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Visit of Bishop Bahati

Linked – the Archbishop, the Bishop and the Rector

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, included several links with the African church in his enthronement service in Canterbury Cathedral on March 21st. Among them was a personal invitation to the service to the Bishop of Bukavu, Sylvestre Bahati. When he was Dean of Liverpool, Justin Welby had visited Bukavu Diocese in the Eastern Congo and had formed a friendship with Bishop Bahati. By one of those strange quirks of fate, when many thousands of miles from home, Justin had recognised a fellow theological student from Durham in one of the photographs on the wall in Bishop Bahati's home. This turned out to be our very own Rector, Andy Thewlis. So a link was made between Bukavu, Liverpool and St John. Less than four years later that same Dean of Liverpool is now our new Archbishop of Canterbury.



Constable Rondel, Rev'd Thewlis, Bishop Bahati and Deputy Ryan

During the splendid ancient service in Canterbury Cathedral, a priest, Father Desirée from Bukavu, placed an offering from the Eastern Congo on the altar. Bishop Bahati found the service very moving and uplifting and recognises



Beginner's luck!

in the new Archbishop a man of prayer and one who is devoted to the gospel of Christ. These are the bedrocks of Bishop Bahati's ministry so it is a common ground which has cemented a friendship.

The day after the service, Bishop Bahati and Father Desirée flew to Jersey for the weekend. This was the fourth time that St John has been able to welcome Bishop Bahati and the links between his Diocese of Bukavu, (larger than England) and tiny St John continue to be strengthened.

First ever snow

The Church community was holding a Beetle Drive on his first evening and as you may imagine these are not common in Africa. After a very brief introduction to the game and rules the Bishop was away and incredibly at the end of the evening it was found that he was the overall winner, beating into second place our very competitive Rector!

Apart from preaching at the Palm Sunday service

and speaking on Radio Jersey, the Bishop spent the weekend meeting old friends and up at Les Platons, with your correspondent, holding his first ever handful of snow!

Help for women victims

Although the fighting in the Eastern Congo has died down since the New Year, there are still rebel groups roaming the countryside. Bishop Bahati's church is at the forefront in providing aid to the refugees in the camps, hundreds of thousands of them. The church assists with food, clothes and medical supplies. The Eastern Congo is one of the parts of the world where rape has become a method of warfare and of intimidating the population. The Church provides much practical help and support to those women who are victims.

During 2012, our own Rector, Andy Thewlis,

raised six thousand pounds with his 2012 challenge of cycling, swimming and walking that number of miles. This sum has already been sent to Bukavu and will be used to help the Diocese in its work.

Bishop Bahati is most anxious for people from St John to make a reciprocal visit to Bukavu and if the situation becomes more stable there are plans afoot for a team from St John to go to the Congo to carry out a practical task which will be a lasting and physical reminder of the link, with an exploratory visit being considered for 2014.

Three men of God – Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Sylvestre Bahati and St John Rector, Andy Thewlis – all linked by their membership of the worldwide Anglican Communion and their friendship. The world is truly a global village.

Rosie Bleasby

Faces of the Great War

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. Nationally there will be several projects acknowledging the importance of this commemoration. Locally, Jersey Heritage is planning to mark it in several ways.

One of these projects is called the Faces of the Great War. The First World War had an enormous effect on Jersey. Approximately 20% of the population served in some way. The purpose of this project is to gather images of those Islanders who played their part in the Great War as servicemen or civilians. **Was a member of your family one of those people?**

In 1919 the States of Jersey created a Roll of Service; the Great War Study Group is working on a revised and updated version of this. Jersey Heritage proposes to put a face to the names.

Collecting days

Between April and July 2013, Jersey Heritage will hold collecting days in each of the twelve parishes. We are inviting parishioners to bring along their photographs, letters and objects relating to the Great War to be recorded, scanned and photographed. (Rather than having to loan precious photographs to Jersey Heritage, donors will be able to return home with them the same day.) We anticipate also getting information about the part played by the Island's overlooked French community.

The outcomes of this exercise will be:

1. To feed into the preparation of a visual memorial of the Great War
2. To assist the Great War Study Group with research towards the publication of an updated Roll of Service
3. To inform an exhibition which will explore the impact of the Great War on the Island

If you, or a relative or friend, have any World War I memorabilia, we hope to meet you over the next few months and record the item/s.

