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Editorials

Greetings and a belated Happy New Year!

That was an interesting ending to 2019, was it not? We had General Elections in the UK and Gibraltar; here the Coalition party led by Fabian Picardo was returned for another term, as was Boris Johnson for the Conservatives in the UK. Brexit will lead to significant changes, and we seem to be heading for 'interesting' times. Here in Gibraltar, as you all know, over 95% voted to remain – but then Gibraltar was never in the Tariff Zone or Schengen, but heavily dependent on the political mood of our neighbours! It is likely that Heritage will increase in importance in attracting longer-stay tourism to the Rock, and your encouragement and support is highly valued. We see a renewed recognition of our history and identity, which is important for the future.

The good news is that Gibraltar's economy continues to thrive, and the proof is in the amount of building and business activity. Education and the building of new schools has been one of the main priorities, with the old sites being sold for further financial-based projects and the construction of 'affordable' housing, and luxury ones too!

It was good to meet Friends on their last visit to The Rock at the wonderful lunch organised by Jean Penney and assisted by Elizabeth (et moi, I must add!)...

This will probably be our last editorial. At long last, and at the ripe age of 65, we became grandparents for the first time... so new roles and responsibilities (!) are 'kicking in' in 6 months' time, which will have to be juggled with Elizabeth's dog judging appointments abroad.

We wish you all a happy and successful new decade.

Brian & Liz Gonzalez

The past year has been one of steady activity within the Society, with a full calendar of events, the successful visit to Gibraltar and annual seminar. Changes in the political scene in Gibraltar mean that our Chairman and Board wish to review the support that the Society provides to heritage on the Rock, and I anticipate that the membership will hear more of this over the forthcoming year. It is important to ensure that the funds that we can contribute are used effectively to meet the aims of FoGHS.

This issue of Rock Talk follows the now usual format, and includes a full range of articles as well as summaries of the excellent seminar presentations. I would encourage you to attend the Seminar this coming year if you do not regularly attend, as the standard is very high and it is an excellent opportunity to meet the membership and to express your views on the Society's activities. Special thanks are due to those who arranged another successful and enjoyable visit to Gibraltar, the seminar, and the events held in London.

The web site continues to be a challenge, but the Executive Committee has plans in place to address some of the issues and to keep it updated. It is hoped that the more formal electronic newsletters are proving useful and interesting; they are issued as the opportunity arises or activities need to be advertised.

The need for volunteers continues to be high, especially as we are looking for help in organising events, the post of Secretary, and other society positions that are advertised.

As ever, I hope that you enjoy this issue, and that all is well with you and your families.

Vincent Mifsud

Chairman's Letter

When I wrote last year's foreword, I said that I thought the Brexit debate was approaching its climax. A year later and we're still not quite there. The final outcome could, of course, have a profound impact upon Gibraltar and we, as Friends, will be watching events closely. But I'm pleased to say that none of the political shenanigans has blown the FOGHS off course and 2019 has been another successful year for the Society.

Our most important project of recent times, Witham's Cemetery, has been a significant success and our various smaller projects have all been well received. But, now that the Gibraltar Heritage Trust has become established and better resourced through new legislation, we need to think about more inventive ways of how our Society might contribute. We need to explore the boundaries of our charitable objects and, for example, dig deeper into areas such as education and training. It may be that we have to re-examine our Articles of Association to ensure that our aims are aligned to the needs of the new decade.

We will achieve this through a refreshed strategy for the Society - a key objective for the coming year that will take a new look at our aims and objectives, our governance and finance, our communications and how we promote ourselves, our membership (and how we might increase it), and how we, as a small charitable society, can make the biggest difference.

News of the year's proceedings has been reported in our regular newsletter, which has been transformed through the efforts of its editor, Hayley Garner. And, of course, much of our annual news is contained in this edition of Rock Talk. I regret to report, however, that this is the last edition to be edited by the current team of Vincent Mifsud, Brian and Elizabeth Gonzalez. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Friends to thank them for their heroic efforts over the years in producing a really first-rate journal. But their standing down means that we need committed successors if we think that Rock Talk is worth the considerable effort needed to put it together. As indicated above, I intend to take this forward as part of our strategic review in 2020.

We have lost some great Friends over the course of this last year, not least Tim Lawson-Cruttenden, who was a stalwart of the FOGHS Board and Executive Committee. He and all the other Friends who have crossed the bar in 2019 will be much missed.

Once again, I take the opportunity to thank all of our hardworking Board and Committee members, without whose efforts this Society would not function. I would single out Tricia Johnson who will stand down as Secretary during the coming year. I shall express our full gratitude at a later time, but it does mean that we have another vacancy to fill on the main Board and Executive Committee. The recruiting drive is on and volunteers are required before the Press Gang is called out!

So let me finish by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and all success to the Friends in 2020!

Adrian Johns



Diary of Society Events for 2020

The diary of events is circulated by electronic and physical mail, and is maintained on the Society's web site. This year's programme will be based on the successful format developed over the past few years, and will be updated in due course. Key events are already pencilled in for the membership.

A newsletter is also now circulated electronically, and will include short articles on items of interest, as well as updates on Society events and contributions to heritage in Gibraltar.

The next Friends event in London is on 27th April or 4th May (to be confirmed), from 18:15 to 20:15 at Gibraltar House, 150 Strand London WC2R 1JA.

It will take the now familiar form of a talk accompanied by a glass of wine and an opportunity to chat.

It is intended that the subject will cover the importance of heritage to tourism in Gibraltar, especially in the light of changes in the type of tourism and a desire to encourage longer-stay visits.

There will be a small charge to cover costs for this and other such events. Details of this charge and payment options will be included in the relevant advertisement for the particular event.

Upcoming Events for your diary:

Summer Drinks or event

The Executive Committee is looking at alternatives for this event, as diary conflicts make this event challenging. Alternatives are being considered, including a later visit to a location of heritage interest in the UK. Suggestions and ideas would be welcome.

Friends Annual Visit to Gibraltar – early June 2020

Planning for the visit is progressing. Visits should include some or all of – Gibraltar Heritage Trust offices, visit to the University, Queens Birthday Parade at Casemates. Additional suggestions are welcome at this stage. The date has not been confirmed at time of going to print, and will follow in an e-mail to members as soon as possible.

All Friends make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation; it is recommended that this is carried out as soon as possible with your airline provider when the dates are published in order to get the best rates. Most of the group still continue to prefer to stay at the colonial style Rock Hotel, which has been largely refurbished. Other choices include The Sunborn Gibraltar floating hotel at Marina Bay, The O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel (centrally located), the Bristol (a 3 star hotel in the town centre), or The Caleta Hotel located at Catalan Bay. You may wish to check out MyGibraltar.co.uk for rates and bookings.

2020 Seminar, AGM and Dinner

Dates for your diaries – planning guideline for the 2020 Seminar and Dinner is for 24th October, at the Oxfordshire Golf Hotel. Accounts will be available at the AGM.

Christmas Party

Probably in late November; details to be confirmed in the near future.

Other Events – will be notified to the membership through the electronic newsletter, and posted copies to those not on e-mail.

Deceased

The Society notes with regret the death of the following Friends:

Mr	Colin	Sankey	
Mrs	Mary	Ingoldby	
Mr	Charles	Brock	
	Eileen	Blake Hawthorn	
Mr	Tim	Lawson-Cruttenden	TD
Mr	Roy	Cruttenden	
Mr	Daniel	Sheehan	

Our condolences are extended to their families and friends on their sad loss.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution made by Tim Lawson Cruttenden TD in his role as Events Director and Board Member of the Friends, and for his enthusiasm and help in so many ways over the years. A memorial service was held at King's Chapel in Gibraltar during the annual visit.

Reports of Events

A FEW DAYS IN JUNE (ANNUAL VISIT JUNE 2019)

by Peter Hucker and Jennifer Scherr

Or: how to fully appreciate what the Friends of Gibraltar get up to...in their spare time.



The Friends' annual visit to Gibraltar is a fairly intense experience, but one which many members come back for year after year. It's not exactly addictive: there are many reasons for this loyalty but the fact is that we all have a very good time.

The experience can be part cruise stop and part Outward Bound course (we cram a lot into a five day programme) but it is principally about keeping our personal and collective understanding of Gibraltar and its heritage up to date. It also gives

us the perfect opportunity to remind Gibraltar of the work the Society does. Some members extend their visit into the weekends but the formal programme is traditionally timed to coincide with the Queen's Birthday Parade, which is held in Casemates each year.

This year some 30 Friends met on Monday 10th June in The Main Guard in John Macintosh Square where we were welcomed to the Rock by Ian Balestrino and Claire Montado of the Gibraltar Heritage Trust. The new Gibraltar Heritage Act has given the Trust a real sense of purpose and authority and we are very pleased that we continue to build our relationship with them under our mutual co-operation memorandum of understanding. Our visit relies on the support of the Trust and we are most grateful to Ian and Claire for allowing us to use their facilities while we are there.

The programme for this year's visit was devised to reflect the ever increasing emphasis we give to education as the focus for our efforts to preserve the most important aspects of Gibraltar's heritage. While we must look after the physical evidence of the Rock's history, the importance of Gibraltarian culture and the history behind its development are equally important; both for us as visitors, and to Gibraltarians themselves.



We therefore use the annual visit to formally present three educational awards, one to each of the Secondary schools, Westside and Bayside, and one to a student from Gibraltar University. All three are focused on history and heritage.

So, on the Tuesday afternoon we went to the University at Europa Point where we were met by the Director of Research and Partnerships, Dr Darren Fa, and

were treated to a presentation by the winner of this year's £1,000 Bursary prize, Natalie Wilson, who is a first year PhD Student. Her research topic project title is 'New Perspectives on the Mammalian Zooarchaeology of Gibraltar: from the age of Neanderthals to the Phoenicians'. At the time of the visit Natalie was doing research in the UK and so did the presentation by video link, a potentially daunting experience for us all, but one she carried off brilliantly. Her research left us all feeling there is more depth to the history in Gibraltar than any of us had ever imagined!

The visits to Westside on Wednesday and Bayside on Friday were equally rewarding. Michelle Barabich, Head teacher at Westside, always gives us an excellent demonstration of the girls' skills in dance and theatre, re-enacting aspects of history and their impact on family life. This theme was

carried over into the project work done by the students and resulted in the £250 award being presented to its winners while we chatted with the girls.

