



# COMMUNIQUE

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*Guernsey's Local Research, Natural History and Conservation Society*

## AGM 2016

The AGM will be held at Candie in the Frossard Theatre on Wednesday 23rd March beginning at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:

- (a) To hear the report of the Acting President, Dr Andrew Casebow.
- (b) To elect a President. Council will propose that Dr Andrew Casebow be elected as President. Any other nominations for President should be sent to the Secretary, supported by a seconder, to reach her by Wednesday 9th March.
- (c) To receive the annual statement of accounts.
- (d) To elect the officers and members of the Council.

Three Ordinary Members of Council are retiring: Sylvia Brouard is not eligible for re-election. Lawney Martin is eligible for re-election and has been proposed by Kate Lee and seconded by David Le Conte. Julia Henney is also eligible for re-election but has decided to stand down. There are four further vacancies for Ordinary Council Members. Any other nominations for these vacancies should be sent to the Secretary, supported by a seconder, to reach her no later than Wednesday 9th March.

- (e) To appoint accountants.
- (f) 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 the Secretary to reach her by Wednesday 9th March.
- (g) To receive the annual report and accounts from Guernsey Environmental Services Limited.

A full agenda together with the minutes of the last meeting and a copy of the 2015 accounts will be available to all members who attend the AGM. Details of nominations for Members of Council and all proposals for discussion will be displayed on the Noticeboard at Candie from Thursday 10th March. After a short break, during which refreshments will be served, there will be a talk by George Garnett entitled "Botanical Expedition to the Peruvian Amazon".

## 2014 TRANSACTIONS

The 2014 Transactions will be available for collection from our office at Candie on Saturday 5th March. Please note the office is open between 10am and 11.30am on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016

Subscription rates remain unchanged for 2016 as follows:

	<i>Local</i>	<i>Overseas</i>
<b>Single</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>Double/Family</b>	<b>£30</b>	<b>£25</b>
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<b>Corporate</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>£200</b>
<b>Schools</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>Life Membership-single</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>£300</b>
<b>Life Membership-double</b>	<b>£400</b>	<b>£400</b>

Standing Orders were received in January and Direct Debits were also taken in January 2016. For those paying by cash, cheque or Paypal please note your 2016 Subscription is now due if not already paid.

A few of our members are still paying by Standing Order at out of date rates. If you are paying by Standing Order then kindly instruct your bank to pay the correct amount as shown above. We do understand that some of our long-standing members may experience difficulties in submitting the correct amount but Council has regretfully decided that due to high printing and postage costs, these members will no longer receive a copy of the annual Transactions.

Please note 2016 Membership cards are being sent out with this newsletter. One card per household is issued. If you are a joint member and you would like an extra card or you live off-island or receive the newsletter via e-mail and would like a membership card kindly Email: [membership@societe.org.gg](mailto:membership@societe.org.gg)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last couple of months have proved to be very exciting. Let me explain. La Société has recently been offered a new home for the Family History section at Les Cotils. Some Family History and Council members inspected the Russells Centre at Les Cotils on Saturday 30th January, following a 'tip-off' from the Very Rev. John Guille that it might become available. It has and provided the Environment Department agree that our use of the centre would be in the interests of the community (to comply with the planning designation of the building) and Council members agree to fund it, then the Family History Section can move from Blanchelande College when their lease there expires.

If it goes ahead, the Russells Centre will not only provide sufficient space for the Family History section but there is a second large room available that will provide more than sufficient space for La Société's book storage. David Le Conte has suggested that this room could be used as a proper library for La Société and Judy Downs suggested that it could also provide an informal meeting room for Junior Section members. Regular users of Family History's current room at Blanchelande will also be delighted to hear that there are spacious individual toilet facilities.

In December the States voted on the proposed new Guernsey Biodiversity Strategy. Prior to the meeting the 'word on the street' was that there was little support for this and almost no support for the funding that will be necessary if the strategy is to be converted into action. In addition to a 'strategy', Island Biodiversity and Habitat Plans will need to be prepared and, dare I say it, possibly even the very long overdue Countryside and Wildlife legislation covering the protection of wildlife in the island.

La Société threw its weight into a hugely successful media campaign orchestrated by Phil Atkinson, Jessi Jennings and Julia Henney, with help from Jamie Hooper, who used all their contacts and knowledge of social media to gather support and convince local Deputies that they just had to vote for the strategy but also for appropriate funding for it. Jessie will tell us more about this later in this newsletter. Against all the odds they succeeded and we owe them our heartfelt thanks for all their hard work.

