



Secretary's Annual Report

14th March 2018

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 previous 12 months.

2017

March	Annual General Meeting Wednesday 8 th
April	Jersey Archive Tour Wednesday 12 th at Jersey Archive
May	Liberation Day Slave Workers Memorial Service Tuesday 9 th At the Slave Workers Memorial, Westmount
June	Guided Walk: "Heroes of the German Occupation" Sunday 11 th Albert Pier area with Blue Badge Guide Martin Walton Batterie Lothringen 40th Anniversary Opening & Archives Display Sunday 25 th at Noirmont Point
July	Saint-Malo Day Trip Saturday 22 nd with Neil Walker
August	Normandy Day Trip Wednesday 23 rd with Noel Le Fondré
September	Film: "Hitler's England" Wednesday 13 th at the Société Jersiaise
October	No Member Events 2017 Occupation Review The annual Review was released by the CIOS Jersey branch.
November	Film: "Breakout From Normandy" Wednesday 8 th at the Société Jersiaise Trinity Commando Raid Memorial Service Friday 10 th Former Internee Get-Together & Archives Display Sunday 26 th at Saint Helier Town Hall
December	No Member Events

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January	Talk: "Limpet Stew to Liberation" Wednesday 10 th with Colin Isherwood at the Société Jersiaise Local History Fayre Friday 19 th & Saturday 20 th at the Town Library Holocaust Remembrance Day
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February Saturday 27th
Beijing Baiyi School Students Visit
Thursday 1st at Noirmont Point
Film: "A conversation with Bob Le Sueur"
Wednesday 14th at the Société Jersiaise

2018 was another successful year for the Society, with membership numbers today at 419 (409 paying members & 10 Lifetime). A small percentage didn't renew, but as with last year, we saw plenty new members join.

Last year I expressed my concern that we are not putting enough effort towards telling Jersey's side of the Occupation story. Instead we dedicate the majority of our time and capital towards preserving the legacy of Jersey's German oppressors and I find this very odd.

For my part, I have started producing a series of video interviews called "Occupation Conversations" to directly tell the stories of Jersey men and women who lived here during the war. These are an opportunity to describe daily life to a mainstream audience. I have three already filmed and plenty more to schedule going forward.

To their credit, the bunker teams do a lot of work, with some fortifications maintaining a high degree of integrity and authenticity. However others use a lot of reproduction and replica gear, making them more popular with tourists than they are with historians.

Once again I remind you that the Society is "dedicated to the preservation and recordal of all aspects of the German Occupation of Jersey during the Second World War".

I would like to encourage all members to volunteer some of your time. Visualise a project you would like to see happen and then start working on it. You can organise a guided walk or talk, conduct original research using our Archives, assist with surveys of important Occupation sites, and much more. Contact me any time and I'll help you get started.

Tom Brossman
Secretary
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