At Bayside on Friday, the Head, Michael Tavares, invited us to participate in the end of term assembly where we explained the aims of the Friends to the boys and presented the £250 prize to the winning students. In 2020 we hope to do these presentations in the new school buildings and were interested to see a short video produced by Bayside to commemorate their old school.

Of course, it is not just the education of the students in Gibraltar that is important to us. We also need to educate people from the UK, specifically in this context, ourselves. We were therefore lucky that our visit coincided with an exhibition by the Gibraltar National Archives in John Mackintosh Hall, 'Beyond the Border'. This commemorated Franco's closure of the frontier with Spain in 1969 which split families, scarred generations (on both sides of the border) and lasted for 16 years

The Archivist Anthony Pitaluga gave us a guided tour on our first day. We were shown several rooms of displays, of press cuttings and photographs from local, Spanish, and international newspapers, on the build up to the closure and then the experience of living through it. Spanish workers were replaced by locals who often had to fill more than one job; workers and fresh food from Morocco took over from men and produce from the Campo.



The display was backed up by a series of filmed interviews with Gibraltarians remembering the family tragedies – being unable to visit sick relatives or to go to funerals in La Linea and beyond – and the same being true in reverse. Franco's border closure also had a lasting effect on the Spanish side, with thousands out of work and communities struggling to survive.

People recognised, with hindsight, the way the Gibraltarian identity and

character was forged and strengthened by these years of self-sufficiency and struggle.

A symbol of hope was provided at the entrance of the exhibition by the original Spanish gates of the time. These were rescued by a journalist in La Linea who has donated them to Gibraltar.

Thursday morning gave us the chance to look even further back into history. Tito Vallejo Smith took us from La Linea and arranged for Carlos Jordan of the San Roque Tourist Office to accompany us. They guided us through the extensive site of Carteia, half an hour's drive from Gibraltar - very near the oil refinery (which didn't spoil the visit!).



The city was founded by descendants of the Phoenician colony of Carthage in North Africa around the 4th century BC. The site was chosen close to the mouth of the river Guadarranque, offering control of the Strait and shelter in the Bay. Later, Rome defeated Carthage in the Punic Wars and the Romans greatly enlarged the city. Famously the people of Carteia petitioned Rome for recognition as citizens. This was granted in 171 BC and thus the city became the first Latin colony outside Italy. We saw Punic and

Roman walls, the Roman forum, streets, temple and bath, Visigoth tombs, a 16th century watch tower by the sea – and, nearby, a World War 2 bunker, confirming Carteia's continued strategic siting well into the 20th Century.



Later we visited the church of San Roque and the municipal museum which contain many archives, statues and other artefacts removed from Gibraltar in 1704 by the fleeing Spanish population. This visit was a must for anyone wanting to understand the deep division between Spain and Gibraltar and the tension that still exists today.

We finished our day out with a very enjoyable tapas lunch at Don Benito's.



Which brings us neatly to the more social side of the visit. There was plenty of it, but we should not underestimate its importance in making sure we are fully aware of what is happening in both the political and environmental spheres.

A key tradition of the visit is a lunch at the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club. When asked why this was important, old hands might simply say it was such a good idea at the time that it has stuck. However, in an attempt to modernise (slightly) this year, we

switched the event to the first day, rather than making it the finale. This gave us an ideal opportunity to meet and mingle on our first afternoon and to introduce new visitors to the party.

Then, as if we hadn't had enough, we were invited to the Rock Hotel by its General Manager, Charles Danino, for drinks at the pool side that evening. A few of the local celebrities had been invited as well, and so we were able to extend our mingling into the local community.

Of course Gibraltar's military and Naval history is key to its heritage, so our visit traditionally includes time with British Forces Gibraltar. This year was no exception: Commander British Forces (CBF), Commodore Tim Henry, joined us from the outset and invited us to join him and his staff for a briefing and reception at The Tower in HM Naval Base on Wednesday afternoon. The briefing described the role and capability of the MOD presence in Gibraltar and left us in no doubt that the defence of the Rock is in good hands. Furthermore, the reception afterwards confirmed that the Friends were welcome there and our role equally understood.

We saw the importance of Defence links in further detail on Thursday evening at the Queen's Birthday Parade, where HE The Governor, representing the ceremonial embodiment of Her Majesty the Queen, inspected the guard turned out by the Royal Gibraltar Regiment. As usual, the drill was immaculate and the music inspiring, despite the Regiment's heavy commitments and shortage of personnel on the Rock.

We had already been able to continue our close association with King's Chapel where the Command



Chaplain, Reverend Danny Hernandez, held a service in remembrance of our late friend and Trustee of the Society Tim Lawson-Cruttenden. We were pleased to be able to enjoy an excellent buffet lunch afterwards thanks to Jean Penney and her team and to leave them a small donation which is being used to provide books for dyslexic children in Gib.

We were also delighted to join Ian Balestrino for a tour of

Alameda gardens; not to admire the flora but to hear about the wide collection of guns held on the site. Fascinating to learn a bit about artillery pieces and how guns and mortars differ and the way they were made and used to defend the rock over the last 300 years or so.

Then there is the relationship with the civil authorities. For instance Police Commissioner, Ian McGrail took us into his Headquarters at New Mole House, a building with hundreds of years of history, for a briefing on the role of the Royal Gibraltar Police Force, a subject that we were able to follow up with the talk by the Assistant Commissioner, Richard Ullger, at our Seminar in October and which is also featured in this edition of Rock Talk.



We were treated to a further insight into the workings of the civil power when we were invited to visit City Hall by the Mayor, John Gonçalves MBE, on our second day. The building itself has an interesting heritage having been built between 1813 and 1815 by a local merchant and becoming a hotel in 1833. The hotel closed in 1875 when the building was restored and became a private home once more. It wasn't until 1923 that it became the seat of the City Council and where the first meeting was held in September 1924.

Finally we should mention the work that the GHT is doing to restore, improve and promote Witham's

Cemetery. This long running project is making excellent progress and the Friends have donated

£10,000 over the last two years to help with the costs. On the Wednesday we were given a tour by Dr Keith Farrell who explained the work that is being done and gave us a thorough insight into the history of the site and of some of the people buried there.



At the end of the week we were invited for coffee with His Excellency the Governor at the Convent. This was a chance to consolidate some of the friendships and contact we had made during the week. We were also able to take a look at the Frescoes we had previously helped to restore and to examine the murals in the cloister that we hope will form a new project in consultation with the FCO and the GHT.



A review of the week was then held on board the Sunborn floating hotel in Ocean Village arranged by our local organiser, Deborah Huxley. Twenty six of us attended and celebrated the success of the week over an excellent lunch, with some rather nice wine.

We promised to return to the Rock for another round in 2020 (and we hope to find the four people we lost before then!).

London Talks

Dom Searle (4th February 2019) - BREXIT: as it will affect Gibraltar

Ty Duarte (4th March 2019) – What do Spain want with the Rock

Roy and Lesley Adkins (1st April 2019) – Book Launch (Greatest Siege)

Dominique Searle, Head of Mission at Gibraltar House, delivered a very interesting update on Brexit and its potential impact on Gibraltar, its economy, and the relationship with Spain. This well-attended talk indicated the interest that members have in this topic, and provided much food for thought. The importance of support from the Society to ensure the continued focus on heritage in turbulent times became apparent, and we were asked to continue to play our part. We were delighted to see Sir Bob Neill MP, Chairman of the All party parliamentary group, attending the meeting, and a lively discussion was an important part of the evening.



Ty Duarte, Deputy Head of Mission at Gibraltar House, spoke about Spain's interest in the Rock. As a naval power with territorial interests stretching from the Balearics to the Canaries, Spain has seen, and continues to see, a natural relevance in the potential control of the Strait of Gibraltar and connecting waters. Ty examined this strategic key to the Mediterranean and to Africa from a different angle to that to which we are usually exposed. The talk generated much discussion and was very well received.

Ty Duarte with the late Tim Lawson Cruttenden in the foreground.

The third event was a very entertaining and well orchestrated presentation on the research and content of the book "Gibraltar – The greatest siege in British history", presented by the authors Roy and Lesley Adkins. The book describes a tale of human drama – courage, endurance, intrigue, desperation, greed and humanity. The book is highly recommended and is available at bookshops.

Our thanks go to the staff of Gibraltar House for their continued assistance in running these events, and to the representative of the Gibraltar Government in London, Dominique Searle, for facilitating the use of the rooms.

A very enjoyable Summer Party was also held in Gibraltar House in 20 June. Unfortunately, due to clashes in the diary and challenges in publicising the event, it was not as well attended as in previous years, so the Executive Committee is looking at options for 2020.

Annual Seminar and Dinner – Oxford

26th October 2019

by Tricia Johnson

The AGM and Seminar held on 26th October 2019 took place, as last year, at the Oxfordshire Golf Hotel, Thame. The Hotel offered a buffet lunch for guests attending the event, a new addition to



the day. This proved to be very well accepted as the choice and supply was excellent and will, hopefully, be provided next year and an improvement on having to queue and wait for service in the bar. The hotel was again found to be a very good venue providing comfortable accommodation in all areas, good food with the support of very helpful staff.

Sir Adrian Johns welcomed everyone, including our President Baroness Hooper and the speakers

to the AGM and Seminar. The afternoon began with the AGM when short reports were provided on the finances, membership, events and projects. The minutes from the AGM are available at the end of this edition of Rock Talk and on the website.



Assistant Commissioner of the Gibraltar Police, Richard Ullger gave a presentation about the role of the police in Gibraltar, entitled 'A Snap-Shot of the Royal Gibraltar Police'. During the presentation the sections within the police force were highlighted, along with the challenges of the 21st Century.

Claire Montado the CEO of the Gibraltar Heritage Society (GHT) and Ian Balestrino the Chair of GHT spoke about the work and achievements of the GHT over the last year including projects that had been supported by the 'Friends' such as Witham's Cemetery. Ian Balestrino focused on proposals

being submitted by different 'parties' for 2020. GHT work within the remit of the Heritage and Antiquities Act to ensure, when appropriate, that historic buildings are retained and maintained. A full report is included later in this issue.

Following a short tea break Jennifer Scherr and Paul Blake gave the audience a 'double act'!! Jennifer has many links to Gibraltar, these links and interests in the history of Gibraltar led her, ably assisted by Paul to research the life and role of Sir William Jumper. The 'double act' provided much interest, interspersed with humour. Again, a full article from Jennifer and Paul is included in later pages.