Then at the end of January we heard that Herm, the Humps and Jethou had been given the prestigious Ramsar designation for its marine and land habitats, which support a rich diversity of flora and fauna, including the well known sea-bird breeding sites. Herm common was also highlighted for its cultural heritage with numerous archaeological remains.



**Grey Seal on The Humps - Photo Courtesy of Jessi Jennings**

Ramsar is the oldest inter-governmental environmental treaty concerned with the protection of wetlands and coastal habitats. Although Ramsar status does not provide any legal protection, recognition of an area can contribute to its long-term conservation. This area 'Herm, the Humps and Jethou' joins the three other Ramsar sites that have already been designated in recent years. Alderney's West Coast and Burhou Islands site was the first designated Ramsar site in the Bailiwick in 2005, Lihou island and its surrounding area was designated in 2006 and the Guilliot Caves in Sark were recognised in 2007. Within the Bailiwick this just leaves one final nominated site – our own Orchard Fields at Rocquaine – to be designated and we hope that omission can be rectified very shortly.

These sites provide a focal point for new educational, tourism and environmental initiatives and the current recognition could not have come at a better time as some members of your society have suggested the nomination of an area of Guernsey as an International UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Such designations really put the islands on the map for those who don't already know them, and perhaps encourage more tourism.

An exciting period and hopefully much more to look forward to in the coming months.

**Dr Andrew Casebow**

## BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Wednesday 9th December 2015 was a much-anticipated day, with a great outcome: Deputies voted in favour of a funded Biodiversity Strategy for Guernsey. Amazing support and encouragement was received in relation to the Strategy from a multitude of people, both on and off island, and we have no doubt that this facilitated the decision made during the States Debate.

La Société Guernesiaise and the Standing Up For Guernsey's Environment campaign group would like to thank everyone who contributed. Over a thousand people signed an online petition supporting the Strategy, many emails were sent and phone calls made by members of the public to their Deputies, and several local NGOs (non-governmental organisations) collaborated to provide letters of support.

In particular, we would like to thank the following organisations and groups, and of course the many individuals directly involved, as well as the staff at the Environment Department without whom a local Biodiversity Strategy would never have come into fruition.

Guernsey Trees for Life  
The Guernsey Society  
Constables of St. Peter Port  
RSPB Guernsey Group  
Jersiaise  
Stan Brouard Ltd  
The Guernsey Press

Blue Dolphins Sub Aqua Club  
Guernsey Conservation Volunteers  
Castel Douzaine  
St Pierre du Bois Floral Guernsey Société  
Alderney Wildlife Trust  
The National Trust of Guernsey

As Deputy John Gollop alluded in the debate, this issue prompted far more emails, letters and calls to him than any other issue he has dealt with. This fantastic response from the Guernsey public has been a key factor in getting the Strategy approved. Several Deputies were shocked at the Policy Letter and had not realised just how dire the situation had become. The data that La Société, the Guernsey Biological Records Centre and other organisations have been collecting has been vital to show how the island has changed over time. We now have the chance of seeing the local environment represented at government level and fed into policy.

To find out more about how the Standing Up For Guernsey's Environment campaign progressed, and for some information on local wildlife of concern, visit the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/standupforguernsey](http://www.facebook.com/standupforguernsey)

Now the real work begins and the third sector, including La Société Guernesiaise, is waiting to play its part.

**Jessi Jennings**

## SOCIÉTÉ NEWS IN BRIEF

Round Table Christmas Fayre – Sunday 22nd November 2015 – I am pleased to report that we raised £245 – many thanks to Tanya Walls, Sylvia Brouard, Jessi Jennings, Julia Henney and Katie Conway for their help on the day.

Société Christmas Lunch – Sunday 13th December 2015 - we returned to the Pavilion Restaurant at St Pierre Park and 24 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch.

The Griff Caldwell Bursary of £1,000 was awarded on Saturday 19th December 2015 to Evie Wood who is studying Environment and Media at Brighton University. We wish her well with her studies. Further details of the bursary criteria to follow.

Old Société Transactions – if anyone has any unwanted 1882 to 1970's Transactions I would be very grateful for them. We can arrange collection.

**Kate Lee Secretary**

## DONATIONS

Council would like to thank everyone who kindly and generously donated in memory of Pat Costen and Geoff Atkinson. We will let you know how the money will be used in due course.

## LOOKING FOR A POPPLESTON CLOCK

Geoff Dorey has been in touch with us, he is researching the history and works of Guernsey clock makers during the 18th century. In particular he is looking for old clocks signed “Poppleston Guernzey” – please get in touch with Geoff if you have any information about such clocks. He is also interested in any old Guernsey clocks with brass dials, regardless of the condition. Kindly contact Geoff by Email: [gnseydonkeys@cwgsy.net](mailto:gnseydonkeys@cwgsy.net) or write to Les Queux, Ruelle des Effards, Castel, Guernsey GY5 7DQ.

