



Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Soci t  Jersiaise Members Room, 7 Pier Road, Saint Helier, Jersey

13th March 2018 at 8pm, with 70 members present

Chair

President Colin Isherwood was elected chair of the meeting and welcomed all those present.

1 Apologies

The Secretary received apologies from Bob Le Sueur, Sebastian Boudier, Martin Sampson, Jason Kinghorn, Fred Gray, Josephine Ginns, Elizabeth & Selwyn Haas, Tom Bunting, and Robert Hall.

2 Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising Therefrom

The Secretary provided a printed copy of the 2018 minutes to all members present and summarised the minutes from the 2018 Annual General meeting. They were adopted on a show of hands by the members. There were no matters arising from the 2018 Minutes.

3 To approve the Secretary's Annual Report

Secretary Tom Brossman read out his report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. His report was considered and adopted on a show of hands by the members.

4 To approve the Archivist's Annual Report

Archivist Colin Isherwood read out his report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. His report was considered and adopted on a show of hands by the members.

5 To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

Treasurer Wendy Br e read out her report and Financial Statements, which are attached to and form part of these minutes. Her report and statements were considered and adopted on a show of hands by the members.

6 Fortifications Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Fortifications Co-ordinator Malcolm Amy read out his report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. His report was considered and adopted on a show of hands by the members.

7 To discuss (and adopt if approved) any changes to Rules and/or Resolutions

The Secretary read out a proposed change to the Association Rules, as described below.

7.1 Rule changes

Rule No. 5 shall be amended to include the following new paragraph:

"Elected Committee Members must obtain Jersey Financial Services Commission approval for their nomination to the Company Board, and must not have any 'Reportable Matters' as defined by the Charities (Jersey) Law 2014. Committee Members not meeting these requirements shall immediately forfeit their position in the Committee and in the Company. In event of, an EGM shall be called to fill the empty positions."



Noel Le Fondré proposed that the amendment be adopted, with Dave Pittom seconding. The above proposal was considered and adopted on a show of hands by the members.

8 Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chair referred everyone to the list of 2019 Proposed Officers, and the 2019 Officers and Committee Members are:

Position	Name	Proposer	Second
President	(vacant)	-	-
Vice-President (1)	Damien Horn	Matthew Costard	Tom Brossman
Vice-President (2)	Malcolm Amy	Matthew Snepp	Alex Fearn
Secretary	Tom Brossman	Jeremy Hamon	Robert Le Sueur
Secretary	Matthew Snepp	Julie Errington	Graeme Delanoe
Treasurer	Wendy Brée	Paul Burnal	Matthew Snepp
Editor of Publications	Matthew Costard	Daniel Ray-Marks	Sandra Costard
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	Neil Walker	Paul Burnal
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondré	Antonia Pittom	Frederick Gray
Press Officer	Tony Pike	Michael D'Alessandro	Robert Hall
Committee Member	Chris Addy	Tom Brossman	Matthew Costard
Committee Member	Sebastian Boudier	Geoffrey Zimmer	Alex Fearn
Committee Member	Robert Hall	Tony Pike	Graeme Delanoe
Committee Member	Stephanie Luce	Tom Brossman	Damien Horn
Committee Member	David Maindonald	Tom Brossman	Anthony Chalker
Committee Member	Amy Rose Rodgers	Matthew Snepp	Geoffrey Zimmer

At the beginning of the meeting, printed ballots for the contested roles of Secretary and Committee Member were distributed to all members present. Prior to the election, the President and Treasurer announced their intention to resign if their preferred candidate for Secretary was not elected.

The following candidates were elected by majority vote: Tom Brossman was re-elected as Secretary. Chris Addy, Robert Hall, and David Maindonald were elected as Committee Members.

The candidates for the uncontested positions were elected en bloc, on a show of hands by the members.

Following a long and rather lively discussion, the President and Treasurer announced their resignations, however they both kindly agreed to defer their resignation date until an Emergency General Meeting is called for next month to elect their replacements.



8.1 The “No Confidence” / expulsion motion called against the Secretary was briefly discussed and abandoned in light of the election results.