Prior to the departure of members and guests, a raffle was held which was very efficiently organised and run by Denise Lord. Throughout the raffle there was much laughter and pleasure for everyone especially those who were lucky enough to win prizes.



Sir Adrian Johns thanked the presenters for travelling from Gibraltar and within the UK to Thame and for providing such different, very interesting and informative presentations.

He wished those who were not staying for the dinner, safe journeys home. Members who were attending the dinner, either returned to their rooms for a short time or congregated in the bar.

The dinner was very enjoyable and rounded off a successful afternoon and evening.

Avoiding a nasty mobile phone bill *by John Tanzer*

Thanks to the EU forcing compliance, our European mobile networks allow us to use our phones for calls and data within the EU effectively as though we were at home. Also, again thanks to the EU, there is an automatic €50 cap on how much additional we can be charged in a month for going out of area or allowance.

However, for most of us €50 is still "ouch". Here are some quick tips on how to prevent any pain at all. Especially as Gibraltar is one of those places where it is actually quite easy to "stray" outside the EU area. Morocco is only a stone's throw away. Monaco is another example amongst many borders. Further, airlines and ships are progressively providing networks, and the charges can be frighteningly expensive. I have been charged on a ferry whilst just off the coast of France; as the shipborne network was the stronger, so the phone automatically connected to that.

1. Call your network provider and set your **cap** to £/€0. Easiest step to error proof yourself. If you suddenly find you need to call the US, or wherever, you can move the cap upwards.
2. In the EU area you can now safely leave the **mobile data** setting of your phone to on.
3. Likewise, the **roaming** setting.
4. However, in Gibraltar, change your **network selection** from automatic to Gibtel, or such as Movistar. You will be given the available network options when you change the setting. Change it back once you are not near a border. That way you maintain connectivity even if an out of area signal is stronger.
5. Remember to use **flight mode** when on a plane or ship. You can still turn on such as Bluetooth if needed.

If you want to know more about this subject, I suggest the following recent article in The Guardian:

https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/jan/12/mobile-phone-air-sea-charges-satellite-roaming?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Outlook

If you are using a UK network, and travel a lot outside the EU, I can recommend Three as providing the largest number of included destinations. They also allow tethering on their advanced plans.

<http://www.three.co.uk/store/compare-phone-plans>

Final tip, if you travel a lot in countries not included by such as Three, then consider buying a dual SIM phone next time you get a new handset. Then buy a local pay as you go SIM at your destination. As an example, an Omani SIM cost me under £10 for the week I was there. Much cheaper than an add-on.

FOGHS Christmas Party 2019 – The Lansdowne Club 27th November

by Tricia Johnson

The FOGHS Christmas Party was held on 27th November at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. The event had initially been booked by Tim Lawson Cruttenden, who very sadly died in April 2019 in Gibraltar. He is very much missed. The party was subsequently sponsored by another member of FOGHS, who is also a member of the Lansdowne Club.

The party was a most enjoyable way to commence the Christmas season although the group attending was slightly smaller than usual. It was very pleasing that Baroness Gloria Hooper, our President, and Sir Adrian Johns, our Chairman, were able to attend.

On arrival we were all welcomed by the staff with drinks of red or white wine, or, soft drinks and members of the Board who had arrived early. Very tasty hot and cold canapes were served and much appreciated. It was very pleasing to greet new members and to meet with old acquaintances. Conversations were in full flow throughout the evening.

Sir Adrian thanked everyone for attending and wished the group a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

I do hope that you had a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and enjoyed all your celebrations. Our numbers have slightly reduced to 484. If you know of any anyone interested in joining please let me know. We need about 15 new members a year to match the outflow.

Paul Blake was the winner of our Christmas Quiz competition in the Newsletter. I appreciate that the posted copies may have been a little late, but we waited for any late replies until after Christmas before telling the winner. For those who wondered about what the photos were of – all will be revealed in the summer! It's an interesting story.



We offer the following in our Spring Sales!

- Membership for £15 until Apr 21 as a gift for a relative or friend. I will write them a welcoming e mail saying that it is from you. I will make sure they get a copy of this Year's Rock Talk.
- Free Package and Postage for a Friends' Tie for yourself or a relative/friend if ordered by end Mar 20. Only £20.

I would like to remind you of ongoing benefits and offers:

- A wide-ranging set of events during the year. (Ideas always welcome). A chance to hear interesting presentations and meet friends with Gibraltar in common.
- Free membership for those over 80. (Please be sure to let me know – some have not so far!). Having informed me please [cancel](#) your Standing Order. I cannot do this.
 - 5 for the price of 4 Family Membership (4x£15). To be paid by Standing Order.
- For those with an appropriate award, a supported application for Membership of the Gibraltar OBE Association.
- A special discount from the Gibraltar Heritage Trust. They have generously allowed a 30% discount off of all their Membership Fees for Members of the Friends. Should you wish to take advantage of this offer which will be available through an on-line purchase, by cheque or in person at the Trust, then please contact me for a discount code to use,
- and, of course, your excellent magazine – Rock Talk! Enjoy this copy.

Timeliness of Subscriptions

Chasing late payment from those who do not pay by Standing Order consumes time which could be better spent, for example, on recruiting.

May I remind you please that Membership Subscriptions are due in April each year and those who do not pay by a regular Standing Order will be asked to pay £17.50. **HOWEVER, if payment is made by end May 20 then a discount of £2.50 will be applied.** Payment can be posted or by electronic transfer.

Updated Information

Please don't forget to contact me if your Gift Aid situation has changed and you no longer qualify or have moved. The next claim will be in May 20 for the period Apr 19 to Mar 20. Last year our claim raised a most useful £1,295.

Also, could I ask if you would let me know if you hear of Members who have not heard from us recently. Members change their e-mail and home addresses and we are not always informed. Sometimes e-mails and letters are returned to us but not in all cases.

Lost Contact

A few Members have taken advantage of me forwarding e-mails to those they wish to contact.

Feedback

We are always grateful for feedback on any issue affecting our Society. We would be interested in knowing what you think of the Newsletter. If you send any comments to me as your Membership Secretary, then I can assure you that your Executive Committee will consider it. This is your Society.

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A new decade for Gibraltar in London

by Dominique Searle

2020. The year has slipped in with most of us so focused on Brexit we hardly noticed that numerical milestone we are just entering. A fresh decade. In my teens 2020 was when we would be living on Mars but very much on earth, and much as we may wish to ban the term 'Brexit', the underlying challenges encapsulated in that word remain.

Gibraltar House continues to be a cog in the machine that HM GoG has created to try and best protect Gibraltar's interests. Our role to ensure that the Chief Minister, the Deputy CM and their team have as much support as they need to carry out their work in and from UK.

Pressure in 2019 was no different to the three years that the referendum set off in the most unpredictable scenario UK politics has seen for a long time. But it did feel as if the roller coaster was coming to a dramatic final run! Fortunately, Gibraltar's friends are in all parties and across a spectrum of political views, and though it is now passé to talk about Remain and Leave, these positions presented a challenge to us in conveying what we wanted from our friends and in making new ones.

The 96% vote to Remain spoke for itself - and yet there is the very real pragmatic task of ensuring the Rock will be able to deal with events as they turn out. And indeed as they did turn out. I have no doubt that there must have been times, as UK politics went to and fro, when a lot of work of the past few years looked as if it might be overtaken by new scenarios. It has clearly not gone to waste and allows work now to continue steadily.

So, as the No 6 team rev up to deal with the unfolding of Brexit, the work for Gibraltar House will continue to be to reach out to politicians, opinion formers and influencers and provide support and opportunities for the core team lead by the CM. As I said, Gibraltar House and its team are just a cog in a bigger machine. As Head of Mission, along with my Deputy Head of Mission Ty Duarte, it was a delight this year to address you all good Friends of Gibraltar and try to give you a sense of the work we do in terms of providing analysis and information for ministers and keeping an ear to the ground for developments in the UK.



The No 6 team in Whitehall in early 2019



Gibraltar formally represented at the first of the State Openings of Parliament 2019.

Equally Gibraltar House was delighted to host a dozen students from the A level groups in Gibraltar's schools for a week in London. This is a new development reflecting the Deputy Chief Minister's particular keenness to give the shift from EU to Commonwealth meaning as well as reinforcing the understanding of the parliamentary and political bonds between the Rock and the UK. The students visited a High Commission, met Foreign Office officials, were briefed by Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Parliamentary Group representatives and visited the main institutions of government in London.

At the same time, we were able to arrange visits to Gibraltar by a number of High Commissioners and Ambassadors including Australia, Canada and New Zealand. EU embassies particularly have kept a close engagement with Gibraltar over the past three years and this has helped not only in arranging meetings for the CM and DCM but also building a network that allows quick liaison. Additionally, I myself have attended many high-level diplomatic functions in addition to those organised by the

Foreign Office and the Palace. A highlight for all the Overseas Territories and no less Gibraltar was the invitation to, for the first time ever, lay wreaths at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. It was a great honour to do so for Gibraltar and I can tell you very stressful in rehearsing knowing that, on the day Her Majesty, much of Gibraltar and UK would be looking on. The OTs had been asking for this for many years and it seems that the engagement that has followed the referendum may have helped build that closeness and confidence with the territories to move ahead.

Gibraltar continues to try to get its case across on an 'ecumenical basis' and at various levels. The party conferences, which now extend to both the SNP and DUP as well as the big three, continue to be an important platform. They say success breeds success but having managed to secure the UK prime minister twice as speaker at Tory conference Gibraltar receptions, as well as the Foreign Secretary, the reality is that the event is made increasingly stressful- to me - by the tension and uncertainty that surrounds achieving attendance at that level! Equally in the now diplomatically focused Gibraltar Day evening we have had record attendance by ambassadors and High Commissioners as well as deputies and first officers.



The Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Minister Albert Isola at the Gibraltar reception at the Tory conference 2019.



Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn visits the Gibraltar stand at Labour 2019 conference.

Gibraltar has a story to tell but sometimes there is less to say publicly and more to be gained with quiet engagement. It is clear that 2020 will create a great deal of technical as well as political work for the No 6 teams. All of us, including you as Friends of Gibraltar, have a role to play to ensure the coming years mean success in this new and challenging era in a clearly and viscerally changing world that we are operating in. All the best in this new decade!



