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3 H. G. Leask, Irish Castles and Castellated Houses (Dun Dealgan, 1964), 64.

4 Carried out using a Geoscan Research RM4 machine with twin electrode probe configuration.


THE CHANNEL ISLANDS CONFERENCE 1993

The 1993 Annual Residential Conference was held in the Channel Islands and was hosted by the Guernsey Museum Service and the Société Jersiaise. Chris Aubin, Bob Burns, Mark Patton and Margaret Finlaison acted as Local Secretaries.

The conference started on Friday 2 April, with a tour of St Peter Port led by John McCormack followed by a Vin d'Honneur at Candie Gardens Museum hosted by the States of Guernsey Tourist Board. On Saturday lectures were delivered by Bob Burns, 'Archaeological introduction to Guernsey'; Warwick Rodwell, 'The early Christian archaeology of the Channel Islands'; Kenneth Barton, 'The fortification of the Channel Islands by the English after the loss of Normandy'; and Marion Archibald, 'Medieval and early modern coinage in the Channel Islands'. After lunch Kenneth Barton, Warwick Rodwell and John McCormack led a trip to Chateau de Marais, Vale Castle, Vale Church and St Sampson's Church. In the evening Bob Thompson and Richard Keen talked on 'Medieval wrecks of Guernsey and their cargoes'.

On Sunday 4 April, the conference was given a guided tour of Castle Cornet by Kenneth Barton and a medieval and later pottery workshop by Bob Thompson and Duncan Brown. After flying to Jersey the conference was guided around the Fisherman’s Chapel, St Brelade by Warwick Rodwell and La Hougue Bie by Dr Mark Patton. In the evening Prof. Pierre-Roland Giot gave a talk entitled ‘Twilight on the Dark Ages of Armorica’. On Monday 5 April, the conference heard talks by Mark Patton, 'The archaeology of Jersey' and 'The cist grave cemetery of La Motte (Green Island)'; Chris Aubin, 'The mills and percages of Jersey'; and Prof. Wendy Davies, 'The Channel Islands and Brittany: some reflections on medieval settlement studies'. After lunch the conference was guided around Gorey Castle by Kenneth Barton and in the evening was given a Vin d'Honneur at The Jersey Museum hosted by the Société Jersiaise. On Tuesday 6 April, the conference was guided around the late medieval and later farm of Hamptonne and the church of St Lawrence by Warwick Rodwell followed by a tour of Elizabeth Castle led by Doug Ford.

Thanks were given to all who helped to make this conference an enjoyable and informative occasion, especially our hosts, the Local Secretaries and Warwick Rodwell. We are also very grateful to Aurigny Air Services for help with air travel between the islands.

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