9 Election of Auditors

The election of an Honorary Auditor for 2019 was postponed until the Emergency General Meeting.

10 Any other business

10.1 Discussion of all other business was postponed until the Emergency General Meeting. The meeting closed at 10:26pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Brossman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tom Brossman
CIOS Jersey Company Secretary
13th March 2019



Secretary's Annual Report

13th March 2019

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.

2018

- March** **Annual General Meeting**
Wednesday 14th at the Société Jersiaise
- April** **"Living Off the Land" Joint Working Event**
Sunday 29th in the Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden at Saumarez Park. Guernsey.
Organised by Richard Heaume, Colin Isherwood, and Wendy Brée
- May** **Liberation Day**
Slave Workers Memorial Service
Wednesday 9th At the Slave Workers Memorial, Westmount
- 2018 Occupation Review**
Review No. 46 was released by the CIOS Guernsey branch
- June** **Masonic Temple Visit**
Wednesday 6th organised by Geoff Morris
- July** **"K2" Bunker 40th Anniversary Opening**
Wednesday 18th at Strongpoint Corbiere
- August** **CIOS Guernsey Visit**
Wednesday 8th organised by Noel Le Fondré and Colin Isherwood
- Normandy Day Trip**
Saturday 11th organised by Noel Le Fondré
- November** **"Festung Vlissingen" Talk**
Wednesday 14th at the Société Jersiaise, organised by Neil Walker
- Trinity Commando Raid Memorial Service**
Friday 9th at Petit Port, Egypt, Noel Le Fondré representing the Society

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- January** **Local History Fayre**
Friday 18th & Saturday 19th at the Town Library, Tony Pike representing the Society
- Holocaust Remembrance Day**
Sunday 27th at the Maritime Museum, Noel Le Fondré representing the Society
- February** **Occupation Conversations Nos 2-4**
Wednesday 14th, at the Société Jersiaise



The Past

The Society's roots are in Guernsey, going all the way back to a then-14 year old Richard Heaume's "German Occupation Collector's Society". This was later re-formed as the Guernsey Occupation Society and as new members from Jersey joined, it became the Channel Islands Occupation Society. Its aims were to organise walks and talks, to archive Occupation photographs and information, and to publish annual A5-sized Occupation Reviews.

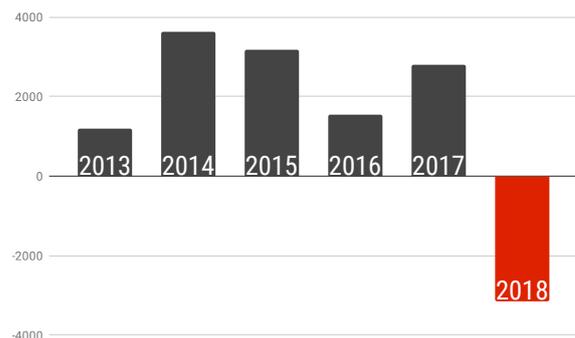
Years later, meetings were held with Jersey's Public Works Department and it was agreed that the growing Society could open up the Underground Command Bunker at Noirmont Point.

The Jersey Evening Post's 50th anniversary Liberation Day supplement contains a quote from the late Michael Ginns, in which he says *"One of the most important objects of the Society is to get to the truth of what happened during the Occupation whether people like it or not"*. Deported to an Internee camp in Bad Wurzach for most of the war, Michael also focused on reconciliation with Germany.

The Present

Today's Society is different. Membership numbers are declining, as of Monday we have 371 members which is 48 fewer than this time last year, an 11% decrease.

Most of our resources are devoted to operating and expanding the portfolio of fortifications we manage. Insurance and upkeep will remain a large portion of our annual budget, these things are costly after all, however this year spending by the Fortifications Sub-committee has soared.



CIOS annual net profit/loss

The draft 2018 accounts I've seen reflect a net loss exceeding £3000, with the bunker teams spending nearly £5500 more than what they earned last year. If a commercial trading company reported similar membership and net income declines, Board members would be getting sacked already.