At the Remembrance Day ceremony.



Willie Gomez, a long-time friend and great help to the Society, on retirement day from Gibraltar House November 2019

GIBRALTAR NATIONAL ARCHIVES - 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

By Jennifer Scherr

This autumn saw an impressive exhibition to mark the transfer of the Archives from HM Government to the Government of Gibraltar fifty years ago, and to celebrate the cumulative work of past and present Government Archivists. "Fifty years of the GNA" was formally opened on 4th November 2019, in the Fine Arts Gallery, Casemates, by Dr Joseph Garcia, Deputy Chief Minister.

The present Archivist, Anthony Pitaluga, and his staff, were on hand from 5th to 23rd November, to showcase 138 panels, displaying 268 images, in the two large rooms of the gallery. They had prepared copies of historic maps, documents and other material illustrative of 1,300 years of Gibraltar's history, along with cabinets containing objects, artefacts and photographs, and panels explaining the development of the Archives itself. Visitors were also offered daily demonstrations of digitisation and conservation activities, plus a programme of archival films and a series of lectures by local historians.

Anthony reports that this has been his most visited exhibition. Hopefully it will have drawn the importance of the Archives to many who had not before been aware of its existence or purpose.

Members of the FOGH Society supported the Gibraltar Archives by providing funds for a large digital scanner. This scanner has since been very instrumental in enabling Anthony to offer a number of very successful exhibitions – including on the Frontier Closure, on World War 1, on maps and mapping in Gibraltar. The next he has planned is to be in 2020, covering the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Our contribution was acknowledged with gratitude in this latest display, which included boards showing the Society's visit to the Archives (when we presented a cheque), and also showing Gerard Wood (Anthony's assistant) using the scanner. This method of producing copies allows for accessible digital versions, for reduced handling of the originals, and for the preparation of materials for exhibitions like this one.

The Archives are currently housed in cramped and unsuitable premises in the courtyard of The Convent, where public access is not straightforward, and staff are under pressure - and many Gibraltarians may perhaps be unaware of its existence and of the wealth of material held..

A new and worthy home for the National Archives has been discussed over the years. The historic Duke of Kent House is apparently now under consideration. It would be very fitting – and an exciting development - if this latest plan comes to fruition. Here it would be possible to offer visitors, including tourists, permanent walk- in displays, digital access to the collections, and up to date reading rooms, in a heritage building, in a central location, very near the Museum, and with The Convent storage still nearby.

At the same time, this move would be an ideal opportunity to provide guaranteed opening hours with an improved and appropriate level of staffing. Then the collections can be fully listed and an online catalogue can be made available to the public – to the great benefit of the Government, of local citizens, schoolchildren and university students, along with historians and researchers both Gibraltarian and international.



Visit of the Friends to the Archives



Gerard Wood (Conservation & Collections Officer, GNA) using the digital scanner

21st Century Policing of the Overseas Territory of Gibraltar

by Richard Ullger OTM MSc, Assistant Commissioner

Over the past decade, policing Gibraltar has undergone major reform. This is very similar to other police forces worldwide, as it is apparent from the wave of research that a struggle always exists to accommodate an effective policing system. This is reflected in the countless times change has been implemented to search for this approach and to address the needs of a fast evolving society. Our interaction with our community is very much the bedrock and foundation of a lot of our business, and though this must be seen to be inclusive in the policing we deliver to Gibraltar, equally society needs to accept that the context of crime is fast changing and the Royal Gibraltar Police [RGP] needs to adapt to this new challenge.



'Delivering a Safer Gibraltar through Excellence in Policing' is Commissioner McGrail's Strategic Vision for the RGP and over the last two years of his tenure, the force has achieved a significant amount, at great pace. Changes continue to be made with the overall aim of addressing the needs of the organisation, but with consistency to support the suggestion that while recorded crime continues to fall, the demand on policing has grown in other areas. It is these demands that the public do not see, or perhaps appreciate, that the constant debate on police visibility places the community's trust and confidence at the forefront of the relationship with the police.

The RGP is better positioned today to respond to these challenges, and through dialogue, it is important that we start to share more vocally our concerns with the public. It is equally important that the public is mindful of police activity. It is this activity, which is more resource intensive as the new evolving crime is increasing in complexity. These crimes are the constant demands of maintaining Gibraltar

safe from terrorism, the increased volume of dealing with incidents involving people with mental health issues, safeguarding young and vulnerable people from sexual exploitation, domestic violence, financial crime and cybercrime. Where the demand is increasing in these areas generally, either require more specialist skills to investigate, which requires training, or are more resource intensive to manage when compared to other traditional crimes. The RGP is certainly a more skill-based organisation today than it was years ago, with most of its officers undergoing specialised training through the College of Policing. Our firearms and public order officers and commanders all undergo rigorous training to be competent in their field of expertise, as do many other specialised officers.

Gibraltar itself is a busy place, attracting millions of tourists through the land frontier with the Kingdom of Spain, the airport with connections to the UK and Morocco, and its vibrant port with cruises visiting daily during the summer months. This brings expectations on the management of traffic and people, but also security, adding to the extra policing needs. The policing of major events is also having an extra impact on the resilience of the force and events such as International UEFA matches played regularly, music festivals and military parades increase those demands. Policing is no longer easy, and with public scrutiny, risks and threats are assessed with mitigating measures, including having solid command structures in place to deal with any eventuality.

The recent detention of the Grace 1 is a prime example of how diverse the RGP has become. A vessel suspected of breaching EU sanctions certainly tested the force's ability and resilience to not only apprehend the vessel, but also investigate the crime. Highly trained intervention teams in collaboration with the military seized the vessel and handed her over to teams that conducted a thorough investigation. Equally, we have had success out at sea fighting the drugs war and only in February last year, we seized almost 4 tonnes of cannabis resin. Again, working in collaboration with external and foreign partners we will make Gibraltar a difficult place for Organised Crime Groups to operate.

Brexit also brings new challenges to the RGP and with many of the unknowns that could have an impact on Gibraltar, the RGP has to be prepared to manage these. Contingencies are in place to address the four key strands, People Management, Traffic Management, Business Continuity and Security, but we worry about the possible inability to operate as effectively as we have been doing recently with our Spanish neighbours in fighting crime. This impact allows those in the criminal fraternity to take advantage of state weaknesses, and we need to be robust and prepared to adapt to change by making it exceedingly difficult for them to operate.

Finally, it would be remiss not to talk about the people that serve the RGP. Gibraltar is so fortunate to have such a dedicated workforce of men and women that everyday go beyond their selfless tour of duty to keep Gibraltar safe. Our crime detection rates continue to be in the 50's every year and this is truly down to their efforts and commitment. We are blessed by their knowledge, diversity and openness to also make the RGP the organisation it is, and though we all make mistakes, we are committed to be an organisation to learn from these and then move on.



Gibraltar Police checking traffic on Main Street. The presence of the Force on the streets is a very visible contribution to the security of the community



A view of the Gibraltar Police patrol boat off Europa Point. This emphasises the multi-dimensional nature of policing on the Rock, and the broad range of challenges faced by the Force



Armed response units are ready to be deployed as necessary, often supporting maritime operations as well as providing reassurance at the airport and border crossing



Gibraltar Literary Festival 2019

A personal view by John Tanzer

It says something for Gibraltar and its Literary Festival that, in the middle of a cold and damp Mediterranean November, a substantial number of Friends should have chosen to come out for the week. Only Jamie Miller was hardy enough to sport a pair of shorts. The rest of us men wondered why we had brought them at all. Using up valuable space in EasyJet hand luggage. Denise Lord and Tricia Johnson, being sensible women, just concentrated on, and succeeded in, looking glamorous. In my case, M&S in Main Street briefly ingested my credit card so that I could have a clean long-sleeved shirt and a clean pair of trousers. Changed into immediately after arrival at the party Maxine so kindly gave. Always pleased to provide amusement at my expense.

So, a week of culture interspersed with excessive amounts of liquid – on head and orally – too much food and, above all, a lot of very good and convivial company. Just like the June visit. Exhausting but worthwhile.

At the end of the week the Lords and the Johnsons brought it all together with a very generous sit-down party at the RGYC. Nearly 30 present and wonderfully catered for by the Club.

Now that I have dealt with the most important aspects, those that have read this far might be wondering about the culture. Did you know that Jebel Musa means Mount of Moses? No, neither did I. Did you know that John Buchan was a lot more interesting and colourful than just the 39 Steps? His granddaughter Ursula, married to Charlie Wide who I was at school with, set it all out. Including his enormous popularity as Governor General of Canada. A slightly wider open space than Gib.

An apposite starting point, and I can only write about what I personally attended, is my first event. Tito Benady and Richard Garcia speaking about the Gibraltar Heritage Journal. Not because Tito made it unforgettable by having his ringing phone amplified by the microphone in front of him. Despite every talk being prefaced with directions as to phones off and fire exit location. No, because when it started 25 years ago the financial support of the Friends was critical to the Journal getting off the ground. Next time anyone asks you what good the organisation does, there is a very good answer. Not least because of the high quality of the Journal.

That talk was, fittingly, in the Garrison Library. As were many others. Also, the Green Room. A privilege I experienced as a result of my minor contribution to the festival. Other locations were the ballroom of the Convent and the John Mackintosh Hall. With no gaps between attractions, the diminutive nature of the locale was a blessing. Gavin Esler said that his young daughter castigated him about the language he had used in titling his talk "*Brexit without the Bullshit*". He explained that she was referring to the first "B" word. He made his own views as to the direction of travel in the UK abundantly clear. He started by referring to Johnson as being part of the 'normalisation of lying' - albeit losing that competition to Trump who on average tells 13 public fibs a day! In response to a Brexit supporter who asked him a question in the form of a rant, he quickly demolished the arguments presented, gently cut him in slices moving from the knees to the head. More sensibly, someone asked him if there were any benefits to Brexit. Despite trying his hardest, Esler presented his views that there was really no cogent answer to that one. Perhaps Gibraltar will provide useful experience of how to deal with a hard border should the UK break up as a result of having had a referendum the Tory party called to deal with its own internal disputes.