Please come along to St John's Parish Hall on **Monday 13th May from 11am to 12.30pm** for a short talk about the project after which curator, Chris Addy, colleagues from Jersey Archive and I will be on hand to take notes, scan images and talk to people about their material.

As well as the special collecting day in your parish, we will also be holding other collecting days at the Jersey Archive and Jersey Museum throughout the year.

For more information, please contact me, Julia Coutanche at Jersey Museum on telephone 633342 or email julia.coutanche@jerseyheritage.org

Julia Coutanche



Dear Parishioners . . .



Since I last put pen to paper Christmas and Easter have come and gone with a variety of weather from the odd spring-like day or two followed by rain and inclement weather, to snow and blizzards cutting off many areas of the parish and Island.

Sterling work

Firstly, I would like to thank our many honorary officers for their sterling work between the 11th and 14th March in keeping the parish running in the arctic-like blizzards which saw 95% of the parish roads closed due to drifts. The Honorary Police, the Roads Committee, Roads Inspectors, Civil Emergency Liaison Officers, Miss St John, staff at the parish hall, the parish gardener along with staff from AAL all worked through this period around the clock clearing snow to keep roads passable.

Thanks to go to the residents for showing their patience when snow ploughs had been working nosily throughout the night clearing roads near their homes. I will say that one or two residents could have shown more sympathy for others when snow being cleared may have inadvertently caused a slight build-up near their property.

Our team over that 72-hour period dealt with all manner of emergencies: checking on the needs of the vulnerable; collecting medical prescriptions and medication; transporting nurses so they could care for an elderly resident in an isolated part of the parish; collecting key-holders from St Helier and St Clement so that Spar and Marks & Spencer could stay open for residents to get provisions; delivering coal and hot soup to homes cut off by power cuts, and clearing fallen trees – a big thank you to all.

A good father

May I also thank parishioners and friends for their compassion following the death of my father who passed away at Hospice on the 8th of March, after a long illness. At just over 90 years Dad had seen many things in his long life. We laid him to rest with Mum on the 14th of March and whilst walking behind the horse-drawn hearse from the church to the graveyard I thought to myself as the snow was in places some four or five feet high along the route how he would have chuckled to see the mourners walking behind the cortège in these conditions. I remember the snow of the winter of 62/63 when dad was a Vingtenier, and the Constable of the day sent out the Honorary Police with shovels, not JCBs, to

open the main roads in various parts of the parish. To a good father – may you rest in peace with Mum and our beloved Helen-Claire.

As I sit here putting pen to paper it's 6.40a.m. I glance across the garden to see several blackbirds standing out against the snowy backdrop and a squirrel scampering across to the feeder and I think spring is on its way and a new season approaches.

On behalf of Wendy and myself, I wish you all a sun-soaked spring and summer and leave the short dark days of winter behind.

Phil Rondel, Connétable

Donation of Piano to the Parish Hall

One of our Parishioners, Denise Heslam, has recently very kindly donated a piano for use at the Parish Hall. We are very grateful for this as it will undoubtedly enhance future events and functions in the hall.

Any budding pianists out there, please let us know.



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St John Youth and Community Trust

Children's Playground

As you are no doubt aware, the children's playground next to St John's Church, whilst being extremely well used, is starting to show signs of wear and tear. The original facility was made possible by generous donations from various parishioners, businesses and organisations, including the Butlin Family to whom grateful thanks must be extended. The play area is specifically for pre-school age children and young primary school children for both after school and weekend leisure activity.



Rev'd Andy Thewlis and Andrew Lewis discussing the plans

The St John Youth & Community Trust has been liaising with the Parish in the last few months and both parties have agreed the way forward to renew the facility with a modern, yet traditional style, playground concept that has been proposed by Romerils, similar to the existing equipment, but including an additional toddler swing and new safety matting.

Designs will be available to view at the parish hall and in the church during late April and early May, and the Trustees would be delighted to hear feedback from regular users and other parishioners.

The St John Youth & Community Trust has already raised a proportion of funds required; however further fund raising begins in earnest to secure the financial means to complete the task. Should you wish to contribute to this project please contact Andrew Lewis on 07797 726727 or email info@sjcommunitytrust.org.

North coast bike jumps

The St John Youth & Community Trust has also been in consultation with Environmental Services, representatives from biking organisations and a local bike retailer.