## UPCOMING TALK

We are delighted to announce that Brigit Strawbridge is returning to Guernsey to give us a further talk on bees. In this inspiring and informative illustrated talk Brigit will explain the importance of (and difference between) social and solitary bees, their behaviour and lifestyles, the reasons for their decline and most importantly how we can help them.

The talk entitled “Bee Aware” will be held on Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm at the Princess Royal Centre for Performing Arts. Tickets for Société Members and the Guernsey Beekeepers’ Association priced at £3 will be available for purchase from the **Performing Arts Centre box office**, from Tuesday 1st March 2016. Students under 18 are free.



**Brigit Strawbridge with Pollen Identification Cards**  
- Photo Courtesy of Richard Lord

The price of a ticket for non-members will be £6 and these tickets will go on sale from Friday 1st April 2016 and will be available from the box office, Beau Sejour, the Guernsey Museum and Art Gallery, the Tourist Information office and the website [www.guernseytickets.gg](http://www.guernseytickets.gg) The talk is kindly being sponsored by Collenette Jones and the Guernsey Beekeepers’ Association are contributing towards advertising costs.

Brigit’s last talk here “Simply Bees” was very popular oversubscribed so do book early! All details are on our website: [www.societe.org.gg](http://www.societe.org.gg)

## SECTION REPORTS

### ARCHAEOLOGY

The November open day at the Brothers’ Cemetery was well-attended despite wet weather. The bulk of the restoration work to the tombs is now complete and we are turning our attention to the flora and fauna.

The cemetery provides an important unimproved grassland habitat which is very rare within the town and there is an expanding mix of wild plants which in turn encourages insects and other animal life.



**Members of the Brothers’ Cemetery Restoration Project team and Greg Yeoman of the Co-operative Society Eco Fund** – Photo Courtesy of Tanya Walls



In 2015 the Project received a Special Commendation from Floral Guernsey. Also in 2015 we received a generous donation from the Co-Operative Society Eco Fund, we used this to purchase a lawn mower enabling us to cut paths and help in the prevention of rank vegetation growth. If you would like to know more about the project please visit our website:

[www.brotherscemetery.wordpress.com](http://www.brotherscemetery.wordpress.com)

For 2016 the Section has begun a programme of monitoring eroding archaeological sites along the west coast; this includes visiting known sites and keeping a lookout for new ones. The sites are mainly prehistoric and are eroding due to rising sea levels, they are particularly vulnerable in the winter months when there is more stormy weather. Most comprise concentrations of flint chips: these are places where people sat and knapped flint collected from the beaches, leaving behind the debris from their work. Other sites also include pottery sherds, sometimes also associated with charcoal, and these are probably close to settlement sites which increases the possibility of discovering remains of structures, such as ditches, post-holes or walls. All of the sites are recorded on the Guernsey Sites and Monuments Record and the material collected is kept at Guernsey Museum. The sites vary in date, the earliest are from the Mesolithic period but most appear to be from the late Neolithic into the early Bronze Age (c. 2,800 – 1,800 BC).

**Tanya Walls**

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## ASTRONOMY

We had a high number of group visits during October and November. This is where a group of people ask to come on an evening suitable to them and to us for an hour or so, Social clubs, Scouts and School forms for example, rather than coming on our open evenings where occasionally we can be fortunate to have rather large numbers.

Sark opened their new observatory on Saturday 10th October. This has been a great success story for Sark, being granted the first Island in the World to have Dark Sky Status and now to have built an observatory. The opening ceremony was performed by Marek Kukula, the Peoples' Astronomer at Greenwich and, witnessed by our Members David Le Conte and Paul Gavey. Annie Dachinger and her SASTROS team deserve all the credit they have received.

Thursday 29th October was our last open evening of the year. The weather was not totally on our side, but there were occasional gaps in the clouds and Debby and Jason made the evening a success.

Thursday 12th November David Le Conte gave a talk to 'Carers Getting Together' in the Harry Bounds Room at Les Cotils. This was very well received.

We tend to quieten down in December as regards visitors, but it does give that extra time for astrophotography. One of our newer members Matt Skillett has proved to be an expert at this. Matt and David Le Conte have produced some quite remarkable pictures, some of which appear on our own website [www.astronomy.org.gg](http://www.astronomy.org.gg)



Archaeology Section collecting eroding archaeological material at Port Grat; with inset of Bronze Age pottery sherd (c.2000BC) – Photo Courtesy of Tanya Walls

To finish the year in some style we met at Moores Hotel for our Christmas Dinner, an evening enjoyed by all. It has been a busy year and my thanks go to everyone that has helped to make it a good one.