It will come as no surprise to most that Johnson, among other politicians, is a proven liar. It will come as a surprise that Napoleon was an under achiever riven by small man syndrome and having come from a coarse Corsican background. Hence, according to Adam Zamoyski, "*Napoleon the Man behind the Myth*" his inability to take a good peace deal when offered it. Then settle down as Emperor (a measure to placate the monarchies in the rest of Europe) and get on with his rather good "Codes". Perhaps someone is going to write the book on small men and small countries and how neither can accept they are not going to better their position by going to real or proverbial war with their neighbours. A delightful French lady in the audience in the ballroom tried to contend that Napoleon was not small. Zamoyski had the facts to deal with that one. But, as Mussolini, Farage, and Corbyn never mind Johnson, could tell you, who cares about facts when you have myths?

The literary achievement of Mary Chiappe is not a myth. It was commemorated in a moving "*Tribute*". As far as I am concerned her greatest achievement is her joint authorship (alternate chapters) of the Bresciano novels with Sam Benady. If you have not given yourself the treat of learning about the history of Gibraltar through historical fiction then, bluntly, you are missing out.

The Friends, having had such hospitality from the RN, it seemed de rigeur to attend the talk by Jim Ring entitled "*The Royal Navy in WW1 Gibraltar*". Jim certainly knows his stuff about the navy. Perhaps not quite as well as one Commodore Miller as to whether a photograph he showed was of Barham or another Queen Elizabeth Class battleship. I also enjoyed talking to him and his wife over lunch in the Green Room. However, apart from said battleship being torpedoed off Gib only a couple of days before the end of the war, there was precious little about the last word in the title. A shame but one was certainly left wanting more. However parochial the thought might be.

The Life of John Buchan, I have already alluded to. Next, for me, was Bart van Es speaking about his book "*The Cut Out Girl*". Anyone untouched by the story of the Jewish girl in wartime Holland has no soul. As informative was his account of those in The Netherlands who did not resist. Few countries have an unblemished past as he, being a Dutchman, could recount. Unlike the French who, belatedly under Chirac, publicly recognised that it was the country as a whole, and not just Vichy, which connived in the deportations, the Dutch, like the Austrians, have had no such

catharsis. Truth is not always comfortable.

The theme of truth, or lack of it, was continued by Ben Arogundale in "*Fake Views? The Donald Trump Book of Covers – Celebrity, Politics and the Press*". In so far as I was able to discern his pitch, it was that the polarisation of the Right into un-nuanced periodical covers was being echoed by much the same on the part of the Left and the liberal Left. Whatever, the very large drink at Maxine's after that was extremely welcome. Looking out over Coaling Island and the Bay to Algeciras before the view is obliterated by more high-rise construction. Did it never occur to the Gibraltar planners that when you have a slope you put the tall buildings near to that and not the littoral?

After a day somewhat overshadowed by an underlying leitmotif of the death of the Age of Enlightenment, the talk by Jonathan Phillips on "*The Life and Legend of the Sultan Saladin*" did a lot to restore my fragile faith in at least aspects of mankind. Helped no doubt by having slept in on the Johnson's boat *Enfys*. When the Crusaders captured Jerusalem, they massacred the local inhabitants. When the Muslims retook it 90 years later, they did not. Says it all really. Having been to Acre (Akko, Akka) in Israel the previous month it all resonated with me. Phillips did not need to drive the point home by referring to what the Crusaders did to the Eastern Christians when they entered Constantinople.

Albert Poggio, of Gibraltar House renown, kindly hosted a lunch at the RGYC. Much enjoyed and appreciated. He really is and has been a friend to the Friends.

Suitably fortified, the star event was the next that I attended. I am conscious that I have been remiss in not mentioning the many, no doubt excellent, others. "*An audience with Lord Patten*" at the ballroom. Bit of location politics there. The Esler Brexit talk had been scheduled to be at the Convent. Until someone thought it might send a message. The Patten address would have been better located in the theatre at the John Mac hall. Lots of attendees, more space, more comfort. But removed from the seat of power. Whatever the thinking may have been, they need not have bothered. Patten was, if anything, even more acerbic than Esler about those who thought Brexit was a good idea.

He referred to Stefan Zweig, the famous Austrian playwright and author who, with his wife committed suicide in 1942. They were found dead holding hands. Both depressed at what Patten referred to as to corrosive effect of xenophobic nationalism that had destroyed Europe. Patten referred to the Conservative Party as being fixated by anti-EU ideology with most people who he would have been able to identify with having been driven out. That it was becoming an English Nationalist party and that would have an impact on the Union. One did not have to be an economist to see the damage that cutting oneself off from the biggest market in the world would do and the EU was not a super state. He hated referendums and far from taking back control Maastricht had been a victory for the UK. There was a toxicity in the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph and people like Ian Duncan Smith were confused ideologists. Britain was not a great power anymore, but a middle ranking one. To listen to the "crazies" on the Right it was as if they were asking to fight on the beaches. For his part he hoped that it would be possible to remain with another referendum likely to yield that result. Johnson's deal was worse than May's and May's was worse than remaining. It was mendacious to suggest that a deal could be done by 2020. The Canada agreement with the EU took 7 years. He himself had been a trade negotiator and no country trades on WTO terms. He had not found anybody abroad who understood what Britain was doing. Johnson has a "monastic relationship" with the truth. The country would still be there but having been punching above its weight would be punching at it and no more. His views on what is happening in HK were equally caustic and, depressingly, he ended by referring to the fact that civilisation has a thin veneer should never be forgotten.

After that bit of cheer the Johnsons and I went to La Linea. Not a place known for lifting the spirits. However, it was with Magda Noworsolka with whom I had been on the Gib-Tangier Red Cross Sailing Rally earlier in the year. European compatibility was restored on her boat *Elinca* and with a wonderful Polish dinner that she had cooked.

Better people such as the Lords went to the service at King's Chapel on the Sunday. I went to the decadence, colour and vibrance of "*Tangier: From the Romans to the Rolling Stones*" given by the wonderfully enterprising and humorous Richard Hamilton. He demonstrated that to be a good journalist and a good author you must have "hutzpah". I loved his story of gaining access to a closed site by using a letter of thanks he had from the King of Morocco. As the guards could not read it, they took the Royal Crest as being on an entry permit. What would be a royal coup would be to arrange a Friends trip to Tangier and have him as our guide.

I readily admit that by this time I was feeling more than a small degree of trepidation about my role in the last literary event of the festival. Interviewing Sam Benady and Sarah Devincenzi on their "*A Pictorial History of Gibraltar*". The standard of the talks that I had been to had been universally not just good but stellar. Each had kept to their one-hour timetable. Yet I had no idea if I had prepared too many or too few questions. Never mind how long the answers would take. The room was full. Both comforting to see people I knew and concerning as well. The ace that I held was that the book is fantastic. The low value card the small size of the screens in the library, making it hard to see the slides. Then two more aces with Sam and Sarah. Hopefully it all worked. What I do know is that, despite Denise failing to inveigle me to church, the interview stopped and the questions started bang on the three-quarter hour.

My final admission is to then two timing the evening. First, I went to the party the Lords and the Johnsons gave at the RGYC. Then, to the Festival Closing dinner with food by the Taiwanese chef Ching He Huang. Disgraceful behaviour. I atoned by speaking to Kitty Sewell on the bus back from the Sunborn and in her presence buying on Kindle her book "*The Fault*" that she had spoken about. I hope I will be forgiven.

The Royal Anglian Regiment and its links with Gibraltar

by Peter Ferrary

The Royal Anglian Regiment's links with Gibraltar, through its forbear regiments, stretch back over 250 years and were reinforced in 2015 by the Government of Gibraltar (GOG) conferring on the Regiment the Freedom of the City of Gibraltar.



The Royal Anglian Regiment (R ANGLIAN) was formed in 1964 as the first large regiment to be established in the British Army. The Regiment was formed from the amalgamation of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd East Anglian Regiments (EAR) and the Royal Leicestershire Regiment. The first 3 regiments themselves had been the result of an earlier series of regimental amalgamations started in 1958: The Royal Norfolk and Suffolk amalgamating as 1 EAR, the Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire as 2 EAR and the Essex and Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire as 3 EAR. When first formed R ANGLIAN consisted of 4 regular and 3 volunteer battalions. Currently it is down

to 2 regular and one reserve battalions – an indication of how the British Army has reduced in the intervening years! Despite the amalgamations that have affected it (as indeed other infantry regiments)¹ the Regiment carries forward the best traditions of its forbear regiments and maintains strong connections with the counties its former regiments had drawn their recruits from.

The Regiment's earliest links with Gibraltar go back to 1756, when one of its forbear regiments (later the Essex Regiment), deployed to Gibraltar following the outbreak of the Seven Years War (1756-63).

However, the Regiment's links to Gibraltar were really established during the Great Siege when 3 of its forbear Regiments served on the Rock throughout the siege viz, the 12th (later the Suffolk), the 56th (later the Essex) and the 58th (later the Northamptonshire) Regiments of Foot. The 12th played a key role in that it provided the main body of the troops involved in the Sortie of 26 Nov 1781, though the Light and Grenadier companies of all the other infantry regiments on the Rock also took part.

For their part in the Great Siege, these regiments were granted the battle honour 'Gibraltar 1779-83' and the right to bear on their Colour a 'Castle and Key' with the motto 'Montis Insignia Calpe'. The Castle and Key was incorporated in the cap badge of these Great Siege Regiments and today continue to be part of the badge of the Royal Anglian Regiment.



Suffolk



Essex



Northamptonshire

Throughout the late 18th and 19th centuries and up to WW2 forbear regiments served in Gibraltar 15 times. In 1924, the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment arrived in Gibraltar and they were relieved by the 2nd Battalion in 1926. During their time on the Rock, officers of both battalions were staunch supporters of the Royal Calpe Hunt. A number of pictures commemorating this, as well as a good collection of historical prints of Gibraltar are currently displayed in Regimental Headquarters at the aptly named, The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds. During WW2, the 31st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment was posted to Gibraltar in 1944 and remained until the end of the war taking part in the victory parade. The Hertfordshire Regiment, a TA unit (incorporated as part of a R ANGLIAN volunteer battalion in the 60s), also served in Gibraltar in 1943-44. A plaque inside St Patrick's Chamber in the 'Northern Defences' shows that the regiment manned wartime positions in that sector.

¹ The Regiment today is the senior Line infantry regiment in the army.