Lee McCormack, who is a world-renowned bike

stunt man and has recently appeared in the Bond movie, Skyfall, lives in Jersey and has been advising the Trust as to how the facility could be enhanced and improved whilst remaining in keeping with the surrounding environment.

The intention would be for BMX riders to use the facility as currently they are not permitted in the skateboard park for safety reasons. By enhancing the area on the north coast there would be an opportunity for bike enthusiasts to enjoy their sport in a unique environment whilst not spoiling the natural terrain.

Concept plans will shortly be presented to environmental services and the parish, together with other interested groups

If you would like to get involved in this exciting project, please call Andrew Lewis on 07797 711042 or email info@sjcommunitytrust.org.

*Andrew Lewis
Chairman of the St John Youth &
Community Trust*

St John to host fifty bell-ringers

Jersey will be playing host to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild of Church Bell Ringers from 3rd to 7th July.

We are expecting to welcome over 50 visiting ringers to the island for the AGM and 8-bell striking competition which St John will be hosting on Saturday 6th July.

A number of Jersey ringers will be representing the Channel Islands, competing against UK teams and with home advantage we are hoping to achieve a good result.

There will be a lot of ringing at St John's Church on both the Friday and Saturday to provide the visitors with a chance to practise on the bells and for everyone present to make use of the collective expertise to learn something new.

Come and have a go!

We hope you enjoy the sound of the bells during this period and encourage everyone to come and say hello (and even have a go!) We apologise in advance for any disturbance caused during this event which is hosted in the Channel Islands just once in every eight years.

If you need any further information, please contact the event organiser, Anne Fraser on 870848.

Anne Fraser





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LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’ ‘Life of Sion’, as remembered by Eddie Le Cornu, our Northern light, who was interviewed by Jayne Luce

I met Eddie Le Cornu for a chat, with no set ideas about what direction the inter-view would take. I just felt that Eddie, having lived and worked in Sion all his life, would be a good contributor to the Star of the North.

Sion is in the Vingtaine de Héruppe, and contains the centre stone of the Island. Approximately 95% of Sion is in St John with the remaining bit in Trinity. It borders with Trinity, St Helier and St Lawrence.

So far South!

Eddie recalls that there was always a bit of banter amongst some of his mates at St John’s School inferring that he did not live in St John, as they lived around and to the north of St John’s Church, and he was so far south! What countered the argument was that the Constable, Clifford Le Vesconte, and Centeniers Edmond Rondel and Frank Souville all lived in the Sion area. Interestingly another St John’s Constable, the late John Le Sueur, also lived in Sion, and Richard Dupré also has strong links with Sion.

The appearance of Sion has not changed as much as many other areas of the island, and travelling north to south down the main road, you wouldn’t notice any real change until you get to where Newcastle House was, which is now Newcastle Close. Eddie recalls that whilst riding his bike as a youngster, you always cycled much faster when you got to Newcastle House, as it had large lion gate pillars, and was next to the cemetery, and this, coupled with the onset of Frankenstein and Dracula on the black and white screen encouraged a vivid imagination!

Living in Sion, Eddie recalls, you knew all of your neighbours, either as friends or just acquaintances. As a child, Eddie’s Sion mates were David and Alan Richard and the late Kenny Thérin. He remembers how after school, on the way home, they would head for the Mont Mado dump to search mainly for old pram wheels, planks of wood and rope to make a go-cart which would be driven at speed down what was known as Ronnie Romeril’s hill. Another good memory for Eddie is Sion Youth Club, which held its meetings on a Thursday night at Sion Chapel.

Another important feature of Sion was the phone box next to the cemetery. As a young man wishing to make a more private phone call away from the ears of his parents, Eddie would use the phone box, but you had to pick your time carefully, as it was very popular with other teenagers who had the same idea,



Eddie on the site of the former phone box at Sion

as well as the French farmworkers, ringing home to France. Often a long queue could be seen here.

Vive de Gaulle!

Eddie spent all of his working life at Mauger’s Garage and recalls how many of the customers would bring excess potatoes, frying tomatoes and cauliflowers to the garage, and this, coupled with the fish brought by the fishermen, could keep you in food if you wished! There was a small shop at the garage which sold groceries and also alcohol which made it quite a popular meeting place with some of the French farmworkers who would frequent the shop after a day in the fields to purchase a bottle or two of beer.

