

Master's Weekend 2017

As is the normal custom for the Company, the Master arranged a weekend away for Members. This year, on 16 June, we journeyed to Guernsey, where a splendid time was had by all who attended.

The weekend started with a civic reception at Castle Cornet and this was followed by a "Guernsey" buffet at the Guernsey Yacht Club. Then on the Saturday morning, we joined the boat to Herm and in the picture, the Master, Mistress and HCA David Fawlk are seen in deep conversation on the ferry (one must conjecture that money featured heavily in this conversation as David is now our Honorary Treasurer).



On arrival in Herm we assembled for the obligatory group photograph:



We were then greeted by Brett Moore, the Herm Estate Manager, who took us on a guided tour round the island.



Despite the often-steep gradients of the island paths, the Mistress, with the aid of her motorised scooter, often managed to outpace the more able-bodied members of the party, who were flagging somewhat in the high temperatures.



Not surprisingly, the Estate Manager was able to tell us much about the Estate Gardens as he had been working full-time for the Estate for several years and was heavily involved with the creation of the woodland garden and clearing many of the access paths around the Estate thus allowing visitors to fully experience the beauty of the gardens.

Following a much-needed drink and alfresco lunch in the Ship Inn on Herm we travelled back to St Peter Port by ferry to ready ourselves for the black-tie dinner which was held in the Old Government House Hotel. The evening started with a champagne reception and as can be seen from the photographs, a good time was had by all.



Past Master John Trussler, Anne Trussler and Michele Burrell at the Reception



Past Masters John Burrell and Vicky Russell at the Reception



Past Master Alan Longhurst and CA David Sheehan progressing into Dinner



Junior Warden Arthur Seymour and Tina at the Reception



David Fell, Jennifer & Steve Brawley and Rita Fell at the Reception



Exercising one of the privileges of being the Master on his weekend away



The conviviality continued into Dinner . . .



Well it's like this, John! PM John Trussler at Dinner with Jan Ward



The Master and Mistress at Dinner



The "Top" Table —YES the Master was there even though he has been somewhat cruelly cut off from the picture by the photographer

The group's thanks must obviously go to the Master and Mistress for organising such a splendid weekend – including the beautiful weather. It was a well organised and celebrated weekend and it was good to meet up with our fellow members from Guernsey.