

# L'ÉTAILE DU NORD - STAR OF THE NORTH



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*Sion Methodist Church will be closing on Sunday 13 June.  
It marks the end of a long history of Methodist worship in St John.  
ALASDAIR CROSBY spoke to circuit steward Richard Dupré*

THE former St John Constable, Richard Dupré, was brought up at Sion, where his father owned a shoe-repair business at 'Sunny Corner' on the V-junction. He was christened in Sion Methodist Church; he was married at Sion Methodist Church. He attended Sunday School there when his father was the Superintendent; Mr Dupré is now a Methodist Circuit Steward.

In short, he comes from Sion.

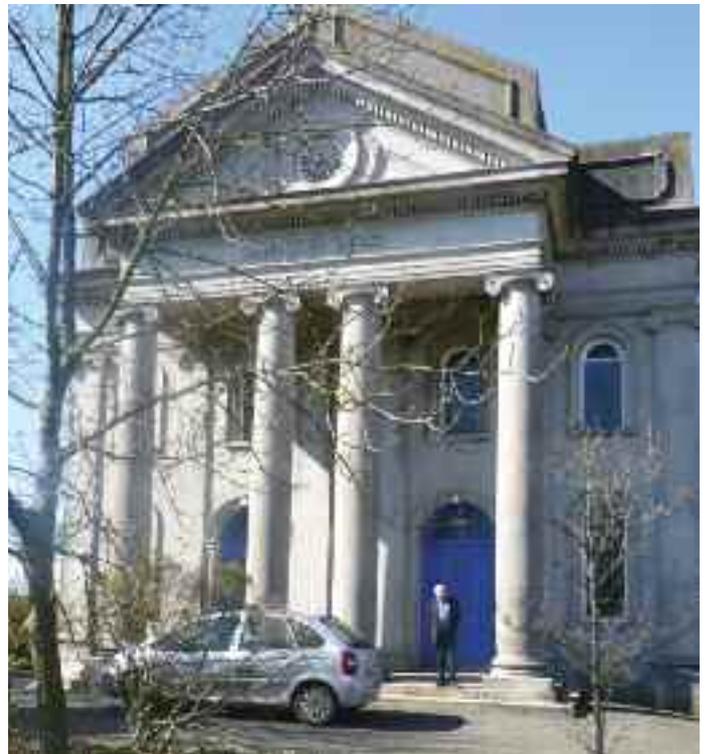
And if in the past, life there might have been dominated, in a spiritual sense, by the imposing Sion chapel, nowadays the building still dominates the main road, and its imposing classical temple frontage makes it one of the better-known buildings in Jersey.

Its imposing size, in fact, is one of the problems now, he said. It is a very large building, and of course, the larger the property, the more difficult it is to maintain it.

'Sion is in a fair state of repair,' he continued, 'but it requires considerable expense to bring it up to a standard that could be considered suitable for worship today. It is a large building with a very high ceiling, so it is very difficult to heat, and the roof – although no longer leaking – needs a considerable sum to be spent on it.'



Inside it is, perhaps, not quite so large as it might appear from the outside, but even so, the height of the interior is considerable, and the number of people who worship there regularly has fallen considerably – a far cry from the time, during his



boyhood, when there were 50 to 70 members of the Sunday School alone.

He believes that around five years ago there was a change of attitude among church members, when, against the congregation's wishes, a new format of contemporary evening worship was imposed on Sion. Up until then there had been a very strong traditional evening worship every Sunday. Now there is none, and although that is now in the past, and members rejected innovation in favour of the status quo, it did mean that some younger members moved on. In fact the church has not attracted any younger members over the last ten years, and during the last three or four years the ageing congregation

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has considerably diminished, with stalwart members passing away.

About ten years ago Maureen Le Feuvre gave the nursery school business to the Church when she retired. Two years ago the nursery school lost its manager, Caroline Hopkinson, to another nursery; the church has not been able to find a qualified replacement.

Liz Blampied, the Senior Steward, who has worked in the nursery for many years, was given special permission to manage it for a limited period of two years. This comes to an end in July, and no replacement has been found.

Mr Dupré said: 'I regret it very much, because the church has always been part of my life, but without the nursery the church will not be financially viable, so we really have no option but to close.'

With a heavy heart, he proposed a motion that worship should cease at Sion Methodist Church, and this motion was approved.

He said: 'The church building is a millstone round our necks, really. It is too big – there are other smaller Methodist chapels in the Island that are easier to maintain. The roof needs to be renewed, and there is a lot of woodworm. Just to get the woodworm done would cost us in the region of £30,000.'

### What of the future of the building?

It is an SSI, he said, and that is also one of the

problems, since Planning would not agree to divide up the interior space by putting in an upper floor. But other Methodist chapels have been turned into private dwellings, and with imagination – and some help from Planning – it is possible that this might be the future for the Sion building.

Certainly the school room could be altered and the former minister's house at the back of the chapel – which only dates from the 1950s – could be demolished and there is potential for at least five houses on the site.

He added: 'We are all very unhappy at having to close Sion. But the people who come to worship here these days do not necessarily come from the immediate area. We may have mostly all been to the Sunday School here in our time, but now we have dispersed around the Island. Local residents may well continue to worship at the United Reformed Church (that may be another denomination, but is still similar to Methodism); and quite a few of us who now live in St Clement may in future worship at Georgetown.'

'We have, I suppose, too many churches for the amount of congregations that we have. If everything were rationalised, we would all fit into two or three buildings. But however rational and rationalised that might be, Sion has been our home, – and it is a wrench to have to leave it.'

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# 65th Anniversary of Liberation Day – Sunday 9th May, Street Party Celebration

The Parish will be holding a street party to celebrate Liberation day this year. A flyer is included with this edition to enable Parishioners who wish to attend to apply for tickets for food at this event. The organisers need to know numbers for catering, and although tickets are free, food will only be available on the production of a ticket.

The last time a street party like this was held in the precinct (15 years ago) it was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, as they did five years ago when a similar party was held in the School Hall.

Various acts have already been organised, but anyone who is willing to perform as part of the entertainment during the afternoon is asked to get in touch with the Rector, Andy Thewlis 861677 – there must be some budding talent within the Parish!

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### LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 8th: Celebration of Flowers in the Parish Church, 10am – 4pm

Sunday 9th: Service in the Parish Church, 10.30am

Sunday 9th: Street party in the precinct, 12.30 – 5.30pm

### Editorial

The forthcoming closing of Sion Chapel, a Parish landmark since its opening in 1881, is a sad event, especially, of course, for the worshipping community. A church is far more than a building for it enfolds the lives of past and present members of the congregation.

#### 65th Liberation Day – May 9th 2010

Most islanders can take freedom for granted most of us have never experienced anything else.

How blessed we are – and how ungrateful, perhaps – to take such a gift for granted. I doubt that those who lived through the Occupation could ever be so blasé. Neither can those who lived through the parallel experiences of evacuation, deportation, bombing raids, life in the armed services, internment, grave injury, and loss of loved ones.

Liberation Day, with its contrasting moods of celebration and remembrance, is a day to be cherished.

#### Congratulations

We congratulate Charlotte Lombardi, Miss St John 2010. Enjoy your reign!

#### Deadline for our August edition is July 5th

This edition brings you a mixture of stories about St John, past and present, as well as accounts from the wider world where parish residents have lived or travelled. We hope you find it a good read.

Twenty six writers have contributed to this edition. My thanks go to them, to our advertisers, and Alpha Print, our printers; to those who deliver Star to every address in the Parish; and to all members of the editorial team.

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# DEAR PARISHIONERS

## Parish Hall

I am please to say that the Parish Hall extension work is going well after a shaky start with bad ground conditions which delayed us somewhat as well as adding to the expense, but we still have a target for completion of end of April. I have had Parish Assembly approval to redecorate and recurtain the main hall which was last decorated 30 years ago.



*Demolishing the old Committee Room*

Hopefully the whole of the public part of the building will be rejuvenated to coincide with the completion of the extension.

## Visite Royale

We should have had the Royal Court Visite last year but due to the refurbishment at the Parish Hall the court kindly agreed to a date change, and Grouville agreed to take the Visite and invited me to join them as a guest, I will be asking the Connétable of Grouville to join us on our Visite which will be held on August 4th this year.



*The new Kitchen*



## Skateboard facility

I am pleased to say I have been fortunate enough to have raised in excess of £10,000 towards the joint effort between the Parish and The St John's Youth and Community Trust and we are nearing the point in the fundraising efforts where we may be in a position to place an order. The group of youngsters that originally approached me have been making efforts to fundraise and hopefully now that the weather is improving their efforts will be stepped up again.

## Allotments

I am pleased to announce that we have located an area for allotments with adjacent parking within easy walking distance from the village so I am starting to compile a list of all those interested in being allocated a plot. Naturally parishioners will have preference.

We still need to get planning permission and it will support the case if I know the demand so please ring the Parish Hall on 861999 or email me on [g.butcher@gov.je](mailto:g.butcher@gov.je) to express your interest.