Last year we raised member subscription prices, in part because the bunker teams opposed using bunker takings to cover member expenses. Now a costly new project at Battery Moltke is on hold, awaiting more income from member subscriptions this month. That does not seem fair.

Bob Le Sueur tells me *"The CIOS rather desperately needs people at the top who are more interested in what effect those five years had on the island's social, cultural, economic and post-war political life than in the physical conservation of what were buildings put up by people who were then"*



incontrovertibly the enemy." I wholeheartedly agree. I think the bunkers are fascinating and well worth preserving in a sustainable way, but I think the experiences of Jersey's civilian population during the Occupation period are even more fascinating.

Most of the people on the bunker teams do excellent work, and act with integrity. Resistance Nests Millbrook and La Mare Mill are my favourites, with their emphasis on authenticity. However there are some issues with oversight of the bunker teams which we should not ignore.

January 2017 the Committee adopted a requirement that all mechanical and electrical works be safety inspected by an engineer before that opening season. I ask about it at Board meetings and I believe little progress has been made. We owe the bunker teams and visiting public better safety processes.

I have opposed Fortifications Sub-committee plans to change our Rules and allow re-enactors as this is damaging to our image. Our TripAdvisor page features recent photos of a re-enactor in German uniform visiting Strongpoint Corbiere. It's not a good look, and is a flagrant breach of our Rules. I opposed a Committee member who falsely claimed to have prior permission for a new project from a previous Committee, after I checked those meeting minutes and discovered the truth.

My challenges often lead to arguments and complaints about my tone, but this increasingly looks to me like a focus on the messenger instead of the message. Complaining about my tone is easy, but it does not fix the larger issues we face. That takes leadership skills and focus.

Disagreements are frustrating but are not necessarily a bad thing, or a sign that the Society is "falling apart". For proof, look no further than the politicians up in Westminster (especially today), it's complete havoc. Parliament isn't in any danger of going away, they will eventually agree some compromise. What worries me is apathy. Apathy is what causes groups to fail, when people stop caring enough to fight their corner.

The Future

My top priority is to place a renewed focus on Jersey and its civilian population. I'm out interviewing people and collecting their memories, recording videos, and sharing their essays on our website and in our newsletters. This is going exceptionally well but my time is limited, and I could use more help. I note CIOS Guernsey have three Secretaries on their Committee, which proves they are smarter than us.

We are now a registered Charity and I would like to work more closely with local good causes. Jersey Heritage and the Société are digitising artefacts and putting them online, which is an area we lag behind in. Looking at the larger picture, I am working with Acorn Enterprises to try to recruit volunteers from the Disabled community to assist us, boosting their skills and confidence. Same



for the States of Jersey's "Back to Work" team, I believe we can put the fortifications we manage to better use and see them opened more frequently, while at the same time helping people develop job skills and local knowledge.

Therefore I ask you to consider the election this evening. I have proposed three new people and this is very much a package deal. All three are excellent candidates and if I am re-elected, I need them on board to deliver a more balanced Society and to tell the story of Jersey. We have a major milestone next year with Liberation 2020, and your vote will decide what our priorities shall be.

We have a lot to do before Liberation 2020 but I remain optimistic and I believe we can make great progress in telling the story of Jersey during World War Two, and preserve all that amazing history.

Tom Brossman
Secretary

13th March 2019



Archive update: 2018 / 2019.

General research:

Although much research is always being undertaken in some form, the following have been the main focus of work.

Col. Hubner:

Richard Heaume has kindly loaned a collection of photographs of Col Hubner taken in Jersey. These photos will form a basis of a joint Jsy/Gsy talk and review article(s) in the near future. Hubner was key in piecing together the Tactical review or 'Green Books'. He also took command of Gen. Reg. 582 after Prahl left Jersey in April 1945.

Soldatenheims:

As part of our joint working with Guernsey, a talk entitled 'Soldatenheims in the Channel Islands' will be held in Guernsey on Friday 12th April 2019. This will cover all nine Soldatenheims located in Guernsey, Jersey and Alderney. A large quantity of previously unpublished photographs have been loaned for the talk. A review article under the same name is almost finished.