One particular farmworker who worked on Rue de Servais, was quite a character and, although his real name is not known, Eddie says if you saw him you would raise your hand and shout ‘Vive De Gaulle!’ and he would raise his hand and shout back the same whilst cycling unsteadily off! Saturdays saw the French getting on the bus at Sion and spending time with their friends in town in French Lane, before returning, often via the Union Inn!

Another well-known ‘Sioner’ was the late John Mauger of Mauger’s Garage. Many of us will remember seeing Mr Mauger walking to work with his basket and flask. Most afternoons there would be a gathering of the locals at the petrol pumps, which might include, among others, Edmund Rondel, Edmund de la Haye and Hedley A’Court. They would discuss farming and how things were before and after the war, and generally put the world and Jersey politics to rights.

It was enjoyable to sit with Eddie and listen to his recollection of memories about the characters and life in Sion, and it is also interesting to note that, travelling south from Elmwood, quite a few of the old properties, including his own, Broadlands, have remained in the same families for generations. I must admit, that I have always felt that Sion was a bit of an outsider within the St John community, and that nothing much happened there; how wrong I was!

Thank you Eddie, and I hope my fellow parishioners enjoy this little trip down your Sion memory lane.

Jayne Luce



Editorial

Things are looking up.

As I write this in mid-April the sun is actually shining, the star magnolia, usually a delight in late March, is in bloom at last, and Star of the North has a new Editor! We are delighted to welcome Jo Falla who is to steer Star from the autumn. Elisa Canas is also joining the Editorial team. I'm sure our readers will enjoy reading Elisa's account of a day in her life on page 14.

The future of our Parish newsletter is promising, therefore, on the editorial front but we are still looking for someone to take on the job of selling advertising space. This is a vital role because Star depends financially on advertisements. Would you help with this? Maybe you are in business and have many contacts – perhaps you are very sociable and know many people and organisations. Please think if you could help to do this – or if you know anyone who might.

Great War Parish Collection Day May 13th

Do you have family photographs, letters, medals or other memorabilia from the Great War? If so, perhaps you would be willing to take them along to the Parish Hall on Monday, 13th May between 11am and 12.30pm where they will be scanned,

photographed or recorded by a team from Jersey Heritage in preparation for events in 2014, the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. Read all about it on page 2.

Developments at the Recreation Centre

Readers will note the continuing developments at the recreation Centre including a new café, yoga and racketball. Intrigued by one contribution to this issue of Star, the acting editor approached Franck Matthews and received an introductory lesson to the fast-growing sport of racketball. Forty-five minutes later I was totally exhausted and was inevitably stiff for the following few days, but having genuinely enjoyed the experience I have subsequently purchased my own racket and thoroughly recommend this fun game to readers of all ages.

Miss St John

Finally, congratulations to Aimée Renouf, our newly elected Miss St John. We hope she will enjoy her year.

*Revd Andy Thewlis
Acting Editor*

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Golden Age Club . . . welcomes new members and would like more

After a difficult recruitment campaign when we thought we might have to close the club, Clos de L'Église came to the rescue when twelve residents became new members. This enables us to have more speakers and to fill the coach up for our four outings a year.

If you are over fifty five and interested in joining us on the last Wednesday of each month then contact Wendy Rondel on 863667, Daphne Hinault on 861467, or Mary Rouillé on 862835.



Jersey Kart and Motor Club

The Jersey Kart and Motor Club 2013 season started off on Sunday 24th March. In previous years the first weekend has always been blighted by bad weather but for the opening day in 2013 the weather held out.

The club is going through a transitional time with some of its more seasoned drivers deciding to hang their helmets up. However, there is plenty of enthusiasm and support in place with the stalwart racing members, and several new racers showing an interest in taking up karting. The opening day confirmed this with the club officials being kept busy and the club's ARKS examiner putting two new members through their paces.

Family day out

The winter break can be a long time especially for the junior members of the Club who spend the first couple of months encouraging parents to blow the cobwebs off their karts and get them sparkling clean and the engines ticking over. On opening race day it is always great to see the Club members enjoying the usual race season predictions and hear the banter that makes the club such a family day out with the serious matter of competitive kart racing about to start.

For the first weekend, the track set up was done the day before and, while race entries were low, the race members worked enthusiastically to get the track ready for racing.

As part of the changes the club has gone through, club members have taken on new official roles. New race Secretary, Maria Reddy, had the job of ensuring that all races ran smoothly and that all the race positions on the grids were correct for all the races. Clerk of the Course, Terry Gorvel, was there on opening day to make sure that the races ran according to the regulations of the Motorsport Association and also to oversee the racing and driving standards.

