



## **Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

Sociètè Jersiaise Members Room, 7 Pier Road, Saint Helier, Jersey

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 8pm, with 36 members present

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tony Pike and Robert Hall.

### **Chair**

Secretary Tom Brossman offered to chair the meeting and welcomed all those present.

### **Minute of Silence**

Vice-President Matthew Costard began the meeting with a few words about Jersey's leading Occupation expert and former Society President (William) Michael Ginns MBE, who sadly passed away on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, at the age of 89 years. Mr. Costard's remarks were followed by a minute of silence.

### **1. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary provided a copy of the 2016 minutes to all members present and summarised the minutes from the 2016 Annual General meeting. They were adopted by a majority vote.

### **2. Matters arising**

None

### **3. To approve the Secretary's Annual Report**

The Secretary read out his report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

His report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Damien Horn and seconded by Alex Fearn.

### **4. To approve the Archivist's Annual Report**

Archivist Colin Isherwood read out his report which listed many donations of artefacts and enquiries from various parties.

Donations Included

- a) From Mr David & Jenny Norman: Collection of framed Occupation newspapers, One German helmet and the British ARP helmet.
- b) From Michelle Cudlipp: Identity cards, passes and paperwork relating to Michelle's grandparents.



- c) From Mr Trevor Le Fondre: Copies of the Evening Posts, Occupation gas mask and a carbide lamp.
- d) From Mrs Day: An aluminium milk creamer.
- e) From Rod Amy: Two 'Jerry cans', the Czech field telephone and the two sets of car light 'black-out' covers.
- f) From David Le Maistre: Photograph of German POWs in Green Street.

Colin reported that over the past year he assisted an author who is writing an Occupation based novel, and that he helped a student doing a dissertation on books about the Occupation written by UK authors.

Colin reminded those in attendance that they do not have to be on the Committee to help the Society, and that several Society members regularly help and assist with event planning. He gave special thanks to Neil Walker for regularly organising French trips and evening talks.

Lastly, Colin urged everyone who had a story or article they would like to publish on the website to send it to the Secretary, and he announced that his next Occupation talk is about former Bailiff of Jersey Alexander Coutanche, to be held at Jersey Library on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

His report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Matthew Snapp and seconded by Gerry Knight.

## **5. To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

Treasurer David Letto referred to the financial statements as distributed to the meeting. The Treasurer's full Report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

David reported that the Society had once again produced a surplus for the 2016 calendar year, but that profits were less than in previous years mostly due to fewer bunker openings last season and increased expenses.

David thanked the bunker teams for their record keeping of sales and admissions at Society managed fortifications, and especially thanked Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré for increasing sales of Society publications last year.

David also mentioned that a major review of our company insurance policy had been completed last year, and that coverage had been modified and increased in several areas of coverage, which meant higher insurance premiums had become necessary.

The Treasurer's Report and the adoption of the financial statements was taken on the proposal of Robert Le Sueur and seconded by Matthew Snapp.

## **6. To discuss (and adopt if approved) any changes to Rules and/or Resolutions**

The Secretary confirmed that no proposals had been received.



## 7. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Secretary referred everyone to the list of 2017 Proposed Officers, and invited Robert Le Sueur to speak to the members about his decision to propose Colin Isherwood for the role of Society President, which Robert did at length and very convincingly (and with some humour which was well received).

The 2017 Officers and Committee Members are:

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Colin Isherwood	Robert Le Sueur	Damien Horn
Vice President (1)	Matthew Costard	Colin Isherwood	Anthony Chalker
Vice President (2)	Damien Horn	Tom Brossman	Colin Isherwood
Secretary	Tom Brossman	Jeremy Hamon	Damien Horn
Treasurer	Wendy Brée	Anthony Chalker	Matthew Costard
Editor of Publications	Paul Ronayne	Tom Brossman	Tony Pike
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	Matthew Costard	Tom Brossman
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondré	John Pasturel	David Pittom
Press Officer	Tony Pike	Damien Horn	Tom Brossman
Committee Member	Anthony Chalker	Colin Isherwood	Damien Horn
Committee Member	Alexander Fearn	Graeme Delanoe	Tom Brossman
Committee Member	Malcolm Amy	Neil Walker	Matthew Snapp

The adoption of all positions above was passed by a majority vote.

