

## Celebrating 450 years of colonisation for the Island of Sark



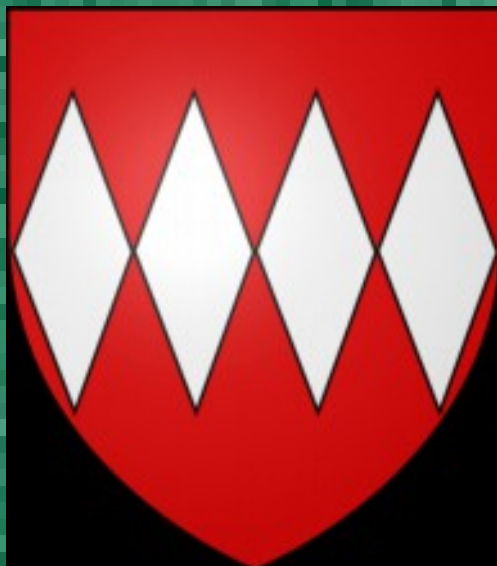
On Thursday 6th of August, 2015 at 2 pm. The Seigneur of Sark, Michael Baumont welcomed the Lieutenant Governors, and Bailifs of both the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, (a rare occasion for both the Queens Representatives to be in the same place at the same time.) Charles Malet de Carteret Seigneur du Fief Haubert et Seigneurie de St Ouen Jersey, the Contable of St Ouen was also part of the VIP party. Which also included the Dowager Adele Malet De Carteret.



Micheal Beaumont, his son Christopher and Grandson Hugh Beaumont, reading the Proclamation and welcome to the VIP's and visitors on the lawn at Le Manior, The first home of the original Seignuer Helier De Carteret.



The Original Manior of Helier De Carteret has the Family Crest of 4 Diamonds carved on the Granite stone on the left hand side (looking at the house).





This photo taken by Sue Daly shows the Tapestry crafted by the schoolchildren. The mural around the map depicts all aspects of Island life. The map has the boat moorings marked.



Sara Cattel the head teacher narrated the Islands history, while the children played various characters. In this scene, the characters are set to work!..



The pre-history of Sark was performed by the pupils showing how at one time, pirates inhabited the Island. Mrs Cattel described a previous era before Sark was colonised by Helier De Carteret. The scene acted by the children, of a

Flemish Corsaire with his entourage, travelled to London to ask for an audience with Queen Mary, to request a Royal Charter for Sark. The Queen died before the charter could be signed. The young girl playing the part of Queen Mary showed her acting skills, dramatically depicting the Queen's death, by promptly keeling over on to the ground! The performance continued by showing how the families supporting Helier and his cousins, who worked to build the houses, farms, and road ways. Queen Elizabeth the First was royally represented, presenting Helier with her Royal charter in 1565.



Helier De Carteret came unto the scene with his wife in a boat.

The photo taken by Rosanne Guille shows the narrator Sara Cattel and the Sark children.





John De Carteret from Le Cercle De Carteret presented his Hand Carved Wooden Plaque of the De Carteret Family Crest.

John explained the carving of both French and English influences in his art work, the grapes carved on the left hand side representing France, and the Oak leaves and acorns on the right side representing England. As the De Carteret Family originated in Normandy, France. But were staunch English Royalists in the Island of Jersey.



John De Carteret, Seignuer of Sark Micheal Beaumont, and Lt. Col, Reg Guille being presented with the Hand Carved wooden Plaque of the De Carteret Family Crest.





The Chairman Michael De Carteret holding the Plaque with his brother John (the artist) .

From left to right front row, Mary-Anne Jeager (California) Kath Sarchet, Enid Carre, Jennifer Thomas, Kathy de Carteret, Michael and John, Christina De Carteret, Pat De Carteret.

Back row, Left Carol Fitzgerald, John George De Carteret, George de Carteret, Elaine Paine, Keith Paine, Bob De Carteret (California) Dave Sarchet.



