

# The Guernsey Blind Association

## Bangers and Bash!

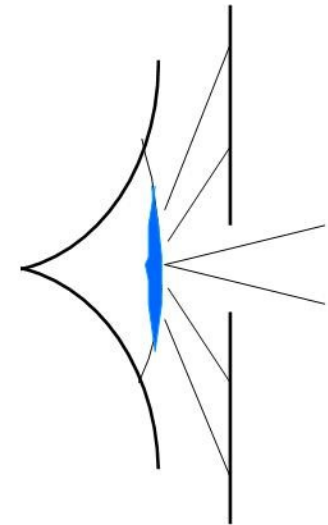
21st September 2012

St James was buzzing with a room full of people looking forward to an evening full of fun and good food. Five local butchers produced a sausage for us to taste and judge, our taste buds were tickled with the different flavours and choosing a winner was a difficult task.

We were then fed with delicious lasagne and crusty bread while GU10 kept us entertained with their Sea Shanties.

This was swiftly followed with a superb raffle with many generous prizes and dancing with music provided by The Elastic Band.

£5,715.24 was the amount raised by the group of business men and their wives who chose The Guernsey Blind as their Charity of the year, our Sincere thanks go to them all.



12th Edition  
2012

### Special points of interest

- Bangers and Bash
- Jubilee and Olympic celebrations
- Donkey Derby
- Seafront Sunday
- Christmas at the centre

**'Not about disability, but ability'**

## Presidents Introduction

We have tried to help as many people as we can over the past twelve months, both financially and with strong support for home comforts. Most of this would not be possible if we had not the help from our many volunteers, both as drivers and supporters of the GBA.

The audio news team led by Vivian Webber-Editor and Dave Eaton-Audio Technician, provide a service which covers a wide audience and is the envy of our sister Island Jersey, providing a weekly cassette of the Islands news keeping our VI clients up to date with local news.

Our service covers all age groups from pre-school children to the elderly and we, as well as many other charities, are drawing upon our resources to cope in the present financial climate. This year's referrals for younger children has seen a significant increase and we aim to meet all their requirements for the coming years.

Mrs Sandra Mauger    President

## Treasurers Report

We are fortunate to be in a stable situation with economic events being less favourable. Legacies and Bequests have increased over the years due to the many people who have been touched personally by Visual impairment. Although we are in a strong position we must continue to meet the future demands in assisting the blind and the visual impaired within the Bailiwick. I am confident we will be able to do so with the continued support of the public that we generously receive and to continue with our fund raising and the on going promotion of The Guernsey Blind Association.

Miss Kayleigh Kelly    Treasurer

## In Memory

Our thanks go out for all donations made in memory of family and friends during 2012.

Mr Eric Wallis

Mr Harry Ounsworth

Mr Marcel Flouquet

Mr David Martel

Mrs Rose Le Prevost

Mrs Joan Sheppard

Mr Leonard Dunning

Lady D Wicks

Mrs Joan Child

Mrs Gladys Gaudion

Mrs Janet Bowles

## A few words from the Advisor

My role as Vision Support Advisor has progressed and evolved over the last few years and as I gather more information I can then pass this onto my clients. Home visits have increased by 10-15% per month and I believe this is due to our working more closely with other specialists and our increased profile in the community.

Visitors to the resource centre have included Scouts, Brownies and W.I. groups, all keen to see what we can offer those who have a visual impairment.



### Shelley Fairplay

The Healing Music Trust come over from the UK and play a variety of instruments approx every 6-8 weeks. Here is Shelley Fairplay with her harp, playing for our Thursday afternoon group. These musician are always thoroughly enjoyed by our group of ladies and gentlemen, with singing, laughter and always a good time had by all.

# 2012 Events

## Thursday Afternoon Celebrations I

In June we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the Guernsey Yacht Club. We watched a DVD with footage from the coronation. Sandra very kindly made a special Union Jack cake which was delicious! In August everyone was gripped by the Olympics and it being hosted in London made it even more special. Sandra Once again rose to the challenge and baked another cake— definitely a gold medal!



## Donkey Derby

We had lots of fun with the donkey derby tombola, cookie decorating and making donkey masks. We had a steady stream of people throughout the afternoon and whilst the kids had fun the adults tried the equipment.



### Summer Outing.

July 5th saw us meet for our annual Summer Outing at the Farmhouse with a great turn out from drivers, trustees and visually impaired clients. A superb afternoon tea was served with tasty sandwiches and a variety of delicious cream cakes followed by scones, jam and cream washed down with a good cup of tea. The afternoon is always a great opportunity for good friends to have a catch up in a lovely, relaxed environment.

### Seafront Sunday-Animal Aid

On Sunday 21st September we had a stall along the seafront with some visual aids including magnifiers accompanying children's entertainment such as decorating biscuits and colouring in pictures of animals. It was a great afternoon, I have never seen so many dogs in one place before!



### Christmas Meal

Our annual Christmas meal was held this year for the first time at Le Grande Mare. Service was impeccable and the food was delicious with lots of it. We chose a different venue which had easy access and we were all impressed with the standard of high care we received. A record number of people attended last December with 89 being catered for, we shall be booking again for this year.



### Christmas at the Centre

Here are Sandy and Ruth, enjoying decorating some Christmas cakes made during our Thursday afternoon gatherings at the centre.

## Future Events for 2013

- **Flag Day– June 1st 2013**
- **Summer Outing– June 27th 2013**
- **Donkey Derby– August**
- **AGM– October**
- **Christmas Meal– December 14th 2013 La Grande Mare**

**If you wish to attend any of our events please contact Debbie or Paula on tel 236933. The Office is open Monday - Friday 9.00- 12.15. Out of office hours appointments made by prior request. Drop in for a chat if you are concerned about your vision and see what help we may be able to offer you.**

**Where to find us: The Guernsey Blind Association, Le Four Cabot Centre, St Andrews, GY6 8XE.**