## 8. Election of Auditors

The Secretary asked the 2016 Auditors, Morris Saunders and Graeme Delanoe, if they would stand again for 2017. They agreed and on the proposition of Damien Horn and seconded by Neil Walker, they were re-elected by a majority vote.

## 9. Any other business

Geoffrey Zimmer expressed his concern that Occupation artefacts could not always be recovered by the Society. President Colin Isherwood thanked Geoffrey for his vigilance and encouraged him to continue to help the Society by looking for opportunities to recover Occupation artefacts.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Tom Brossman, CIOS Jersey Company Secretary, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## Secretary's 2017 Annual Report

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hereby submit my first annual report for the year just ended. Below is a summary of our member meetings and Society events for the past year.

### 2016

#### February

##### **Beijing Baiyi School Students Visit**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 93 international students from Baiyi School in Beijing visited Batterie Lothringen. President Paul Bernal and Vice-President Matthew Costard were their guides, ably assisted by Matthew's wife Sandra and her friend Stephanie Simmons, who acted as interpreters.

##### **Jersey Library Lunchtime Talk**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Committee Member Alex Fearn gave a talk at Jersey Library, as part of the Jersey Librarys' ongoing "Lunchtime Talks" series. It included an overview of the German infantry defence positions, bunkers and minefields at Ouaisné and St Brelade's Bay forming part of the defensive network using period photographs and maps.

##### **Soldatenhiems in Jersey (part 1)**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Archivist Colin Isherwood gave a talk on the history of the Soldatenheims in Jersey which included: Soldatenheim I - the Mayfair Hotel, Soldatenheim II - St. Brelades Bay Hotel, Soldatenheim III - Seafield House, Soldatenheim IV - La Hougue and Offiziersheim - the D'Auvergne Hotel.

#### March

##### **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

##### **Heritage Festival Tour**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Press Officer Tony Pike led a guided walk "Resistance Nests Le Braye & La Carriere, and Action Post Höhe 201" as part of the 2016 Heritage Festival.

#### April

##### **Heritage Festival Tour**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Press Officer Tony Pike led a guided walk of St. Corbiere which included interior visits to the M19 Mortar & 10.5cm Jäger Casemate bunker

##### **Repeat Visit to Saint-Malo Citadel**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> expert guide Neil Walker led a repeat day-trip visit to Saint-Malo to explore its many fortifications. Fully interpreted with many Archive photos, Neil's tours are fascinating and very comprehensive

##### **Stp. Plemont Guided Walk**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President Matthew Costard lead this National Trust for Jersey guided walk around the German fortifications. The clearance of the former holiday



camp has uncovered several Occupation structures that were previously inaccessible.

#### **Heritage Festival Tour**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Committee Member Alex Fearn led a guided walk "The German Defences of Ouaisné and St Brelade's Bay" which covered the geology, flora and fauna together with the other landmarks being La Cotte, the Conway towers, St Brelade's Church, the German soldier rest houses, German graveyard and a WWII plane crash site.

**May**

#### **Concrete In The Frame Art & Photographic Competition**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Press Officer Tony Pike and artist Ian Rolls announced the winners at the Harbour Gallery in St Aubin. The competition resulted in a significant amount of publicity for the Society, as well as increased interest from younger members.

#### **Jersey Library Lunchtime Talk**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Archivist Colin Isherwood led a talk "Limpet Stew to Liberation!", on food supplies and rationing during the Occupation period.

#### **Heritage Festival Tour**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Press Officer Tony Pike and Committee Member Alex Fearn led a guided walk and ceremony "Tour of the German Kriegsmarine Batterie Lothringen and American PT 509 memorial ceremony" at Noirmont Point.