In 1968, the recently formed Royal Anglian Regiment established an Alliance with the then Gibraltar Regiment (GR). In Dec 68, 2 R ANGLIAN were posted to Gibraltar on a 9 month emergency tour to



A print of the Royal Calpe Hunt from a picture by Lionel Edwards

reinforce the garrison during the mounting border crisis with Spain. During their posting the battalion engaged very actively with life in Gibraltar making many friends. It was during this posting that the Royal Anglian drum (refurbished in 2016 with the aid of a FOG grant – see Rock Talk issue 10), was presented by the Battalion to the GR. The 2nd Battalion also made their mark on the Rock by undertaking an 'aid to the civil community' project with the refurbishment of an existing 500m long path on the upper Rock connecting a series of gun positions last used in WW2. To quote the regimental journal of the day, 'this involved the clearing of 30 years of overgrown desolation; with rusting metalwork and crumbling walls - a formidable task'. The project kept work parties from the Battalion busy and offered a complete change from the main task of ensuring the security of the border. The project was completed before the Battalion left Gibraltar and was formally opened on the 5 Aug 69, by HE the Governor, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Varyl Begg, who walked the route lined by 250 Officers and men. The pathway was renamed Royal Anglian Way and remains so today².

Following this posting to Gibraltar, a GR officer, Capt A Casciaro was attached to 2 R Anglian during 1970-71³. Since then, other officers and men from the GR/RG have been attached to different R ANGLIAN battalions including operational tours in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, and Afghanistan.

In 1987, 1 R ANGLIAN were posted to Gibraltar as resident battalion. It was during this posting in 1988, that an IRA attack against the battalion's band, during one of their regular ceremonial guard mounts at the Convent, was thwarted.

² Over ensuing years Royal Anglian Way suffered regular neglect and was routinely cleaned up by visiting military units. However, GOG's investment of a suspension bridge linking a part of Royal Anglian Way should guarantee the future of this attractive pathway with its wonderful views across the bay.

³ In Feb 1971 2 R Anglian were on a 4 month emergency tour in West Belfast. Capt Casciaro was serving as a Coy 2IC. I was serving with the 1st Bn in Londonderry and we had been redeployed to Belfast to support a large operation in West Belfast. A week of intense rioting, gunfire and nail bombs followed which, for us coming from Londonderry, a quieter place than Belfast in those days, was quite exciting. At some point my coy moved into a 2nd Bn base for some respite. My OC came out from the ops room and said there was someone from Gibraltar there. So I went in to introduce myself. At the time it seemed quite bizarre for 2 Gibraltarians to be meeting in Belfast under those circumstances.



The 1st Battalion band outside the Convent



The Regiment exercising its Freedom of the City

In 2015, 'in recognition of its historical ties with Gibraltar and association with the Royal Gibraltar Regiment', GOG conferred the Honorary Freedom of the City of Gibraltar to the Regiment. The right, privilege and honour granted by this Freedom of marching through the City of Gibraltar 'with Colours flying, bayonets fixed and drums beating', was exercised by the Regiment with a parade through Gibraltar in May 2017.

The Regiment remains proud of its links with Gibraltar and its alliance with the RG. I am sure this will continue to be enhanced in future years.



Suffolk Regiment Centrepiece⁴

⁴ The Regiment is wealthy in terms of regimental silver, being the custodian of much of the silver of its former regiments. This magnificent centrepiece consists of a Corinthian column with 4 crossed colours rising from a large silver base representing the Rock of Gibraltar, on the sides of which are chased 4 battle scenes. The bottom part of the base has a raised border of laurels, and in the centre is the "Castle and Key" badge of the Regiment with the motto "*Montis Insignia Calpe*" on a ribbon underneath. The column is surmounted by a figure of fame with trumpet in left hand, and the right hand, which is raised, is extending a branch of laurels.

Sir William Jumper RN (c1660-1715)

Summary of talk by Paul Blake and Jennifer Scherr at the FOGHS Seminar

"Few men who have not lived to attain the rank of commander-in-chief, or at least that of flag-officer, have ever acquired so much renown as this gentleman." (John Charnock, *Biographia Navalis*, 1795).

Sir William Jumper is commemorated in Gibraltar by North and South Jumper's Bastions, fortifications along the Line Wall leading south towards the New Mole. In Spanish times the northern bastion was known as the Baluarte de Santa Cruz, but by the early 18th century it became known as the 8-Gun Battery. In 1785, both bastions were rebuilt and this may be when they were named after Jumper.



He is additionally recorded at the Well on the other side of Rosia Road. This was no doubt a conduit from the earlier Arab aqueduct which ran along the Red Sands towards the town. The reason for the date of the First of May 1801 on the plaque marking the well is not yet known.

CAPTAIN JUMPER IN 1704

During the Wars of the Spanish Succession, an Anglo-Dutch invading party decided to storm Gibraltar in the summer of 1704. William Jumper was, by this time, Captain of Her Majesty's ship the *Lenox* and already a renowned naval officer.

The main English naval division attacked the Town and the South Bastion, the Dutch approached via

the isthmus and the Old Mole. Meanwhile, Captain Jumper, together with Captain Jasper Hicks of the *Yarmouth*, and Captain Edward Whitaker of the *Dorsetshire*, made for the New Mole. The tower on the mole blew up and many were killed and wounded on both sides. Whitaker wrote "we went over a breach in the wall and took possession of a bastion of eight guns within less than half a musket shot of the town wall; and there we pitched our colours" (letter to Sir Richard Haddock, quoted by Neville Chipulina in his blog *The People of Gibraltar under 1704*, <https://gibraltar-intro.blogspot.com/>).

Captain Jumper's log book records how Gibraltar fell in four days of July (New Style August) 1704:

1st August: "This morning we turned into Gibraltar bay..."

2nd August: "At 4 yesterday we anchored in 14 fathoms, landed our marines: at 5 that morn weigh'd and anchored near the Towne at 7 weigh'd and turned to get to our station off the New Mold [mole]"

3rd August: "At 6 this morning we cut our cable and stood close in with the New Mold and anchored in 25 fathoms at which time we began to batter the castle; and with that success that by 11 the tower and lower works was deserted by the enemy. Manned our boats and possessed ourselves of the mold and lower works when it unhappily blew up and destroyed several of our men"

4th August: "Notwithstanding our late accident we drew our men up on the hills and possessed ourselves of castle & mold & landed about 500 seamen: several boats were sunk in the above accident"

5th August: "Yesterday the town surrendered". (TNA: ADM 33/247)

Hence Captain Jumper gained his reputation as the first English officer ashore (with Hicks & Whitaker).

WILLIAM JUMPER'S LIFE AND CAREER

Soon after the capture of Gibraltar, Jumper took part in the Battle of Málaga (13 August), sustaining further injuries to his back and shoulders. He went out to the Mediterranean again in 1707, narrowly avoiding the fate of Sir Cloudesley Shovell and almost 2,000 of his men on their return home, when a substantial part of the fleet was shipwrecked on the Scilly Isles. Jumper arrived safely in Falmouth on 22 October 1707. After this, he petitioned for a posting at home, and was appointed commissioner at Chatham Dockyard. In 1714 Jumper became resident Navy Commissioner at Plymouth.

A fuller summary of his career, including his early days with the Royal African Company in the 'triangular' slave trade, can be found in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (2004). Here it is recorded that he was baptised in 1660 in Weybridge, Surrey, that he married Elizabeth Willis in Hoo,

Kent in 1690, that he died in Plymouth in 1715 and that his wife survived him.

However, in *A History of Bandon...* by George Bennett (1869) we read that William was born and lived in Bandon, Co. Cork, where he married a Catherine Browne, who was then drowned in a tragic accident with his friend, a Captain Smith of the *Portland*, after which he married again, but left no offspring.... Victorian Bandon was obviously very proud of its link to "a name rendered illustrious for bravery, for daring, and for promptness of action", boasting that Britain had never "produced his superior".

Further investigation produced information about William Jumper – and his son – living in eighteenth century Kent; in fact in Stockbury: "Yelsted passed by sale to Sir William Jumper commissioner of his Majesty's navy at Plymouth....His son William Jumper Esq was of Hill Green House...and died in 1736, leaving...one son William Jumper esq of Hill Green.." (E Hasted, *History of Kent* 5, pp 572-585 (1798)).

SIR WILLIAM JUMPER'S FAMILY

In order to reconcile these apparently conflicting accounts, original sources had to be consulted. Parish registers show that the true date and place of William's birth is uncertain, though it was possibly in 1659/60 in Weybridge, where many of his siblings were born. He did marry first Elizabeth Willis, on 28 Oct 1690 at St Werburgh Hoo, near Rochester, Kent, and their marriage seems to have been childless.

Five years later, Elizabeth Jumper drowned off Plymouth in a shocking accident in December 1695.

She was being conveyed with her husband and others, including Captain Smith of the *Portland*, from the dock. It seems that William was the only survivor (TNA: ADM/106/489/6). Elizabeth was pulled alive from the sea but died soon after, and then buried on 1 January 1696 at St Andrew's, Plymouth.



Sometime later in 1696, William married again, to Katherine Bourne (not Browne), probably somewhere near Bandon (Index to the marriage licence bonds of the diocese of Cork and Ross, Ireland..., 1896-7). William and Katherine had two known children: the first being Cloudsley Jumper, baptised 20 October 1699 at St Leonard, Deal, Kent, and buried 21 August 1700 at St Ewen, Bristol. Perhaps Sir Cloudesley Shovell, with whom William often served, was his first son's godfather?

This second (and surviving) son William Jumper, was baptised on 6 Jan 1706/07 at St Mary Magdalene, Stockbury, Kent. By this time Sir William had bought the manor house of Yelsted (now Guildstead), though he lived elsewhere in England too, and perhaps even in Ireland. William junior is named in his father's will (drawn up 1712) as his "dear and only" son.

He is exhorted to be "educated in England... and on no account whatsoever to go for Ireland or to his mother who I am sure will ruin and destroy him soul and body. And I do will and direct him my deare son not to adhere to his Mother or her Relations in any thing whatsoever" (PCC will, 24 December 1715). We cannot guess at the circumstances which led Sir William to describe his wife in such terms.

William junior did remain at Stockbury all his life, marrying Jane Hooper, from the local gentry, on 10 August 1727, and he was buried there on 27 February 1735/6. William and Jane had two known children at Stockbury: another William, baptised 29 September 1727, and buried 10 November 1799, who died unmarried and childless, and a brother Thomas, baptised 14 Jul 1729 who seems to have

died young without (so far) any record.

