



E-Newsletter Spring 2013

Welcome to the second of our E-Newsletters, and the first in this our 70th anniversary year. Thank you to everyone who contacted us about the first newsletter, all the feedback was positive, we're really pleased that you enjoyed it.

We've got a lot of events coming up, some important information for members and some items of news contained in this newsletter, so we hope you find it as good as the first!

Seventieth Anniversary Lunch

Our 70th Anniversary Lunch was held in the Regency Room of the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on Saturday 9th February. The President of the Society, the Bailiff Mr. Richard Collas, was sadly unable to attend due to illness but despite that we had a lovely time. 56 guests, including some descendants of our original founders, were welcomed with a message from our President read by our Chairman, Keith Le Page, who went on to give a light-hearted talk on the work of the Society today and our plans for the future, then our Vice-Chairman and Webmaster Stephen Foote gave an interesting and informative history of the Society. Over a good lunch new friendships were made, old friendships were strengthened and the Society's birthday was celebrated in style. We're looking forward to next 70 years! Look out for more on the lunch in The Review.



*Keith Le Page welcoming guests to the Society's anniversary lunch
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Important Member Information – Subscriptions & Change of Bank Account

AS you may know our bank account has now been changed to the Co-operative Bank. If you pay your subscriptions via standing order will have to change your payment details before subscriptions are due in April. Don't worry if you can't change your details in time for this year as we're keeping our old account open for a short while, but please change the details ready for next time. If you're not already a member why not join up now – it's just £12 a year for Channel Island and UK Residents, £16.50 for the rest of the world. You can find the new account details and/or join via our Membership [webpage](#).

Annual General Meeting – Saturday 11th May, London

The 2013 AGM will be held at Midday in the [Theodore Bullfrog](#), 26-30 John Adam Street, London WC2. (Nearest tubes: Charing Cross & Embankment). Lunch will be followed by officer's reports, elections and a vote on the proposal to bring the constitution up-to-date, (*see below*). The necessary official business of the Society is usually dealt with quickly and in good humour, allowing us the maximum possible time to enjoy listening to our guest speaker and to take part in the Chairman's Guernsey Quiz. This year the guest speaker is [Gillian Mawson](#), author of 'Guernsey Evacuees: The Forgotten Evacuees of the Second World War'. This is a superbly researched book with many first-hand accounts of the traumatic events surrounding the mass evacuation of the Bailiwick in 1940, and Gillian has gained a huge amount of written and spoken stories from those affected – many more than she was able to publish. Gillian is an engaging speaker, and this promises to be an extremely interesting and thought-provoking meeting.



*Gillian Mawson at the Manchester launch of her book.
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AGM – Proposed Changes to Constitution

This year the Council of the Guernsey Society discovered some anomalies in the constitution which need to be amended to bring it up-to-date – in reality we have operated for some years without realising we were not doing so in line with the constitution. In order for these changes to take effect they must be circulated to all members and must be agreed at the Annual General Meeting. In addition to providing the details in The Review as required, we are also informing members through this E-Newsletter:

Change 1: Membership, Section 3ii;

From '*being husband and wife*' to '*being partners sharing the same address*'.

Change 2: Finance, Section 5e:

From 'The Bank Account shall be in the name of the Society *with the STANDARD CHARTERED BANK LTD of 38 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON EC2N 4AH*' to '*with any such bank as the Council shall from time-to-time decide*', and: All such cheques and any other documents must be signed '*by any two of the three authorised signatories*' to '*by any two of the authorised signatories*'.

The above amendments will be put to the members present at the Society's AGM on Saturday 11th May 2013 for agreement. If you wish to receive a copy of the constitution please contact the secretary, Philip Green, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk

RGLI Battlefield Tour of Cambrai and Lys – 2nd to 6th September 2013

The Society is pleased to be able to offer an exclusive tour to the sites of the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry's most famous battles in World War One. **Places are extremely limited.** If you would like to find out more details of the tour and register your interest please contact Stephen Foote at stephen.foote@guernsey-society.org.uk



RGLI receiving their Colours at L'Ancrese, May 3rd 1917

Forthcoming Social Events

Easter Monday 1st April - Windsor FC v Guernsey FC, Kick-Off 1pm. As Guernsey FC continue to make their presence felt in the CCL Premier League, we're planning to roar for the Green Lions at this away match. Click for information on [Windsor FC](#), and if you want to join us and lend your support to Guernsey FC please email the Secretary, Philip Green, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk. Please note that the proposed trip on 9th March has been cancelled due to fixture changes.

Saturday 1st June – An Afternoon of Boules, Food & Great Company – We're planning a relaxed early summer afternoon suitable for everyone aged from one month to one hundred plus in the

calm and elegant tree-lined surroundings of [Cleaver Square](#), London SE1. Cleaver Square has a number of boules pitches, plenty of seating, a great pub and plenty of cafes and restaurants nearby. We'll have a few practice games of boules, (to ready ourselves for the forthcoming Boules Muratti), share some food and drink, and enjoy good company. Everyone's welcome – bring your family and friends!