*Main working area*

## Liberation Day, Sunday May 9th

The Parish is planning a street party in the precinct on Liberation Day with food and entertainment. We are hopeful of getting a military band to perform at some time during the day. There will be a church



service at 10.30 with the street party starting at 12.30. We always have an extremely willing band of helpers for any parochial event but would be pleased to hear from any new helpers that may have recently moved into the parish.

### Community Support Group

When the old Parish Welfare system replaced with the new Income Support system, the Parish lost personal contact with many parishioners. I would be very interested in getting feedback from anyone interested in being part of a group which would offer help of various kinds to anyone that needs it.

### Honorary Police

At this present time we have one vacancy for a Constable's Officer, but another two officers have indicated that they may not stand for election when their term finishes, so should any one, male or female, feel that he or she would like to contribute to the community that they live in we would be pleased to hear from you. Please call the parish hall on 861999 and one of the team will get back to you.

### Refuse and Recycling

At the end of April the contract with our present contractor ends. He has retendered for the contract at a significantly higher price for both the normal refuse as well as glass collections. The tender for the recycling was increased four-fold. The procurers and I decided to ask for other expressions of interest. We ended up with three tenders in all. The upshot is that we will be changing our contractor at the end of April. The chosen contractor will also be doing the road sweeping. Both contracts will be for five years which gives us much more continuity.

We will still have a significant increase so I will be itemising it separately at the July rates assembly to give parishioners the opportunity to discuss the matter openly. We are very keen to carry on with recycling but I feel that it must be the parishioners that make the decision. If recycling is a particular interest, please be sure to come along to that assembly.

*Graeme Butcher,  
Connétable*

## St John's Parish Hall – a developing story

In days of yore the Parishioners of St John held their Parish Assemblies in the local hostelry, presided over then as now by the Connétable. At the turn of the 20th century the Parishioners decided it was time to build a Parish Hall and this was opened in 1912.

The building was adequate then for the next 60 years. Even when I was a youngster, the Connétable (then Clifford Le Vesconte) transported all the current parish documents around in a small suitcase. When I passed my driving test, I went around to his house and he provided me with my first driving licence (from his suitcase).

However times change and in the seventies it became apparent that the building was inadequate for the Parish which had seen a considerable increase in population. In 1976 when Wilfred Tomes was Connétable an extension was added to the building to include an office for the Connétable, Secretary and a committee room for meetings. This replaced a very small shared office, which was no longer suitable. The Parish had progressed into the latter part of the 20th Century.

However again the world moves on, and in the early years of the 21st Century; with a 'human rights and disabled facilities' agenda, and now too small a space for a Secretary and Assistant Secretary, it became time to upgrade the building again. Money was ring-fenced (yearly) by Connétable M. Touzel in 2001 and continued during my term of office 2003-2006, and then by our present Connétable, to modernise the Parish Hall for the next 30 years (hopefully).

So in June last year following many sets of plans

the building work began. The whole of the 1976 extension has been altered, part demolished, and extended in a major project that will provide much needed additional office space, modern kitchen and toilet facilities (including a disabled toilet) and a new committee room with access available via a lift.

The project has been directed by the Connétable, Graeme Butcher, who has some experience in property development, and managed on a daily basis by Parishioner Tony Le Brocq who has many years of experience in the local building trade, controlling many major projects including the new Parish Rectory. Tony once again gathered around some of the contractors used in the successful building of the new rectory, Durrans & Green (blockwork), J. K. Penny (Carpenter) & K. Jaffray (Roofing). The Connétable has sought to use other firms with Parish based connections: Andrew Morris (Morris Architects) who did the eventual design work in conjunction with Arup Rothwell & the Colin Smith Partnership; Howard Thompson (Temple Court Kitchen Studio); Richard Huelin (Huelin Joinery); Gary Thérin who is doing the Granite work; and Mitie (electrical & plumbing).

The Connétable, at a recent Parish Assembly, was given the authority to refurbish the main hall, and this work is also now under way. So the job is now nearing completion and will be ready for inspection by the Royal Court when the Visite Royale comes to St John in the summer.

*Richard Dupré*



## News from the Pews

### Sunday Club - Sunday mornings at 11am

Songs, scriptures, stories and surprises describe the enjoyment that is the St Johns' Church Sunday club, which meets in the church vestry each Sunday morning.

Everyone aged 3 and above is welcome to come along and join in the fun

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am

### Liberation Day Service

All parishioners are invited to attend a service, organised by the St John's Groups of Churches, in the Parish Church, to commemorate the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Liberation of the Island.

### Memories of occupation and liberation

- Did you live through the occupation?
- Can you remember Liberation Day 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945?
- Do you recall stories, told to you by parents and grandparents, of life under German Occupation?

If your answer is yes to any of the above, the Rector would like to hear from you with; - (a) A memory of what occupation in St John was like and (b) Your recollections of Liberation Day itself.

Contributions will be compiled and presented as part of our Parish Liberation Day service on May 9<sup>th</sup>, so please forward your contributions, in writing to The Rectory, St John, JE3 4AF or by email to [athewlis@jerseymail.co.uk](mailto:athewlis@jerseymail.co.uk)

### Artist in residence - June 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

During 2010, Karen Blampied, an iconographer, is undertaking a project to make an icon for each of the twelve Jersey Parish Saints. Karen will be Artist in Residence in the parish church from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June creating a special icon of John the Baptist.

Everybody is invited to visit church during the week to meet the artist and witness the creation of a unique piece of art.

### The bible speaks today

Each year, as a church, we take a particular verse from the bible which we feel speaks in a particular way for our generation. For 2010 the verse is taken from the book of Psalms and invites us to remember that each new day is a gift from God, in which there is much to be thankful for.

What will you give thanks for today!



**This is the day the lord has made,  
Let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

**Psalm 118;24**



# St John's Shooting Club

## - open to all from 12 to 100 years

This winter the shooting club has been busy competing in the small-bore rifle leagues run by our governing body, and also in the airgun league. We have three senior teams of six shooters per team and one team of four in the junior league. The A team have finished third in the 1st division of the JSSA small-bore rifle league; the B team 4th in the second division; and the C team 4th in the third division. Our juniors have performed well and have finished 6th in the junior league which is very pleasing as this is the first season for many years that we have fielded a junior squad.

We have three shooters in the island top ten rankings out of nearly 200 competitors: Craig Marett, Richard Pirouet and Alan Kearney who have all performed consistently well all winter to achieve such high rankings.

Pierre Maré has shot superbly for our club in the junior league and has finished in 6th place in the junior rankings, well above many older than himself.

The airgun league trophy has gone to Eastern Air Rifle club this year and we have finished second – no mean feat as we are basically a small-bore rifle club with an airgun section!

We are now looking forward to visiting the ATPA club in Alençon in early April. This club boasts a membership of around 350, and with shooters invited from far and wide the open challenge means two days of continuous shooting on their very impressive

ranges on the outskirts of the town at many disciplines including air rifle, air pistol, .22 standard pistol, .22 sport pistol, .22 small-bore rifle, .22 free pistol, centre fire pistol and all the black powder events, plus old military pistol events. All the competitions are run to international rules.

The club has three international class range officials and has just finished a 750,000 Euro facelift and increased range capabilities.

St John's Shooting club operates at the Billy Butlin Memorial range at our recreation centre and is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm with free club equipment and tuition. Anyone from 12 to 100 years old is very welcome to pop in for a chat and to try our sport.



*Pierre Maré*

*John Renouf*



*The 'A' Team competing in the Small-bore Rifle League*



## STOP PRESS

### *Craig posts a ton!*

In late March smallbore shooters concentrated on the prestigious Voisin 15-yard team trophy. For only the second time in its club history St John's Shooting club lifted the coveted trophy, two points ahead of joint second teams, St Lawrence and St Helier.

Top shot for St John was Craig Marett with Hayden Lister hot on his heels. Craig was the only shooter to post a ton in the whole competition. However, it was a team effort and the other members, Richard Pirouet, George Nugent, Alan Tardivel, Steve Morin, David Mills and Francois Le Luyer all performed brilliantly.

*John Renouf*

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## St John's Response to the Draft Island Plan

The Parish of St John would like to have more power to approve or reject any planned development of residential, commercial and retail schemes in the municipality. That is the conclusion of a Working Party, elected last December, and asked to draw up St John's response to the Draft Jersey Island Plan under the agreed consultation process.

Last week over fifty parishioners rubber-stamped the work undertaken by the Working Party which is chaired by Deputy Philip Rondel.

The St John's Working Party is proposing setting up two 'Consultation Areas' around the main Parish Village and at Sion. Any development inside the areas would require detailed consultation with the Parish prior to consideration by the Planning and Environment Department. To assist the design of future schemes St John's is suggesting the creation of a 'Supplementary Planning Guidance' document for the Parish. It is envisaged that priority will also be given to Parish-led developments.

The St John's submission also proposes that the Working Group be regarded as a 'key stakeholder' in the future. This is a part of the proposed new Island Plan's procedure under which future decisions will be made by the department and complementary third parties.

Mr Butcher said he was pleased with the proposals of the Working Party and he praised the amount of work that has gone into the St John's submission.

