

Press Release

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Sark Seneschal's Dual Role to End in 2013

The dual role of the Seneschal (Chief Judge and ex-officio President of Chief Pleas) will come to an end at midnight on the 26th February 2013. As from that moment a new Seneschal (Judicial Officer only: Judge for Civil matters, Magistrate for Criminal matters and Coroner for Inquests) will become the chief judge of the Seneschal's Court. On the 27th February the Chief Pleas of Sark will meet to elect a Sark resident to fill the new appointment of President of Chief Pleas (also Returning Officer and Trustee of Island Properties). The current appointment of Seneschal will preside over Chief Pleas for the last time at the Christmas Meeting of Chief Pleas on the 16th January 2013. The current role of Seneschal was instituted by Letters Patent of 1675 and has been in unbroken existence for the past 338 years. Lt Col RJ Guille MBE is the 26th and last dual-role Seneschal to have been appointed under the provisions of the Letters Patent and was first appointed in February 2000.

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