



MURIEL POISSON MBE

ST John lollipop lady Muriel Poisson received the MBE in the New Year Honours. On her return from the Palace, she talked to ALASDAIR CROSBY

One of the most familiar figures in the Parish is the lollipop lady who guides children on their way to and from school as they cross the main road in St John Village. She loves children, and it is a busy road, which, put simply, is why she has been doing the job for 25 years.



Charles Green Photography

She is also an indefatigable fund raiser, and for her work – she has raised uncounted thousands of pounds (or at least she hasn't counted them) for charity, parish causes and the Battle of Flowers – she received the MBE in the New Years Honours List. In late February, she went to London to meet the Queen. In her own words: 'The Queen is a lovely

lady. She asked me about my charity work and she had heard, obviously, about my involvement with the Battle of Flowers. I said to her: "Have you been to see it? It's beautiful!"

'And she said "No I haven't," and so I said "You ought to try to come, you really should!"

'She said, "I will", and then she shook my hand, by which I knew it was time for me to go. But before I went, I took her hand, and said: "Everybody in Jersey sends their regards to you!"

'Do you know what? She said, "Oh, thank-you!" She was just surprised, I think, at me saying that.'

Earlier, she had been a guest of honour at a reception at the home of St John Deputy, Andrew Lewis, to which the Lieutenant-Governor, Lieutenant-General Andrew Ridgeway, was also a VIP guest.

She recalled: 'I wasn't going to say anything. But when I stood up and started talking, they couldn't shut me up. The Governor joked: "Oh my goodness! The Queen doesn't know what she's letting herself in for. You just tell her that I'm doing a good job in Jersey!" It was a lovely evening, and I was made to feel so special.'

Muriel Poisson is not part of any charitable organisation. She just loves helping others. She has never kept accounts, and has no idea how much money she has raised: 'If the school said, "We need new windows", I'd think, and say "Let's have a morning making and selling Jersey Wonders. No accountancy, nothing like that. At the end, we'd make, perhaps, £150. So off I would go and give the money to the Deputy. Then it's on to the next thing.'

Who has benefited from her work?

Children and teenagers, for example. That, in fact, is how she started her fund-raising work, 27 years ago, fitting out a room in the recreation hall where they could meet. She had asked the Constable, John Le Sueur, for permission to use it, and he had answered: 'As long as it doesn't cost the Parish any money!' So she got down to it, and raised the money herself. She also got a carpet, and a juke box,

and sold crisps and sweets to generate an income.

Then she raised money for a new playground. And next was a pantomime to raise money for charity, and she raised money for clothes and props by holding bingo nights. These proved so popular that she went on holding them, at one time making 100 cakes a month to sell at them.

Then she got involved in the Battle of Flowers, and for 27 years played a major role in the float created by Mary Bihan and friends. She ran car boot sales and jumble sales to raise money for that, and raised money to send sick children for an operation in England. 'If I didn't do this sort of thing,' she said, 'no-one would.'

She stresses it's not just herself, she's just part of a team, but she is, as she says, the 'organiser and bossy-boots'.

Not only untold funds have been raised by her, but she has spent untold hours in this voluntary work. Especially as far as the Battle of Flowers has been concerned, she felt, at times, that she was a yo-yo: 'Lollipoping in the morning, then down to the Shed, back again to the school, back again in the afternoon, back to St John for the end of school, then down to the shed, back to cook dinner for her family, and back to the shed again at night.'

In her spare (!) time, she has 'done shoe boxes' of presents to send off at Christmas time to Eastern Europe: 'I always do shoe boxes. My family go mad. They ask me: "For goodness sake, how many shoe boxes are you doing?" I say, "If I want to do eight, I will. I've bought the stuff. I don't need anybody to know about it, I just do it!'

And as for raising the consumption level of Jersey Wonders in the parish: 'In 1992, at a two-day fête in the parish, we made 3,850 wonders, and raised £670.'

As always, she remains concerned about parish young people, and the mischief into which some of

them seem land themselves. She asks: 'What about having a teenage parish assembly? Ask them what they want to do? Perhaps they could build their own club-house? Or refurbish a room? I could help them raise the money, and I'd enjoy helping in the painting!' She continued, 'I've always been able to see the good in people.'

But she was anxious to stress, and repeated several times: 'It is so difficult to say what I have done, myself. Everything I have done has been for the community, and as part of a community. There's a lot of people who do a lot of good.'

'I'm just so lucky I've got a lot of friends, and I do the fund-raising because I love it, and all the people involved.'

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FARMER'S NOTES

In a vegetable farmer's world, March represents the end of the year. The last crops grown in 2007 are being harvested and by April we start to see the 'new' season crops maturing. The cabbage, sprout and other brassica crops planted in 2007 will start to go up to seed as the day length and temperatures start to increase. In April we can look forward to salad crops and the first early Jersey Royal potatoes.

Although the seasonality of food has been lost to an extent, as we are able to source food from all over the world, there really is nothing to beat local produce grown 'in season'. For example, the calabrese crop harvested in the island has come to an end now and we won't be cutting again until the middle of May, but that crop is already in the ground and growing under plastic.

Awful stuff

Plastic advances the harvest date of crops and, although unsightly around the countryside, farmers use it to 'capture the market'. It is awful stuff to lay, expensive to buy (and getting more expensive each year) and when you get the gale force winds we have experienced of late, this causes us to worry about whether it will actually stay on the field! More often that not it doesn't, so yet more expense to patch it up or relay it when it has blown off.

Most farmers are now handling plastic responsibly and much of what cannot be reused on another crop is retrieved and taken back by the manufacturer to be recycled into carrier and bin bags.

Rising costs

Many challenges have faced the agricultural industry over the years, but by far the biggest challenge now is the rising costs of production. It is a complex and delicate argument that ensures that food is both

available and affordable to all. As farmers struggle to balance the books and to avoid extreme climatic and weather conditions during their production cycles, demand for bio fuels has resulted in a rise in the price of grain for the first time in years, so not only can we expect the price of bread to rise, but also that of meat, as many of the animals we eat are fed on grain.

The future?

Another worry for agriculture is the lack of young people coming into the industry. Our business has had only one young local person join the farm in the last fourteen years. The problem is not unique to Jersey, although our vibrant finance industry does entice school leavers and graduates with relatively high starting salaries. The concern must be the loss of knowledge and experience from farming. Who will be the food producers of the future?

That's enough of my moaning! – it is still the best job in the world. Every day is different and for me there is nothing quite as rewarding as a crop well grown.

Mike Greenwood, Amalgrow

WHY NOT JOIN THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE?

St Lawrence WI meets at St Lawrence Parish Hall on the second Friday of the month at 7.45 pm. Recent meetings have featured talks by an auctioneer, a member of the Walk Vietnam group, and exercises to music. Future meetings include pétanque and a meal, and a talk on stained glass windows.

If you are interested, please phone Hilary Lambert 865944; or Jennifer Jones, President of St Lawrence WI, on 864334.

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

Parish Hall

Many of you will know that there was a proposal to put an extension at the rear of the Parish Hall and add an extra floor above the committee room. This scheme was approved by a Parish Assembly in 2001. The costing for the work was £425,000 in 2001. A reduced scheme was put before a Parish Assembly in 2004 as an alternative at a cost of £300,000. This proposition was defeated with only one vote in favour.

If the original scheme were to have the increased building costs added at today's rate, the costing of that scheme would increase to £637,000.

In an effort to get best value for money I have been working with Andrew Morris Architects and have come up with a scheme that gains in excess of 50% more space than the previously approved scheme, and as the structure will be in a different location in the building it will reduce the potential costs significantly to somewhere around £450,000 to £475,000

Their revised plan is to extend the rear of the building to join up with the garage on ground level. This area will accommodate new toilets, including disabled toilets, as well as storage space on the ground floor which is sadly lacking at the moment. The kitchen will then occupy the space where the old toilets were. The plan is to build the committee room above where the present offices are. The wall between the present Connétable's office and the secretary will be removed to give an open-plan office.

Main advantages

- More appropriate administration space which is cramped at the present time
- Safer disabled entrance at rear where a car can drive right to the ramp, rather than a disabled person having to get out of the car on the main road
- More appropriate toilet facilities, including disabled toilets.
- Better storage facilities on the ground floor, extremely lacking at the present time
- More appropriate waiting room for Police enquiries, away from the main entrance

These plans were approved unanimously at a Parish Assembly on 27th February 2007. The Assembly was advised that it would be approximately a 40-week process before we would be able to put the first shovel in the ground, so I am hopeful that we will be starting in early 2009, subject to planning approval.

Maison Le Vesconte/Greenwood Trust

I am pleased to advise you that the plans have been approved by Planning for the extensions to the four bed-sit units so that we can add an extension to turn them into one-bedroom units. We are now having the building regulation plans done so that we can progress the development to the tender stage and hopefully start work later this year.

Recycling

I am pleased to advise you that we are achieving above 70% participating rate in recycling by parishioners.

We are adding plastic bottles to the recycling scheme and the first collection will be in April. You will have had the plastic bags delivered to you by now. I must emphasise that it is plastic bottles with the tops off ONLY. No other plastics will be taken.