The junior members of the Club always excel on race days and come off the track with huge smiles on their faces, especially if they complete their race without any damage to affect the parents' wallets!

Young Karters

The Club anticipates growth amongst the racing members of the Club as the season progresses. The start of the season is primarily slow amongst racing members and it is usually the young karters that are always there for the first race meetings, however as the weather warms up and the call of a dry track starts to beckon, some of the more senior drivers start to venture out whether it be for the odd race meeting or to try and catch up on some championship points.

Anyone interested in starting karting can get involved through the Kids in Karts scheme where there is an opportunity to come and try karting without having to purchase any equipment initially. There are certain conditions that have to apply, however. For



Young karters' first outing

further information please contact the Club's ARKS examiner on 07797724773.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish of St John, Connétable Phil Rondel, and the parishioners for their continued support of the Jersey Kart and Motor Club racing at the Loop Road.

Please take a look at www.jerseykartclub.com for further information and for race dates for 2013.

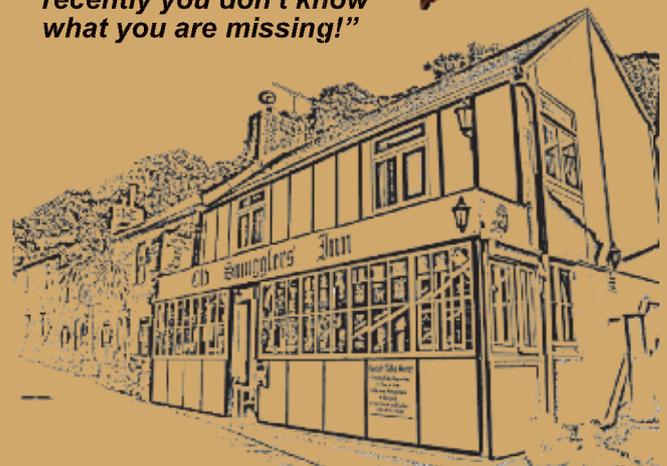
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NEWS FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We are now getting used to life without a Minister and things are gradually falling into place. We are fortunate that Reverend Philip Osborn has recently returned to Jersey on retirement and has very willingly agreed to preside at our monthly Communion Services. This, together with the help of our regular band of worship leaders augmented by visiting friends, both local and from the mainland, has encouraged our Sunday morning congregations to begin to grow again.

Attendance at our mid-week prayers on Wednesdays from 11 to 11.30 a.m. remains small but we intend to persevere as we believe that prayer is basic to our lives and ability to work for, and with, our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome, if only for a few minutes.

Other mid-week activities have been held in abeyance for the time being. Perhaps if summer ever comes we will all feel a little more inclined to leave our firesides!

Since the closure of Sion Methodist Chapel we have had a significant number of Methodists sharing in

our Worship and we are further encouraged that an informal agreement has now been reached to assist in closer co-operation between the two denominations.

Excellent social occasions

We have been delighted once again to participate in the lunches served around the Parish on the Saturdays during Lent which, as well as raising much needed funds for Bukavu and Christian Aid, provided excellent social occasions. It was good to hear the buzz of friendly conversation in our much under-used Church Hall.

We look forward, among other things, to sharing in Worship at the Parish Church to celebrate Liberation and later in the summer at Bonne Nuit Harbour for Sea Sunday. In the meantime we send our greetings to all Parishioners. Peace to you all who belong to Christ.

*Michael Ruskin
Church Secretary*



St John's Women's Institute

On 5th December we held our Christmas Party in the Parish Hall and were entertained by

the Caesarean Hand-bell Ringers which was followed by an excellent buffet and the evening was very successful.

We started off the year for our January meeting with a talk by the Messrs John and David Le Maistre on old Jersey postcards. This proved to be an interesting evening about how Jersey families wrote to each other from different parts of the same Parish and it also showed that there was more than one delivery of post each day!

In February we had Captain Brian Nibbs talking to us on Air Search Facilities and how it all runs and the amount it costs the Island to have this excellent facility in our midst. It costs about £95,000 a year to have the

plane which is based in Guernsey ready and available in any emergency.

Fashion Show

On 10th April we held a Fashion Show in St John's Parish Hall by Crème and JSSK (Children's Clothing). So we had a welcome opportunity to view some of the summer collections both for us and for our siblings.

