

Guernsey Deportees Association

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Message from the Chair

Dear Friends and fellow Deportees, Greetings as always from me and your “new” Committee. New, because as a consequence of the passing of Tom and the resignation of our treasurer Denis, who we thank for his many years of service, we have two new members: Karen Meager as Treasurer and Alison Gregory as Social Secretary.

Because of the tightening of the banking regulations for organisations Karen has been busy working with the bank to get our Association account re-registered with new signatories, however, we do not anticipate any changes at this time with our account number and sort code. As part of this process, it has been necessary to update the Association Rules which date back to the founding of the Association and incorporate them into a new Constitution which has been written by our Secretary, Alan. If you would like a copy of the Constitution, email me at the above address. We are also looking at registering the Association as a Guernsey charity which will put us on a better footing for receiving donations and will also make our finances more transparent.

Our Social Secretary Alison is working to make our 80th Year celebration extra special and would like to have any ideas that you might have for entertainment etc. via the above email address. Les Coutils has been booked for the event after our ceremony of Remembrance at the White Rock Plaque.

We recently received a visit from Dr Gilly Carr and received from her on your behalf a copy of her new book about the Deportation and camp life called “A Materiality of Internment” (published by Routledge). The book which Gilly started in 2006 gathers its facts from numerous documents, interviews and visits to sites of interest and is available for you to borrow. Once we have finished with it, Gilly has requested that we donate it to the Priaulx Library.

Looking forward to seeing you at our 80th year celebration

Love to you All

Jill Chubb - Chair – Guernsey Deportees Association

Other News

This Years Commemoration of the Deportation

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's Ceremony of Remembrance and the lunch at the Coutils. At lunch we were especially honoured with the presence of the Bailiff of Guernsey, Sir Richard McMahon, who was extremely interested in meeting

the deportees and listening to their recollections of deportation and camp life. His Excellency has agreed to represent the Deportees at October's events in Biberach and to read out a message of greetings from us.



Stolpersteine In Guernsey

The laying of the Stolpersteine's in Guernsey mentioned in our last Newsletter went ahead as planned on the 26th July. Fifteen stones were laid in Guernsey to commemorate 11 people who died and 4 who survived Nazi persecution. These were laid at various locations around the Island, accompanied with a remembrance, near their last freely chosen address. Some stones were laid by Gunter Demnig who travelled to Guernsey with his wife especially for the occasion.

Speeches were made giving details of their life at the gates of the Castel Hospital by Helen Glencross, Dr Gilly Carr and the Bailiff of Guernsey. Further information of those commemorated and other Channel Islanders deported can be found on the Frank Falla website:

www.frankfallaarchive.org



Helen Glencross speaking whilst Gunter lays a stone



The Finished stone with Rose

More information on the Stolpersteine project can be found on this link <https://www.stolpersteine.eu/en/home> To view, copy and paste this link into your browser.

Deportees Podcast

Ollie Guillou (who you may remember from BBC Radio Guernsey) paid us a visit to record a podcast of childhood memories of the deportation and life in the camps. Those who were interviewed were Jill, Ralph and Janet. Alan gave some historical

background to the events. The initiative came from Ollie who was keen to make the podcast with those with memories of the events and to hear the impression it made on their lives. We will let you know when the project is completed.

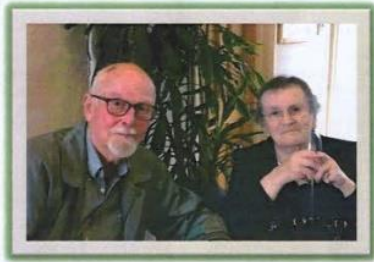
In Memory of Tom

The funeral Service for Tom took place at Capelles Methodist Church on Wednesday 17th July. We represented the Deportees Association and the Biberach Friends of Guernsey who were very sad to hear of Tom's death. Helga Reiser messaged:

“Since 1997 he was a reliable contact person in all matters concerning the Former Deportees. We mourn with you,

the loss of a dear friend who took our hand and accepted the invitation of our Lord Mayor Thomas Fettback. Without Tom, our bond of friendship would not be so strong today”

At the end of the service there was a formal salute and a bugler played the Last Post. All were then invited to refreshments at Les Cotils where we celebrated fond memories of a dear friend.



INVITATION

The family warmly invite you to join them after the service for light refreshments at Les Cotils

DONATIONS

Donations in lieu of floral tributes may be sent to
The Red Cross (Guernsey Branch)
c/o Red Cross House, Rohais, St. Peter Port, GY1 1YW

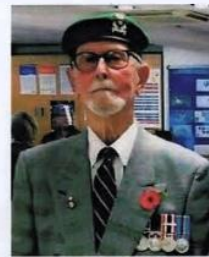


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*In Loving Memory
of
Thomas Arthur Remfrey
"Tom"*



*Beloved husband of the late Wendy (née Hollocks)
of Maison L'Aumone Residential Home, Castel, Guernsey*

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*who entered into rest on Wednesday 17th July 2024
in his 92nd year*

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*Funeral service at Les Capelles Methodist Church
on Monday 29th July 2024 at 10:30 a.m.*

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Conducted by Roger Browning (Local Preacher)

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Private interment