Whilst on the subject of recycling, a survey was undertaken by Transport and Technical Services in September 2007 and a number of things have come to light.

It was noted that a number of households are putting magazines that come with the newspapers in the bin with the plastic sleeve on. **WOULD YOU PLEASE REMOVE THE PLASTIC BEFORE PUTTING IN BIN, AND PLACE ONLY PAPER NOT CARDBOARD IN THE BINS.**

A small number of households are putting mixed recycling in the same bin. The refuse collectors have difficulty in dealing with this as they use different vehicles, so please separate the recycling into the separate bins.

Would you please only use the bins provided for paper and tins NOT GLASS.

Some household are either placing paper or tins out. It would be preferable if both paper and tins were put out.

Recreation Centre

There is a joint statement in this issue.



Connétable Graeme Butcher



DEPUTY ANDREW LEWIS

Spring has sprung

Whilst I am writing this article we are being buffeted by storms but the Parish has been looking very spring-like with daffodils adorning many fields and the new owners of the Bonne Nuit Café getting ready for their first season.



It was a great pleasure for Kate & I to welcome to our home Muriel Poisson MBE and her close friends from the various organisations that she is involved with. We enjoyed a champagne reception and were graced by a visit from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs Ridgway who proposed a toast to Muriel and emphasised how special and well deserved the award was. Not shy in coming forward, Muriel stressed that her achievement was a team effort and gave thanks to all those present for their support over the years.

Recycling

By the time you read this edition, you will have received your blue plastic bag for recycling plastic bottles, and a leaflet explaining what can be accepted. Unfortunately yoghurt pots, juice cartons etc cannot be accepted. Once again our thanks go to our sponsors, Style Holdings, who will continue supporting our initiative and to Cimandis whose contribution helped us get the scheme off the ground.

Battle of Flowers

Only a few people have contacted me with regard to forming a group to create a St John's parish entry into this year's Battle. Unfortunately, funding of this year's battle is a bit of an issue, also those more expert in such matters than I say that we would need more time than is available to successfully design and build a float for the 2008 parade. However I am aware of two floats being built by private groups in St John. I have asked one if they would be interested in making the float a parish entry for which funding could be made available from an existing dedicated St John's Battle fund. I am awaiting their response.

Pedestrian crossing

Just when we thought we were getting somewhere with a crossing for outside the parish hall we received the following polite but unhelpful e-mail from the Transport Director TTS



"I am aware that you are very keen to progress this project but, as mentioned before, I have no resources at present. Not only does TTS have no minor works budget at present, it also has no spare resource to provide advice at this time. Our priority is the Waterfront development. Furthermore, the ITTP needs finalising and, once the Waterfront traffic implications are bottomed out, the ITTP will take priority.

If I had the resource, there is a long list of other jobs that are required and I do not consider it equitable to agree to progress one when others, possibly a higher priority from a road safety viewpoint, are also crying out to be done.

I'm sorry I can't be more helpful at this time but although TTS identified that Transport Policy was lacking in resource, funding an additional member of staff has proved impossible with the conflicting demand across the department".

But all is not lost, TTS have agreed that we can take independent advice and come up with a scheme using a private contractor. There is some money available from the parish roads' budget for the scheme and we will still attempt to put the scheme forward to the Safety Grants panel.

The REC

You may be aware that the trustees of the Butlin Memorial Trust have finally signed a lease with the management committee of the REC. I have little confidence that the reassigning of such a lease will provide the kind of community facilities that the parish demands and should have. I have no doubt that the centre will continue to run successfully as a sports centre, but if it is a youth and community centre that parishioners require then the building is simply not designed to achieve this and will not do so without significant investment. I am also very disappointed that, despite agreement at the public meeting in December '06, all the options for creating better community facilities in the parish have not been explored by the trustees, and the promised survey to canvas demand and opinion was never undertaken.

Now that spring has sprung I hope that you all enjoy what I hope will be weather that in the past has made Jersey famous.



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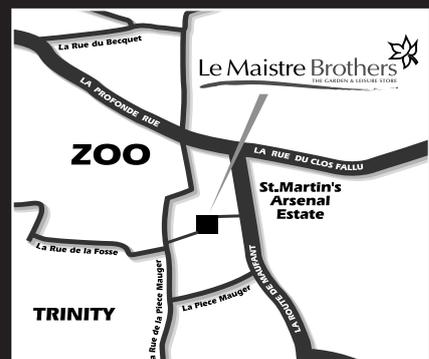
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News from the Pews

Parish clean and prayer walk



On Saturday 26th April members of the congregation will be meeting in church for a short time of prayer, before setting off to walk, in teams of two, the lanes and roads of the parish picking up litter from the roadsides as we go.

In addition, to cleaning up the rubbish that lies in the hedgerows, we'll pray God's blessing upon every road in the parish and those who reside on it.

Clearly, more volunteers would be a great help, so if you're free and able to join us for the morning of the 26th, do please contact the Rector, on 861677

Children in church

During his visitation in 2007, the Dean emphasised that 'We must make children in church a priority for our ministry and mission.' And it was Jesus who said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' (Luke 18; 16) In response to this calling, during 2008 we will be journeying towards welcoming children, aged 7 and over, to share communion, prior to their confirmation, and thus accept and affirm them as full members of our church family.

Today over ten per cent (a figure which is increasing) of Church of England churches have received permission to welcome children to communion prior to confirmation and all have found it to be fundamental to their growth and mission. These churches offer compelling evidence as to the value of such a move, stating: - that children take receiving communion very seriously; that the child who receives communion feels included, equal, valued and more a part of the church, as this is what Christians do; that there is a lower drop-out rate than with the traditional pattern of teenage confirmation, which is often little more than a passing-out parade from Sunday Club.

It's often said that children are the church of the tomorrow. Children are not the church of tomorrow; they are the church of today, without which there will be no church tomorrow. It is their experience of the church today that will influence whether they are a part of the church tomorrow.

Saying it with Flowers

Plans are well advanced in preparation for the church flower Festival which is to take place from Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd June, which will celebrate the miracles and parables of Jesus. Refreshments and a raffle will be available, with all donations going towards Phase Two of the church building works. Do contact Lynne Austin-Vautier on 865015, if you would like to help.



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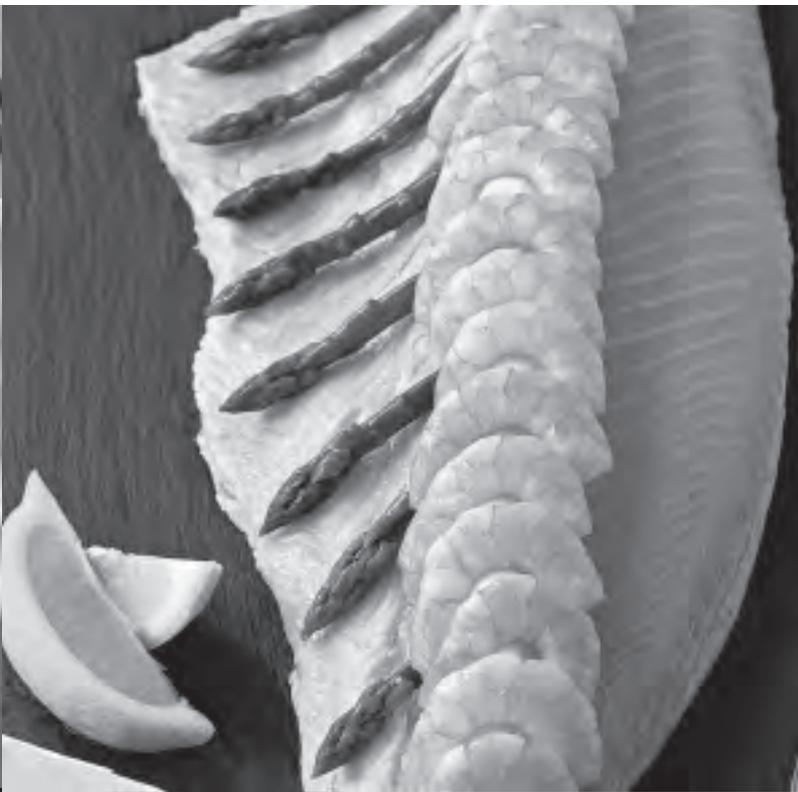


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ANOTHER KIND OF OCCUPATION DIARY!

In recent months a church account book for St John's Parish Church has come to light. It details the receipts from services and the church expenditure from August 1937 to November 1949 with some additional information through to 1951.

When I first saw this book I realised its significance as it takes us through those memorable years of occupation as well as a few years either side to act as a contrast. My two passions of history and detective novels came together when reading this book and it is amazing what clues and information can be teased from what is in essence a straightforward account book. The Churchwarden throughout, keeping the book impeccably, was Francis Edward Luce.

On January 25th 1938, St John's Church received a new rector, the Reverend Raymond S. Hornby, and he was to guide the parish church through the difficult years of the Occupation. His daughter, Prisca Tremeer, a small child at the time, still occasionally rings the bells at St John and is now Churchwarden of Gouray Church.