This photo taken by Rosanne Guille

In the evening visitors and Islanders made their way out to Rossford and Pam De Carteret's land at Derrible Point, the closest land to St Ouen, Jersey.

As part of the 450th Celebrations, the Chairman and committee erected a Granite Henge made of Pink Jersey stone. Helier De Carteret was also Seigneur of St Ouen.

The Henge is placed at this point in Sark to show the connection to the Parish of St Ouen, Jersey. At the picnic the Chairman declared the Henge open!

The celebrations continued throughout the weekend, with a petanque match between the Sark team and St Ouen from Jersey.

The following photos show the various teams from Jersey, Guernsey, and Sark who enjoyed a warm welcome from the crowds in Creux Harbour.



Below is a photo of Carteret rowers taken by Rosanne Guille







The team of Rowers from Carteret, Normandy, France had set off at 4 am in the morning of the 7th August, and arrived at Dixart Bay at 10 am. Saturday. There were other French launches in the harbour as the teams from other areas arrived.



This photo of Cruex Harbour taken by Sue Daly

The French contingent of rowers wore a specially designed T-shirt.

The fit was typically French, and the neck line was V shaped. The wording printed on the back of the T-shirt reads "Je suis Helier De Carteret". The colourful 450th Sark logo on the front.



To be worn whenever visiting Sark!!

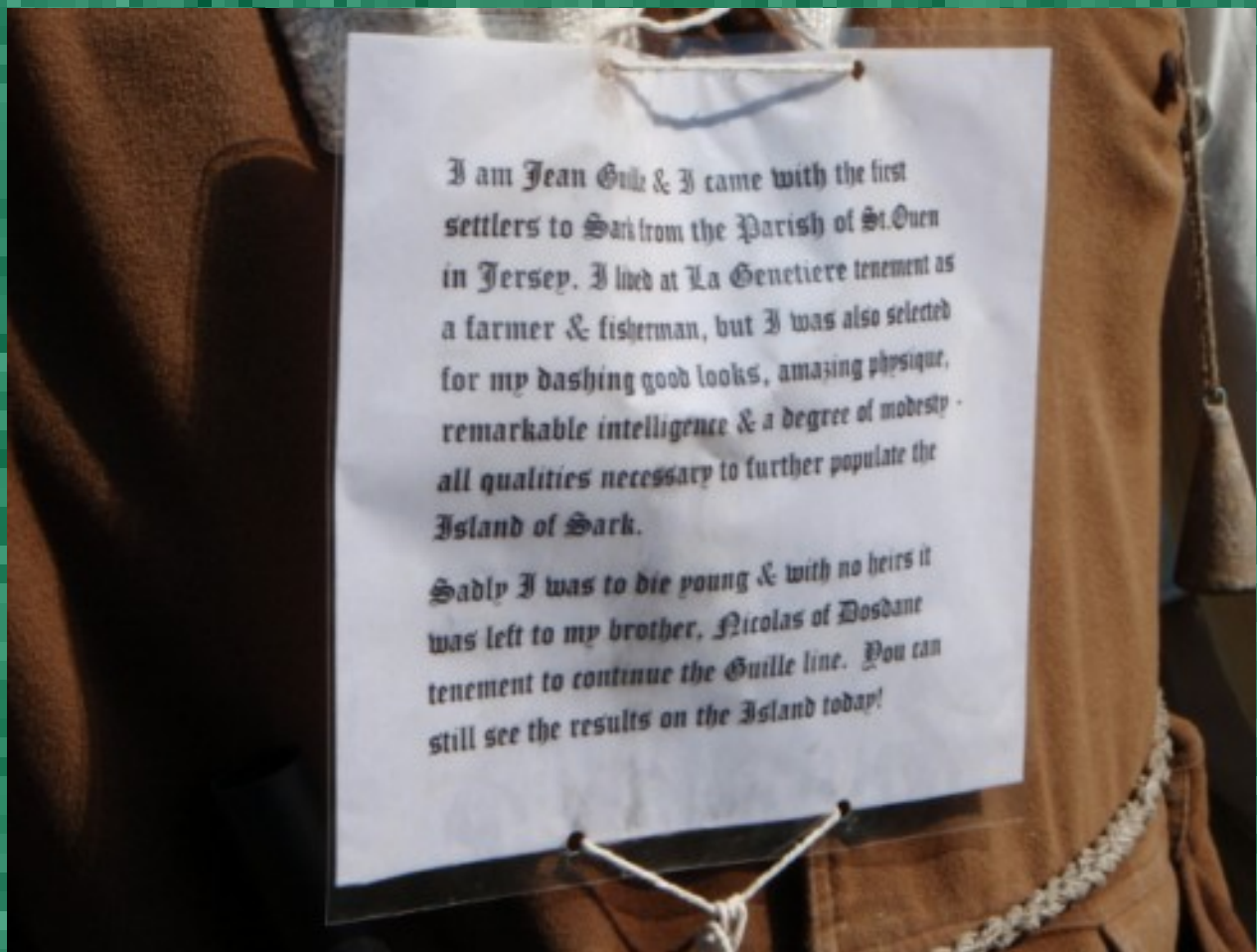
A Flag showing the Family Crest of the De Carteret's was flown



