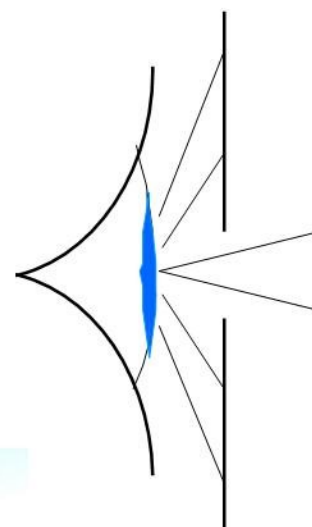


The Guernsey Blind Association

New Guernsey Blind Car



You may have seen the new Guernsey Blind Car with the clear signage written on the sides and back. It was chosen due to its large boot space and easily accessibility into the rear of the vehicle for Visually Impaired clients. Le Mont Saint Garage very kindly supported towards the purchase of the car.



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Presidents Introduction

Welcome to our 11th newsletter.

We are very pleased that HSBC Securities Services (Guernsey) Ltd have again agreed to sponsor us for another year. Their help and encouragement has been up to their usual high standard and we again thank them very much.

In the early part of 2010, we were sad to learn of the death of a gentleman that had been a friend of the GBA for many years as we had helped his visually impaired wife on many occasions. In August we were very surprised to learn that he had remembered us in his will. He was mindful of the fact that we had a lot of people to visit and so we donated his money towards the purchase of a car for Debbie to use on our behalf with carrying people and goods as she needs to as ever increasing demand is made on her time visiting people in their homes. We opted for a fiat punto and it fitted all our needs and we have put the GBA logo on the car, which looks really nice.

We approached the Donkey Derby differently in 2011 as we decided to focus on selling our raffle tickets for our open day which was held in September. Some fantastic prizes were donated by local businesses and the raffle was a great success. Thank you very much to all involved as this event is one of the busy ones during the year and puts us in the public eye along with the other charities and we do need to put on a good show. This we do with all the help we get, so thank you very much once again from all the trustees and myself.

Mrs Sandy Mauger President of the Guernsey Blind Association.

New Treasurers Report

I have taken over as treasurer from the start of January 2011 and I am sure that everyone would join me in saying a big thank you to Bernard for all his hard work over the years and that we are glad to still have him as a valued Trustee.

I work for Generali International, having come out of the banking sector where I worked for Natwest for four and a half wonderful years, which has given me all my experience that I have today.

Income from fund raising events has been comparable to previous years. We had a great success with our 2011 raffle which was held in conjunction with our open day. We received great help and support from the trustee's , volunteers and together with the continued assistance from HSBC Securities for which we are thankful for all their hard work and enthusiasm that goes into such events, so a big thank you to everyone for your continued support and commitment.

Miss Kayleigh Kelly Treasurer

On behalf of myself and the other Trustees we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Bernard Saunders who has served as Treasurer for many years. His expertise and knowledge has taken the GBA from strength to strength.

Sandy

GBA Summer Outing July

Our annual summer outing was once again held at The Farmhouse with music provided by Mr Dennis Leach on the keyboard, we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and a catch up with friends.

Afternoon at the Yacht Club

We spent a pleasant afternoon at the Guernsey Yacht Club with entertainment being provided by the Selkirk Scout Group. They were on the Island camping at Rue Maingy and offered to entertain our Thursday Afternoon Group. We enjoyed the bagpipes and a selection of Scottish tunes.



Selkirk Scouts and Leaders.

Dennis, Jim, and Alf



Donkey Derby 2011

The Donkey Derby was a great outlet to sell raffle tickets in preparation for our Open Day in September. The sun was shining and everyone enjoyed the fun of the afternoon.

Christmas Meal

The Annual Christmas Lunch held at Les Cotils saw a record number of people attend, over 85 people enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch. Afterwards St Andrews school children sang some Christmas songs to get us all into the festive spirit.