Although no numbers are given for the attendance at services as they would be today, we must assume from the collections that it was fairly

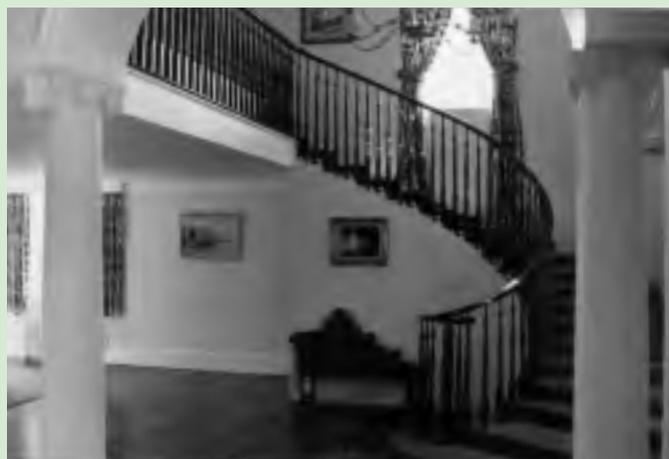
steady both before and during the Occupation. The present rector, churchwardens and treasurer would be delighted if the church quota (amount payable by the parish church to the diocese of Winchester) at present approximately £45,000, had been held at £18 per annum as it was until 1947!

It is just possible to discern the coming storm clouds of war and the unsettling feeling the rise of the Nazi regime in Germany produced from the fact that in May 1938 and again twice in 1940 payments were made from St John to the Church mission to the Jews. Also on the 21st December 1938, quite a significant sum was sent to the Church of England Refugee Fund, and in November 1939, money was sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society for the Services Scripture Fund. Although occupation was still distant and unbelievable, the island and the church in St John in particular, were not ignorant or unmindful of the effects of war.

Waiting

On a separate sheet inserted in the account book, there is a fascinating account of the St John's Church Restoration Fund receipts and payments from April 1937 to May 1947. Nothing changes, only

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the figures in the columns! From various sources it has been possible to work out that this fund was for the major refurbishment of the Sanctuary and chancel area. Most of the skilled work was carried out by the Warham Guild, a London firm of ecclesiastical furnishers. Among the work they produced was the fine and elaborate reredos behind the altar in memory of the 46 years during which the Reverend Ernest St John Nicolle served the parish as rector. Also installed were new choir stalls - and the oak screen which faces the south door would have been - if it had not been a victim of the Occupation and spent five years waiting at the docks in Southampton! Most of the cost, £783, a vast sum for those times, was paid to the Warham Guild in 1939 but they too, had to wait until after the Occupation, for their final payment.

On May 10th 1940, at a special service, the new altar, communion rails and choir stalls were dedicated.

Double pay?

At the beginning of July in 1938 the church paid the balance to the JEC for the purchase of a Hammond organ. This helped the church to provide music during the Occupation, although from its regular appearance in the church accounts it needed constant maintenance. The organists and caretaker were paid continuously throughout the whole period of the account book. One fascinating fact about the caretaker was that he was paid double in August 1939 for the six weeks covering the potato harvest. Does this mean that he was lifting potatoes for the rector from the glebe land or did he have to be paid double because his church duties stopped him from earning extra money at this time? **I am sure one of our readers will be able to provide further illumination here.**

Coal for war

Today the church is heated with oil by a sophisticated boiler at the entrance to the vestry. During the years of this account book the heating was by coal, and later coke, and there was a furnace. Regular payments were made to a local supplier for coal deliveries in the winter months. Then between January and December 1939 coal shot up in price. We can see the influence of the outbreak of war here and the necessity for more coal for the war effort. Then in August 1940, a month after the beginning of the Occupation, the church bought five times its usual amount for a vast sum and there were no more purchases of fuel until a delivery of coke in March 1946. The furnace, unsurprisingly, had to be repaired in April 1946. I feel sure that many of our readers will remember shivering in church towards the end of the Occupation.

The church provided three services every Sunday

for the whole of this period which is a wonderful tribute to the faith, stoicism, and loyalty of the clergy and congregation. Again from the accounts we can see that the choir, Sunday school, Mothers' Union etc. continued as usual. Before the Occupation charitable donations from the church accounts tended to go off the island to various missionary societies. During the Occupation the charitable donations continued but now, because of the lack of overseas postal services, they went to local organisations such as the Jersey Nursing Association, Jersey Blind Society, Brig-y-Don children's home and the home for Aged and Infirm women.

The largest single donation made to a charity during the period of the account book, was that collected and paid to the International Red Cross. This was the collection from the Festal Evensong on May 10th 1945 - the day after the Liberation. The amount sent was £41 6s. 6d. As the normal collection for a service was less than £3 we can appreciate how glad the parishioners were to be liberated!

Parish Poor

The hardship of the Occupation years can be seen in that from June 1945 to May 1948 the church made a contribution to the parish poor. From 1946 the church reverted to its tradition of sending money off the island to various missionary societies.

Along with the rest of the island, the congregation of the parish church in St John wished to mark the Liberation in tangible ways. At Evensong on September 22nd, 1946, a new silver processional cross was dedicated and is still in use. At St John's-tide the following year a new stained glass window was dedicated. These two gifts can be contrasted with the purchase of two oak trestles for coffins purchased from John Bailhache in August 1944 - these too are still in use.

The post-war years saw the resignation of the Reverend Hornby in early 1948 and a long interregnum before the appointment of the Reverend Ward-Booth in 1951.

The account book will soon join the rest of the Parish Church records at the Archive Centre in St Helier. A future article may focus on some other records of the church - some of the oldest in the island - many in French. The church today may seem a very different place from what it was in those Occupation years but its purpose is the same - to serve the people of St John, to support their faith, share in their joys and sorrows and to display the love of God in the community.

Rosie Bleasby

Does this piece trigger memories? If so, please let us know and we may feature them in a future edition. Editor





Principles



In the last issue I told you all about our core professional purpose at St John's School which is - **Thinking, Learning, Caring**. This underpins everything we do and informs the principles that guide us in our school life. There are ten principles and children in Year 6 have been working hard on explaining and illustrating them. I hope you enjoy their work. Please do get in touch if you would like to learn more or visit our school.

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Celebrate achievements

In St John's School, to celebrate achievements, we give out awards in the form of positive comments, stickers, trophies and certificates. We also give beads to people who show the skills needed to progress in their learning. These skills are autonomy, valuing, co-operation, positive attitude and confidence.

Communicating Clearly

What does this mean? It means checking with others to make sure they understand and know what to do. Make sure the person you are talking to understands what you have said and make sure that they know the Learning Intention. An example of this work is: If a teacher is explaining to a class about the homework that they have to do then the teacher needs to communicate the task clearly to the children and the children need to ask questions in order to be confident in their work. People in the school can also communicate through reading and giving feedback in partners.



Provide a varied and exciting curriculum

At St John's School, the staff provide a varied and exciting curriculum, which all the pupils enjoy. We often go on trips such as to France, St Aubin's Fort and Crabbé. These are great learning opportunities and make our learning meaningful. We use challenges and critical skills to help us develop as lifelong learners. We feedback and learn to question our understanding and then challenge our ideas. We use the outside environment too. Learning is fun at St John's School.



Respect the value of time

We, at St John's School, value time. If we value time and organise ourselves appropriately, we work harder and in a more focused way in order to meet the challenge or get the work done. Time disappears fast. We need to value all the experiences we have and make the most of every opportunity.



Encouraging thinking and independence

If we are not feeling confident about something, then at St John's School, we encourage everyone to ask for help. This enables us to be independent. We all support each other. To be independent we need to make sure we are organised and have the correct equipment for each lesson. To encourage thinking and independence we must tackle all new challenges, even if we are not sure about the outcome or if we feel nervous. 'Take a risk' and 'Believe in ourselves' are important phrases in our school.



Value Change and Development

What does this mean? We are always looking to improve our school and to extend our learning. We don't want to get stuck in always doing things the same way because we always want to get better at what we do. We are prepared to take a risk and try something new.





ASK THE TEENAGER

A NEW GENERATION VOICE OF REASON.

Hello everyone. I'm writing to you now after just turning the brilliant age that is 17. Or perhaps not so brilliant. I thought that turning 17 would bring me endless possibilities, and open doors that were previously very much shut. Firstly, the opportunity of owning a car would be mine, and therefore I could manoeuvre myself wherever whenever I feel like it. Secondly, turning 17 is another year closer to 18, when finally you will officially become an adult, and therefore by reaching the grand age of 17 you should probably know more about yourself and who you are than ever before. Well apparently not.

After waking up on my 17th birthday to a hilarious novelty car-shaped piggy bank, and a still very empty-looking parking space, I realised that: a. I didn't feel any different than I did yesterday, and b. maybe driving wasn't quite the number one priority on my parents' to-do list. Not only had I hinted a zillion times about the car situation, but also numbers 1-15 on my birthday wish-list were car related: driving lessons, a car, dice, and matching novelty steering wheel cover, and a nodding dog amongst other things. I was sure I had made it crystal clear how absolutely excited I was to get behind the wheel.