William and Jane lived at Hill Green House, very near to Yelsted, which was inherited in turn by his only surviving son William. He seems to have been the last of the line, but he was obviously a person of some standing, as he was Sheriff of Kent in 1761. His will lists his many good friends in Kentish society, but the only known relative mentioned is a female cousin from his mother's side, Finch Delahaye. He left Hill Green House and the manor of Yelsted to Flint Stacey, a brewer of Maidstone (PCC will, 13 February 1800). Eventually Hill Green House burned down in 1921, when it was still owned by a descendant of the Stacey family. Guildstead Court is still standing.

SIR WILLIAM JUMPER'S ANCESTORS

Sir William Jumper's parents were William and Elizabeth (née Wheate) who married on 4 May 1652 at St Mary Glympton, Oxfordshire. This William may have been born (perhaps in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry, London, to William and Mary Jumper) about 1623, as given in the record of his probable matriculation from Queens's College Oxford in 1642 (Alumni Oxoniensis). He received a grant of arms on 24 February 1651. (Burke's The General Armory ... (1884) questions the validity of this grant). William and Elizabeth moved to Weybridge but William was buried at St Michael Queenhithe, London on 8 March 1674/75.

Sir William's grandfather was an attorney at law. He married (date unknown) Mary (surname unknown), who was buried at St Lawrence Jewry in January 1624/5; after which he married Elizabeth Wilkinson, a widow, (by a Bishop of London marriage licence) on 2 April 1627, at St Stephen Coleman Street. The marriage licence allegation states that he was aged 45 years and upwards and was therefore born about 1579. And there the family tree becomes uncertain. In the online Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland (2016), the earliest example of a Jumper given is Vincent, of Hale, Hants when his will was proved in 1569. The origin of the surname is uncertain, but may be linked to a gold embroider in London, Martyn Jumbard, 1488, of French or Flemish origin. This remains unproved, but we know that the same Vincent Jumper was born in 1510 in Woodlands, Dorset, and had a son and a grandson called William. It is hoped that a link will be established to the family of Sir William in due course.

Meanwhile, Sir William Jumper's birth, his appearance, the circumstances of his second marriage and the birth and upbringing of his son remain a mystery. His uncles by marriage included (on the Jumper side) Sir Francis Page (1661-1741), the notorious 'hanging judge', (who was charged with bringing up his son) and (through the Bourne family) Sir Richard Cox (1650-1733), lord chancellor of Ireland and chief justice of the Queen's Bench (whom he warns his son indirectly to avoid...).

We have many examples of his signature as testimony to his busy naval career. And we have one more intimate surviving description of his character, while he was Captain of the Lenox. According to General Erle, C-in-C land forces in Ireland, in 1702, MP for Cork in 1703, Captain William Jumper was "a man who loved drinking, music and hazard from morning till night". (J Soc Army Hist Research 25-6 p150 1947).

REPORT FROM THE GIBRALTAR HERITAGE TRUST

By Ian Balestrino

This report summarises the key points presented at the Annual Seminar of the Friends of Gibraltar Heritage Society, held in October 2019.

We are pleased to be able to report that progress within the Trust has been excellent over the past year. A very constructive relationship has developed between HM Government of Gibraltar and the trust, and open and frank discussions of issues are now based on a solid legal framework. We look forward to taking this relationship forward with the new Government, and to seeing the results of this work.

The highlights have been the implementation of the Heritage and Antiquities Act in 2018, and the new Town Planning Act of 2019. The recent election that took place earlier in October, saw the GSLP/Liberal Government proposing a number of exciting projects, that were presented in more detail at the Seminar.

A new Gibraltar Identity Centre, led by the Gibraltar National Archives (see report on the

visit of the Friends in June), will be located at the Duke of Kent House, and will feature permanent exhibitions, initially on the Evacuation, the Referendum and the Frontier Closure. A new Naval and Military Museum is planned for the site of the old Fortress Headquarters, as part of the redevelopment of the Rosia Bay complex.



A view of the new Naval and Military Museum that is planned for the Rosia Bay area

Dependant on the outcome of current negotiations with Gibdock (who operate the shiprepair yard), the future of the Dockyard is also under review, and a variety of schemes are under consideration. Potential plans include the development of accommodation and office complexes between the existing docks (retained), and the conversion of this area into a new marina and leisure area, with docking for medium-sized cruise liners to attract further visitors to the Rock.



A view of a possible development of the Dockyard

The announcement of the development of Grand Parade has shown the good working relationship between the Trust and Government. On the back of opposition from the Trust, GONHS and ESG, the original plan to build above-ground multi-storey parking was sensibly rejected, and a plan to beautify the area and develop underground parking has evolved. This will feature open spaces, water features and will be linked to the Alameda Gardens.



The proposed Grand Parade development

The Mount will be developed to include green areas with public access, and possibly a paddle tennis area. A Mount Protection Act is planned to ensure that this development is managed, and it will include provision for the Civil Registry and an events site.

A 'Walk the Walls' project will encompass the redevelopment of the City Walls from Orange Bastion to Jumper's Bastion (see separate article on the latter). The aim is to deliver a traffic free walk, with cycling lanes, and to restore the city walls.

Some areas of concern remain. Plans for a multi-storey car park in the vicinity of the Moorish Castle Gate House are worrying, as they would overwhelm this historic feature and necessitate the demolition of two historic verandaed properties. Additionally the development for Rosia Bay is not finalised, and some plans appear over-ambitious and not in keeping with the general area. The improvement of the Northern Defences continues and is now in its 5th year of clearance.

The year ahead promises to be an exciting one. The 25th edition of the GHT Journal has been launched and plans are underway for the 26th. The Heritage Awards Event is in the calendar, and permits the Trust to highlight successful and sensitive heritage projects that have been undertaken in Gibraltar. A full programme of tours and walks is planned, again following the format of previous years.

The continued support of volunteers in Gibraltar, and of the Friends in the UK is most appreciated and is gratefully acknowledged.

FRIENDS OF GIBRALTAR HERITAGE SOCIETY (Charity No. 295082)

Draft listing of projects funded (August 2019) *By Jennifer Scherr*

This listing summarises information from *Newsletters* Nos.1 - 85, Michael Brufal's attached *Notes*, and some Gibraltar Heritage Trust *Annual Reports*. It is a first attempt to add to the information currently available on the Society's website (and will be transferred there in due course). The overview, incomplete as it is, does remind us of the benefits that have resulted from contributions by members and others, and of the work of the Society in earlier years.

1991: Possible projects identified:

Major: Northern Defences, The Tunnels, King's Bastion, Parson's Lodge

Minor: Garrison Library [mention of a possible appeal to raise £100k to save the Library]; Trafalgar Cemetery [Trafalgar House and Cunard raised £15k for 3 years]; Cash prizes for schools' heritage competitions.

1992: : "The Society has made a substantial donation towards the restoration of the Copley painting of Elliott mounted on a grey charger, which is to hang in the Museum". [Mike Brufal's Rock Jottings]

1993: "We had as yet been unable to get any major project off the ground" [Meeting 27th January]: "Our Society donated the prizes for a painting and sketching competition organised by the GHT" ; "...the GHT, with the assistance of our Society, is now in a position to tackle serious conservation projects. The first phase of the work on Parson's Lodge has been completed..."

1994: A £50k grant had been obtained from the Manifold Trust towards the restoration of the facade of the City Hall; A special edition of *The Governor's Cat* by Sir William Jackson had been commissioned. The profits were to set up a Sir William Jackson Heritage prize for young people in Gibraltar.

1998: FOGHS and GHT presented a 2 ton rock carving of the Rock to the Royal Marines Museum.

2000: The City Hall Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour were restored with funds from the Government, GHT and FOGHS; GHT and FOGHS planned to unveil a plaque at a point near the summit of the Rock – open to visitors (in June); 'Possible support' for Theatre Royal restoration; 'Support' for the bid for World Heritage Status; 'Substantial donation' to assist in restoration of Garrison Library gardens.

2002: Possible projects: Bedenham memorial, renovation of Marshman murals in the Convent, restoration of Garrison Library gardens, forthcoming restoration of windows of school chapel adjacent to Sacred Heart church.

2003: Norman and Mary Cox donated to FOGHS – and then to GHT – a set of 11 prints published in 1828 from originals by H A West. GHT lent them to 6 Convent Place; GHT and FOGHS put on an exhibition of Thomas Haynes' maps and charts (normally held in La Linea) at the John Mackintosh Hall in March 2002; £27k was raised by June 2002 for the restoration of the Marshman murals – by FOGHS/GHT/GoG/FO; FOGHS and GHT were to restore the tombstone of Lt Henry Ince in Gittisham, Devon.

2004: FOGHS donated a replica of the *Gibraltar Chronicle* for 24 October 1805 to the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth; also gave £200 to replace missing/ broken tiles in Trafalgar Cemetery – August 2003 & May 2005.

2005: At the Annual Meeting it was reported that £10k had been raised towards the cost of the statue of Admiral Sir George Rooke (unveiled 29 November 2004). FOGHS had also contributed to a banquet in the wardroom of HMS Rooke (4th August 1804), and to the restoration of Lt Ince's tomb.

2006: The GHT Report mentioned FOGHS-sponsored prizes for the annual painting competition. GHT and FOGHS commit £50 a month for the restoration of Gibraltar books in the Garrison Library. FOGHS were to help finish off the Sacred Heart School Chapel windows and the Marshman murals.

2007: Sir John Chapple's 'valedictory letter' as Chairman gives a very useful summary of the Society, its objects and powers. He also summarises its activities and fundraising as follows: The annual *Gibraltar Heritage Journal* had been produced by the FOGHS since 1993. "In earlier years a lot of

funding and help was given to the restoration of Parsons Lodge. The society also secured a donation from the Manifold Trust, which was instrumental in the refurbishment of the facade of the city hall. They then received another donation from the Stanley Smith Trust, specifically to be used for a gardening project. This was not used and eventually another project was found for this grant. In more recent years contributions or donations have been made for:

The Rooke Statue	£10,000
Restoration of Trafalgar Cemetery	£200
Restoration of Ince's Grave in the UK	£400
Prizes for the Annual Painting Competitions – formerly £625 now	£1,000
Restoration of the Marshman Murals in the Convent in addition to earlier contributions a sum has been promised of	£1000
Repairs to the Anglican Cathedral (Rock of Ages) a contribution of	£2,500
Sacred Heart School Chapel, repairs of	£1,750
Restoration of books in the Garrison Library, FOGHS has contributed an annual sum of £300, matching that of GHT	

All request[s] for help and support come to FOGHS from GHT...”