for the weekend by kind permission of The Siegnuer and Chief  
Pleas.

The garden opposite the Carriage ride park has be utilised  
to place a group of scarecrows representing the origninal  
Families. Dressed in a various custumes with notes pinned  
on some explaining their particular piece of Family history.

## The note attached to the Guille Family Scarecrow!



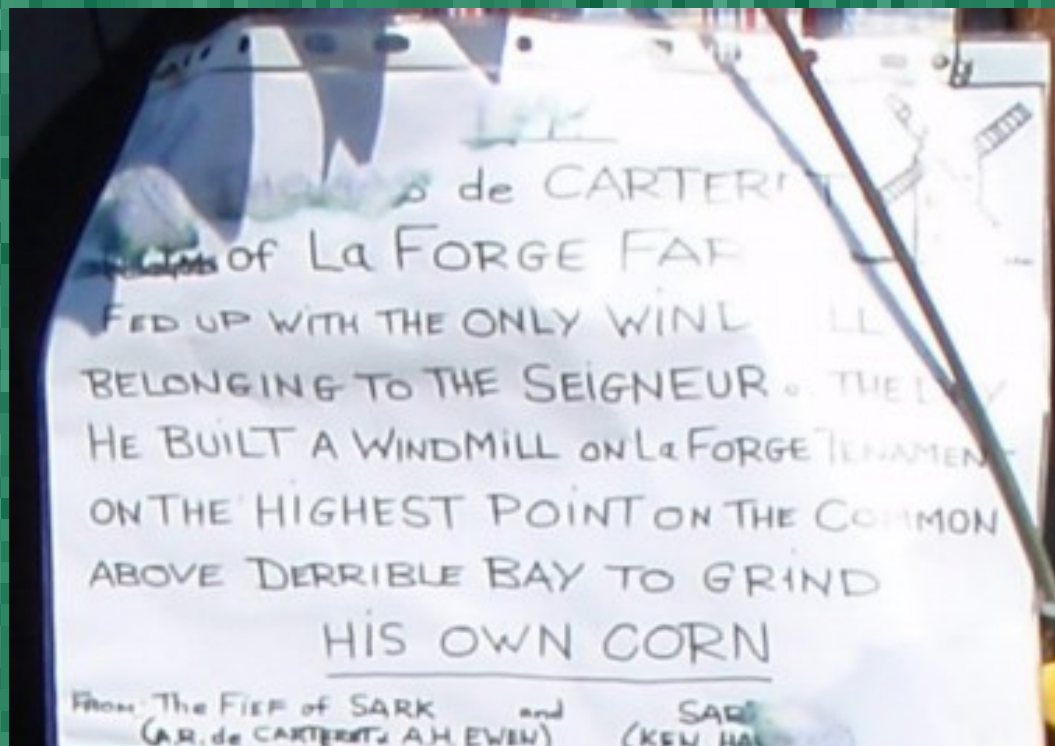
I am Jean Guille & I came with the first settlers to Sark from the Parish of St. Ouen in Jersey. I lived at La Genetiere tenement as a farmer & fisherman, but I was also selected for my dashing good looks, amazing physique, remarkable intelligence & a degree of modesty - all qualities necessary to further populate the Island of Sark.