Joining the W.I. gives you the opportunity of learning many different things in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. New members are always welcome so please do come and join us on any second Wednesday of the month at St John's Parish Hall at 7.30pm where you will be warmly welcomed.

Myrtle Malzard, President

Squash & Racketball Coaching at the Recreation Centre

Having recently gained a Level 1 coaching qualification from England Squash & Racketball, parishioner Franck Matthews intends on making use of the squash court at the Recreation Centre.

Franck explains to Star of the North, *"My eldest son absolutely loves playing squash and that has motivated me to develop my knowledge of the game. The course focussed on the practical delivery of squash and racketball, with safety and making it fun as key ingredients. On a personal level, I wanted a new challenge having played tennis for over 25*

years and coached abroad."

Franck is a member of the Jersey Squash & Racketball Club in St Clement and has been involved in the junior programme, sponsored by Bedell Group, under the guidance of head coach and former world number 14 Nick Taylor. Franck also competes in the recreational Red Sports squash and racketball leagues.

At the Rec. Franck will provide individual squash and racketball lessons to children and adults. He also intends on offering coaching to small groups of



children (max 4) over a six week period. Franck is also co-ordinator for a new racketball ladder which commences in May, so please get in touch with him if you'd like to be involved.

Further information is available from the Recreation Centre or directly from Franck.

E: franck.matthews@gmail.com

M: 07700 883155



New Yoga Classes at St John's Recreation Centre

Yoga teacher Jennifer Moore has started a Tuesday evening Flow Yoga class in the new Bobby Butlin studio. For more details please email Jennifer at yogajersey@hotmail.com or call 07829 737977.

Please check the notice boards at St John's Recreation Centre for details of new classes.

If you are interested in hiring the room please contact Elisa Canas on 07829 886423 or Mandy Bonhomme on 07797 840976



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The St John's Youth Project has been through a significant amount of change over the last couple of years. All the building work being undertaken at the Recreation Centre has left the Project at the present time with very little in the way of usable facilities. This, along with a number of changes within our Advisory Committee, has proved a difficult time but hopefully we are now on the road to getting the Project back to being a vital part of the Community.

The Youth Service itself has also undergone a number of changes resulting in us losing our senior Youth Worker, Simon Bell. Simon came to us from the U.K. and spent his time conscientiously looking after the Northern Parishes Projects (St Ouen, St Mary and St John). Since January this year we have gained the services of Nicky Brown who, I am pleased to report, is extremely keen to get things back up and running for the young people of the Parish.

We currently have 12 or so stalwarts of young lads who are still regularly attending the Youth Project and

a huge thank you goes out to them and their parents for being so patient and persevering under such difficult circumstances.

Some of our younger attendees have relocated to St Mary and Trinity but we are trying very hard to improve our programming in an effort to hopefully entice them back to the Parish.

Longer-for club room

The Recreation Centre Committee has already provided three parts of our 'wish list' in the form of the use of the new kitchen area, the dedicated toilets and a dedicated office for our Youth Workers, but until funding is finally secured our longed-for dedicated clubroom over the new proposed entrance area cannot be commenced. In a concentrated effort to try to get this facility under way we are joining forces with the Recreation Centre Management Committee to try to raise the significant amount of money required.

At the moment the Advisory Committee is a small but perfectly formed group but we are always open to suggestions from parents, young people or parishioners for fundraising ideas, and ideas for the Youth Project. If you have a skill that you would like to share with the Committee, even if you may not be prepared to sit on it – we are always open for any comments. For any feedback, please contact: louiseminier@hotmail.com.

Louise Minier

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Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean

The newly-named Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean reported back to parishioners recently on its work in progress.

The newly-appointed chairman, Brian McCarthy, gave a short slide presentation outlining the major themes the group is working on and its current activities including initiatives on extending bus routes and the provision of parochial allotments.

He outlined the consultations the group has had with the Environment Minister, officials from the Planning Department, Transport and Technical Services and Liberty Bus. Mr McCarthy explained how St John might be able to access some States funding to pay for road safety improvements and traffic calming measures in the Parish.

Following the presentation, the meeting also agreed to the reappointment of Martin Whitley and Martyn Farley to the Comité and to the unopposed election of Gary Romeril and David Ward.