'It is important that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past but build on the successes,' he said. 'We can prove we are not NIMBYs as we have over 50 planned or approved new properties currently before us in the Parish; but neither can it be open season on St John's and the green fields of the other country parishes as these areas are what make the Island special and attractive to residents and visitors.'

It is envisaged that once the Draft Island Plan submission is concluded the Working Party will go on to look in detail at the Parish's demand for first-time buyer properties, homes for the over 55s, traffic calming and road safety issues, heritage and transportation. Detailed analysis and consultations will be undertaken on all these issues at every step.

'St John also wishes to work closely with other country parishes facing the same balancing act of development and sustainability versus retaining the special characteristics of the countryside and community,' he said.

Constable Butcher added that he was delighted with the outcome of the Parish Meeting and that the views of the parishioners who attended were one-hundred percent behind the Working Party's submission.

*Martyn Farley  
St John's Working Party*



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## St John Sports and Recreation Centre

This winter has again proved to be a very active time for the Centre with the car park overflowing on many occasions! The main hall continues to be heavily utilised in all peak times with only limited space available in the daytime. Squash is beginning to pick up again but there is still space for more players. The Shooting Club and St John Football Club both continue to thrive and all the other user groups continue to enjoy their use of the facilities. The opening of Giggles Café has been the big news of the past few months and Sue Bannister and her team have done a fantastic job in developing a really nice

atmosphere and great food. Their efforts have been well rewarded with many new people coming to the Centre and enjoying what we have to offer.

The Management continue to develop plans for the redevelopment of the toilets and changing rooms, creation of a caretaker flat, expansion of the car park and redevelopment of the Youth Club facilities. An architect has been retained and detailed plans should be finalised within the next few weeks.

*Craig Stewart*

## Giggles Café or What the storm blew in

Giggles Café and Bar at the Recreation Centre opened at the end of November and Sue Bannister is very pleased with the gradual build up of the business and the good support it is receiving from parishioners. The Café is especially busy at weekends and on Thursday and Friday mornings. The 'B.A.T.D.' Club, a group of very good friends that has grown over 15 years, meets regularly during the week, with between 8 and 20 breakfasting between Tuesdays and Fridays.

Other clients range from builders to mums and



toddlers, as well as the users of the Recreation Centre who come up the stairs to Giggles to buy their tokens for the squash court and the main hall. During the snowy weather in January Giggles was, in Sue's words, 'a real community centre'.

Full-time chef, Richard, enjoys working at Giggles

– a far less stressful post than many others in catering, and the more sociable hours means that his girlfriend actually sees him now! A part-time chef shares the workload and at the weekend several teenagers from the Parish help out with waitressing and the dishes.

### Great Storm

Sue, originally from Oxford, studied Hotel Management at college as a 'travel passport' which she used in Florida, Jersey (first time round), Australia and New Zealand. In 1987 Sue and her builder partner, Phil, came to Jersey for a year for Phil to work on the houses damaged by the Great Storm. In 1989 they moved on to Australia, but missed Jersey where they returned in 1991. They happily settled here until 2006 when they moved to Southern Spain but returned home to Jersey in 2008. Sue describes Jersey as, 'Not quite the real world – better than that,' especially for children. She suggests that those who moan about the Island should go and live somewhere else for a couple of years!

Sue does not believe in selling food which she would not give to her children – Ben, 13 and Daisy, 5. Nothing artificial or containing additives is used, no ready made food is bought in – except crisps! All dishes, cakes and even salad dressings are home made, using locally grown and organic produce wherever possible.

Sue has few worries – apart from the coffee machine breaking down on the day of our interview! – She is looking forward to the summer when she plans to put parasols on the patio and hold barbecues at the weekends. She is also looking forward to the planned 'face-lift' of the centre especially the toilets and changing rooms.

*Angela Le Sueur*



# LES MATHIONNETTES

## 'Northern Lights'

*Our Northern Light, Tony Baudin, was interviewed by Mary Rouillé*

Tony Baudin was born in Guernsey in 1940, but in 1947 moved to Jersey from where his father originated. The family lived at Clifton House, on the Route du Mont Mado. Tony attended St John's school, but the move was short-lived and they went back to Guernsey as his father had gained employment in the building of a dam. On leaving school at the age of fourteen, Tony got a job working in the tomato greenhouses, the main industry of Guernsey.

His father was still homesick for Jersey and in 1957 they returned, this time living at Orford House. Little did Tony know that the bungalow he now lives in was to be built in the garden of Orford.

Tony missed his friends and was contemplating a return to Guernsey when the football season started and he signed on for St John's, thus making up his mind to stay.

His working life in Jersey began in the tomato greenhouses located in St Saviour, but he left after four years to join Fairview Dairy. This job appealed to Tony as he had just got married, enabling him not only to work as a milkman but to take on another job after his milk round.

It was whilst on a blind date that he met his wife Maureen. They married in 1962 at the Town Church in St Helier and spent their honeymoon in Bournemouth. Their first home was at Perquage Court, near the underground hospital, where they stayed for twelve Cottages in St Mary. It was here that Tony took up his second job of the day working part time on his landlord's farm. All this hard work paid off and in 1972 they bought their own bungalow in Ville des Chênes, St John.

Amongst his other jobs were working part time for Hamlyn Agencies and for Carl Hinault in his tomato business, sometimes only having three hours sleep a night!

Tony worked seven days a week for the dairy which eventually sold out to the present Jersey Dairy

based at Five Oaks. He remembers when first starting his job as a milkman he delivered to around 230 homes, but prior to leaving it was over 700. His rounds were in St Peter and St Brelade, initially starting at 4:00am, but when the round became larger he began delivering at 2:00 am. On one of these early mornings he raised the alarm after spotting a fire at Sydney Court at Beaumont and received a commendation for knocking on the doors of residents to evacuate the building. Sunday afternoon was his only leisure time, spending it with Maureen and their three children, Alan, Martin and Lynn, at Bel Royal. He retired from the dairy in 2005 after completing 43 years of service.

Tony has always been interested in football, not only playing for St John, but as a youngster he played for Guernsey Rangers in their junior team with his biggest regret not playing for them in their first team. When Tony played for St John's it was a 'closed club' (you had to be born in the Parish to qualify), but they did allow three guest players, with Tony being fortunate enough to be one of them. He played for St John's until the age of fifty and eventually became President of the club, a post he held for ten years. Now an Honorary Life President he

still supports them on the touch line on a Saturday afternoon.

In spite of working so many hours Tony has 'done his bit' for the Parish, helping run the youth club for seven years, being a member of the Honorary Police for six and starting the St John's Colts football team.

Since retiring he has taken up bowls, playing four times a week in the summer at Jersey Bowling Club. As well as spending a lot of time with their three grandchildren, Tony and Maureen can also be found walking on the Five Mile Road. His parting comment was, 'Although very happy to live in Jersey, I still support Guernsey in the Muratti!



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# St John Youth & Community Trust

## Skateboard Park

Clear demand for skateboard facilities in Jersey has long been identified. This has culminated in the introduction of a small facility in St Ouen and more recently on the New North Quay in St Helier. Since 1995 skateboarding has become the fastest growing participation sport in the United States so it is by no means a passing fad.

A skateboard facility has continually been on the 'wish list' of youngsters in St John for a number of years. In order to pursue their sport, young people have resorted to using a range of unsuitable sites such as the school, the shopping precinct and residential byroads and walkways. Such use often results in homemade uncertified ramps and other items being constructed which are unsafe both to the users and passers-by.

Since the initial idea of a skateboard facility in the Parish backed by a petition submitted by the young people themselves, the Trust has gained in principle agreement with the management committee of the St John's Recreation Centre to site a skate park on one of the outdoor tennis courts at The Recreation Centre. This site is well located for use by young people – being easily accessible from the village but not surrounded by housing. Also there is an established sports/leisure/youth use of the site with access to toilets and electricity for floodlighting should it be required.

Planning permission has been granted and the Trust is grateful to the Parish for their support in proposing a grant of £2,500 that was unanimously voted at a packed public meeting in December '09.

The young people have been set a target of £5,000 to raise themselves and already they have raised nearly £1,000 through a raffle and carol singing at Christmas. The rationale behind the young people's contribution is to encourage them to take ownership of the management and maintenance of the facility and in doing so there is less likely to be any misuse of the equipment or surrounding area.

It is the intention to establish a formally constituted St John's Skateboard Club. Such a Committee would consist of committed enthusiastic adults as well as children from each age group. The Group would be responsible for the running of the facility and answerable to the management committee of the Recreation Centre. The group would also be responsible for the maintenance of the facility in conjunction with the parish. If you are interested in getting involved please make contact with the trust.

The total cost of the project is in the region of £30,000. Negotiations are ongoing with a local contractor to mitigate some or all of the costs of the groundwork through sponsorship. Advice has been sought as to the hardest wearing materials that will weather the harshest conditions.

To date, approximately £19,000 has been pledged. Applications have been sent to a number of charitable organisations that regularly donate money to causes such as ours. There is, however, still much work to do, not least to raise the remaining funds. The equipment cannot be ordered until we reach at least £23,000. It will take up to six weeks to arrive and a further four to five weeks to complete ground works and erect the equipment. Therefore if the facility is, as is hoped, to be operational by the summer, fund raising must continue in earnest.

