



Bailiwick of Guernsey

Guernsey Branch

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20th April 2018

Dear Member,

Please accept this as notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 30th May 2018, which also coincides with MS World Day. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

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



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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 at 6.30pm with an approximate finish of around 7.30pm. There will be tea and coffee on your arrival.

Please contact me if you have any queries and I look forward to welcoming you on the 30th May.

Best wishes

Gill Ford

Branch Secretary



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**Agenda for the Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm on
Wednesday 30th May 2018 at Les Cotils, St Peter Port.**

- 1) Welcome to all members
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Minutes of 2017 AGM
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Treasurer's report
- 6) Chair's report
- 7) Election of Chair
- 8) Election of Secretary and Treasurer



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9) Election of other committee members.

10) Debbie Robilliard, MS Nurse will give a short talk feeding back on a conference she attended in the UK and what is new in the world of MS.

11) Questions



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Prospective Position – Chairperson Linda Fermont

Linda Fermont moved to Guernsey with her husband David, eight years ago. They have two married children and two grandchildren 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 took on the Chairmanship of the Society shortly after the AGM last year. She says she has been on a very steep learning curve ever since!! Although there may not be a lot of obvious change so far, there are several issues being progressed which will be reported on as they develop. In the mean time she is happy to stand for re-election.



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Prospective Position – Secretary Gill Ford

I moved to Guernsey in 1999 with my husband, David and our 3 sons. Robert, 33, works with computers and lives with his fiancée. Dan, 27, is a website developer who is living in and working remotely from Thailand. Alex, 26, is away travelling Asia.

I was diagnosed with MS in 2003 but luckily, so far, I have been able to remain relatively active. I have just taken early retirement to give myself more time to pace myself, fatigue being one of my main symptoms.

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.

I try to keep fit by walking my dog, Millie, and attending weekly gym, pilates and yoga classes.



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Prospective Position – Treasurer Jeremy Home

My name is Jeremy Home and I have been Treasurer since May 2017 . I am originally from New Zealand and work as Group Accountant for Nerine Trust Company where I've worked for 15 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 enjoying being involved in a charity that is close to our hearts.



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Prospective Position - Committee Member Maggie Le Patourel-Sharp

I am a retired school teacher having taught English at St Sampson's and Les Beaucamps. I was diagnosed with MS in 2009 after having been misdiagnosed as having had a stroke in approximately 2004. Obviously a devastating diagnosis!

I try to keep myself as active as possible, attending the "Smart Move" exercise class at Beau Sejour. I am a member of U3A and play Canasta, Euchre and I am learning to play Chess.

After a brief spell on the committee previously, I now feel the time is right for me to rejoin.



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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 o ld.

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



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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.

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.



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

Prospective Position –Committee Member Peter Woodward

It is now over 50 years since I first became aware of MS and its debilitating effects on those who have this condition.

Some years ago I had the privilege to chair the MS Guernsey Committee but had to stand down due to a period of ill health. I am now recovered and would like to dedicate further time to the MS cause and hope my prior experience will be of value.

Prior to coming to Guernsey in 1997 I held a number of senior management posts with Silicon Valley “Hi Tech” companies both in the UK and in Europe.



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I am currently a director of a new start up company and am advising on their launch into several European jurisdictions.

I was the Convenor of the Employment and Discrimination Tribunal for some 12 years and still have the role of a Chairman in that body. I have given input to the States of Guernsey on potential disability legislation and the incoming legislation for an Equal Rights Organisation.

I hope this expertise will be of value, however I am also keen to provide practical support as a volunteer to the committee and assist in fund raising events.



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