Chief Archaeologist then showed them the artefacts from the Kings Road dig.

In the meantime Maria Van der Tang of the Family History Section is due to give a family history lesson to the children at the end of January.

### Future meetings

**Friday 26 February** Astronomy Section at the Observatory, La Rue du Lorier, St Pierre du Bois.

Weather permitting we shall be able to view the moon and the planet Mars, together with a variety of nebulae and star clusters. We have some small telescopes which will be available for visitors to find some objects for themselves. This is not always as easy as it may look, but we hope that you will have fun trying. The members of the Astronomy Section will be available to point out the various naked eye objects and the distinct constellations of the winter skies and answer any questions you may have. If you have binoculars we suggest you bring them along as there is a wealth of objects to be seen with them and we shall be happy to take you on a binocular tour of the skies.

**If you would like any information about this or the Observatory in general, please contact Mrs Debby Quartier on 725760.**

**Saturday 17 April** Geology Section meeting. Meet at 2.00 pm at Moulin Huet car park.

Though not dangerous, this meeting will involve a visit to a cave and some clambering over rocks. Parents are therefore requested to accompany their children to determine the suitability of the activity for their child(ren) and to take responsibility for them. It promises to be interesting and exciting.

Check website for details

**Pat Costen**

## History

On **12 May** there will be a lecture given by Dr. Jeanette Neeson PhD BA, currently Associate Professor of History at York University, Toronto, Canada. The title of the talk will be 'Gathering the 'Humid Harvest of the Deep': The Custom of the Guernsey Foreshore'.

Dr. Neeson has been researching the subject of seaweed gathering in various parts of the British Isles, including Guernsey, over a number of years, and will speak on the subject.

Seaweeds were vital sources of fertility on Guernsey farms from earliest times into the middle of the twentieth century. They enabled farmers to achieve crop yields far in excess of those of their English competitors without undergoing the social disruptions of an 'agricultural revolution'. Such a valuable resource was carefully regulated, both by the ordinances of the Royal Court and the practices of the farmers and cottagers who used it.

The lecture will consider the social and cultural history of the Guernsey foreshore in the late eighteenth to nineteenth centuries. It will look at the shore as a place of custom and ritual, a place shared by most islanders in any one of a number of different ways: everyone from Georges Métivier to Ebenezzer Le Page. A particular focus will be the *vraic scie* or 'cut-vraic'

harvest. This seaweed that grew on the rocks that bordered the shore and were uncovered at low tide was harvested twice a year, in late winter and in mid-summer. Contemporary observers described the midsummer harvest as a time when families and neighbours joined together to share customary labour, to eat customary foods, to wear customary dress, and to enjoy customary sociability. It was a time of hard physical labour and exultant celebration.

This is a lecture not to be missed. Very little has been researched on the subject in the past, on what was a very important part of Guernsey life and culture. It will be given at 8.00 pm at the Frossard Theatre, Candie Gardens.

## Marine Biology and Zoology

For details please telephone Charles David on 238978.

## Nature Conservation and Bat Group

We started our spring outings in April from the car park of Frossard House for a woodland walk in Montville Gardens. We crossed the road half way up Colborne Road and walked up the track noticing many ferns in their spring growth: the way the Soft Shield Fern's crosier-shaped young leaves rolled back on themselves. We were able to compare these with the Broad-buckler, Male, and Lady Ferns and Polypody in their spring growth. Lords and Ladies were in full flower and further along we admired the bluebells under the trees and Pignut just starting to produce leaves.

In May, a few of us met on an overcast morning at the slipway near the Half Moon to visit Havelet on a Spring tide. Firstly, we looked at some rocks and rock pools near the upper end of the beach and saw two Sea Hares, one larger than the other. Someone lightly touched one of them and it immediately shot out some dark purple ink. There were also quite a lot of sea anemones in the pools and on the rocks, including a Gem Anemone, whose usual habitat is much lower down the beach. Walking on the sand near the low water mark, we noticed the branched tubes of Sand Mason Worms; they in fact have three pairs of bushy gills, and tentacles that they put out of the branches to feed when the tide is in. We also noticed the eggs of a marine paddleworm attached to the sand. On the rocks towards the 'Castle arm' of the harbour, we saw another Sea Hare and nearby we saw a green paddleworm.