Martyn Farley

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A Day in the Life of Elisa



My day starts at about 7am when I get up, check my emails, make a pot of coffee and feed the animals. I live with my boyfriend Tom, Daisy our cat and Tio, our two-year-old black Labrador. At about 8am we put on our wellies and take Tio for a good long walk.

St John is the most wonderful place to have a dog. We're spoiled for choice. One of Tio's favourites though is heading along to the cliff paths and down to Bonne Nuit. He'll swim in the sea whatever the weather. I, on the other hand, will not!

Voice of Gucci

When we get home, it's usually time for me to get down to work. I have a small recording studio in our flat which I use to record voiceovers for clients around the world. I either link up with them live so that they can direct the session themselves or they ask me to record and edit the audio and email it back to them. I have worked as a voiceover artist for most of my adult life and love my job. It's very varied and includes working for all sorts of clients. During an average week I will record many radio commercials, corporate videos, e-learning courses, on-hold audio and TV campaigns. I often get texts when friends fly with Ryanair as it's my voice that accompanies the in-flight video! My biggest client so far has been Gucci. I was fortunate enough to be selected as the voice of their Gucci Flora campaign which went out across cinema, TV and radio worldwide. For that session I linked up with a studio in Milan. The best thing about my job is that I can do it from anywhere. The only thing that stands in my way is timezones, but clients in Los Angeles, for example, are usually happy for me to record the audio during my working day and send it to them so that they can pick it up when they get to work and I'm asleep!

Live radio

At 12.30pm I jump in the car and head down to BBC Radio Jersey where I work as a Broadcast Assistant on the Kevin Pamplin Show. I started there in January and

am really enjoying being involved in a different side of the radio industry. I help come up with ideas for the show, interview guests, edit audio and present alongside Kevin. Every day is very different. I never know who I will be meeting and what will be being discussed. Things move very quickly in live radio as we have to adapt the show when breaking news needs to be broadcast. It's a very sociable job. I really enjoy working with a great team who are as passionate about radio as I am.

I finish at the BBC at 7pm and either meet friends or family in town for dinner and a catch-up, or head straight home. I try not to work in the evenings. I think it's important to have some time in the day that doesn't revolve around computers, so I'm happy to put the laptop away and spend some time with my little family. We often take Tio out for an evening walk. After spending most of the day in a studio, it's great to get out in the fresh air. St Brelade's Bay is our favourite.

I go to bed at about 10.30 and read a book to wind down.

I used to live a similar life in London, but without the dog and the walks and the beaches. I wouldn't swap it for the world!

Elisa Canas

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AIMÉE RENOUF: MISS ST JOHN 2013

On the evening of Saturday 16th March the Annual Miss St John competition was held in the Parish Hall. Thankfully, albeit at the last minute and due to much publicity from Radio Jersey, we were fortunate to have two entrants which saved the day.

In front of a small group of supporters the two young ladies were interviewed by Barbara Collins before our three independent judges, Steve and Janet Mullens from Grouville and Valerie Langlois Harris from St Saviour, had a really tough time in deciding the winner. After much deliberation the judges opted to elect 19-year-old Aimée Renouf, stating that their only deciding factor was that they felt that 17-year-old Gabrielle Larose would have another opportunity to enter at a later date when she would then also be eligible to go in for the Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers competition.

Both girls were sincerely thanked for entering and presented with their relevant cheques from the St John Battle of Flowers Association, and posies of rosebuds, before Aimée was officially crowned with her tiara and sash by Constable Phil Rondel.



Aimée is the daughter of John and Julie Renouf and at the moment is on a 'gap year' before hopefully commencing midwifery training at university.

We are sure that all in the Parish will join with us in sending best wishes to Aimée for the forthcoming Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers Competition in April and for her reign as our Parish representative for the year.

Next year

Just as a footnote to the above, the organisers of the annual Parish competition would like to urge any eligible young ladies of the Parish who might like to enter in future years to make a note that the event is run early on in March each year. It would be extremely helpful with the organisation of the evening itself if applications were made as early as possible. We hope it may be possible in future to include an entry form in the December issues of the 'Star of the North' – so parents and possible candidates watch this space!

Rosemary Dupré and Barbara Collins



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St John's Recreation Centre

Following completion of the latest phase of the building work, we have had a welcome period of consolidation before embarking on the next phase of the redevelopment work.

That said, it has continued to be a very busy time with a new business and a number of new user groups being attracted to the Centre. In addition a number of our existing user groups have gone from strength to strength.