The Guest Books:

Continuing on the same theme; a talk and updated article about the two surviving guest books from Soldatenheim II; St. Brelade's Bay Hotel is very close to completion. The books have been quite heavily translated and after many hours (nearly two years!) of work a comprehensive 'chain of Command' of all Officers across all forces has now been compiled and many of the signatures of Officers' identified. Signatures in the guest books include; Obst Trost (Luftwaffe Flak) Gen. Muller, Gen Dollmann (7th Army Group), von Schmettow, von Helldorf, Heider, von Aufsess, Dr Casper, Dr Pelz, Knackfuss, Pokorni, Obst. Ziegler (ArKo) and Kor. Kapt. von Nostitz and Armin Zimmermann; both Kriegs marine.

Maps and Plans:

Work is also beginning on creating area plans of the Divisional Batteries and large Flak positions from the collection of aerial photographs we have in our archives.

Research for next year:

2020 will see an emphasis on archive material relating to F.123, as it will be the 80th anniversary of the German invasion. Food rationing and recipes.

European Bunker Day

Saturday 1st June 2019 has now been confirmed as 2019 Channel Islands Bunker Day.

As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and subsequent Battle of Normandy, it seems to be a good choice.

The idea of European Bunker Open day is promote awareness to the importance of these heritage sites, encourage preservation and more joint working amongst Historical groups and organisations.

The CIOS sites that will be open are:

- Millbrook
- Noirmont
- Val de La Mare
- Corbiere
- Batterie Moltke.



We are likely to get a lot of local media and European coverage for this. The Atlantic Wall group are advertising our openings within the context of the EBO day, Channel Islands; June 1st 2019, so I suspect we will get some enquiries and hopefully some European visitors.

Liberation 2020

The first meeting of the Liberation 2020 working group was held at the Former States Library, Royal Court Building on Saturday 26th January 2019. There was a good cross-cut of people from many local organisations and the first meeting seemed very constructive and positive.

Although family entertainment was mentioned throughout the session, the main outcomes from the session were:

Education: trying to put more emphasis on Occupation history in schools. Some of the ideas around this included having Occupation veterans visiting schools and sharing their experiences with students.

Encouraging more field trips; getting students out of the classroom visiting sites, guided walks, talks and generally more hands-on learning.

Several students there, felt they would be keen on researching and writing about key events.

9th May 2020. A lot of discussion surrounded the day itself. It was felt by the majority that the current format should not be changed, however it was felt that there should be less speeches, especially politically based. The re-enactors and cavalcade seemed to be very popular.

Events: it was agreed by all to avoid staging events on Saturday 9th May. It was felt that by holding different events in the weeks before Liberation day would create positive build-up and allow more organisations to participate.

From a society perspective; Food and food rationing were mentioned several times. I am looking at the possibility of working with the POSH, BSK, key members of the Lib 2020 committee to hold an Occupation food event; possibly in the Royal Square? According to the Office of the Lt. Governor, Lady Dolton would like to be involved in this. If this were to happen, it would create great publicity for the society.

As part of the build-up to Liberation, we could stage special opens; throw in some guided walks and archive day(s). Maybe hold a few evening openings.

If schools were to hold field trips, these would most likely be to society sites. (There was no representation from Jersey War Tunnels – and no mention of them).

It is likely next year, European Bunker Day (Channel Islands) will be held on Saturday 2nd or Sunday 3rd May. This is currently in discussion now.

Preparing for climate change impacts on Jersey's coast and inland

This was an interesting and very informative meeting which included Ministers and key members from Environment, the Met office and Infrastructure and covered the changes in the Jersey climate.

Key discussions and talks were on the Jersey shoreline climate project. Preparing for climate change. The main area of interest was the Gunsite sea wall adaptation project. From results so far taken, seems to have been successful.

A copy of the presentation can be found at:

<https://www.gov.je/Environment/GenerateEnergy/Pages/PreparingForChangingClimate.aspx>

Archive donations:

Small framed tapestry showing the key stages of Occupation and a collection of photographs depicting the murals of Soldatenheim II, St. Brealade's Bay Hotel. (Mrs A. Colley).