I was left a note that evening, which read: Car £400; lessons £25 per hour, and around 10-20 needed = £250/500; provisional £20; insurance £700; theory £25; practical exam £45; petrol costs. Well over a grand, and well over what I was expecting it to cost. After seeing the raw figures I think I realised that it wasn't exactly fair expecting my parents to fork out for the whole lot. But, as I'm saving up for a post-exam holiday, and also revisiting Reading festival, I was aware I wouldn't be able to afford to pay even part of the overall total quite yet.

So now it's March, and I've got used to the idea that

I probably won't be doing any driving (unless illegally) until at least September. And even the prospect of illegal driving is not so easy when you have no car to illegally drive. So it's back to the Jersey Bus system's stupid time schedule, and relying on lifts to get anywhere. Yay.

The age of 17 didn't actually bring anything fun at all. In fact it's a shocking age to be on the social front—just a year under the age when one can legally go out on the raz. One year. Agh. So no town for me, and in fact no pubs either. The cinema costs £6, which I can't afford to be spending on sitting in silence for 3 hours. That leaves . . . uhh nowhere, seeing as everyone seems to have stopped hosting house parties. So there is nothing I can do, unless I could enjoy the novelty of sitting in my very own car. Which I can't.

Seventeen, the lagging lull of a middle age, joining 16 and 18 where you're not quite old enough, but not quite young enough either. So it's just sitting back and hoping you'll be invited to some mental 18th every weekend. Yay.

Seventeen is the age when you start to choose your life's path, beginning with the choice/option of uni. A stressful and overwhelming time that the majority of us would rather ignore, and hand over to someone else. This, we are assured, is not an option.

So it's researching the thousands of courses on UCAS.com, and religiously taking the masses of quizzes that claim to steer you in the right direction for your future. That is until you get the results which read, 'You don't like physics or maths. You should probably not be a physician or an accountant. You might enjoy toilet cleaning.' Ah yeh! good advice, computer. You are left to sift through the alphabetically ordered courses in the hope that something, sometime soon, will just spring out at you. And even then there's still open days to attend at various Unis, accommodation and, more importantly, social life to look into, as well as the average living costs. It was estimated that this year it will cost around £11,000 to send a student to University. 17 suddenly seems like a very expensive age.

So, accompanied by the stress of A-level exams, choosing a Uni, weekend jobs, saving money for driving, you've also got to balance the stress with some you-time. Social life, which is rapidly deteriorating due to the fat revision schedule, I am told, is a vital part of the next few months. Hmm . . . I've forgotten why I was so excited for my birthday?

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Not being one to let an opportunity slip by, I suggested we formed a partnership where I would look after all of the day-to-day running of the business, and he would look after the PCs as needed. One handshake later and Island Technology was born!

Traditional counter

After three years working from our homes, the opportunity arose to rent the shop at Haut du Marais, St Ouen, which many readers may remember as Downers and later on, Avenue Fashion. We have tried to keep the traditional feel of the place, retaining the original floorboards, wall panelling, and door bell. We were also pleased to locate the original Downers shop counter, the top of which is made from one solid piece of wood. It has been fully restored and takes pride of place in the shop.

Neither Lecky nor I will ever forget our opening day on Saturday 8th November 2003. It was absolute pandemonium and we were exhausted at the end of it. Since then we have been fortunate enough to meet and assist thousands of clients from absolute beginners to IT professionals, covering all age groups. We have also been lucky in employing Steve Galloway who has proved invaluable in helping our business continue to grow.

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No doubt the news of recent weeks has led to the Island questioning itself about the behaviour of some and the consequences for so many.

The issues being raised through the Haut de la Garenne investigation have left many in a whirlpool of emotion. Some are angry at what is alleged to have been hidden abuse. Others are relieved that at last such alleged issues are being brought out into the open. Still others are feeling the pain of memories being relived. For many I am sure the question of, 'Where is God in all of this?' comes to mind. It is impossible to answer that question without referring to Easter which we have just recently celebrated.

Leading up to His crucifixion, Jesus was mistreated, assaulted, falsely accused, tortured and eventually unjustly put to death. Why did he allow Himself to take the punishment for things he had not even done wrong? Simply, to save us from being punished for the things we have done wrong and to bring hope and healing in our hurting circumstances. Jesus shares in our suffering because he suffered too and God's power that raised Him to life again is able to heal

our physical and emotional hurts.

It appears that some terrible things have happened on this Island in the recent decades, but Good Friday and Easter Sunday remind us that no matter what we have done or had done to us, the price has already been paid for us to receive God's forgiveness and love even though we may have to experience the judicial system. In knowing His forgiveness, we can receive His peace and healing. This, in turn, helps us to forgive others who have wronged us, giving us emotional freedom whether the offender is convicted in court or not.

What is so important, despite what investigations and judicial cases may or may not uncover, is that everyone may know and experience forgiveness and then receive the strength and willingness to forgive others. It is our experience that freedom in this life, and inner peace can be received by all who come to Him for the greatest gift of all – His forgiveness.

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EDITORIAL

Having been squeezed into this corner by 30 contributors (any more out there? - the more the merrier!), I must be brief.

Miss St John 2008

This event is a step on the way to the Miss Battle of Flowers competition. Our own Victoria Keen was Miss Battle in 2005. Prospective candidates are asked to telephone Rosemary Dupré on 866880. Don't be shy!

Goodbye and thank you

From its first edition in December 2003, Star of the North has been printed by Alpha Print Limited with whom we have a very happy association which I am confident will continue. But life is full of change and so we say goodbye to Graham Minier and his daughter, Louise. Graham is retiring and eagerly looking forward to a more relaxed lifestyle. Louise is leaving to work for Hospice Care – but she promises me that she will always 'be at the end of the phone.' Heartfelt thanks to both Graham and Louise for their patience, helpfulness, enthusiasm and humour. I shall miss them both.

August edition

Our next edition will be published in early August.

Deadline for copy is July 11th.

I am sure that many of you have ideas for future articles - so please contact me by phone, post or email.

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DIGGER IN THE MIDDLE

Residents of Sion Village woke up recently to find a mechanical digger at work in the children's play area.

The news that the play equipment was being removed to turn the area into a grassed patch with benches came as a surprise to all. However, of much greater surprise was the revelation that plans are being put forward to build yet another house on part of the land.

For people in the Village this latest development has unearthed the issue some felt they had buried in 2006. It has been over five years since residents moved in and the area has always been earmarked as a communal recreation space and place for children to play safely. It was a struggle to get the play area originally installed. Now it looks to be under threat again.

With over 40 children living in Sion Village, many residents are exasperated by this latest turn of events. The village is next to the busy main road and there are no other areas to play. As a result children have little alternative to playing outside in the street.

Despite a Parish Assembly in March 2006 voting for the Parish to acquire responsibility, the under-

lying issue of who maintains the roads, communal areas and play area has still not been resolved.

In the meantime, the developer who still owns the land appears to be taking the initiative and intends to apply for planning permission to build another three-bedroom dwelling – at the expense of the communal area. Residents fear that if this plan goes ahead and is passed by Planning, the originally promised recreation space will further disappear, much to the dismay of local children and at great loss to the area as whole.

It now falls to the residents to formulate a strategy to preserve this important recreation area and anyone who wishes to provide their input can contact:

Rebecca Ginnis
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email: rginnis@jerseymail.co.uk.

Footnote:

All residents of Sion Village have recently received a letter from me explaining the legalities of the present position.

Connétable Graeme Butcher

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS LATER AND THE BATTLE GOES ON

Mary Bidan has been taking part in the Jersey Battle of Flowers with her entry 'Mary Bidan & Friends' for the last 28 years. Prior to that Mary's Grandfather and Uncle used to take part in the Battle of Flowers just after the occupation.

To some the Battle of Flowers may be a headache but to Mary's family & friends it is a show of dedication to one of Jersey's biggest tourist attractions for over 100 years.

To build a 45ft float takes time, money and a sense of humour - not forgetting team spirit. Even though Mary's family have grown up they are still there helping, and now she is teaching her grandchildren how to build a successful float so that they may continue the family tradition. But she cannot just rely on family alone. Over the years her friends and their friends have joined in and supported Mary.

To build a good float can cost anything from £10,000 to £15,000 and funding has been a grey area

with the Battle of Flowers for many years and this year will be no different, Mary's team carry out their own fund-raising but this does not always cover the expenses. Mary told us earlier that, **'Funding is hard and we do as much fund-raising as we can from bingo nights to car boot sales. We are always looking for sponsorship.'**

This year Mary is looking for some more people to help in building another successful float; younger children are most welcome if accompanied by an adult. Mary also tells us her theme is a magical one and the work is due to start on the 2nd of April at the Battle of Flowers Headquarters, Meadowbank. If anyone would be interested in helping her build this year, or in making a donation, please contact Mark.

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*Cutting harestails
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*Teatime at Battle of Flowers shed,
Meadowbank*



Mothers Sarah and Nicola and son Mark

*Serving punch during Father
Christmas's visit to the Parish Hall*



Darts League at St John's Hotel



IN SERVICE – CAPTAIN NIGEL HILL – ROYAL ENGINEERS

Last November St John resident, Nigel Hill, was awarded a certificate by Mrs Mary Fagan, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, in recognition of meritorious service for planning and leading 32 staff and officer cadets of Southampton University's Officer Training Corps on a humanitarian expedition to Gambia in March 2007. This was a very proud moment in 24 years' military service of varying kinds which has taken Nigel to many different places around the world.