### Frank Dowding

#### SEE THE STARS WITH LARGE TELESCOPES

**Visitors are welcome at Guernsey's Astronomical Observatory on the following dates:**

**Thursday 14th April at 8.30pm**

**Monday 9th May (Transit of Mercury) 3pm to 5pm**

Visitors will be shown how the telescopes operate with viewing if clear and given illustrated talks on space related subjects. 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](http://www.astronomy.org.gg) or call 255215.

## BOTANY

### Events

- Saturday 5th March - 2pm for 2.15pm start. Lay-by south of Fort Grey, Perry's 26 A1. Early spring flowers and ferns of footpaths and lanes.

New Botany members should contact Jean and Gavin Sampson as below. 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](mailto: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.

For enquiries about events please contact Anna Cleal by Email: [annacleal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annacleal@hotmail.co.uk)

## ENTOMOLOGY

Any queries kindly contact Mark Lawlor Email: [mplawlor@cwgsy.net](mailto:mplawlor@cwgsy.net)

## FAMILY HISTORY

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

Alternatively Email: [Maria van der Tang researchenquiries@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Maria van der Tang researchenquiries@hotmail.co.uk)

Contact Andy Dorey Tel: 252123 or Email: andydorey3@gmail.com

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS

### Events

- **Saturday 20th February** - Talk entitled "Lavabos, Eviers and their functions".
- **Saturday 12th March** - Talk entitled "Oatlands Brick Kilns and Brick-Making in Guernsey" a presentation by Roy Bisson
- **Saturday 26th March** - "Graffiti and Magic Marks"
- **Saturday 16th April** - "The Great Variety of Stone Used in Local Rubble Walling"
- **Saturday 30th April** - "The Major Medieval Roofs of the Town Church, Guernsey" a presentation by Andrew Dyke
- **Saturday 7th May** - A visit to Corbière Castle by boat – details to be determined.  
This trip is clearly totally dependent upon weather conditions on the day, and there will probably be a limit upon numbers, so please check with me for further details during April and again the day before.

All Winter, Spring and Autumn meetings begin at 7.30pm, normally on a Saturday evening, and will be held at Candie Museum Lecture Theatre or in the adjoining Section Room. Talks will be by John McCormack, unless stated otherwise. Summer meetings mostly take the form of visits and begin on site at 2.30pm. New members are always very welcome to attend, but should contact John McCormack on **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 SECTION

My name is Christopher Mourant and I have recently taken over the Junior Section of La Société after the very sad loss of Pat Costen. I have been interested in the natural world for many years, my main interest being in wild birds, which started when I was about seven years old. At the age of ten I became a member of the YOC, the junior section of the RSPB, which was led by the late Tony Dale, who I believe was a big influence in my love of the natural world.

I ran a very successful RSPB wildlife explorers group for the RSPB, with well over 100 Guernsey members. I'm also part of the Channel Islands ringing scheme and seabird monitoring and have been a member of the Ornithological Section of La Société for many years. I'm also a member of the British Trust for Ornithology and have recently taken over the role of the BTO regional representative for the Bailiwick of Guernsey.



Chris Mourant holding a female Yellowhammer  
– Photo Courtesy of Mich Hopper



## JUNIOR SECTION CONT.

The Junior Section will be looking at all the different areas of La Société from Archaeology to Ornithology. **NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS AGED 5 to 16 VERY WELCOME** - contact details below.

### Events

- **Saturday 23rd April, 8.30am** - meeting in the car park opposite Jerbourg Hotel. A walk around the south-east corner of Jerbourg to look for the first signs of Spring from insects to birds, and if weather conditions allow, to have a close look at some of our migratory birds on the way back from their wintering grounds at my ringing station at Jerbourg

Contact details - Mobile: 07791 130 415 Email: [chris.mourant@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chris.mourant@yahoo.co.uk)

## MARINE BIOLOGY

### Events

- **Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April - Vazon survey.** This will be a habitat survey of the bay, led by Dr Mel Broadhurst (from Alderney). All are welcome to either assist with the survey itself if you are familiar with surveying and local marine species ID, or to come along and learn about surveying and local species ID. Please let me know if you would like to come. Details regarding timing etc to be confirmed.

- **Saturday 23rd April, 2pm - Annual Ormer survey,** meeting at the Lihou causeway at 2pm. See the La Société Facebook page for photos of previous years order surveys. This will be done alongside an Ormer survey in Alderney via the Alderney Wildlife Trust, and the data being shared between the two islands and the Guernsey Biological Records Centre.