2008: The GHT report states that FOGHS is to fund part of a bench, sign and collection box at the restored Old Well at Western Hangar.

Article from the *Gibraltar Chronicle* 9.4.91 'Heritage in the Picture' reproduced in 2008: shows Mike Brufal and Tito Benady presenting photographs which used to hang in the London offices of the Gibraltar Tourist Office to the GHT and to the Museum. The GHT received photos of Stratford Johns and Sir Joshua Hassan at the opening of the GTO in Trafalgar Square, and Lord Boyd-Carpenter with Isaac Abecasis at the opening of the GTO in The Strand.

The GHT and the Museum each received photographs of **William Walker, 'Diver Bill'** *, the man responsible for the construction of the Detached Mole and dry docks. The Museum copy was to be hung in a section dedicated to renowned persons with a strong Gibraltar connection...The Friends will be presenting photographs of Lord Penney and Anthony Burgess. Names under consideration include George Jeger, Peter Cook, Peter Snow and Charlotte Rampling. [* answering Richard Lord's challenge in *Rock Talk* 2019 p.30!]

Torre del Molino – Significant Archaeological Find

The Ministry for Heritage was recently informed of a structure that had been unearthed in the Four Corners area while ground works were being carried out. The Government archaeologist with the Gibraltar National Museum's archaeologists visited and quickly identified this as an important discovery.

The structure is a large construction, made of limestone, lime mortar, and red clays (Figs 1 & 2) and it sits on a layer of mortar of red clays about 20 cm deep. The interior of the structure is a continuous wall forming a circle with a diameter of 4.14 m, the interior of which is filled by clean beach sand.

The wall is made up of limestone masonry, which is flat on one side. Only one row on the inside remains and measures approximately 47 cm. The structure continues with 30 cm more still remaining, but lacking the inner row, made up of a collection of limestone clasts approximately 30 x 30 x 30 cm. The circular interior seems to be forming a structure that is at least 1.40m wide.

Due to its location and characteristics, it is believed that it could be the foundations and first levels of an old circular tower, known as Torre del Molino, since the design of the foundations coincides with the type of foundations documented for that tower which is known to have been in that area (Figures 3 and 4). The type of construction materials and coloration of the lime mortar, suggest that it was built within the Spanish period.

The site had been covered by infillings with an asphalt surface dating to the 20th Century, and it has not been possible to give a precise chronology given the absence of any archaeological remains that could have allowed a more accurate dating.

The site has been protected and filled in to avoid deterioration by the elements, with the extent of the base of the tower being demarcated on the surface so it is clearly identifiable (Figure 5). Interpretation will also be placed once works are completed.

The Minister for Heritage, The Hon. Professor John Cortes said: "Another famous tower in Gibraltar that is sadly no longer with us. The Devil's Tower can be seen in old plans together with the Torre del Molino so this discovery adds more knowledge to Gibraltar's heritage. It is exciting, but not surprising to know that so much history lies still undiscovered beneath our feet and the Ministry, together with its advisors, is currently involved in other projects where more information is being unearthed."



"HMS VICTORY" HEADING FOR GIBRALTAR

Rob Garner (Member of the Friends)

Following the death of their mother, Rob Garner and his brother Phil asked the Gibraltar Officers' Mess at Devil's Tower Camp if they would like a model of HMS VICTORY made by their father Captain Alan Garner MN (1939-2015) after his retirement from Wightlink Ferries and many years at sea. Constructing the model took over three years of painstaking dedication.



The Mess were delighted to say yes and accordingly, the model of HMS VICTORY was loaded onboard RFA FORT VICTORIA in April and taken to Gibraltar. The Captain, Karl Woodfield, said that he was delighted to take the metre-long model on its voyage to Gibraltar en-route passing through the Cape Trafalgar battle area and then following much of HMS VICTORY's original track in 1805.

Following the on-load the visitors had an excellent brunch and a fascinating tour of the ship.



3/O James Jackson, the Garner family and Commodore Richard Lord RN (Rtd) Boatswain CPO(D) Geraint Roberts supervising the on load

On August 14th the model was presented to the Mess. PMC, Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Carolyn Jones Royal Navy said that the Mess was really pleased with the gift and added "It is an honour to receive your very special HMS VICTORY to grace our dining room and to be celebrated every year on Trafalgar Night."



Lt Cdr Carolyn Jones with Mess Members and visitors



Rob Garner and son Tom

Out and about in Gibraltar

by the Editors



September 2019 marked the long awaited introduction of co-education at the secondary level...an investment of over £55 million to construct, and replacing two existing schools that had served the community well



The newest block of flats and car park in the Ocean Village area – locally known as the Alexa building as at night the uppermost level has blue lightening all around.

Queensway Quay Avenue and the third phase of the Queen's Wharf development



Upper Town redevelopment - The Arches, formerly the Police Barracks

General tidying up of and investment in the Upper Town continues



Friends of Gibraltar Heritage Society

AGM Minutes

26th October 2019 at 2pm

Oxfordshire Golf Hotel, Rycote Lane, Milton Common, Thame, Oxon OX9 2PU

Present

A total of 46 FOGHS Members and guests attended the AGM and Seminar.

1. **Welcome** - SAJ welcomed everyone present, commented upon the excellent lunch and declared the meeting open.
2. **Apologies** – All absent members.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** Published in the last edition of Rock Talk and taken as read.
4. **Matters/Comments arising** There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.
5. **Reports from the Board**
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Peter Hucker (PH) reported on the income and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2019. The Society remains in a strong financial state, the income from membership fees is up to date. The net worth on the Society was queried and PH said the bank balances totalled some- £42,000 on the day, there are no significant assets. However, the intrinsic value of the Charity (i.e. including goodwill and influence) could be considered to be much greater.
 - b. Membership- Richard Lord (RL) reported that the number of members had stabilised at around 480, as 2018. Recruitment has mostly been through the current membership and some cold applications. The number of members over the age of 80, for whom there is free membership, is increasing demographically. 20 members are resident in Gibraltar, worldwide there are 5 – 6. The income from the membership is £6,100 + tax relief via gift aid equals a total of about £7,500.
 - c. Projects - (RL) reported that following discussions with GHT, at the present time it is difficult to identify new projects. The Witham's Cemetery project has been very successful, the transformation is amazing, many of the graves have been preserved, a plaque is possibly going to be placed on each grave, there are new pathways and the cottage is being released to GHT in the very near future. We have donated £10,000 to this project, to date. The Board is considering widening the remit of FOGHS to offer more support to education through the schools and the university, e.g. to provide the schools with books about the heritage of Gibraltar.

Deterioration of the murals within the courtyard of the Convent has been identified, GHT is accessing quotes and expertise for this project.

The Archives Department has requested a 'Digitizer', however, this is on hold at the present time because GHT and the Archives are awaiting information related to Government funding. Please communicate with RL if members have any ideas for future projects, especially those linked to heritage and education.

Baroness Gloria Hooper (BGH) suggested that FOGHS should consider inviting undergraduates to a reception or meeting in London to present an outline of their studies.
 - d. Archives - JS informed the members that FOGHS was established in 1985. There are records of minutes etc until 1991 but then a gap between 1991 and 2007. Should any members have any records or information for this period, please let us know. JS is creating a list of past projects.
 - e. Events – PH stated that information about the Christmas Party would be emailed very soon and encouraged members to attend. Events for 2020 are being planned.
 - f. Rock Talk – VM thanked everyone for waiting for the last edition of Rock Talk. It is thought that producing Rock Talk for around £2,000 is money well spent, because it is communication for every member. The format for the next edition/issue will be similar to

past editions, however, should we move towards being more forward thinking and address current issues relating to heritage. It is hoped that there will be an article linked to an interview with the Chief Minister. Please would members provide articles, these can be sent online, however, care to be taken with the size of article, they should be of a size that is possible to upload.

BGH suggested an article related to Brexit, some MPs will soon be without jobs. Consider an article on representing Gibraltar as a Member of the European Parliament.

PH will help to write an article on the June visit. Photographs are required.

6. Suggestions for Future Events and Projects

Please contact members of the Board or ExCo with ideas to help fill the 5 - year plan.

7. AOB

It was asked whether it might be possible to have lapel badges for the ladies? Scarves had been suggested in the past but were not popular. Lapel Badges will be researched.

SAJ announced that TJ would be standing down as Secretary from June 2020 and expressed sincere thanks for her hard work, on behalf of the Board and the Membership.

There will be, therefore, a vacancy for a Secretary, events and projects secretaries. Please will everyone think about possible persons to fill these roles.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Provisionally Saturday 24th October 2020, venue tbc.

The meeting closed at 14.30.

TJ 09.11.19

Balances at bank	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	£	£
<i>Scottish Widows Deposit</i>	26,104	26,074
<i>Lloyds General Current Accounts</i>	12,786	19,991
<i>Cash in hand and stock of ties</i>	295	398
	39,185	46,463
Current Liabilities	1,000	2,121
Net Assets	38,185	44,342
Operation of the Society		
Net Income including Subscriptions, Donations and Gift aid	8,495	8,705
Net Expenditure (<i>before Charitable activities</i>) including Rock Talk and Sundry expenses	2,251	2,193
Charitable activities		
<i>Oral History Project</i>	800	489
<i>University Bursary</i>	1,000	1,000
<i>Schools Awards (including plaque)</i>	545	571
<i>Witham's Cemetery</i>	10,000	-
<i>Gibraltar Archives Scanner</i>	-	3,767
<i>Holy Trinity Organ Fund</i>	-	4,000
<i>Manolo Galliano – "Of Monks & Nuns"</i>	-	700
<i>Irish Town Map</i>	-	125
<i>Other charitable donations</i>	55	57
	12,400	10,709
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(6,157)	(4,197)



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Front Cover:

Map and plans of recent historical find at Torre del Molino
(see article inside)

APPEAL FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

The Society would welcome additional volunteers from the membership to assist with the organisation of events, with the administration of the Society, and in any other way that might be appropriate.

Members are encouraged to contact any member of the Executive Committee, or to contact Gibraltar House for a telephone number or e-mail address.

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