Nigel's interesting life had a chequered beginning. Adopted at birth in Kent, he first came to Jersey with his adoptive parents and attended St Christopher's School, and Victoria College Preparatory School. In 1976 the family returned to Kent. In 1980 Nigel elected to go into Local Authority care, eventually ending up in a children's home. Mary, a Jersey resident and relative of his adoptive father, eventually traced Nigel. He has vivid memories of elegant Mary walking towards him as he was informed, 'An Aunt from Jersey has come to see you.' Mary, whom Nigel calls his surrogate mother, invited him to live with her in Jersey, making this possible by becoming a professional foster carer.

Back in Jersey Nigel followed a year's course in mechanical engineering at Highlands College, followed by various jobs, and then in 1983 he joined the army with a friend who persuaded Nigel that it would be a good idea! Nigel enlisted into the Royal Pioneers in 1984. During the next five years he deployed to the Falkland Islands, Ascension Island, Norway and many U.K. locations. He spent 18

months in Munster, Germany and 18 months on security duties in Northern Ireland. His 21st birthday was spent sitting in the back of an armoured vehicle in the middle of a riot in Belfast. Northern Ireland was interesting in the '80s and Nigel's platoon was involved in construction tasks, strengthening RUC police stations on the border with the South. He remembers the many times that home-made ordnance and mortars would be fired at the RUC and British Army from just over the border. Strict Rules of Engagement made retaliation impossible but it brought home the difficulties of this troubled region at that time.

In 1988 Nigel left the Royal Pioneers and returned to Jersey, finding employment initially in the building trade, applying the knowledge he had learned in the forces. In April 1989 he joined the Jersey Field Squadron Royal Engineers (JFS) in its inaugural year and converted to 'Sapper' (the Royal Engineers' term for their private soldiers). Nigel spent the next 16 years with the JFS, rising through the ranks and becoming the Squadron Sergeant-Major with the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2 ('WO2'). It was during this time that he devised an event called Militia Challenge. This was designed to give local people a fun and challenging weekend whilst also raising awareness of the JFS. Nine teams of 10 members took part from both the public and private sector. They

were faced with physical and mental challenges and also asked to raise funds for Jersey Hospice. Sir John Cheshire presented final prizes and a cheque for £11,000 was handed over. Such was the success of the event that WO2 Hill devised a further event in 2003 with 54 competitors and raised £5,000 for Robin Ward of the General Hospital.

Gambia

In 2002 Nigel was the project officer for the Jersey Squadron deployment to Belize where a large construction project was undertaken in conjunction with the Jersey Overseas Aid Committee. In October 2003 Nigel was commissioned in the rank of Lieutenant and ran the recruiting team in the JFS until September 2004, when he planned and led a regimental Junior Non-Commissioned Officers' leadership cadre in Cumbria.

In September 2005 (and on promotion to Captain), Nigel took post with the Southampton University Officers Training Corp ("SUOTC"), a military organisation within the University which



prepares undergraduates for service in the forces. The commitment was onerous as it was based on an academic training year, so all the training had to take place (2 weekends a month) between September and March with an annual camp in the summer months. The annual camp is 50% military training and 50% adventure training, and Captain Hill led expeditions in Snowdonia in Wales and Glencoe in the Highlands of Scotland.

Candlelight operation

In February 2006, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mrs Mary Fagan invited the SUOTC to support her ongoing project to rebuild a derelict school in a remote region of the Gambia, one of Africa's poorest countries. Nigel was asked to plan and lead a team in February 2007. The school is in Soma, a very poor region, 180km inland from the coast. As well as selecting the right team of 13 male and 13 female, Nigel tasked them all with filling a 20ft shipping container with much-needed aid for this poor community, and used the Gambian Navy and other agencies to get the aid up-country and delivered to the right people. As well as rebuilding the school and distributing the aid, the team witnessed several births in the local medical centre, as well as a cataract operation by candle-light as the generators had failed.

The project, which was a resounding success, proved onerous in terms of planning because it simply had not been done before. In addition there was a real 'duty of care' to be considered when dealing with young people. After the event Nigel raised £2,500 (part of which came from the Jersey Branch of Rotary) which paid for two artesian wells to be dug and capped in the school.

Nigel would like to return to Gambia. There is more work to be done on the school in Soma which has some 1,300 students. He has been in discussion with Deputy Jaquie Huet about the possibility of taking a Jersey crew across in association with Jersey Overseas Aid.

Nigel has since left the SUOTC and is now in the headquarters of 16 Air Assault Brigade. He has recently come back from Exercise Titanium Falcon, a NATO exercise involving the Joint Force Air Component of NATO's Reaction Force.

Apart from his first five years, all this military service has been carried out in Nigel's 'spare time.' He is a graduate member of the City and Guilds Institute in Leadership and is employed as Head of Business Development for State Street Ltd in the Channel Islands. He is married to Jane and they have a little daughter, Aimée.

Angela Le Sueur

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BOBSLEIGH CHAMPION FROM ST JOHN!

LAUREN THÉRIN EXPLAINS

This season in bobsleigh has been my most successful but also my most challenging. I am in the final year of my Sport & Exercise Science degree in Cardiff and have been competing full time on the World Cup Bobsleigh circuit which is from October until late February. Having to balance my academic life with my elite sport life over the last twelve months has been the most demanding thing I have had to do to date. However, it is through these challenges that I have learnt many things about myself as both an athlete and an academic. Discovering my enthusiasm for Sport Psychology through the completion of my university dissertation this year, I am inspired to complete a Masters course in Psychology with the intention of becoming a practitioner working with elite athletes in a sport environment. This is a goal which I will not be able to complete for some time yet as training full time for bobsleigh does not allow for two more years of study!



It gave us much confidence as a team and with this confidence we raced in our last competition of the year in Igls, Austria for the British Championships. It was fantastic to see a Jersey team compete in the British Championships and they finished 12th, a great result for the two boys, considering how little time they have had to practise on the ice. Nicola and I managed to retain our British Champion title and I received a trophy for being the fastest brakewoman in the competition which I was very proud of after receiving it the previous year and wanting to retain my title!

Looking to the future, I would like to compete in the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada in 2010. To achieve this dream, I must commit myself to bobsleigh for the next two years and I am very much looking forward to the challenge!

World class

My driver, Nicola Minichiello, and I finished the season ranked seventh overall in the World Cup circuit, which consisted of eight races, three in North America and five in Europe. Our best World Cup results saw us finish fourth in St Moritz, Switzerland and seventh in Lake Placid, NY.

After the completion of the World Cup circuit we took part in the World Championships in Altenberg, Germany on 15-16th February. This competition is different from a standard World Cup race as it occurs over two days with two runs on each day, in the same way that the Olympics is contested. This adds the element of consistency from both the drivers and the crew members to the competition, something which in bobsleigh, where the environment is ever changing, is very difficult to accomplish. I am very proud to say that we did accomplish this feat and finished the World Championships in sixth position.

In bobsleigh the top six positions receive medals which meant we shared the podium with three German teams and two Canadian teams; two of the most successful winter sport countries in bobsleigh.

This achievement was a fantastic result after a very demanding season on the circuit for both me and Nicola, which saw her have a knee reconstruction in September amongst many other injuries!

ST JOHN'S TWINNING ASSOCIATION

On Saturday March 8th a group of 55 people involved with the Twinning Association got together for a meal at the Red Rose Restaurant for our first social event without our friends from Le Teilleul. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. We were delighted to welcome four new members, Elizabeth and Keith de la Haye, and Shirley and Frank Gautron.

When our French friends come over we are always so busy entertaining them that it was lovely to be able to chat to everyone in a relaxed atmosphere.

We are looking forward to hosting our friends from Le Teilleul on the weekend of Friday 18th to Sunday 20th July, when the Jeux Intervilles will be taking place at Grainville Playing Fields as this year's host is the Parish of St Saviour.

Further information will be available later.

Ron Le Herrisier
Chairman

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A VISIT FROM A WISE MAN FROM THE SOUTH



At the beginning of February the family of St John's Church had a visitor from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He was the newly consecrated Bishop of Bukavu who was returning from Lambeth Palace having been at a training session in London. Bishop Bahati Bali-Busane is French-speaking but able to communicate in English

and a myriad of local languages from his Diocese which covers an area the size of Wales. Bukavu city is on the eastern border of D. R. Congo beside the southern coast of Lake Kivu. Rwanda is on the other side and the water is part of a string of Great Lakes running down the centre of the continent.

Tiny St John's Parish is twinned with the Diocese of Bukavu because our Diocese of Winchester supports the Anglican Church in D.R. Congo. Bishop Bahati was on his very first trip out of Africa. It had taken him two days on a bus to reach Kampala in

Uganda to board a plane to Dubai and then on to London. He is no stranger to travelling as he is away from his home most of the time journeying around to his many parishes. It is the rainy season at the moment which lasts most of the year and so the roads are unpredictable. This means that he is bounced about on the back of an open lorry, the usual mode of transport. Nearer the larger towns, he assured us, the roads can be better.