- **Guernsey Heritage Festival, 25th March to 10th May 2016** - I have agreed with the organisers that the Marine Biology Section will be involved for a weekend, I was thinking of running rock pool rambles where we could identify local species, including edible seaweeds etc.

For more information on the above please visit the website [www.societe.org.gg](http://www.societe.org.gg), the Facebook page, or Email Jessi Jennings: [marinebiology@societe.org.gg](mailto:marinebiology@societe.org.gg)

## LA SOCIÉTÉ CONSERVATION HERD

Since last autumn the steers of the Conservation Herd have been grazing their Winter lands. These are private fields which are generously loaned to the Conservation Herd where the steers can graze during the wet and windy weather. This is essential as at this time of year it is not possible to graze the sensitive nature reserves or coastal grasslands.

This time of year is especially difficult for the Herd because they are not able to be sustained by grass alone and so we must provide them with hay and supplementary feed, which all comes at a great cost to the Herd. So we would like to send out a massive thank you to all our sponsors who have



The New Steers - Photo Courtesy of Julia Henney

helped us purchase the winter feed. Especially to the Co-op who have allowed us to have our collection boxes in their stores where we raised over £290. Also to thanks to ABN AMRO who generously donated £500 to the Herd.

At the end of last year we welcomed two new steers to the Conservation Herd. They are members Seven and Eight of the herd and will be heading out to start grazing the Nature Reserves early in the Summer.

When the weather starts to warm and the Winter storms have blown over we will be moving the steers back to Port Soif Common for a second year of grazing.

Julia Henney

For details of how you can help with the Herd please Email: Julia Henney: [conservationherd@societe.org.gg](mailto:conservationherd@societe.org.gg)

## NATURAL HISTORY

### Events

More information about the section can be found on the Société website or by contacting Lesley on 710737 or Email: [lbourgaize@cwgsy.net](mailto:lbourgaize@cwgsy.net)

## ORNITHOLOGY

In the May 2015 article I wrote that Mike Cunningham and Royston Carre were working with Tony Bisson on his list of birds seen in Guernsey since 1845. I can now tell you, if you haven't already purchased one, that the book they produced is on sale at R.H Gaudion, Stan Brouard and Earlswood and also at the Guernsey Press Shop, Lexicon and Valpy's.

The initial print was of one thousand books but another fifteen hundred have been produced owing to the high demand. I recommend it to you for its informative text and wonderful photographs taken by either Mike or Royston. Looking at photographs, in a book, is to my mind, so much better than seeing them on screen.



**Red Stumped Swallow - Photo Courtesy of Mark Guppy**

Every detail can be studied more easily, and, access is still faster! At £12.50 a copy I urge everyone to add it to their library.

On January 3rd 2016 I read in my Sunday paper's "Birdman" article that a Red Rumped Swallow, had, for two weeks, been seen flying and feeding between Cley and Titchfield in Norfolk. It breeds in Spain, Portugal, Greece and the Balkans, its nest being cup like and made of mud overhanging rocks or eaves, it has a spout like entrance. Two or three broods of four or five young are reared.

This swallow winters in Africa, south of the Sahara joining others that breed in Southern Asia, Japan and tropical Africa. A look in the aforementioned book told me that Red Rumped Swallows have been seen eight times in Guernsey, the most recent record being last May.

The reason that most unusual migrants arrive here or in England is most likely to be the weather; the strong southerly winds probably brought the one in Norfolk there but the fact that it can feed on its staple food, insects on the wing, is testament to the impact that warmer temperatures are having on wildlife, and will ultimately have on us. We all need to heed warnings about the need to adapt to our changing weather patterns and it is birds and other wildlife which will indicate the speed of these changes. On this note I laud our States for passing the recent Bio-Diversity Plan and thank all of you who signed the on-line petition or lobbied your deputies.

We would welcome you at our meetings held on the first Thursday of each month at Candie, Frossard Theatre at 8pm.

Nancy Ogier

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.

LE CERCLE FRANÇAIS – UPCOMING TALK

- Thursday 28th April 2016 at 7.30pm, Frossard Theatre, Candie - “Voyage to India” - a presentation in French by Agnès Perry illustrated with a slide show. All welcome - free entry.

Contact details Geoff Mahy Tel: 263029

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Jamie Hooper (co-opted), Jane Gilmour (co-opted), Sylvia Brouard, Helen Litchfield, Richard de la Rue, Michael Deane, Adrian Nicolle, Lawney Martin and Julia Henney.

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