



Tribute to Susan Craggs

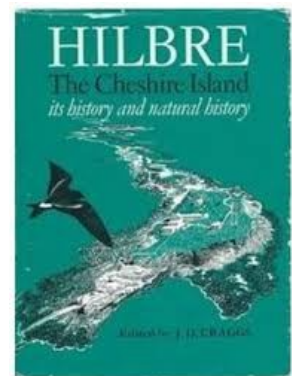
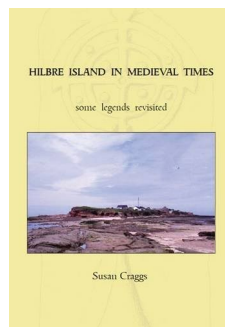


Sue and friends celebrating her birthday on Hilbre.

It is with great sadness that the Friends of Hilbre have to announce the passing of our founder Susan Craggs. She was the inspiration behind the formation of The Friends and had a great love of the island. Sue grew up in West Kirby and was a pupil at the Avalon school and later at the Grammar School. Her father was Professor Craggs who was known as 'The Bird Man of Hilbre'. He was responsible for the definitive book on Hilbre called 'Hilbre The Cheshire Island'. Sue did much research on the history of Hilbre and had the book 'Hilbre Island in Medieval Times' published. Sue passed away in a care home in Brimstage and will be remembered at a memorial service on Saturday 6th April at 2.30pm, to be held in Heswall Quaker Meeting House North Drive, Heswall. CH600BD. She was well known locally and was a very kind and inclusive person. It is testament to her and all those people who formed the Friends that the organisation still exists twenty two years later.



Sue at the opening of the compost toilets on Hilbre in 2008.



Butterfly Survey on Hilbre.

The Friends of Hilbre are working with the Chester and Wirral branch of the Butterfly Conservation Society to develop a butterfly survey transect on the island.

This will involve some initial training that will take place in April at Bidston Moss, followed by marking the route of the transect on Hilbre on the 4th May. Recording of butterfly species will then take place once a week until October. It is expected that most recordings will be done on task and open days.

If you are interested in joining in this exercise then please contact me at dj.gregson1@virginmedia.com.