The Church in the Congo is very aware of the plight of the people. In particular, the diocese was the main recipient of refugees fleeing the civil war in Rwanda in the '90s. This still puts huge strains on the local population. As well as the evangelising mission of the church, it also provides medical clinics, support for victims of human rights abuses - especially rape victims - education, and establishing dialogues to promote peace and justice. This is a massive order for any community but Faith carries them on with determination.

Bishop Bahati has a simplicity about him which belies his responsibilities. As a stranger to the land he boldly tucked into all the food that was offered; he particularly enjoyed our local sea bass; he let nothing be wasted. Are all travellers so adventurous? He hopes to return to Jersey in July en route to the Lambeth Conference. He will be bringing his wife who heads the Mothers Union in the diocese and is also instrumental in supporting the many abused women from the war-torn areas.

Whilst in the Island the Bishop was taken to Durrell Wildlife where he saw several animals that were indigenous to his area. However, he had never seen many of them as during the wars any animal captured or killed was considered bush-meat.

As he travelled around Jersey he was furnished with warm clothing and he admitted that it was the first time he had worn gloves. This must be the equivalent of sleeping under a mosquito net for first-time visitors to his country but it is an illustration of how a visitor from afar opens our eyes to our own lifestyles and the things we take for granted.

He takes away with him the memory of security, of plenty and the ease of our lives in St John. He has taught us to recognise this and to thank God for it every day. Within hours of his leaving our shores the news reached us that an earthquake had destroyed parts of his city of Bukavu, killing more than ten people and injuring hundreds. Over a third of the buildings were damaged, including his own home and church. St John's Church has already sent a donation in support, with more to follow.

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RECREATION CENTRE

New 21 year lease for St John's Sports and Recreation Centre

The Trustees of the Billy Butlin Memorial Trust and the Directors of St John Centre Limited are delighted to confirm that the Royal Court approved a new lease for the St John's Sports and Recreation Centre on 29th February. St John Centre Limited has been granted a 21-year-lease and will be responsible for the management of the Centre and for liaising with all the user groups.

A Memorandum of Intent has also been signed by the Trustees and the Directors where both parties agree to work together to ensure that the facilities at the Centre are developed to meet the needs and expectations of current and potential user groups.

Angus Spencer-Nairn noted that although much

had been achieved during the last couple of years, both parties did not under-estimate the challenges that lie ahead. Securing the new lease is the key foundation on which we can start to build for the future and which will allow us to realize the Centre's potential, and ensure that sport and recreational facilities continue to be available for the multitude of user groups that benefit from the Centre.

Over the next few months the Trustees and the Directors will be working together to develop plans for the Centre. Both parties look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

Graeme Butcher, Chairman of the Trustees
Angus Spencer-Nairn, Chairman of the Management Company

EASTER AT LES FRÈRES

This was a popular event with Easter eggs to paint and colour and an Easter egg hunt outside!

Les Frères mums and toddlers group runs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. It operates from the Boys' Brigade facilities in St John, used throughout the week for all types of youth and community work. At each session we set up the toys in the light and airy (and centrally heated) main hall. Refreshments are served in a separate room. The building is well served by a live-in caretaker and is kept warm in the winter. During warmer weather we have an enclosed grassed area to play in as well. There is also ample, safe parking.

Should you wish to join Les Frères or find out any more information, please contact our membership secretary Kathrin Ricketts on 759775 or 07797 729487.



MY BALLOON

At Grainville School on the 17th October 2007 we held a Make World Poverty History day when many people came in to talk about different charities. At the end of this day there was a balloon launch. We were each given a balloon to let go. Attached to the balloon was a label on which we wrote our names and a message which we had learnt that day.

Four days later, on the 21st October my balloon was found by a Mr Gilbert Robert, in his front yard in a village near Chinon in the Centre region of France. He wrote me a letter saying he was an 86-year-old gentleman and when he found my balloon it was not deflated at all. He also wished me to go as far in my studies as my balloon had travelled! I wrote back, thanking him for taking the time and effort to let me know that my balloon had been found. My balloon was one of only a couple to be found and returned.

Paige Thérin, aged 13



WHAT'S YOURS?

Readers might be quite surprised to discover the wide variety of activities, broadly considered as hobbies, which are pursued by many people in addition to their work and normal daily life. Some are not really hobbies and probably merit a more serious description. The point is that they are all undertaken for no financial reward, the object being enjoyment of doing whatever it may be and the satisfaction of achievement.

Roger Long has been recording and studying the moths of Jersey for many years and explains why they are so interesting.



Oleander Hawk-moth: the largest moth found in Jersey

THE MOTHS OF JERSEY

Soon after I joined the Jersey Gas Company my job as the Works Chemist involved a gas-washing plant where moths, attracted by the lights at night, had been killed by the ammonia fumes. One of them was very attractive so I took it to the Museum where I was told, 'If you want to know what it is you'll have find out for yourself', which is how I started on the study of Lepidoptera – insects with scales.

Most moths are night-flying and, as everyone knows, are attracted to light, especially ultra-violet lamps. So, we started collecting them and, very quickly, were able to add dozens of names to the list of moths recorded in Jersey. Here I wish to make it quite clear that although our traps catch many hundreds of moths when the conditions are right, we examine them all and then release almost all of them straight away. Although, in the past, making large private collections of butterflies, moths and all sorts of creatures was popular and seldom questioned, that is strongly discouraged nowadays. We have to retain a very small number of them, either because they are difficult to identify and have to be sent to a UK expert, or because they are new records for Jersey and one

needs to be retained as a voucher specimen, which is taken to the Société Jersiaise and added to what is, in effect, the 'national' or island collection.

This collection was built up by several amateur entomologists such as Dr Crallan, head of Victoria College, in the 1910s, and Mr Halliwell, the surgeon, in the 1930s, and since 1960 we, with the help of a couple of other enthusiasts, have nearly doubled the number of species on Jersey's list.

Vandals

Moths have a rather poor image with most people, either as vandals in their clothes cupboards or as dull creatures which can get in your hair at night. Yes, there are some dull brown ones, but there are some of great beauty and striking patterns, of which a few are illustrated, all found in Jersey. Over 2,500 are known in the UK and about half that number should occur here; the total known so far is around 1,100.

We take our trap to a range of habitats around the island where kind friends allow us to plug it into their mains electricity in the evening, and I go to collect it at dawn and bring it home to examine the catch. Not many of our sites are in St John and we welcome the chance to try new, secluded 'wild' places, where we might find different species. Keeping full records is an important part of all natural history studies and I am lucky to have Margaret, who is equally interested, to relieve me of that chore. Then, each year, we publish a fairly detailed report of the year's work in the Société's Annual Bulletin. Nearly fifty years' reports show the steady advance of our knowledge of Jersey's Lepidoptera, which includes butterflies, and in addition we both study other groups of insects but, for me, moths take pride of place.

Our records are made available to national and international authorities, who monitor changes in populations for conservation purposes, and we ourselves are noticing in recent years a substantial number of continental species from the south extending their ranges northwards and becoming established here, strong evidence of the effects of global warming. We have caught several moths, not seen by us before and not found in reference books, which have proved to be the first examples of southern species to be found in the whole of the British Isles. That is very exciting, and is always noted with interest in the relevant UK journals. Lepidopterists from the mainland are envious of our favoured position and climate and several of them come, with their traps, solely to see our specialities, such as the Jersey Tiger or, perhaps, to find new ones.

We are frequently asked for how long do moths



live. The short answer is a few days or weeks for a medium-sized adult one – less for a small one, more for larger ones. But the individual insect's life begins as an egg, hatches into a larva, turns into a pupa, then transforms into the adult, winged moth, which lays eggs for the next generation - all of which, on average, adds up to one year. Again, smaller and larger ones will have shorter or longer total lifespan.



Cream-spot Tiger: found on our north coast



Rosy Underwing: a rare moth, now established



Jersey Tiger: common here, rare in Britain.

LENT LUNCHES

For quite some time now the three oldest churches in St John, namely the Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed Churches have been holding various functions as a joint ecumenical venture. One of these functions is sharing the six weeks of Lent lunches, prior to Easter. Each Church hosts two lunches, rotating in turn with the others.

The menu is a choice of different flavours of home-made soups followed by cheese and bread or biscuits. Everyone is then given a choice of a cup of tea or coffee. The lunches are held between 12:00 and 2pm. and a collection basket is provided, with donations being taken for Christian Aid.

It's good to have a chat with other Christians in the Parish (and from other parts of the Island) that one doesn't see on a weekly basis. The lunches are open to anyone, and although it is now too late for this year, if you haven't been before, why not pop in and join us next year?

Richard Dupré



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ST JOHN'S BROWNIES

The 25th St John's Brownies would like to share with you some of the events of the past few months. Our pack got together with 9th St Saviour's Brownies at St John's School to perform 'BROWNIES GOT TALENT COMPETITION'. It was all their own idea. What a fantastic show - everyone was a winner on the night!