Open day 3rd September 2011

A steady stream of people attended our Open Day. Children enjoyed face painting, hook a duck, cake decorating, coconut shy, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes for sale and to decorate, and of course tea and coffee, and an outdoor BBQ. The Raffle took place at 3 o'clock with such wonderful prizes as a 42" wide screen Tv, a Kindle, a Blu Ray player and numerous items very kindly donated via various local establishments. HSBC Securities Guernsey Limited very kindly supported us, not only with great raffle prizes but with their valuable time on the day to which we are very grateful.



Kiri at the Tombola



Marian aiming at a coconut

Tonometer Presentation

Mrs Sue Whalley chose the GBA as her Charity of choice during her year as President of the Inner Wheel. All monies they raised throughout the year was put towards the purchase of a Tonometer. We are very grateful for the fantastic support they have given us, including a wonderful evening of music at St Andrews Church in the Summer.



A few words from the Advisor

I am now into my fourth year working at the Guernsey Blind, and how the time has passed quickly and so has my job title to Vision Support Advisor. This is due to the previous title being a bit long !

The Inner Wheel were very kind to have supported The Guernsey Blind Association during 2011 and all proceeds raised were put towards purchasing a Tonometer. This is a portable instrument used for measuring the pressure in the eye, and will be beneficial in providing an Island service where previously some had to endure an off Island appointment in the UK.

Our Thursday afternoon group had several visits to The Yacht Club for a 'Crowns and Tiaras' afternoon for the Royal Wedding in April and music provided by Selkirk Scout Band.

St Andrews Floral Committee have again spent time helping our clients plant the tubs outside the centre with bright and colourful plants, we appreciate their support and enthusiasm.

In the later part of the year we attended the Community Awards at St James, our President Sandy and Vivienne our Audio News Editor were nominated for an award. It was worthy recognition of their commitment of work that is carried out behind the scenes of a busy Charity.

My thanks to our Volunteer drivers and Thursday afternoon helpers who make fantastic cakes which we all enjoy.

Mrs Debbie Clarke, Vision Support Advisor

A word from the Secretary

Saturday 9th June 2012 is our annual flag day. This is our major fund raiser of the year and is usually very successful. A lot of preparation work is involved as all the outlets need to be booked and then volunteers need to be found to sell our flags. Luckily we do have the support of HSBC Securities Services (Guernsey) Limited and also staff from Spearpoint Limited who help out on the day, however new volunteers are always needed, so if anybody would like to offer their services, just for an hour, please call me at the office on 236933.

I have now been in post as secretary for 2 years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I have met many of our visually impaired clients, especially at the summer outing and Christmas lunch and I also talk to many of you on the phone and welcome you into the centre.

Mrs Paula Ettesse-Wilson

Secretary

When you donate used stamps, each and every one is examined to ensure that they are in perfect condition before being offered for sale to dealers in the UK, Europe and the U.S.A.

Commemorative stamps from any country are the one's which will fetch the highest price and are more sought after, although the regular common definitive when sorted into certain 'condition' fetch a fair price. Overseas dealers will order quantities if I can provide them with certain postmarks on specific area's of the stamp.

Technically there is nothing that I cannot sell on behalf of the G.B.A., so please continue to send your stamps and coins as nothing is wasted. We are also very grateful for any collections or accumulations, old paperwork, covers, postcards, cigarette cards, virtually anything printed on paper.

Mr Ian Wood

Future Events for 2012

- June 9th Flag day
- July 5th Summer Outing The Farmhouse
- August Donkey Derby
- September 21st 'Sausage event' St James
- October 12th Race Night
- December 8th Christmas Lunch at La Grande Mare

If you wish to attend any of our events, or to find out more information please feel free to contact Debbie or Paula at the GBA on 236933. The Office is open between 9am and 12md, afternoon appointments available by request.

Where to find us: The Guernsey Blind Association, Le Four Cabot Centre, St Andrews, GY6 8XE. Coming from St Andrews Church, go up the hill at the filter towards Le Four Cabot, take your first right which is at the brow of the hill. The Centre will be on your right.