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Bakelite carbide lamp and spares box. Purchased locally.

Large ordinance survey map of Jersey taken from the Metropole Hotel. (Mrs K. Day)

Capt Le Brocq's large travelling chest.

Large collection of Occupation memorabilia; including Occupation made toys, bomb shrapnel, German artefacts, photographs and an accompanying story.



Channel Islands Occupation Society (Jersey) Limited

As this is my second year as Treasurer, there are not many changes to the Accounts.

The bunker income is boosted by Marc Yates History Alive tours and at the end of the year Phil Marrett also started doing tours, thank you to both of them.

The way I have reported on the book stock has changed as rather than report on the amount sold, the amount now comes off of the stock account and I instead report on whether there has been a profit or loss on the sales.

It has become traditional to lament the amount of interest we get these days £2.22 compared to as much as £773 in our hay day.

Also in 2017 there the GST reclaim was for three years, but it is now being claimed each year.

We have made an effort to cut back on postage and printing by sending more things out electronically.

We also hosted a visit from CIOS Guernsey and shared the cost of a coach.

The year has resulted in an overall loss of £3,149.21 which is mostly the bunker expenditure. This is mostly due to the U/Wako Fest bunker being opened and works on this cost approx. £4000. This is an exciting addition for the Society. Although we made a loss in 2018, we had made a profit in 2017, and that isn't what the Society is about as it isn't a profit making organisation.

Although some people like to see bunkers untouched, we do have visitors from all over Europe coming to Jersey especially to see Corbiere because of the way it has been restored, together with Noirmont and Batterie Moltke. The Bunker teams do a lot of this work themselves free of charge and also make things for the displays.

In my opinion we've had another very good year. None of this good work would be possible without the volunteers from the Bunker Teams and thank you to all of them for keeping me well informed on all their income and expenditure.

We have a Fortification Sub Committee chaired by Malcolm Amy and together we discuss all expenditure for the bunkers and try to apportion funding fairly. This coming year it is the turn of Batterie Moltke to have some funds spent on it.

Finally, I would also like to than Matthew Snepp for his time in auditing the accounts so thoroughly.



Channel Islands Occupation Society (Jersey) Limited

Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

Committee Members and Directors

President	Colin Isherwood
Vice Presidents	Matthew Costard Malcolm Amy
Treasurer	Wendy Brée
Secretary	Tom Brossman
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondré
Editor of Publications	Not filled
Archivist	Colin Isherwood
Press Officer	Tony Pike
Committee Members	Sebastian Boudier

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Honorary Auditor: Matthew Snapp

I have examined the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2018 and found them to be an accurate record.


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Matthew Snapp

Dated 03/03/19



Notes to Accounts

1. Stock is books and reviews purchased by the Company for resale.
2. This year as the books and reviews form part of the accounts, any purchases and sales are reflected in the stock figure, and therefore only the profit / loss is detailed in the Income and Expenditure statement.
3. As a charitable organisation the Company is able to claim back any GST paid. In 2017 GST was claimed back from the previous 3 years. This is now claimed back annually.
4. CIOS Jersey and CIOS Guernsey publish the Reviews on alternate years. This year CIOS Guernsey published the reviews.
5. Bunker expenditure covers all the bunkers for spend from cleaning materials, electricity to renovations. This year the UWako Fest bunker was opened which cost approx. £4000.
6. We hosted a visit from CIOS Guernsey and shared the cost of a coach.
7. We took on a new larger store this year and spend some funds on shelving and storage units. We also purchased a video camera for recordings and a printer along with some historic items.



Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
Current Assets			
Stock	1	6,991.96	7,498.00
Debtors		628.93	1,730.25
Cash at Bank			
Current Account		14,001.41	16,390.11
Deposit Account		7,039.50	7,038.80
Less Current Liabilities			
Creditors		1,649.64	2,495.79
Net Assets		<u>27,012.16</u>	<u>30,161.37</u>
Reserved Funds			
Opening Balance		30,161.37	15,739.18
Adjustment re stock		-	7,498.00
Adjustment re opening balance		-	4,135.11
Net Income / Expenditure		(3,149.21)	2,789.08
Total Funds		<u>27,012.16</u>	<u>30,161.37</u>



Income and Expenditure for year ending 31 December 2018

2017		Notes	2018
£			£
	Income		
6,581.19	Subscriptions received		6,939.44
14,049.36	Bunker admissions and tours		13,352.69
4,908.04	Sale of books and reviews	2	-
-	Profit on sale of books and reviews	2	2,547.70
1,265.91	Donations		1,410.88
2.16	Interest		2.22
1,126.00	GST reclaim	3	303.00
<u>27,932.66</u>	Total Income		<u>24,555.93</u>
	Expenditure		
1,464.51	Printing & Stationery		983.09
1,734.85	Postage		1,402.31
1,200	Hire of room (La Societe Jersiaise)		600.00
25	Fortress Study Group		25.00
55	La Societe Jersiaise Group subscription		55.00
175.29	Events and Annual Dinner		-
2,051.82	Insurance		2,155.66
713.74	Purchase of reviews / books / leaflets	2	-
4,500.00	Publication of Reviews		-
-	Reviews purchased for members	4	2,145.00
11,871.29	Bunker expenditure	5	16,711.68
920.76	Archive store		1,825.30
56.82	Gifts and hospitality	6	356.98
200.00	Annual Return		200.00
20.00	Archive costs	7	1148.62
154.50	Wreaths		96.50
<u>25,143.58</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>27,705.14</u>
2,789.08	Net Income / Expenditure		<u>(3,149.21)</u>



Fortifications Co-ordinator's Annual Report

13th March 2019

Dear Society members,

I would like to present my report as Vice President and Fortifications Coordinator for the last year.

I shall start by giving some details of what has been happening at each site to give you all an idea of the work involved and undertaken by the Society's volunteer members.

Resistance Nest Millbrook

Thanks to Tony Chalker this near time capsule bunker is now basically complete due to the unique project undertaken by Tony, which was the replacement of the missing upper section of the original Type 9OP9 small observation bell with a replica example, cast from an original in Guernsey. For those of you who have not seen the turret it is quite distinctive on the bunker's roof opposite the Trust Ford showroom on Victoria Avenue. Several rare Czech machine gun belts and ammunition boxes have also been obtained over the last year, along with a very rare machine gun spare parts case to accompany the coaxial machine gun mounted on the bunker's 4.7cm anti-tank gun.

Batterie Lothringen - Noirmont Point

The team lead by Julie Errington, along with Paul Bernal and Gary Denton have been busy in the Command Bunker improving the displays and also the restoration of "The Bridge", which is the raised platform mounting the periscope and also the inside of the rangefinder turret has received some attention.

Last winter one of the Range finder arms had a new metal sleeve fitted and the observation tower, MP1, had its door dating from the late 1970s replaced by Grouville Forge. The tower has also served for several charity abseiling events over the last summer which has also given the Society some good advertising.

Julie has requested that Matthew Snapp be personally thanked for his help at Noirmont armed with his grinder to remove rust from the stairway handrail and also the inside of the rangefinder domes, and also Shane Boschat for using his computer skills regarding the printing and wording of signage for the bunker.

Strongpoint Corbiere

This complex of 5 fortifications has the distinction of being the most complete and accessible Strongpoint in the entire Atlantikwall!

Thank you to Matthew Snapp, Geoffrey Zimmer, Alex Fearn, Seb Boudier, Amy-Rose Rodgers and Steven Poisen for their help during the past year at this site.

Although not much has happened to the unrestored southern facing 10.5cm coastal defence gun casemate "Kanone 1", the complete and restored north facing 10.5cm coastal defence gun



casemate "Kanone 2" celebrated 40 years of being in the Society's care and a special event was held to celebrate this. The event, which proved to be a great hit, saw the return of several members of the original bunker team who helped to excavate and renovate the casemate back in 1978. The original gun has had some major restoration work undertaken on it and now traverses, elevates and can also be dry fired, which is a particular favourite for visitors to get involved in. The casemate is currently undergoing a major rewiring to bring it back to its original condition, and special thanks to the electrician John Cottington, who joins us on our regular Friday bunker nights from 8pm until midnight. I would like to note as we ply him with plenty of hot tea he is happy to charge day rates for his nocturnal labours!