Also for the first time ever, we proudly showed off the Brownie Island Flag during the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church. This was done by Katie Bastiman and Abigail Parkin who represented our pack in a Brownie competition at Crabbé.

Louise and Justin Read kindly invited us to learn and take part in bell-ringing at St John's Church. A truly fantastic experience was had by all (including Leaders) and there are some natural bell ringers amongst us.

At the end of 2007, we had a Christmas Craft Day at Guide Headquarters. This was an all-day event joining forces with 9th Grève d'Azette Brownies where girls gained their Craft Badge and mums had a free day Christmas shopping. It was a long day, with lots of hard work and fun involved.



A new year and PC Whitehouse - Crime Prevention Officer - made a couple of visits to our meetings to help the Brownies learn about crime. In doing so, he has enabled the girls to make up a poster about crime and he also got them taking part in a quiz to gain their Crime Prevention Badge. He presented the girls with their badges.

Our next challenge is to gain our Science Investigator Badge. We are all looking forward to carrying out lots of different experiments.

So as you read, we are always up to something - having fun, learning new skills, and improving our knowledge.

One parent told me her daughter wished Brownies was every day of the week!

25th St John's Brownies meet every Wednesday 5.45 - 7.15pm at St John's School. The Brownie pack is full at present and we have a waiting list. If anyone is interested, it's best to put her name down. Telephone me on 865728 or email:

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DON'T MAKE THE JOURNEY ALONE - A LOOK AT ALZHEIMER'S

THE Alzheimer's Society in Jersey offers help and support to people with dementia, their carers, families and friends.

There are many types of dementia, the most common of which is Alzheimer's Disease, and there are around 1,000 people in Jersey who have been diagnosed with the condition. There may be others whose symptoms of memory loss and confusion have been ignored simply because they think it is an inevitable part of growing older, or perhaps they feel ashamed to admit they are not as mentally capable as they once were.

The Alzheimer's Society is working hard to raise awareness of the condition and to encourage people to seek early diagnosis. This is done through a visit to the GP who should be able to eliminate any other medical reasons for memory loss. The GP will then refer the person to the Memory Clinic team at the Poplars Day Centre at Overdale, who will carry out an in depth assessment.

A positive diagnosis may be distressing but it is not the end of the world. With the right support from family, friends and the community, people who have the illness can still lead full and active lives. Although there is no cure, drugs are now available to treat some of the symptoms, though these drugs are not suitable for everyone.

The Alzheimer's Society runs a **Saturday Club** at the Poplars Day Centre from 9 am until 3.30 pm. This gives carers a well-earned break and offers a stimulating, inter-active environment for those with dementia. Transport and a three-course lunch are provided.

The Friendship Group meets on the second Saturday of each month. This enables families, friends and non-professional carers to share their experiences in an informal setting, to talk about any problems they have, or just to let off steam if they feel like it! Another room is also available if people want to talk to a committee member in confidence. Although it is not a counselling service, those who have been bereaved are more than welcome to come along.

Free **Help Cards** are available from Parish Halls, the Poplars Day

Centre or by contacting the Society's Helpline. There are two types of card – one for the person with memory problems and another card for carers. They are the size of a credit card, come in a protective plastic wallet and have space for contact names, addresses and phone numbers in case of emergency.

The Jersey branch of the Alzheimer's Society also offers support by way of information and advice sheets for those affected with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Leaflets cover all aspects and effects of the various forms of dementia such as communication, dealing with guilt, eating and sleep patterns and looking after yourself. Our aim is to make life easier for those who have the condition and their families.

FACT 1.

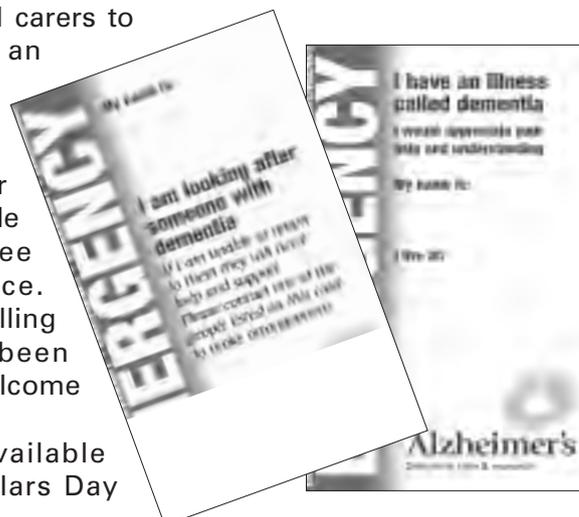
Dementia is a physical condition not a mental health problem; the difference being that when someone has a mental health problem it is often caused by the chemicals produced by the brain not being balanced properly; this can be treated with the right medication meaning the person can then lead a normal life. With dementia there is a disease that kills the brain cells causing the brain to shrink. Each disease, like each of us, is individual and will cause problems in different ways. It is important to know which disease someone may have in order to understand the challenges they might face in everyday life and work out ways to help them.

We are currently putting together an education programme for young people, which we hope to take into schools and other youth organisations. These youngsters will be the carers of tomorrow and

learning about dementia while they are young will give them a better understanding for the future.

The **Singing for the Brain** programme will be introduced in Jersey shortly. This is an exciting project that is very successful in the UK. It is a group activity for all people with memory problems and their carers. It is an opportunity for them to participate in singing sessions together, in an informal and friendly setting. The aim is to provide an enjoyable activity that stimulates mind and body. The happy and sociable atmosphere offers the opportunity to make friends and to help each other.

If you suspect that you, or someone you know, may have memory problems it can be frightening and bewildering. Please don't feel that you are alone. **Phone the local Helpline on 443075** and leave a message, someone will always call you back. Also phone this number if you want more information about the Alzheimer's Society, or if you just feel the need to talk to someone.



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ST JOHN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

The Annual Raffle is our major fundraiser for the year, without which St John FC would be unable to continue playing. We hope you will support us. Tickets can be purchased from myself or from the many present or past St John footballers in our community.

This year we have some great prizes to be drawn July 9th:

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*Sunday match. Some games may carry a surcharge. Must book flights through tour operator by Sept 2008. Max value £1,100.

Tickets are £1 each with just over 5,000 for sale. I would like to thank those people that have helped or contributed to the raffle, notably JFTU, M&S, Victor Hugo and a couple of generous parents.

Annual Dinner

The Annual dinner will be on April 19th at the Hotel Ambassadeur, St Clement. It will give a chance for all to get together talk over our season, our successes and the future of St John FC. Please email ncperrée@jerseymail.co.uk if you would like to join us.

Nigel Perrée

SHOOTING CLUB SUCCESSES

Since Hayden Lister won the Alençon, Normandy Championship at small-bore rifle last October, the club has been competing in the Winter Indoor League against seven other clubs at smallbore rifle, and against three clubs in the Airgun League. We have three teams in the small-bore league and one in the airgun, all of six shooters.

The club airgun team has won the tie shoot for last year's championship against Eastern Air Rifle Club by 8 points with team members having shot 12 matches over the winter. It was exciting that two teams should tie but our team held their nerve, even with two juniors, and shot above their average to win. The team comprised Jennie Ward, David Ward, Mike Quénault, Chris Aubin, and the two juniors, Sean Le Cornu and George Winstanley, with Noel Romano as reserve.

At the British Airgun Championships at the end of February, Jennie Ward came 5th in the ladies' aggregate, Mike Quénault half way down the men's aggregate and star performer, David Ward, came 3rd. The Island Air Pistol Championship finals were held at the Butlin Range, St John and four of our club members were in the top six positions: Chris Aubin was 6th, Jennie Ward 5th, Mike Quenault 2nd and David Ward was crowned island champion.

Looking forward, we are going to the spring open at Alençon in Normandy the first weekend of April. The seventeen-strong squad is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances, enjoying good food, respecting the French way of life, but mostly revelling in a weekend of competitive shooting,

John Renouf

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and, more importantly, have a future.

We all have so much and they have so little. So if you are able to spare a couple of hours delivering or collecting envelopes on a small route in St John during Christian Aid Week this year, please telephone me on 863263.

Beryl Vautier

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For more information about the Saturday Club, phone the Helpline, or speak to Pat, the Daycare Co-ordinator, on **07829 700 099**.

"A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails."

Jo Cummins, Branch Co-ordinator

FACT 2

It is a sad fact of life that, in an increasingly ageing society, the number of people with dementia will continue to grow. The Alzheimer's Society is currently lobbying Jersey politicians to put more resources into future care for people with dementia.



LES MATHIONNETTES

'Northern Lights'

Our Northern Light, Rosemary Dupré, was interviewed by Mary Rouillé

Rosemary was born in Wuppertal, Germany, to Gladys and Wilfred Jepson, who was a sergeant in the British Armed Forces. She was only a baby when her mother, father and older brother moved to Catterick army base in North Yorkshire.

When she was seven the family, excluding her brother who had joined the Boys Service, was posted to Cyprus, where they lived for only a year as her father was killed during the Greek/Turkish war.