Thursday 20th June – 3rd Annual Boules Muratti – 6.30pm. We're putting together our best boules players to defend our unbroken winning run against Jersey at this annual event. We'll meet up in Cleaver Square at the Prince of Wales pub before putting the Crapauds to the test! There will be the chance to eat at a local Indian restaurant after the match, however this may be quite late. Please email Philip Green at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk if you'd like to join us.



*Flying the Flag – the victorious Guernsey Boules Muratti team 2012
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Guernsey Society Badges

We have had some very beautiful enamel badges made in the style of our much-praised logo. The badges are 2.5cm in diameter, highly polished chrome with a white enamel face with the lion/leopard Guernsey crest in green and 'The Guernsey Society' written in chrome, and have a butterfly clasp. They have proved to be a great hit, and are a snip at £3 plus p&p, (UK & CI rates: £1 up to 3 badges, £2 4 to 6, larger orders free. For international orders email the secretary, Philip Green, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk). To place your order please send your details and cheque to: Philip Green, Secretary, The Guernsey Society, 17 Laleham House, Camlet Street, London E2 7HE. Orders may take up to 28 days to process.

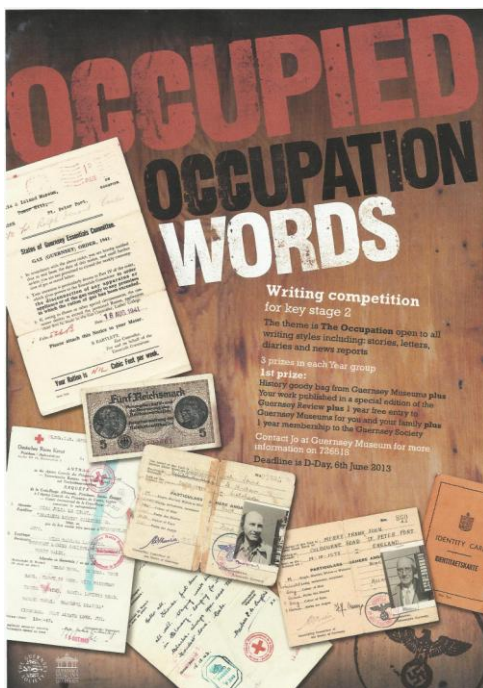


The Jersey Society in London

Dr. Gilly Carr, who spoke to us a couple of years ago, is delivering her talk on Channel Islanders who were sent to German prison camps during the occupation to a meeting of the Jersey Society, and they have kindly invited our members to attend. Gilly is a fellow of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge and has a special interest in the effects of the German occupation. If you missed her talk or would like to hear it again, the meeting takes place on Thursday 2nd May, 6.30pm at the Vincent Rooms, Vincent Square, London SW1. There is a meal commencing at 7.15, (must be booked, cost £25), and the talk is from 8.45 until 10pm. You can attend just for the talk, which is free. For more information contact David Le Lay of the Jersey Society in London at davidlelay@btinternet.com

Occupation Words Competition

Our 70th anniversary writing competition continues to create interest in the Bailiwick. Two-thirds of schools with Key Stage 2 pupils have signed up to take part, and there has been a lot of interest from both the Guernsey Press and BBC Radio Guernsey. Our partners in the competition, Guernsey Museums, have given a huge amount of support and for that we must thank Josephine Dowding. The competition closes on 6th June - D-Day - and we will be holding a prize-giving event at Castle Cornet on July 12th. We'll keep you informed about the competition on our website, on facebook, in the Review and, of course, in our E-Newsletter.



Web News

The [website](#) continues to increase its visitor numbers month-by-month, and is helping to promote the Society and engage new users throughout the world.

[Donkipedia](#), is growing in popularity, providing as it does a wide-ranging resource on all aspects of Bailiwick history, folklore and genealogical information. Stephen Foote was interviewed on BBC TV Channel Islands in December 2012 about the site which gave it a huge boost.

Our facebook page has continued to gather more fans, and at the time of writing this newsletter we have a respectable 271. Don't forget that if you're on [facebook](#) take a look and join us!

Guernsey Society Bookshop

Our online [bookshop](#) is one of the best places to find Bailiwick related fiction and non-fiction titles covering all aspects of island life, past and present. Gillian Mawson's book 'Guernsey Evacuees: The Forgotten Evacuees of the Second World War' is available, together with the latest Guernsey-based novel 'The Book of Lies' by Mary Horlock and those much-loved novels 'The Book of Ebenezer Le Page' and 'Toilers of the Sea' – a very brief example of the delights you can find.

The Reverend Canon Victor Collas, MA Oxon, Vice-President of the Society, a long-serving and committed member of the Guernsey Society Council, sadly passed away on 17th February aged 89. Canon Collas served the island and the Church of England as Rector of St. Andrew's and Vice-Dean of Guernsey. He will be sorely missed. There will be a full obituary in the next edition of The Review.

The next edition of The Review will be sent out to members in early April, and the next E-Newsletter will be emailed to you in the early summer. If you want any further information on the Society or the items contained within this newsletter, please contact Philip Green, the Secretary of the Guernsey Society, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk

A la perchoine!