If we can make the skateboard facility a success in St John, it is hoped that other Parishes will follow our lead and provide much needed recreational facilities for older children.

Please support the fund raising efforts of the young people. If you would like to make a personal pledge or find out more about the project please email [info@sjcommunitytrust.org](mailto:info@sjcommunitytrust.org) or write to The Trust c/o The Rectory, La Rue des Landes, St John JE3 4AF.

*Andrew Lewis*  
Chairman, St John Youth & Community Trust

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# Golden Anniversary for the Jersey Kart and Motor Club

The Jersey Kart and Motor Club was established in 1960 and, as most people remember, the Club raced at Belle Vue in St Brelade. In 1994, the site and the track were compulsorily purchased by the States for housing. Since 1997 the Club has raced temporarily at the Loop Road at Sorel Point, St John. Although this is a public road, on a race day it is closed between 9.30 am and 5.30 pm for the purpose of kart racing.

2010 is the Club's 50th anniversary of racing and we have lots of events planned during the year to celebrate this, culminating in a grand anniversary ball at the end of the racing season.



*Karts of the Past*

The next two classes are the Senior Rotax and Gearbox. These are still 125cc engines but with power valves which helps to produce an extra 25% more horsepower. Top speeds of 75 mph can be achieved by these two classes at the Loop Road



track. As with the other classes that use the rotax engine, they are restricted so not a lot can be changed from the inner workings of the engine which makes the class very equal and competitive.

However, the skill of getting that extra bit more out of the engine

is the tricks of the trade when it comes to the gearing and the 'jetting' of the carburettors, tyre pressures and the amount of grip that the chassis distributes down to the tarmac.

As I have found out over the last four years of being my son's pit crew, mechanic (who always takes the blame when things go wrong) there is always lots of help and a wealth of knowledge within the Club to help you learn. I found it very rewarding when my son first started in the Rotax engine class and I didn't even know how to change the 'jetting' on the engine. For the 2010 season I have been able to get the engine rebuilt and then put it all back together again (with lots of phone calls to the more experienced karters when I've got a part left that I shouldn't have!), and it actually started on our first race day on the weekend of the 6th/7th March.

If you want to get involved in karting or, want to find out some more information about the Club's events and the anniversary ball, then contact us on the Club's phone number which is 611994 or look at our web site at [www.jerseykartclub.com](http://www.jerseykartclub.com).

These are our race meeting dates for the season at The Loop Track. We would love to see you up there!

March	21st	July	4th, 18th
April	11th, 25th	August	1st, 22nd
May	2nd, 16th	September	4th, 5th, 19th
June	20th		

## Interested?

If you are interested in karting, the information below may help you to understand what classes there are and the costs involved.

The first two classes are Formula Honda Cadet and Comer. The Cadet classes are for karters aged between 8 and 12 who race on 4-stroke engines that are designed on the same basis as a lawnmower engine. While the engine sounds like one and starts in the same way, the karts are much faster than a lawnmower and reach speeds up at the Loop Road of 45 mph. This is a class suited for people with little mechanical knowledge as the engines are very reliable. All you need to do is to fill the tank, pull the cord, and go racing. The Comer engine is a bit more complicated to maintain as it is a 2-stroke engine which requires a bit more mechanical experience.

Honda Cadet kart prices range from £400 to approx £900, while Comer karts range from £600 to approx £1,000. Both of these engines are sealed, so it is a level playing field.

The next classes up are the Rotax minimax and the Rotax Juniors. Minimax are for ages between 11-16 and juniors are for ages between 13-16. This engine requires a lot more maintenance and knowledge. Speeds on this class range from 55 to 65 mph. This class is very fast with lots of action on the track between the drivers.

Karts in these classes range from £900 to approx £3,000.

*Andrew Gibaut*





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## St John Football Club – 90 years old

St John FC celebrated their 90th year since inception by holding a celebration dinner at the Farmhouse, L'Auberge du Nord on Saturday 13th March. There were 100 attenders, with members past and present from the 1950s up to the current first team.

The football club was founded in 1919. It was the end of the First World War and the Constable, Tom Le Marinel, was concerned that a number of young lads were congregating around the Parish hall, getting up to no good. He decided that these lads needed somewhere else to channel their energy, and approached a group of young men and encouraged them to form a football club. About the same time the Jersey Football Association, called a meeting to discuss the increasing interest in football, following which a league was set up for the 1919-20 season.

In his speech Nigel Perrée (the current president) praised the members' commitment, hard work and, above all, community spirit. St John FC is a good example of a community club, a club run by the community, for the community. In fact up unto the 1950s St John was a closed club, and to play it for you had to be born or live in the parish. Everyone present had made their own contribution to the club, and it is difficult to single out anyone. However, Nigel mentioned four members. Edgar Simon the first President of St John, who stayed in that position for some 40 years; Norman Le Lay, who worked tirelessly for the club; Tony Baudin, the Life President, who played for many years and was President for 10 years; and Terry Roche, who as player, manager and committee member has shown long standing commitment to St John.

In addition, it is interesting to note that in 90 years, St John has only had nine Presidents: Edgar Simon, Philip Romeril, Bertie Rouillé, Robert Le Lay, Carl Hinault, Tony Baudin, Andy Jehan, Alan Tardival and Nigel Perrée.

In proposing a toast to the football club, Andy

Jehan mentioned the sportsmanship of the club, both on and off the field, and thanked the wives of all the players, as they had made a large contribution to the club.



1921 – In the beginning.....

A video of photos taken over the 90 years was shown on a large screen supplied and operated by LJ Electronics, and photocopies of old newspaper cuttings were available for members to read. My thanks also to St John Rector, Andy Thewlis.

It was great to see so many faces, young and old and that friendships that were formed many years ago on the football pitch still remain long after boots have been hung up.

### Raffle

The football club collected nearly £500 from the raffle and would like to thank all those who donated prizes – including Marks and Spencer who generously donated £150 in vouchers and assorted Easter Eggs, Russell Meats, Farmpak Foods and Carl Hinault. Thanks also to Andrew and Kate Lewis who, when they won the M&S vouchers, asked that they be raffled to collect additional funds for the club.

### Sponsorship

St John FC is pleased to announce a season-long sponsorship of St John first team by Ronez. Ronez has sponsored sports in the island for a number of years and St John FC is grateful that they can benefit from the association with such company. Nick Traber, the General Manager of Ronez and his wife Marianne were guests of honour at the celebration dinner. Nick commented on the passion of the club, not just in the endeavour to win trophies, but in providing a community base where kids, men and women could enjoy their sport.



St John first team, sponsored by Ronez

Nigel Perrée



# Jersey Overseas Aid Trip to Mongolia

## May/June 2009

Having spent a month in Mongolia in 2009 on a Jersey Overseas Aid trip as part of team of eight volunteers from Jersey, I would like to share my experiences with you on what I can only say was a wonderful, rewarding yet emotional and grounding experience.

Mongolia is a poor, bleak, desolate landlocked country sandwiched between Russia and China with a harsh, unforgiveable climate and landscape. The country has ongoing major political, economic and social problems. Its history is rooted in Ghengis Khan with a more recent twentieth-century history of communist rule. The withdrawal of Russian control has left a poor infrastructure and an essentially nomadic people struggling to make a life. Many have been drawn from a simple herding countryside existence to the hope of a better life and work in the cities. Most are attracted to the capital, Ulaan Bataar, (UB), and to other towns such as Erdenet where we were based. The reality, as with so many developing countries, is the growth of townships at the edge of urban areas where many nomads have moved in the hope of finding work. Some, if they are lucky, have set up home in their traditional Gers which are removable wood and felt tents necessary to withstand some of the world's coldest winter temperatures of down to  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . There is huge unemployment and little or no infrastructure in these growing Ger districts with certainly no running water or sanitation, and erratic electricity supplies. It was under these conditions that the JOA project was carried out in the Ger district of Erdenet, a copper-mining town north of UB.

### Building a kindergarten

The project financed by JOA was to build a kindergarten in the middle of the Ger district to accommodate 60+ of the poorest and most needy children from the area, providing them not only with a basic pre-school education but also with three meals a day and hope for some sort of future and direction. Building the school was at times challenging and physically demanding, working alongside local workmen. All building procedures were by hand, from shovelling rubble and sand with the help of flimsy Chinese manufactured wheelbarrows, to moving heavy building



blocks and bricks (22,000 in all!). Despite the hard work, basic conditions and little by way of Health and Safety procedures, morale on site was high with a great team spirit and a wonderful intercultural exchange of language, and lots of laughs.

### Washing facilities

The weather was a mix of extremes with mostly hot days and very cold nights. We slept in traditional Gers which were simply equipped but adequate and warm at night if the fire remained alight! Toilets were 'long drop' and all water was carted in from the nearby well. It was brown in colour and very often with sediment at the bottom! To wash we

would have to heat the water with electric elements in plastic buckets, then stand in the buckets! Water had to be well boiled for hot drinks.