Rosemary and her mother returned to Jersey where they initially lived with her uncle in St Helier and then to the services' Married Quarters in Green Street. After her mother remarried they moved to Oak Villas in St John.

It was whilst attending the youth club at Sion that Rosemary met Richard Dupré. She was married in 1968, aged twenty, and went to live at Minden Rose cottage on the Route de Mont Mado, an in April this year they celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Their next move was to a flat in David Place while they waited for their bungalow to be built in Ville des Chênes, St John. During this time Rosemary worked as a clerk for Le Masurier, the wine merchants.

Two days after moving back to St John, Darren, number one son was born, eventually being followed by numbers two, three and four - Leon, James and Ben.

Rosemary stayed at home after Darren was born, but when he started school she took up the voluntary post of PTA secretary at St John's school. This she did for six years, until in November 1985 she began her paid position as school secretary, work-ing two hours a day. Her working hours are now six and a half hours each day. She will be retiring at Easter 2008

During her twenty-three years working in St John's school she has seen many changes including six head-teachers, a new school building and the introduction of a nursery.

Rosemary has always been happy to help out and has given her time to many causes. Prior to her marriage she was involved with the Brownies and Girl Guides, reaching the dizzy heights of Tawny Owl and Captain. She has helped raise

money for the building of St John's Recreation Centre; helped with all the parochial Battle of Flowers floats; the 50th and 60th Liberation parties and the Millennium party, all held within the parish. When she became the Connétable's wife, Rosemary organised the door-to-door poppy appeal and coffee morning for the British Legion; helped out when she was able with St John's Golden Age Club and organised the Christmas party for the over-60s of the parish. She was also known to help out at the Parish Hall in the 70s when the secretary was on holiday or at very busy times during the year.

What next?

Richard and Rosemary have already booked holidays to Canada in June, France in August, and the UK in September, where they will combine their break with taking Ben back to university. Then there are always the grandparent duties, especially with number seven grandchild on the way. As well as continuing to provide secretarial help for the recreation centre and youth club, Friends of Jersey Youth Music and the distribution of the 'Star' magazine, Rosemary also intends helping her neighbour with the Mustard Seed charity.

Although Rosemary will miss attending school every day, I suspect she will still be popping in and out.



*Four of Rosemary's six headteachers:
Pam Pitman, Jo Davenport, Andrew Willis and Ron Smith*

Happy retirement, Rosemary – and congratulations to you and Richard on your Ruby Wedding anniversary!



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Q: What got you interested in hosting?

A: Sharing my home with teenagers from overseas wasn't something I'd planned, but when I was growing up, my parents looked after foreign language students in our home. When I saw the ad in the paper, I thought I'd try it with my own family.

Q: Was it difficult?

A: No, not really. I started hosting last summer, when I was on maternity leave. My two boys were quite young at the time and I thought this would be an excellent way of earning a little extra money, while being able to spend time with them. When you've got four to feed anyway, an extra couple isn't that hard! We gave the teenagers a home-from-home and they became part of our family. My children

really enjoyed having new people in the house. The students would play football and read with them and became much less wary of meeting new people. St Brelade's College has a full activity schedule so the teenagers always have plenty to do and there's always someone on the end of a phone if you've got any questions or problems.

Q: What have you gained from it?

A: By the end of the summer, we had hosted for 11 weeks back-to-back and although it was tiring at times, it was really rewarding. Some of the students sent us Christmas cards. We've put the money we earned towards a holiday and some garden toys for the boys - with a young family any extra money always comes in handy!

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BEDELL GROUP VIETNAM CHALLENGE 2007

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In November 2007 almost 100 islanders left Jersey to take part in a two weeks' cycling or trekking challenge in Vietnam, raising funds for Jersey Hospice Care. Four St John Parishioners were in the 28 strong group which completed the trekking challenge: Frank Le Maistre, Liz

Hunter, Hilary Lambert and Sarah Dale.

After a stopover in Hong Kong and a day getting to know our guides in Hanoi we left in buses to be transported to the Pu Luong Nature Reserve. The trek began earlier than planned when a landslide prevented the buses reaching the starting point. The trek took us into the heart of rural North Vietnam. Our accommodation was in village houses -or Homestays - long rooms where up to 15 people slept on thin mattresses on the floor. We shared mosquito nets between 2 or 3, so quickly got to know each other well! Washing facilities were basic but we always had water - usually cold - but enough to freshen up at the end of a hot day. The toilets were even more basic.

Wading and leaping

As a group we got on extremely well considering the age range (from 20s to 70s), and people looked out for each other, making sure no-one was walking alone. This was vital as the terrain was at times dangerous. We walked through paddy fields and forests, villages and limestone hills. We crossed rivers, sometimes using bridges, other times wading or leaping from stone to stone!

We soon got into a daily routine, waking at dawn to the sounds of the village which always included at least two noisy cockerels. Breakfast was porridge, fruit and bread which grew harder as the week progressed as no fresh bread was available. We then stocked up with water and snacks for the day and set off.

Each day the scenery was different and every walk brought its challenges. Some found climbing up hard, for others it was the downward strain on the knees which posed a problem. But we all encouraged each other and made it to the next village.

Evening meal normally consisted of rice, fish, chicken (we think!), and vegetables, with fruit to follow and sometimes cake - often green in colour. This was all very welcome at the end of an energy-sapping day.

We had been kitted out with orange tee-shirts displaying the Hospice Care and Bedell logos. At the end of the trek our leaders managed to get ahead of us and provided a finishing line by stringing several tee-shirts between trees. It was an emotional moment for us all, a great feeling of achievement, a tremendous sense of camaraderie but most of all the knowledge of how much we had raised for Hospice Care.

Hilary Lambert

Report from the cyclists

After training hard for most of the year and working tirelessly to raise money for Hospice, we arrived in the Capital of Vietnam, Hanoi on the 11th November 2007 after a long flight, to experience the chaos of two million mopeds! There were 60 of us and the organisers handed us our bikes which would accompany us for the next eight days.

Every evening we were given our route for the next day, including mileage and gradients. Although we knew it was going to be tough as the heat and humidity hit us, the whole experience kept us going. From the stunning scenery to the friendly locals, water buffalos and pot-bellied pigs on the roads, it all helped to take our minds of the task in hand.

Cycling through the villages was a delight as the children came running towards us, giving us high fives. Everyone seemed pleased to see us; it must have been quite a sight watching 60 people in yellow shirts passing through on bikes!

Lunch was either a picnic on the side of the road or noodle soup with pork and vegetables in one of the local restaurants. Dog was also on the menu and we witnessed them being skinned and cooked but luckily we did not get them served as they understood it is not part of our culture.

We grew used to seeing all sorts on mopeds: families of four or even five on their way to school and work; a bull with its legs tied together; and whole pieces of furniture!

All in all we were away for two weeks, made friends for life, had the most amazing experience, and raised a total of £425,000 for Jersey Hospice. We can't wait to hear where the next trip takes us!!

James Matthews,
Teacher at St John's
School
Sasha Patel & Els
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PARISH DIARY - APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2008

APRIL

Fri 4th		Last day of school term
Tues 22nd		Back to School
Sat 26th	10.00am	Parish Clean and Prayer Walk, organised by the Parish church
Sat 26th		St John's Youth Club jumble sale in the Parish Hall.
Sun 27th	3.00pm	L'Assemblée d'Jèrriais Service in the Parish Church
Tues 29th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 30th	2.30pm	Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall

MAY

Mon 5th		Bank Holiday – No school
Fri 9th		Liberation Day – No school
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Christian Aid Pub Quiz in St John's Village Inn.
Sun 18th	11.00am	School Service at the Parish Church
Fri 23rd		Last day of school half-term
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 28th	2.30pm	Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall

JUNE

Mon 2nd		Back to school
Thurs 19th – Sun 22nd		'Saying it with Flowers' Festival in the Parish Church
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 25th	2.00pm	Golden Age meet for Afternoon Tea
Sun 29th	3.00pm	Down Your Way Walk

JULY

Tues 3rd	2.15pm	Visit de Branchage
Mon 7th – Fri 11th		School Industry Week
Sun 13th	3.00pm	Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the St John's Group of Churches
Fri 18th		Last day of school term
Tues 29th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 30th	2.30pm	Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall

AUGUST

Sun 17th	11.00am	Beach Service at Bonne Nuit, Organised by the Parish Church
Sun 24th	12..00pm	Finish of Gorey to Bonne Nuit Rowing Race
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall
Sat 30th	Afternoon	Finish of Sark to Jersey Rowing Race

SEPTEMBER

Wed 3rd		Back to School
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN ST JOHN

THE PARISH CHURCH

Every Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with traditional hymns
11.00am	Contemporary Worship - All-age Worship, Celebrations or Communion.

The Sunday Club meets weekly at 11.00am leaving church for their own teaching sessions at the school except during all-age worship services.

SION METHODIST CHURCH

Every Sunday

10.30am	Morning Worship
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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Every Sunday

10.30am	Family Worship including Junior Church for Young People
	Holy Communion on first Sunday of the Month
	'All-age' worship on the last Sunday of the month.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Every Sunday

10.30am	including Kids' Worship
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Every Monday

9.30am - 11.30am	Champs Toddler Group
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