In June, we visited Petit Bôt woodland. We started from the beach café and walked up the path on the western side and down to the old battery past the magazine. We noticed Sea Campion, Red Campion, Wild Privet and a patch of Ground Ivy to name but a few of the many in flower, as well as ferns in plenty.

In August the Section met for a bar supper at the Imperial, kindly arranged by Sally Pedlar. At dusk Pat Costen led us on a walk up around the area behind the hotel to see if we could see any bats. With our bat detectors, we heard some pipistrelles flitting up and down hunting for insects.

In September Pat Costen lead a bat walk from the grounds of Rex Stationers where we once again went through Montville Gardens. Bats were heard flitting under the tree canopy.

After our October meeting Charles David showed us some lovely slides from his recent holidays in Ireland. He visited the Burren, which is on the west coast, and the southwest peninsulas.

In November, we visited the Guernsey Biological Records Centre, where Charles took us through what the centre does and the valuable resource it represents as well as how the data can be used.

The Section will meet on the third Monday of February and March at Candie at 8.00 pm. From April to September we will once more be 'out and about'. For further information, please phone Denise Thoumine on 723003.

## Ornithology

One of the more exciting aspects of belonging to the Ornithological Section is going out in the field and finding birds. It is true to say that, although you have a fair idea of what you are likely to see, dependant on the habitat you are visiting, there is always the element of the unexpected.

In fact you need to go out with that attitude; otherwise you run the risk of overlooking something outstanding. Identification is key when it comes to finding rare birds. This can sometimes lead to much head scratching, thumbing through field guides, searching the internet, or poring over photographs.

I am reminded of a conversation I had with a mariner friend a while ago. I was asking him how he had managed to learn where all the rocks are around the coast of Guernsey to ensure safe passage when he was sailing. His answer was both quite amusing, and enlightening. He said "I don't know where they all are, I just know where they are not!"

Sometimes when we Section members are out and we come across something different, we do not always immediately arrive at identifying what it is, we start by eliminating what it isn't.



This was the case in November at La Grande Mare golf course. A duck appeared on one of the ponds that looked quite like a Tufted Duck/hybrid – but not quite. The word went out on the Grapevine, and after calls for photographic evidence of the underwing, and longer sightings, debate among local birders ensued, and it was later confirmed as Guernsey's first ever Lesser Scaup. This is a duck whose home is normally America and Canada, and which no doubt got caught up in the autumnal weather systems and was blown across the Atlantic. Amazingly a few days later this bird was seen with a second bird, also a Lesser Scaup! There is at least still one of them present at the time of writing.



*Pacific Diver courtesy of Paul Hillion*

Even more exceptional was a Diver seen at Rousse at the beginning of this month. First identified as a Black-throated Diver, Mark Lawlor our local Bird Recorder had a niggling doubt about it. Although initially not having very good views of the bird, there was enough evidence just to give rise to the possibility that it might be a Pacific Diver. This bird normally winters at sea, mainly on the Pacific coast, or on large lakes over a much wider range, including China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, USA and Mexico, but certainly not Guernsey. One of our Section's excellent bird photographers, Paul Hillion, managed to take a cracking shot of the bird. Thanks to the wonders of digital technology the image was sent to Martin Garner, a top Pacific Diver expert who wrote the main ID paper on the subject. The news came back that he is confident that it is a classic juvenile Pacific Diver. Given that only three other records exist of this bird having been seen in the British Isles, you can imagine the delight that accompanied this find. It remains to be seen how long it lingers in our waters.

**Rod Ferbrache**

## NCCPG

**Friday 26 March at 7.30pm** at Les Cotils: Dr Neil Lancaster will give an illustrated lecture on "Camellias at Wisley"

**Saturday 24 April** NCCPG Plant Stall at the Farmers Market at Sausmarez Manor

**Wednesday 5 May at 7.30pm** at Les Cotils: Susan Campbell will give an illustrated talk on "The History of Walled Gardens"

**Bank Holiday Monday 31st May** NCCPG Giant Plant Sale at 10.30am at Sausmarez Manor.

**Entry to all lectures £3 to non - NCCPG members.**

## French Trip 2010

There will be another trip to France organised by Charles David this year if enough people are interested. We will probably go to North West Brittany, in which case among the places we will visit will be the Ile de Bréhat, The Sillon de Talbert – an immense shingle ridge protruding into the Channel, Tréguier, perhaps as far as Roscoff to visit the Marine Station or elsewhere by popular demand.