A heavy meat diet of mainly mutton and beef was at first difficult for some of us. With no oven available, the meat was boiled simply with mainly root vegetables. The wonderful kindergarten staff cooked for us and adapted the diet as best they could. But with no locally grown fresh fruit, green vegetables or salad, and surprisingly no locally made cheese, we had to rely on limited tinned imported food items to supplement the diet.



### Extra £5,000 well spent

The building project was financed by JOA but in addition we, as a group, had raised £5,000 in various fund-raising events before the trip. Deciding how to distribute this money was difficult with so many needy projects and families. We spent most of it on the new school and the Erdenet Community, buying much needed books and furniture for the school and sewing machines for the community women. Money was donated to one child with a treatable bone disorder and some given to a children's soup kitchen. More went to a small Ger compound



for homeless families. \$1, 200 purchased a Ger for a family of six living on the outskirts of Erdenet in the most appalling conditions, their home basically a dilapidated hut. It was impossible to imagine how they could survive the winter with inadequate shelter. We helped construct the Ger along with the family, an emotional and moving experience.

In our free time we integrated with the staff, workmen and their families on site and played volleyball and card games, learnt a little Mongolian and taught them a little English. We visited the local copper mine, walked the surrounding hills, and visited a couple of very interesting Buddhist monasteries. We had a chance to experience traditional music and dance including some Mongolian throat singing, and musicians playing the 'Horse Head fiddle'.

The project we worked on and our fund-raising money provided a small percentage of people in Mongolia with some hope for a future. The problems in Mongolia are massive, as they are in all third world countries. We were so lucky to have had this opportunity to help make a difference, and it was a privilege to represent Jersey as ambassadors for the island. Thankfully JOA has a project planned for 2010 in UB and I am delighted to say I have just found out that I have been selected to join the team.

Please do contact me if you want more information about the project or wish to donate money toward the next trip this June.

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**MONGOLIA – JUNE 2010**

In June we are going to Mongolia on another Jersey Overseas Aid Trip to build a school in a compound run by sisters of The Fraternité de Notre Dame. They have a small orphanage and school where they educate their orphans and a few street children. They now want to expand to bring in more street children and will also provide a soup kitchen and medical centre for the children.

There are three St John's residents in the team of 10: Betty and me, and Ann Dove from Mont Mado.

Anybody wishing to make a donation towards this year's project can send a cheque made payable to Help From The Rock, to Dave and Betty Ellis, Le Câtelet, Rue D'Enfer, St John, JE3 4AN

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## Out and about with St John's Women's Institute

We have already had a busy three months in 2010. Our January meeting was held at Ebenezer Church Hall because of the refurbishment of our Parish Hall. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Maureen Mannion as the Good Wife giving us a talk on the Victorian times in Jersey history and really making us feel that we were back in that era.

Jersey Electricity Power Station was our venue in



February. We were met by Mr Trevor Le Cornu who instructed us that we had to wear hard hats. We were then introduced to our guide, Mr Nigel Kemish, who

explained all the latest technology in the control room and showed us how we receive all the electricity. We then went on to see all the turbines and back-up systems in case of power cuts. It was a very interesting and educational evening.

Our March meeting will be a flower demonstration by members of our own Women's Institute, followed by everyone having a go at doing their own creation. I am sure that many hidden talents will be shown.

In April we are looking forward to a guided tour of the Post office at Rue des Prés. Mr Andy Jehan will be showing us how our letters and parcels arrive on our doorsteps. Following our tour we are to be served supper in the staff canteen. I am sure that the evening will be both interesting and enjoyable for everyone.

We have a varied programme for the rest on 2010. If any new member would like to join, we meet on the second Wednesday of each month and will be back at the Parish Hall as soon as possible.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning our President, Mrs Myrtle Malzard, on 862931, or our Secretary, Mrs Karen Cotillard on 863296.

*Myrtle Malzard  
President*

## POVERTY – Let's end it

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10TH – 16TH MAY 2010

Another year has flown by and Christian Aid Week will soon be upon us. This year's slogan is POVERTY – LET'S END IT. This May more than 22,000 churches in the UK will be involved in Christian Aid Week, all with the same vision – an end to the outrage of poverty.

The Jersey Christian Aid Group has pledged to raise £5,000 by September 2010 for a project to bring food security for 88,000 people in 16 villages in Passore Province, Northern Burkina Faso (formerly known as Upper Volta). They have water resources and land, but no irrigation systems. Christian Aid has worked in the area with its partner ODE for nearly 30 years and is considered expert in water projects, crop research and in helping communities to adapt

to climate change.

Every £1 donated by Christian Aid supporters will be matched with £3 by the European Union. So a £100 donation becomes £125 if you are a Jersey taxpayer and fill in a 'Lump sum payment to a charity' form, and this in turn triggers a £375 grant from the E.U. funds, making a total gift of £500!!

As Parish Organiser I am once again appealing for help with the door-to-door collections. Some people do not like asking for money, but are happy to deliver the envelopes. This makes the task easier for a collector who then does not need to go twice. If you are able to spare a couple of hours during the second week of May delivering or collecting envelopes on a small route in St John, I should be very pleased to hear from you on 863263. Many thanks.

*Beryl Vautier*



# Miss St John 2010

We are pleased to announce that on Saturday 20th March Miss Charlotte Lombardi, of Quarryside House, Mont Mado, was crowned Miss St John 2010 during a most enjoyable, informal evening 'do' attended by Constable & Mrs Butcher, Deputy & Mrs. Rondel and approximately 30 parishioners and supporters. The venue for this year's event was 'Giggles' at St John Recreation Centre where those attending enjoyed a superb finger buffet provided by Sue Bannister and staff.

We were extremely pleased that 17-year-old Charlotte came forward to enter the competition as she was our only candidate although we did extend the competition date by an extra week in order to try and 'drum up' more interest.

Charlotte, a student, has lived all her life in the Parish and currently attends the Jersey College for Girls. She will be 18 at the beginning of June and is intending to go on to university in September. During her informal chat with Barbara Collins, Charlotte explained that she had always wanted, from an early age, to enter the competition and could hardly wait for the day that she would be old enough to do so. Well this day has now come and we are sure that with such an enthusiastic young lady in the role, the Parish will have an excellent ambassador.

This year, in addition to the £150 cheque, winner's sash and posy of roses (once again ably presented by 9-year-old Brooke Collins) Constable Graeme Butcher 'crowned' Charlotte with a beautiful silver tiara that had been kindly donated by Pearce the Jewellers.

Charlotte, being a Parish winner, automatically goes forward to the Miss Battle of Flowers Competition which is to be held on Saturday 17th April at Hotel de France and all our good wishes go to her for that. Should she not be lucky enough to



win Miss Battle she will be taking part in the battle parades as our Parish representative and we hope you will give her a huge St Jeannaise cheer when you see her pass by in her chauffeur-driven limosine.

*Rosemary Dupré & Barbara Collins*

## Calling All Senior Citizens – A Day Out For £4.35!

The Willows is a day centre for the elderly, both men and women. It is situated in the grounds of the Limes Hospital in Green Street and has a dining room, lounge, conservatory, etc.

The voluntary helpers welcome our day visitors from 9.30 am with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and you will meet up with new or old friends for a chat. Some members like to play cards, dominos, triominos, carpet bowls, jigsaw puzzles, etc. and there are newspapers, magazines and books to read – it's up to you. You are able to have your hair set, as a hairdresser has a salon in the building and a chiropodist visits regularly to do pedicures, both at very reasonable prices.

Also available is a 'trolley shop', run by Patricia

Donne Davis for the Hospital League of Friends. We sell a range of useful items including birthday cards, sweets, tissues, toiletries and gifts, which is helpful if you are not able to get out shopping very often. From time to time we have visiting entertainers and also some wonderful days out are organised, with a coach tour and lunch at a hotel.

At 12.00 a three-course lunch is served, with soup, a choice of main course, pudding, fruit juice and tea. This is supplied by the hospital and prepared by one of their staff. After lunch the voluntary staff organise games, such as bingo, which helps to keep those little grey cells working. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served around 2.45 pm before people start making their way home. *(cont. on p. 23 →)*



## Childhood Memories of Bonne Nuit

At Christmas 1947 my father placed a key on the playroom table and asked my two sisters and me to guess what it was for. We did not have a clue so he drove us to Bonne Nuit and as we walked along the pier he produced the key, unlocked one of the fishermen's huts and told us he had bought it. It was dark and smelly but he considered it a challenge to refurbish what was to become our summer home.

The next major surprise was when he drove us to South Pier in St Helier where George Stapley had a small boatyard. He was building a 10-foot mahogany clinker dinghy which my father had bought. So began a lifetime of enjoyment and involvement with Bonne Nuit spanning over 60 years.

The hut provided a base for all of our out-of-school activities, especially during the summer holidays. My memories of an idyllic childhood all stem from time spent at Bonne Nuit. We all learnt to swim like fish and pestered our parents to let us swim at Easter regardless of the sea temperature. We often spent the next week in bed with bronchitis verging on pneumonia!

