

The Alderney Branch

Activity Report

2009

Commonwealth Day

Gary Marriner, an Alderney Student studying for a BA CANTAB in Archaeology and Anthropology at Homerton College, University of Cambridge, was selected to represent Alderney at the Observance of Commonwealth Day in London. This was the first time that a young person from Alderney attended this event. Gary has informed us that he thoroughly enjoyed the event and it enhanced his knowledge of the democratic process and international collaboration.

Youth Parliament

On the 23rd March 2009 Alderney held its first Youth Parliament. This involved Year 10 Students from St Annes School. The topic for discussion was the overall facilities for young people on the Island.

The debate centred around the lack of current facilities, including a motor cycle park at school for the ever increasing number of motor bikes being used by the pupils themselves. The pupils suggested ways of increasing the facilities, for example, building the Sports Centre piecemeal.

The decision of the Parliament was that there was a lack of facilities on the island and that the States of Alderney should conduct a review of those facilities.

Members of the States of Alderney were present and answered questions posed by the class at the end of the Parliament. This useful exercise not only made the States Members aware of the groups views, but also ensured that the young people of the Island know their Members and can engage with members in the future.

This was a very successful event and one that will be repeated each year.

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