The trip will be from **Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th June**, though if we travel by sea we will leave on the Wednesday afternoon and spend the first night in the St Malo area.

If you are interested in coming please contact Charles [cdavid@guernsey.net](mailto:cdavid@guernsey.net) or ring 238978. A final decision will be needed by Easter.

## Observation

Most of La Société's Sections depend, one way or another, upon people observing things. In the case of the Historic Buildings Section, at least the structures we observe tend to stand still for long enough for us to do some thinking about them, which is just as well, because the longer one lives, the more one is aware that one normally sees just what one is looking for and no more. Any advance in knowledge comes about, therefore, only when something is so startlingly obvious that it cannot but draw comment, or when one has some rare flash of inspiration. Sometimes recognition of the significance of something is because of discussion between different people, which is why it is nice to have interaction with a group of interested folk from time to time: but on other occasions it is when one is on one's own, with time to concentrate on a problem, that one's eyes are opened.

Over the last year, all sorts of strange things have come our way. Our attention has been drawn, for instance, to the altar-rail of a London church, with a seventeenth-century date and inscription, bought at a City auction after World War II and now doing duty as the handrail for some stairs here. We have yet to research to which, if any, of Wren's churches, it belonged.

Then, at the very end of the Vernacular Architecture Group's Annual Spring conference arranged by this Guernseyman in Jersey last April (the VAG is an English Society specialising in the study of smaller historic buildings of all kinds), a French colleague suddenly recognised an upside-down Roman pillar, supporting a Tudor sundial at St. Ouen's Manor. Since this is only the second Roman artefact found in Jersey larger than a ha'penny, everyone was, to say the least, suitably impressed. Strangely enough, the other Roman object in that island is also part of a pillar, dug up below St. Lawrence's church in the 1870s. It turns out, from their geology, that they probably originate at a workshop supplying the important Roman settlement at Corseul near Dinan (the capital 'city' of the Coriosolites) and anyone else in the area who wanted to build a colonial house with a nice colonnade.

The other day, taking some rare time off from gardening, I 'found' two arched évier's unrecorded. One was at St. Briocq, in St. Pierre-du-Bois, where a recent renovation has also uncovered two ancient fireplaces never before visible. On the other hand, it has also plastered over two 'Guernsey safes', presumably because the contractors or plasterers had never thought that large pottery jars might be embedded in walls so that valuables could be hidden - and so never saw them. (Fear not: I have photos of them!)

The other évier was at Le Villocq, in the ancient house that burnt down a few years ago and which has since then been lost in a jungle as well as always being covered inside by hardboard on studwork. A beautiful hall fireplace of c.1460 is also now seeing the light of day for the first time for the best part of a century. And there is a very rare iron pintle still in place for a half-door at the shouldered entrance 'arch'.

On another occasion, it was pointed out to me that two at least of our parish churches contain fragments of Merovingian sarcophagi (stone coffins) reused in their eleventh or twelfth-century rubble walling, confirming the use of the site back at least to the eighth century.

These were the only objects ever made from a special shelly limestone found near Carentan.

However, the most important thing to come to light this year, as far as the study of local medieval houses is concerned, was also shown to me by my French colleagues, in a totally unrestored farm complex of a house, detached bakehouse and two ranges of barns, near Avranches. A sort of Holy Grail appeared at last! For about 30 years I have been searching for any evidence of galleries. I had worked out that all our medieval open halls must have had them running along the back walls, giving access from the tops of tourelle staircases to chambers at either end of our houses. And here, AT LAST, was a complete gallery. I was able to record the characteristics of the beam used to support it, we could work out how the sides of it were originally filled with 'torchis' or wattle-and-daub within timber-framed panels, and a dozen other little details slotted into place. Recently, I have been able to show the owners of this important house three Guernsey properties that had such a gallery: La Maison Bordeaux; La Rocque Balan; and Saints Farm. There are plenty more. Armed with the Guernsey evidence, these nice people have returned home and immediately discovered a neighbour's house that had a gallery too. And finally, when our Section looked at Les Bordages in St. Saviour's this month, lo and behold! there were two pieces of wood now serving as ceiling joists that are likely to have come from the handrail of just such a gallery.

We are now hoping to arrange a trip next year to the area around Avranches to show the Section this gallery, as well as various other things of interest such as a little country church still with its earthen floor. If anyone else would like to join us, please let us know. And in the meantime, don't stop looking at things. You never know when illumination might dawn.

*John McCormack*



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