#### **Liberation Day**

#### **Slave Workers Memorial Service**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Day Trip To Guernsey**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré led another excellent day trip to Guernsey, with thanks to our colleagues for their assistance.

#### **2016 Occupation Review**

The annual Review was released in May of 2016 by the CIOS Guernsey branch.

**June**

#### **International Atlantic Wall Conference**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Press Officer Tony Pike gave a talk about the Society at an international conference entitled "Patrimonialiser une mémoire sensible : le Mur de l'Atlantique". The conference was organised in conjunction with Norway's Museum Vest network of museums in Hordaland and took place at Abbaye-aux-Dames in Caen.

**July**

#### **Jersey Library Lunchtime Talk**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Archivist Colin Isherwood gave a talk "Operation Green Arrow and the lead up to the Occupation", covering the weeks and days leading up to German troops landing at Jersey Airport and taking over the Island.

**August**

#### **Day Trip to Normandy**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré led a visit to Normandy, with stops at Ste Mere Eglise, Batterie d'Azeville and more.



### **Samarès Manor Tour**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Archivist Colin Isherwood led a guided tour of the Manor, the agricultural museum, and the grounds, which was fully interpreted with Archive photos and included access to several areas which were closed to the public.

**September** (No events)

### **October** **What came before: Jersey's British Coastal Artillery in the 20th century**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Author and Historian Ian Ronayne examines the history of the last coastal artillery batteries in Jersey - built and manned by Britain that is.

### **November** **Norway - Further Adventures in AoK20**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Society Members Neil Walker and the "Concrete Evidence Team" have recently returned from Norway and visited some new sites to report on.

### **Trinity Commando Raid Memorial Service**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré laid a wreath on behalf of the Society, in memory of British Commando Captain Philip Ayton.

**December** (No events)

## **2017**

### **January** **Film: "Hitler's Island Madness"**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Society members saw a film from the History Channel "Hitler's Island Madness", which examined the German plans for the Occupation of the Channel Islands.

### **Holocaust Remembrance Day**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Lifetime CIOS Members Bob Le Sueur MBE, and Michael Ginns MBE were featured on a new panel of the Occupation Tapestry and Mr. Le Sueur was the featured speaker at the Holocaust Remembrance ceremony. Following the ceremony in the Tapestry Gallery, Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré laid a wreath at the Holocaust Memorial outside on behalf of the Society.

### **Jersey Library Local History Fayre**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Press Officer Tony Pike and Committee Member Alex Fearn represented the Society at this event at the Town Library. Mr. Pike gave a talk about the CIOS Friday and Mr. Fearn spoke about German fortifications guarding St Brelade's Bay on Saturday. Sincere thanks to Ed Jewell, Julie O'Grady and Helen Barrett at the Library for their support in promoting the event and event planning.

### **February** **Ho 4 Tunnels Visit**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Secretary Tom Brossman organised a tour of the Hohlgangsanlage 4 munition storage tunnels complex above Grands Vaux Reservoir. Many thanks to Jersey Water for granting access to this amazing site.

### **Beijing Baiyi School Students Visit**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Press Officer Tony Pike opened Batterie Lothringen for a visit with international students from Baiyi School in Beijing.



Each event listed above is the result of a great deal of time and effort by the organisers and multiple outside organisations that assist us. On behalf of the Society, I thank everyone involved for their participation in so many successful events.

Not to be overlooked are the bunker teams who go out and work on the fortifications we manage, and open them to the public each year. This brings in the majority of Society income and I have to point out that they are every bit as important to the Society's success as the Board are. For most people outside the Society, the bunker teams are our public face and we owe our positive public image to them.

Recognition is also due to Vice-President Matthew Costard and Archivist Colin Isherwood, whose tireless work on the Island-wide Heritage Re-Survey has been ongoing for more than a year. Many important fortifications are missing or incorrectly identified in official records and the Re-Survey is meant to correct this. The majority of those working on it are paid to do so and yet Matthew and Colin are participating as volunteers.