My parents were pleased to see the back of us for the six weeks summer holidays. They would visit with food, as would other parents of the gang, sometimes with a roast dinner complete with Yorkshire puddings. We all sat on the wall close to the fishermen's stinking toilet and ate with enjoyment everything that was dished out to us. We were always starving!

### The Hut Society

Our family soon integrated into the hut society. The highlight of the week was the Sunday tea party hosted by a different hut owner each week. Fishermen were included and other local characters. We children looked forward to the Smiths' turn as the sandwiches and cakes were magnificent, and the quality of the china was so superior we learned to drink with our little fingers extended!

We soon had a gang of friends who were equally

keen to spend their waking hours on the pier, swimming, fishing or scrambling over the rocks. At the start of the holidays in July we would cycle from Mont Félard to St John – no hands down the hill. We would set up 'camp' – the girls sleeping in the hut on bunks built by my father. There was a small galley with a calor gas cooker and whistling kettle. The boys' sleeping quarters were in the rather downmarket German bunker at the end of the pier. Before the public toilets were built the only facility was a building near the end of the pier. It had a wooden toilet seat and a hole in the pier. At high water the toilet was flushed! Needless to say no-one attempted to catch the enormous grey mullet swimming around the harbour! When the public toilets were built, they were locked at night; however we were able to climb over

the doors so there was no problem there!

The pier in those days was remarkable for many reasons like the old crane with all its gears, and the brake which, when lifted, took the boats down at immense speed. The café was our second home and Edgar and Rachel Mallet always made us welcome.



*Lawrence Carter*



*Nancy, Barbara and Lawrence Carter circa 1948*

*(cont. from p. 23)* The cost of all this is just £4.35 a day (plus a little more if you use the hairdresser or chiropodist). The Willows is open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are interested in coming to the Day Centre, please telephone the

Co-ordinator, Liz Salt 851261, or Patricia Donne Davis 863765 – we look forward to welcoming new members.

*Patricia Donne Davis*

See photo of Pat at the Willows on the back page.





*Carter family and friends*

They were happy to relieve us of our pocket money for sweets and drinks. We used water from the spring for washing teeth etc.

Each day brought new adventures. We would fish for cabots with limpets and scull across to Giffard and surf into the sandy beach. One day our small flotilla of dinghies became involved in a jellyfish fight off La Crête Fort. We scooped them out of the sea and hurled them at each other.

Another time, someone had the idea of rowing to Bouley Bay. The sea was like glass, the sky a brilliant blue. We set off, just oars, with three dinghies and an 8-foot pram dinghy. Off Belle Hougue we noticed that the pram was going backwards. We were in the tide race – no life jacket in sight! A quick change of plan; the pram was taken in tow, so more power was provided by the oarsmen. It was an amazing feat. When we arrived at Bouley Bay we climbed the steps and surveyed our fragile craft. We were so proud we had done it! We returned to Bonne Nuit, rowing and sculling in turn as others got tired. My father thought we had drowned and was furious with us all.

We all learned to run across the large boulders between the harbour and the Fort. Periodically we clambered over the rocks to Wolf's caves at low tide to watch the waves come through the blow hole. There were two particularly hazardous gullies to cross and often a new gang member would get stuck, which would necessitate the Fire Brigade to perform a cliff rescue.

With hessian sacking tied to broom handles and dipped in paraffin we explored the Belle Hougue caves. Unfortunately, when we were well inside, our paraffin torches went out and we had great difficulty recovering everyone from the depths of the caves.

### The fishermen

The harbour was home to a number of fishermen, dominated by the Collenette family. Among the boat

owners were the pre-war gang of characters like Bill and Gordon Stuart, Basil Le Brun and others who were adjusting to life after the Occupation. I was always hoping that one of the fishermen would take me out for the day, not only to pull lobster and crab pots, but to fish for mackerel or conger eels. I was probably the most enthusiastic and competent crew member, which held me in good stead when I eventually left the island to join the Merchant Navy.

The fisherman I admired most was Charlie Le Couteur. He would launch his small dinghy, and scull either to Frémont or to Belle Hougue where he would anchor in the tide and fish for snipe with a leaded horse-hair line and a hook baited with a bit of limpet and a sliver of mackerel - bannie and fionk. He had several willow pots and I would go out with him to pull them. He showed me his lobster spots which I still fish today and each lobster I catch I call Charlie Le Couteur!

When I look back and recall those happy times I realise we were so lucky to have such freedom. Today's children have no chance to experience the joy and happiness that we shared. Times have changed and definitely not for the better.

My thanks to my sisters, Barbara and Nancy, for their memories also.

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# Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research is vital to our Community

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## More than 300 cases in Jersey

In Jersey, there is a case of lymphoma diagnosed on average every week, with 50 to 60 new cases each year, most of which are returned to health thanks to the treatment that the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research supports. 300-400 people in Jersey, or around one in every 250 people, are currently living with the disease. Taking into account the families of these people, around 2% of Jersey's population is directly affected.

Once considered a rare disease, diagnosed cases of lymphoma have doubled every eight years since treatment began in the middle of the twentieth century. The fact that research into blood cancers and the development and improvement of treatments has been going for so long means that recovery rates are also much higher. Over the last 30 years the cure rate has increased from 50% to 85% to 90%. Treatments based on a combination of multiple drug regimes and radiotherapy also yielded long remissions of other related cancers. Jersey's branch of the charity is one of the larger contributors to the research, with many Island residents grateful for the treatment they have received thanks to the funding.

Recent research has found better ways of diagnosing and better drugs for treating nearly all of these cancers and it is a fact that 90p out of every £1 donated goes directly into the research.

## Fund-raising

Here in Jersey our two most successful forms of fund raising have been through a Diva Opera Dinner once a year and a Golf Day at La Moye Golf Course every other year. The Golf Day takes place this year on Friday 24th September and the Diva Opera Dinner on Friday, 8th October. But we are also trying to think of new ideas!

It is the 50th anniversary of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research and one form of fund raising is

to have a box for 50p coins in as many households as possible. If you would like to participate please let us know. Also we are a very small band of volunteers, just six of us at the moment, who do our best for the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. We are always looking for help and if you feel you could join us – please get in touch with any of the people below.

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## WHEN NATURE SHOUTS – A plea for help from the Parish of San Juan Bautista, Chile, to the Parish of St John, Jersey

In Chile we are used to facing natural disasters, but we were not prepared to experience one of the worse earthquakes recorded in history – which covered an area as big as the whole of Britain – followed by an tsunami, several after-shocks and another two earthquakes during the following weeks.

The 8.8 earthquake was followed by a tsunami that devastated several coastal areas and Robinson Crusoe Islands, a very important spot for biodiversity. My husband, Dr Stephan Funk, was invited last year by the Chilean government to work in the planning of the conservation strategy of this unique location.

### Saved by 12-year-old

The fishing village of San Juan Bautista (St John the Baptist) was destroyed, but most of the inhabitants were saved by the courage of a 12-year-old girl, who ran to the centre of the town to give the tsunami alert, risking her own life. A young marine biologist who was in the island doing fieldwork with her fiancé was not lucky enough, and died victim of the tsunami.

There are plans to rebuild the village as a tribute to its biodiversity, highlighting the work of those who died while doing research in the Island. A botanical garden, library, and school are part of these initiatives. One of the organizations raising funds for this is the USA based Non-Government Organisation, Oikonos ([www.oikonos.org](http://www.oikonos.org)).

As a Chilean national, I feel it is my duty to try to raise funds to support my people. Some have lost their relatives and friends, and others their homes. With the cold winter coming the situation can get critical in terms of public health.

Maybe some people think that because the number of victims is not as high as in other recent natural disasters, help is not needed. But the reality is different. People saved their lives because in most cases they knew how to react, but many lost their properties, and the damage in public infrastructure is severe.

We cannot repair the loss of those whose children were taken by the sea or the power of the earth; we cannot delete the panic that will last for ever in their memories – I still remember my own experience in an earthquake in 1985 – but we can contribute to build a better future and give them back some hope.

Those interested in helping to organize fund-raising events, no matter how simple they are, can contact me by email at [funk.daniela@googlegmail.com](mailto:funk.daniela@googlegmail.com) or by phone at 868873

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## SUMMER IS ICUMEN IN . . .

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One cannot help wondering if the winter we have just experienced will affect the arrival of the migrant birds this spring. Those from the far south, such as Swallows, will have had nothing of our European frost and snow to delay their departure but they may have been held back when they cross the Mediterranean in the later stages of their 8-9,000-mile journey. By the time you read this Swallows may well have been seen in the island but at the time of writing all we have heard of is accumulations of them and Sand Martins just to the south of the Mediterranean. Sand Martins are usually the first to arrive, sometimes quite early in March, but there is no news of them so far. Other migrants will have wintered north of, and some just south of, the Sahara Desert and we will expect them to be arriving at times well spread out through April and May and even into June.

'The Cuckoo comes in April' is the first line of a traditional ditty, but in some recent years we have been lucky if have seen or heard one at all during the spring and summer. Our parish's long cliff paths provide a good chance of hearing one, if they are here. Bird-watchers are keen to know how many Cuckoos pass through the island or stay to breed, so

if anyone is fortunate enough to hear one, at any time, we would be very pleased to be told (Tel. 862473; or report it to anyone else in the editorial group – see page 2).

