

# Guernsey Deportees Association

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### **Words from the Chair, Jill Chubb**

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. September this year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> year since the deportations began. In September 1942 the first orders for the “evacuation” of selected Channel Islanders were issued, and on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September the first boat of Deportees from Guernsey left for France. Dr Gilly Carr has indicated that she may make the trip to Dorsten to mark this occasion which was the first Internment Camp for many. The Committee have agreed it would be appropriate for Dr Carr to be our Official Representative and for her formally to represent the Association and its interests. Dr Carr is currently working on a book soon to be published called 'A Materiality of Internment'. This will be the academic book equivalent of 'Occupied Behind Barbed Wire' and will give greater insight into the transit camps like Dorsten and Compiegne so often overlooked by historians. More details later.

On a lighter note, we are planning to hold a get together for everyone at les Cotils for coffee and mince pies on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, starting at 10.15 in the Bar Area. This is the first occasion that we have been able to organise an event together, due to previous Covid restrictions, and it will be great to meet up again. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. I do need to know the approximate numbers attending so please email me (see above) or phone 728205 to let me know one way or the other.

As there was no subsidised lunch this year, the Committee have donated £100 to the Friends of Ukraine EOD charity. This charity works with others to make safe unexploded ordinance that pose a threat to civilians. More details can be found on this Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofUkraineEOD>

We have recently enjoyed the visits of the Biberach Choir and the Concert Sinfonieorchester des Musikvereins Biberach Orchestra, along with guests, organised by the Friends of Biberach and the Biberach Friends of Guernsey. Photos of these events follow. Attending the social events at the Grand Hall Royal Court House and les Cotils were familiar friends and some new faces and we were pleased to welcome for the first time Josepha Brugger who is Sabine Engelhardt's replacement. I am sure that she will be of great assistance and friend to the Deportees as was her predecessor. Pictures follow.

Alan our secretary has been busy scanning in lots of documentation that is currently held on paper by the Association to the computer for safe keeping and any future

reference. Once completed all the paper documentation will be placed in the Guernsey archives to be available to anyone requiring access. If you have any documentation regarding deportation that you would also like archived, then please contact me.

Finally, Tom our past Chairman has celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. To commemorate this, on your behalf, we have presented him with a card and basket of fruit. His many friends in Biberach also marked the occasion with a Carrot Cake and Card. As Tom remarked “there were always lots of carrots to be had in Biberach Camp”.

#### TOMS 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY



Tom with the Cake from all of his friends in Biberach



Fruit Basket and card from Guernsey Deportees

#### CELEBRATION HELD AT LE COTILS WITH FRIENDS FROM BIBERACH



Guernsey Deportees being welcomed by members of the Biberach friends of Guernsey.





Six Deportees were able to Attend the event.



Gifts were presented

Vin d' Honneur at the Grand Hall, Royal Court House to mark the Occasion of the visit of the Biberach Choir to Guernsey.