I would also like to personally thank our outgoing Board members, President Paul Burnal, Treasurer David Letto, and Committee Member Matthew Snapp for their years of service to the Society and for all the knowledge they have shared with me. I may not always agree with them but I do listen and I am learning. Thanks also to former Secretary Jeremy Hamon for continuing to help me as I learn the role of Secretary.

Membership numbers this year are up from last year. As subscriptions are just coming due I do not want to take anything for granted and assume all 2016 members will renew, but with so many new members joining lately I think we will see a boost of at least 10% from the 405 members counted last year. Just now we have over 430 and I hope to see the majority renew their memberships. If you have any comments or concerns I am always available to hear them. I take every concern that members express to me to the Board meetings (anonymously if necessary) and make them aware of your messages.

I would like to reiterate that we are a large society with a diverse range of opinions. Only the official social media accounts linked from our official website are speaking for the Society. We don't censor what members can say nor do we expect people to assume members are speaking on behalf of the Society when they post a message from their personal account. Please keep this in mind when browsing the Internet and contact me if you need official clarification on anything.

Finally, I would like to express our condolences to the family of Michael Ginns on his recent passing. He was a key member of the Society and he will be sadly missed.

Tom Brossman  
Secretary  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY)

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

<u>2015</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
6,081.88	Subscriptions Received	5,779.38
2,943.92	Sales of Publications at meetings & by mail order	2,177.95
1.56	Bank interest	2.05
882.89	Donations	276.29
-	States of Jersey Funding	-
-	Advertising	-
12,104.55	Admission to Bunkers	10,134.46
1,731.76	Donations to Bunkers	1,227.88
1,160.50	Sales at Bunkers	1,120.00
420.00	Events and Annual Dinner	-
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25,327.06	<i>Total Income</i>	20,718.01
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<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
1,395.04	Printing & Stationery	197.34
416.11	Miscellaneous deductions re administration/sales	537.99
433.09	Postage and stamps	1,249.13
1,440.00	Hire of Room (La Societe Jersiaise)	-
25.00	Fortress Study Group	25.00
55.00	La Societe Jersiaise	55.00
-	Events and Annual Dinner	450.00
988.31	Insurance - Public Liability and Personal Accident	1,608.31
-	Purchase of Reviews	3,000.00
5,044.84	Publication of Reviews	-
895.65	Purchase & Distribution of bunker leaflets	881.28
1,490.00	Purchases re: Bunkers	-
6,739.55	Miscellaneous Bunker Expenses	10,033.95
-	Works at Noirmont funded by C.I.O.S.	-
291.65	Fuel for generators	207.77
-	Purchase of Generators	-
1,041.75	Purchase of books for on-sale	-
-	Photocopier maintenance & repair	-
1,815.23	General expenses for Archive	917.96
88.80	Web / e-mail site	-
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## CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY)

### Statement of Net Assets at the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

<u>Cash &amp; Bank</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Lloyds Bank Current a/c	11,313.17	12,836.19	1,523.02
Lloyds Bank Deposit a/c	7,037.39	7,038.10	.71
Cash in Hand	-	-	-
Unpresented cheques	-	-	-
Total cash & Bank Balances	<u>18,350.56</u>	<u>19,874.29</u>	<u>1,523.73</u>
Stock in Hand (Archive books/Reviews)	28,629.09	24,120.72	(4,508.37)
<u>Net Assets:</u>	<u>46,979.65</u>	<u>43,995.01</u>	<u>(2,984.64)</u>
<u>Financed By:</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>
<u>General Fund brought Forward:</u>	11,017.86	14,184.90	3,167.04
Net Income	3,167.04	1,554.28	(1,612.76)
<u>General Fund carried Forward:</u>	<u>14,184.90</u>	<u>15,739.18</u>	<u>1,554.28</u>

We have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Funds and found them to be correct in accordance with the books and vouchers submitted.

  
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Honorary Auditor

Dated: 7/3/17.....

  
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