Returning to the hirundines – Swallow, House Martin and Sand Martin – many islanders fortunate to have either or both of the first two breeding on their properties have noticed a marked reduction in their numbers in recent years. They will not have any Sand Martins as they excavate holes in the vertical faces of sandbanks and, at present, breed mainly in the sandpits on Les Blanches Banques in St Ouen's Bay. Of the other two, Swallows have the longer tails and House Martins have a conspicuous white patch on their rump at the base of their back. Again, the fluctuations of their numbers is of great interest for conservation studies on an international scale, so if any reader has noticed changes in numbers nesting, decrease or increase, we would like to know.

Now, in mid-March, the temperature shows signs of beginning to rise and this should be an encouragement to return for all our migrant birds of the summer.

*Roger Long*



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## The National Prayer Breakfast – Washington DC

In early February our chief minister, Senator Terry Le Sueur, his wife Angela and Deputy Ian Gorst represented Jersey at the 58th National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC. USA. As Angela remarked to me at the beginning of our interview, what an honour for little Jersey to be included among the invitees of 130 countries and political representatives from all 51 states of the USA. They found themselves mixing with current and past leaders of nations, and about three thousand representatives of varied political and religious beliefs. How appropriate then that our three representatives are people of faith who work hard to make a difference in our own island and the wider world.

The National Prayer Breakfast was begun by President Eisenhower and a group of businessmen. The aim is to unite American politicians and others with people of influence from around the world in order to share ideas, hopes, and experiences in an atmosphere of faith. Even though there is a Christian basis to the Breakfast, the teachings and life of Jesus can be shared with others as he is regarded as a good man by Jews, a prophet by Muslims, and a philosopher by others.

The meetings take place in the Washington Hilton. When one of the hotel magnates of the Hilton

family asked President Eisenhower what he could do for him, the president is alleged to have said, 'Build me a hotel big enough to hold the National Prayer Breakfast!' – So there it is – with an auditorium large enough to take three thousand people and enough rooms for all the invitees!

Although the main Prayer Breakfast was on February 4th there were other events around this date including meetings, lunches, dinners, and visits, all with speakers.

At the opening lunch, the speakers were from Rwanda, India, Israel (the Minister of Information who had been born, raised and imprisoned in the Soviet Union before emigrating to Israel), and the Deputy Prime Minister of Jordan who described himself as a Christian of Muslim culture. The Russian speaker referred to the world as a Tower of Babel with our failure to achieve a 'common language' of mutual understanding – which this type of occasion is attempting to redress.

At the Heads of State dinner Terry and Angela were seated with the Deputy Prime Minister of Jordan, a former prime minister of Fiji, delegates from Bolivia, Albania, Taiwan, and an American Senator. At every meal they were seated with different people and were able both to talk about our own island and find out about many other places. On the one hand our editor discovered there were many common problems but mostly she was humbled to realise even more than before how fortunate we are to live in our island home.

Whilst Terry was visiting the White House, Angela attended the International Women's Continental Breakfast, where she was seated with women from America, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Russia, Venezuela, and a Kenyan MP who knew about Jersey cows! Among the speakers that day were a former first lady from Albania, a paediatrician by profession, speaking about the poverty and child health in her country; another former first lady from Macedonia who had set up the first mammography programme in her country; and a Russian lady who spoke movingly about her son, a political prisoner.

### Prayer breakfast

The day of the National Prayer Breakfast itself meant a very early start. All the roads leading to the hotel were closed to traffic and the security in the hotel was at the highest level as the keynote speakers were President Obama himself and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

I have had the privilege to read in full the addresses of both President Obama and Secretary Clinton as Angela has copies. As you can imagine these are full of quotable ideas. The main theme expressed by President Obama was, not surprisingly, affordable health care for all in the USA. Also, like many Americans, they are not afraid of expressing



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their faith and using religious and biblical imagery. President Obama also uses the Tower of Babel idea (or 'babble' as he put it) to express the loss of civility in public debate when no side is prepared to listen to the other when, in reality, neither side has a monopoly on the truth. He recalls great figures from the past such as William Wilberforce, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King to underscore the idea of man's love for his fellow humans, and what can be achieved when opponents are not demonised. His most often repeated phrase was; – 'Progress comes when we look into the eyes of another and see the face of God.'

### St John connection

Secretary Clinton based her speech on her travels and meetings with many different races and creeds. She attributed her drive and motivation to her Methodist upbringing, saying that her faith had been strengthened by the personal connections she has had with people even when they had disagreed with her politics. She referred to the speaker at the 1994 Breakfast, Mother Theresa, who had inspired and encouraged her to open an orphanage in Washington DC for unwanted babies.

She spoke movingly of her visit to the Eastern Congo last summer when she met many traumatised victims of rape and attack. This has a special resonance with us here in St John as we, as a parish church, are twinned with the diocese of Bukavu where Secretary Clinton was visiting, and we sup-

port, through prayer and missionary-giving, the work of Bishop and Madame Bahati who work tirelessly in this area, particularly with the women. They have both visited St John and we were humbled by their faith and commitment to making a difference to the lives of their people. Secretary Clinton has a unique insight into many of the world's problems; she reminded the assembly that she had attended the Breakfasts as First Lady, as Senator and now as Secretary of State.

Angela feels she will need many months to distill all the messages and ideas which were presented and discussed during these four days. The Jersey party was taken to Congress on Capitol Hill and met an American Senator in his office. They also viewed an impassioned speaker in the House of Representatives speaking to an audience of one! Perhaps in Jersey we mind too much when some of our politicians are not in the States Chamber!

Our editor's enthusiasm for the visit, her sense of pride and privilege at being able to be part of this extraordinary occasion with the chance to represent Jersey on the world stage, were palpable. Our editor, has been in the same room as the most powerful man on earth, the President of the USA, – admittedly with two or three thousand others – but few of the rest of us will ever get that chance, and I feel she will remember that moment for a very long time.

*Rosie Bleasby*



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### What's going to be happening during the day in 2010?

The day will begin, at 11.00 am with a Superhero Carnival procession down to the bay, by children from St John's school, followed by the official opening of the festival by the Constable of St John.

For the children, from 12.00 – 3.00 pm, there will be games on the beach, organised by the school PTA, and a pre-school area for the under -3's, organised by Les Frères Mums and Tots Group. In addition, there will be the Hay Bale course and Jersey Bungee on the pier.

In the afternoon, entertainment from the stage will include 'Bonnie Baby;' 'Knobbly Knees;' 'Miss Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival' competitions, along with another 'Tucker Trial style Challenge' with well known parishioners.

Music, of a variety of styles, will be provided throughout the day, including the St John's School choir, concluding in the evening with our headline band, The Pioneers.

A variety of stalls selling local produce, gifts and food, including a licensed bar and an ox roast will add colour and flavour to the festival.

### What about parking?

A free bus service will operate from the parking field at Les Platons, as on the day there will be a one -way

system operating, going down Le Charrières de Bonne Nuit and going up Les Nouvelle Charrières with NO PARKING permitted on either hill.

### How is the event being funded?

Admission is to be kept to a minimum of just £3.00 for adults, whilst additional funding will be received through a grand prize draw with 1250 £5 tickets, available from May, with a £1,000 first prize and seven other cash prizes. The organisers are grateful for support from the Parish; Ronez our major sponsors; L C Pallot & Sons who are sponsoring this year's publicity flyers and Fresh Farm Organics who are sponsoring the raffle tickets.

### Where will the money raised go?

Proceeds, after setting aside some funds towards the 2011 event, will be divided between St John's School PTA; St John's Parish Church; Bonne Nuit Boat Owners; and the St John Youth and Community Trust who are raising funds for a Skateboard Park at St John's Recreation Centre.

### Who can I contact?

For further information please contact either the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival Committee Chair Neil Cotillard on 07797797834, or secretary, Andy Thewlis on 861677



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## A Special Year for St John's Twinning Association



2010 is a special year for St John's Twinning Association as this is our 25th Anniversary since the inauguration in 1985 when the late Connétable John Le Sueur has the insight of forming a twinning link with Le Teilleul. Many friendships have been formed over the years and it is always a pleasure to receive our guests or visit them.

### Social evening

On Saturday April 10th there will be a social evening at the Farm House Restaurant, St John at 7 for 7.30 pm. Tickets will cost £20. Please come along if you are interested in joining the Twinning Association and you will be made very welcome. Reservations can be made by telephoning Ron Le Herissier. (See below)

### Games

The Jeux Intervilles games, which are organised every two years, are being held this year in Granville on June 26th and 27th. St John will hopefully have a team of competitors to take part with their hosts of Le Teilleul in a weekend full of thrills and spills. Anyone interested in taking part, please contact Paul de la Cour, the team co-ordinator, on 07797 734419.

All fares and meals for the competitors and team coaches will be paid for by the Association.

### Celebration weekend

Our friends from Le Teilleul will be coming to Jersey for the weekend of 17th, 18th, 19th September to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Twinning between the two villages. Details to follow. The Friday evening will be spent en famille.