Thanks to the information given by the Late Herr Engelbert Hoppe, wartime commander of the M19 fortress mortar bunker, the bunker has seen some major upgrades of dioramas and displays depicting members of the actual crew who served in the bunker during the last year of the war and what they got up to, and we also welcomed the return of Helmut Writterbush, who is Engelbert's eldest son in law, and I understand that the whole family is planning to visit Jersey to see the bunker.

The Strongpoint's 6—loopholed heavy machine gun turret bunker has been extensively restored and this is no small achievement for the team involved due to the major structural damage caused during the post war scrap drive, when the 50 ton turret was removed with excessive amounts of explosives. The bunker is now basically fully restored except for the actual turret.

The Strongpoint's Personnel shelter was excavated on October 30th after several years of preparation. This was the Society's big project for 2018 and members from all the bunker teams came together to help in what proved to be quite a challenging dig. Thank you to Neil Walker for his help on the planning side of this project and also for coming along and digging!

Resistance Nest La Carriere

A forgotten site on the list of fortifications, Matthew Snapp spends time from his busy schedule at the other sites to care for these two bunkers and keep them presentable for the private tours which still access them throughout the year.

Resistance Nest La Mare Mill

David Letto and Patrick McCarthy have continued to carry on their sterling work of opening the heavy machine gun turret bunker, which for David has been for 33 years now. David's meticulous and entrancing description of the workings of the turret and its weapon are a draw for visitors in itself!

Batterie Moltke - Les Landes

Thank you to Tony Pike and his team for their work including some impressive improvements to audio visual displays thanks to Robert Hall. Recently planning approval was granted for 2 more entrances of the complex to be opened up to greatly aid ventilation, and today Grouville Forge were busy fitting one of the security gates in preparation to open the first entrance, and thank you again to Robert Hall for donating the security gates. Tony also hosted a night-time "Bunker Run" for a local trail-running group who followed a route around and into the fortifications at Les



Landes, which was very successful and generated positive publicity and some extra income for the Society.

New additions over the last year

Apart for the excavation of the personnel shelter at Strongpoint Corbiere, the Society has also taken 2 more sites under its wing. The 1st is Number 1 position of Batterie Moltke which will be left as found after an initial tidy up, and the second is a Type L411A bunker for housing a 60 cm searchlight which is located near to Batterie Moltke at Les Landes. This bunker will also be left as found.

Thank you's

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the members of the fortifications Sub Committee for spending both their time and effort on what they love and are passionate about. They are literally the public face of the Society with which the many hundreds of visitors we have each year have first contact with.

I would also like to say thank you to the larger membership who have helped in many diverse ways, from advice and supplying plant equipment to sourcing original items for the various fortifications in the Society's care. Also a thank you to fellow members of the Main Committee, particularly the President, Colin and the Treasurer, Wendy for their help and support in allowing me to run the Fortifications Sub Committee and allowing us to invade their home for meetings every few months along with supplying us with drinks and homemade cakes.

I would also like it recorded that I wish to thank the groups and individuals with which the Society shares a mutual interest, and with which we have cooperated with over the last year. These include; Jimmy Grey and Daniel Clark of "Unseen Jersey", Nick Single of "The Jersey Fortifications Study Group", Phil Marett of "Jersey War Tours", Marc Yates of "History Alive!" and Shane Boschat of "History Hunters" to name a few. Also a thank you to Billy Steel of Grouville forge who undertakes the Society's metalwork projects at all our sites.

And finally, if any members are interested in helping at any of the Society's sites, either doing restoration or opening up to the public, they are more than welcome to join, so please make contact with me if you are keen.

Thank you all for listening and if anyone has any questions I shall attempt to answer them!

Malcolm Amy