Sadly I was to die young & with no heirs it was left to my brother, Nicolas of Bosdane tenement to continue the Guille line. You can still see the results on the Island today!





A De Carteret of La Forge Farm built his own Windmill.  
The following note explains!





This note has an interesting piece for more Family history to explore further about Elie Brevint

My name is Elie Brévin.

Philippe de Carteret, the 1<sup>st</sup> Seigneur of Sark brought my father Cosme Brévin, a Huguenot Minister, to Sark and Philippe educated me on the understanding that I would take over my father's role as Sark Minister

In 1612 I am provided with a Presbytere at Clos de la Ville 30' x 18', completely furnished, with some ground to make a garden and grazing for 2 cows.

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 1626 I married Susanne Slowley, the daughter of the Juge, Robert Slowley and served the Island for 62 years until my death at the age of 87 on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1674.

During most of my life I kept a commonplace book in which I recorded memoranda and jottings on a wide variety of topics.

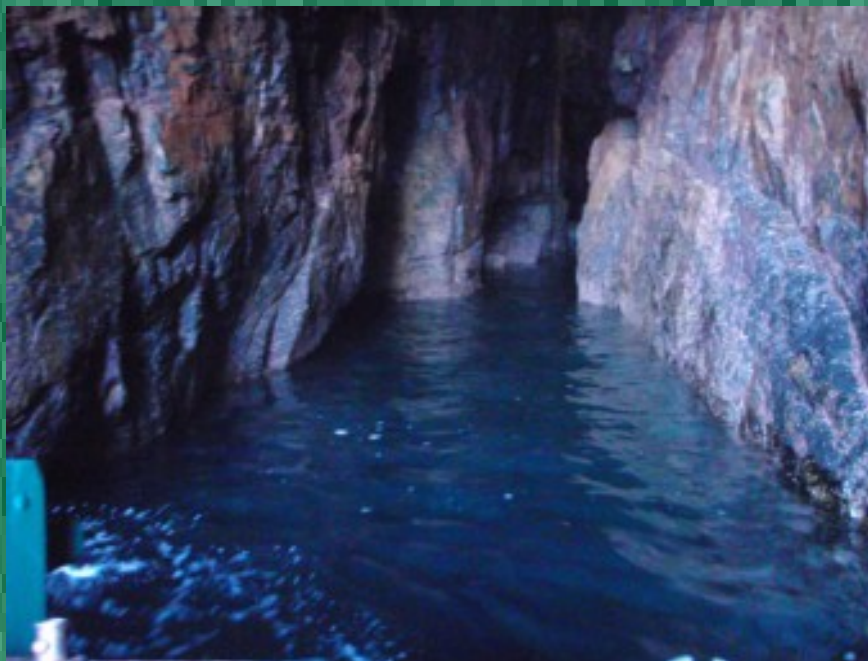
This manuscript was found in a loft at le Manoir in 1860 and forms a unique source of information on Island affairs from 1620 - 1664.



This makes for a colourful and interesting garden!







George Guille sells guided boat tours which I consider a "Must do" around the coast of Sark. George points out the Fascinating Caves and Rock formations.