



Multiple Sclerosis Society

Guernsey Branch

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Member,

Please accept this as notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

As they indicated at last year's AGM both Steve Le Page, the current Chairman, and Mike Good, our Treasurer, are both stepping down from the Committee this year. We have been fortunate enough to find two new people who are keen to fill these roles and join our committee. They are both going to be at our AGM so please come along and meet them. We are still actively searching for new people to join the Committee and help out; perhaps you could offer some of your time to get involved with just one particular event. Please contact me if you are



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interested in joining, or would like to know more about the committee.

The meeting will be held in the Reading Room at The Cotils, St Peter Port, where you will find plenty of parking. There is a side entrance, which brings you right into the building next to the Reading Room. The meeting is from 6pm with an approximate finish of around 7pm, followed by tea or coffee and biscuits for anyone who wants to stay. Please contact me if you have any queries and I look forward to welcoming you on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Best wishes

*Gill Ford*

Branch Secretary



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## **Agenda for the Annual General Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Les Cotils St Peter Port.**

- 1) Welcome to all members
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Minutes of 2016 AGM
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Treasurer's report
- 6) Chairman's report
- 7) Election of Chairperson
- 8) Brief introduction by the new Chairperson with an explanation of when she will be able to take over this role.
- 9) Election of Secretary and Treasurer



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10) Alex Jenner will talk about the NICE guidelines and how these are applied in Guernsey, with particular respect to Disease Modifying Therapy's (DMT).

11) Debbie Robilliard, MS Nurse will give a short talk about managing fatigue.

12) Questions

13) Teas, coffees and of course, biscuits.



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## Prospective Position – Chairperson Linda Fermont

Linda Fermont moved to Guernsey with her husband David, seven years ago. They have two married children and one granddaughter in the UK.

Linda worked as a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore, N W London, running a Prosthetic (Artificial Limb) Centre and a Specialised Wheelchair Centre.

Since retiring, she has resumed interests in gardening and singing as well as taking up jam making. She is also thoroughly enjoying life on Guernsey!

Linda is looking forward to working with the Guernsey Multiple Sclerosis Society and hopes to make a significant contribution.



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## Prospective Position Secretary Gill Ford

I moved to Guernsey in 1999 with my husband, David and our 3 sons. Robert, 22, works with computers and lives with his fiancée. Dan, 26, is a website developer who lives with his girlfriend and Alex, 25, who works for Whites Removals and lives with his fiancée. I was diagnosed with MS in 2003 but luckily, so far, I have been able to remain relatively active. I gained my degree in primary education and currently I support teaching in Castel School for mornings only, which suits me as MS chronic fatigue is something I battle with daily.

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Along with my husband, David, we are responsible for all the MS collection pots around the island and we spend many hours counting coins. I am keen to continue as secretary and work with the committee to improve communication with those affected with MS on Guernsey.

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I used to be a keen runner, taking part in many races when we lived in the UK, the London marathon being one of my proudest moments. My interest in running has been curtailed somewhat due to my MS, but I keep fit by walking my dog, Millie, and attending weekly yoga classes.

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## **Prospective Position – Committee member & Equipment Co-ordinator Alex Jenner**

Alex is a highly motivated senior accounting professional with substantial operational and management experience within the financial services sector and, until very recently, was the Events & Fundraising Co-ordinator for the Guernsey Cheshire Home.

She has proven senior executive abilities, with strong strategic, long term planning and decision making skills, and works effectively up to CFO level. She has held operational, banking and relationship management roles.

Alex was head of HR and corporate social responsibility whilst working for Aon, has been involved with numerous charities since the early 1990's and has been involved with the MS Society for approximately 7 years. Alex is currently the MS Society Guernsey Branch's Support Officer so is involved in any requests for support and equipment.

Alex is married to Alan and has two children, Jamie & Mia. She enjoys being with her family, walking the dogs, cooking and entertaining.



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## Prospective Position - Committee Member Jacqueline Vining

My name is Jacqueline Vining and I was born in Guernsey. I have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and one great grandson. I worked for Childrens Services for 20 years before taking retirement and then continued to work on a part-time basis as Deputy Manager of the Contact Centre, I then retired once again in 2016.

Once fully retired, I decided to take up some charity work and the most obvious for me was the M.S.Society. This was due to my brother having been diagnosed with M.S. when he was 23yrs old.

Paul (Dil) moved into the Cheshire Home when my Mother became unable to care for him due to her ill health. Moving into the Cheshire Home opened up many opportunities for him and he was well known for competing in local half /full marathons on a special adapted wheel/chair bike. His most proud moment was being chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in Guernsey. All of these things and many more gave him an immense pleasure and a feeling of self worth. Sadly, we lost Paul in 2015 but I will always be grateful for the opportunities offered to him by staff and residents at the Cheshire Home but also to the M.S. Society who offered my Mother help and support whilst caring for my brother.

It is for this reason that I joined M.S. in order to help offer my help and support to such a worthwhile cause.



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## Prospective Position – Treasurer Jeremy Home

My name is Jeremy Home and I am putting my name forward as Treasurer. I am originally from New Zealand and work as Group Accountant for Nerine Trust Company where I've worked for 14 years. I am married and have four daughters who keep us busy! Outside of work, I enjoy watching sport, cooking and spending time with the family. My wife has two relatives and a close friend who have MS and therefore I am looking forward to being involved in a charity that is close to our hearts.



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## Prospective Position – Committee Member Pauline Clarkson

All my life I have kept active with work, the family, hobbies and interests. When I retired from work I explored many avenues to fill this void. It was suggested I look at the Guernsey Volunteering website. I read with interest all the local charities requiring assistance, but finally, decided on the MS Society. I have been in the company of MS sufferers on many occasions, but I have also worked alongside one. We became a team. He has a strong character and with various aids was able to maintain his independence.

Discovering that the MS charity does fundraising to buy equipment to assist in any way possible, I joined the committee.



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