On the Saturday we will entertain our guests during the day, followed by a Dinner Dance, with a live band in St John's Parish Hall. The evening will proceed with the cutting of a celebratory cake, and a toast to the two villages to wish them a further 25 years of Jumelage. We will endeavour to make it a memorable occasion. On Sunday September 19th we are planning a pig roast with all the trimmings at the Jersey Petanque Club House at Quennevais, St Brelade, and if the weather is fine we may even have the chance to play a game of Petanque!

We do hope that many members and guests will support both the social evening and the 25th Anniversary Celebrations. It would be very encouraging to see new members joining the Association to help it continue for the next 25 years. Please make a note in your diaries of these important dates.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Chairman, Ron Le Herissier, on 862010; or Secretary, Myrtle Malzard on 862931.

*Myrtle Malzard*  
Secretary

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday 10th March I was woken up to have my heart broken. My beautiful cat, Princess, had been killed by a hit and run driver outside my house. I live on La Rue Militaire, a small country lane, with a ridiculous 40mph speed limit. I do not know what happened that morning but I can only hope that it was an accident. The fact is that I will never know as the person had just left her there without any consideration or remorse.

I understand that cats are inquisitive and often do get hit by cars but I feel the least the person could have done is phoned the animal shelter, so they could have come and collected her in the pet ambulance. That way she would not have been left in the cold. Fortunately my Uncle found her quickly

after it had happened, sometime between 07:00-07:15am, so I was able to hold her in my arms while she was still warm. If he had not found her at this time this may not have been the case.

In writing this letter my plea is to fellow human beings to have some thought and compassion. Do not treat someone else's pet the awful way mine has been treated. Princess was an amazing cat with a fabulous personality and great charm. I do not know if I'll ever get over losing her but the whole grieving process has been a lot harder for me as I feel that the person who hit her did not think she was worth caring about.

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Dear Mrs Mary Rouillé,

Recently, when surfing on the Internet making genealogical research on Rebindaines, I found your interview with my first cousin, Lillian Paul, in the issue of August 2006. I have been informed that Lillian died last October by another first cousin, Allan. F. Léonard (Jersey born) from Vancouver, B.C., Canada. You were able to gather information on her life we were not aware of.

We met Lillian for the first time in 1972 on our first trip to the Island. We had lost contact since my father died during the war in August 1944. He was comforted somewhat knowing that the Liberation of

his cherished Island was on its way. Elsie, Lillian's mother, and my father, were sister and brother.

During our stay, Lillian gave me her family tree Alexander/Alexandre, mentioned in your article. Her mother, Elsie, and her father, William-Henry Paul, were both born in St Ouen. My father, Elsie's brother, was born on July 14th 1888 in St Ouen also. When he came to Canada he changed his name to Robindaine, and all his descendants bear that surname.

We thank you for your article that helped us to get to know Lillian still better.

*Stella and John Robindaine*

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# Thinking, Learning, Caring



What is this life if, full of care,  
 We have no time to stand and stare?  
 No time to stand beneath the boughs,  
 And stare as long as sheep and cows:  
 No time to see, when woods we pass,  
 Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:  
 No time to see, in broad daylight,  
 Streams full of stars, like skies at night:  
 No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
 And watch her feet, how they can dance:  
 No time to wait till her mouth can  
 Enrich that smile her eyes began?  
 A poor life this if, full of care,  
 We have no time to stand and stare.

*W. H. Davies*

These well known and inspirational words by W. H. Davis have held great meaning for our school community in recent months. In today's frantic, demanding world, it is easy to forget the important fundamentals of life. Over this academic year, we have reflected on this in many different ways, not least, with the sad and untimely death of João Calaca Sousa, just before Christmas. This tragedy has encouraged us, as a school community, to actively

cultivate our developing affinity with nature and the environment and much of the Jersey Curriculum is developed through creative outdoor learning opportunities, in order to allow us space to 'have time to stand and stare.'

Our recently opened Nature Trail, at the front of the school, is just one of many ways in which we are trying to understand more about our environment and how we can appreciate and reflect on the wonder of nature and the cycle of life. We are very grateful to St John's Parish for allowing the school to develop this piece of land, in order to promote our outdoor learning curriculum. Jeaninne Godefroy, Claire O'Malley and James Matthews have been leading the staff and children in supporting this area, cultivating the soil so that plants flourish and grow. We are extremely grateful to parents, our PTA who have helped fund much of this, and Barclays Wealth, who bought and helped plant many of our new exciting shrubs. Ben Parkes has built the pagoda and created the fencing, as well as constructing our wonderful memorial bench for João Calaca Sousa. This is a popular area for the pupils, who do 'stand

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*Start of Nature Trail area before development*

beneath the boughs' and gaze across the fields of St John, taking time to reflect on nature and to contemplate the joy of life and beauty of nature. Thanks so much to the many people who have helped in the creation of this important and new area of our school grounds, where children can develop a sense of awe and wonder, exercise their curious natures, think, investigate, observe, explore, watch, play and take time to 'stand and stare'.

Thinking, Learning and Caring are the foundation of our school and all three can be seen in the development of our Nature Trail. There is the 'Thinking' that the children, staff and wider community have put into the planning of it; our 'Learning' in the construction and understanding of which plants should be placed where, and in the different exciting ways we can creatively use the Trail; and the 'Caring' for the plants and each other in the way we behave and respect the area.



*At work on the Trail*

### Forest School Programme

Our enthusiasm in exploring our Island environment and finding out about the World around us, is continued through the Forest School Programme which allows the children to experience outdoor learning through a practical multi-sensory approach. This year-round programme allows the children to experience every kind of weather. Classes visit their 'forest area' dressed in waterproofs when it rains and return to school full of excitement, brimming with enthusiasm and energised by the learning that has taken place. Mrs Godefroy has been inspirational in her leading of this programme. We are very grateful to her, for sharing all her skills and talents. Again, we would like to thank Mr and Mrs Crocker, for the use of their land, which allows us the opportunity to explore the environment in this way.



*Enjoying the Nature Trail*

The Summer Term will be full of outdoor learning opportunities with Year 4's residential visit to Crabbé in May, where they will use orienteering skills, be involved in beach studies, explore habitats and life cycles; Year 6's exciting 5-day-stay in Gureledan, France – rock climbing, cycling, canoeing, abseiling and orienteering; and Year 3's day visit to Sark, comparing and contrasting two Island communities. Visits to beaches, the sand dunes, Durrell and our surrounding area will also take place. We live in a very beautiful part of the world and encouraging our children to experience our Island beauty, is high up on our agenda at St John's School. To truly appreciate life we need to find time to 'stand beneath the boughs' in order to 'stand and stare,' appreciating all that is around us. Hopefully, the children in St John will be well trained and skilled in this aspect of life.

*Trudie De La Haye  
Acting Head Teacher*



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# PARISH DIARY - April 2010 to September 2010

## APRIL

Wed 14th 7.00pm St John's WI meets at the Parish Hall for a visit to the Post Office

Tues 20th Back to School

Tues 27th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in St John's Hotel

Wed 28th 2.30pm Golden Age meeting. Venue to be confirmed.

## MAY

Sat 8th 10am – 4pm Celebration of Flowers for Liberation in the Parish Church

Sun 9th 10.30am Liberation Day Service in the Parish Church  
Organised by the St John's Group of Churches

Sun 9th 12.30pm – 5.30pm Parish Street Party

Wed 12th 7.30pm St John's WI Resolution meeting and Beetle Drive.  
Venue to be confirmed.

Sun 16th 11.00am Celebration of Education with St John's School at the Parish Church

Tues 25th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in St John's Hotel

Wed 26th 2.30pm Golden Age meeting. Venue to be confirmed.

Fri 28th Last day of school half-term

## JUNE

Mon 7th Back to School

Wed 16th 7.00pm St John's WI meets at the Parish Hall for a visit to Malzard Racing

Sun 13th Final Service at Sion Methodist Church

Mon 14th – Sat 19th Artist in residence, in the parish church, creating an Icon of St John

Sat 19th IteX Walk

Sun 20th 11.00am Celebration of Baptism Service at the Parish Church

Sat 26th 11am – 10.30pm Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival

Tues 29th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo. Venue to be confirmed.

Wed 30th 2.00pm Golden Age Afternoon Tea outing. Departs from the Parish Hall.

## JULY

Thurs 1st 2.15pm Visite de Branchage

Fri 2nd 1.00pm School Sports Day at the Recreation Centre

Sat 10th Sark to Jersey rowing race

Wed 14th 7.00pm St John's WI meets at the President's home for Petanque

Thurs 22nd Last day of school term

Tues 27th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall

Wed 28th 2.30pm Golden Age meets in the Parish Hall.

## AUGUST

Wed 4th Visite Royale

Sun 8th 11.00am Beach Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the Parish Church

Wed 14th 7.00pm St John's WI meets at the Parish Hall for a visit to the Post Office

Wed 25th 2.30pm Golden Age meets in the Parish Hall.

## SEPTEMBER

Thurs 2nd Back to School.

Thurs 2nd 2.15pm Visite de Branchage

Sun 5th 3.00pm Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the St John's Groups of Churches

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