Billy B's café and grill

At the end of January we said goodbye to Sue who decided to hand over the Café after running it for the past 3 years. Thanks Sue for all that you did in that time.

We are delighted to welcome Mario Pirozzolo and his dynamic team who have now taken over.

This has involved a mini-refurbishment, a newly constructed bar area and a rebranding which links, in an imaginative way, the Butlin family and the immense contribution they have made to the Centre over the years.

Mario and his team have been working closely with our user groups. In addition to providing a service for them, the venue will also be available for private parties, corporate events and other activities including

summer outside events. Broadband is still available in the Café for customers' use.

A number of vending machines have been installed by Mario in the entrance passageway in order to provide users with a round-the-clock service.

Caretakers and kickboxing!

We continue to be absolutely delighted with the way in which Elisa Canas and Tom Pieprzowski have settled into the Centre and are very grateful to them for the enormous contribution they make.

Tom's kickboxing classes are being very well-supported. Congratulations to Tom on his recent success, and the success of his club's members, on the national stage in the UK recently.

Strength and conditioning clinic

Mandy Bonhomme and John Scriven's business continues to be extremely popular and they both bring a lot of positive energy to the Centre.

We are particularly grateful to Mandy for having done an excellent job arranging the new internal signs.

Bobby Butlin Studio

We now have a new Studio in the area above the gym club store (previously the old squash court). This is proving to be a popular multi-user facility and is being used by Yoga on Tuesday evenings and, from April, Bikram Yoga on the other weekday evenings and three mornings.

New changing rooms and toilets

We are really pleased with the feedback that we have received on the new changing rooms and toilets. This work was done to a high standard and benefits all of our user groups.

Youth Project

We are working closely with the St John Youth Project to get them up and running once more. We are grateful to them for their patience during the inevitable disruption caused by the building development. The Club now has its own toilets which are compliant with modern-day health and safety standards but we still need to raise more money to complete their new west extension.

Patio area

There was some remedial work required to the new artificial timber decking in order to make the building water-proof – this has now been successfully completed.

Rejuvenation project

As mentioned in the last issue of the Star, the following redevelopment work has been completed:

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- Phase 4 Car park enlarged and new storage areas

Fund-raising and work planned

We are very grateful for the generosity of parishioners and we are now more than 70% of our way to our fund-raising target of £1 million.

Any further donations would be gratefully received! Donations of £100 or more with a tax certificate allow us to reclaim an extra 25%.

The fund-raising team is continuing to work on initiatives in order to raise more money for the final phase of the redevelopment project, which is:

- to re-design and modernise the changing rooms, showers and toilets for the St John's Football Club (men's, ladies' and juniors')
- to complete the west extension for the Youth Club.

The work on the football club area depends on securing a grant from the Football Association. A significant amount of work has been undertaken on the application process and this will be submitted shortly.

Assistance

If you are interested in being a patron or helping the Centre in any other way then please do not hesitate to contact me (tel. 861716).

*Angus Spencer-Nairn
Chairman*

British Legion 2012 collections in St John

Thank you to all who donated generously towards the valuable work of the British Legion at the time of Remembrance, in early November 2012.

The total for the Parish was made up of the following:-

Poppy Pins – £270
 Coffee morning – £1,286.52
 Church Collection on Remembrance Sunday –
 £364.96
 House to house collections – £1,762.54
 Donations – £1,050
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**Saturday 15th June
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The fifth annual Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival takes place on **Saturday 15th June**, with entrance remaining at just £3.00 for adults and free entry for children under 12. There will be a free minibus service operating from the parking field at Les Platons, augmented this year by coaches at peak times.

Once again, we're looking forward to a great family time in the bay with the usual food and craft stalls, a wide range of musical sets, the grand raffle draw at 5.30pm and the headline band, **Robin Ward and the Pioneers** drawing the festival to a close with a two hour set from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

For the children, there will be games on the beach, from 12.00 – 3.00pm, and a pre-school area for the under 3s. Then there's the Hay Bale course, the coconut shy; Jersey Bungee, a bouncy castle on the pier, kayaks and Rib Rides to Sorel.

In the afternoon, competitions and entertainment will include the traditional '**Bonnie Baby**,' at 1.00pm, '**Bonne Nuit's Strongest Man**' at 5.00pm and the popular '**Tucker Trial style food challenge**, at 2.30pm. Also new for 2012, there will be **The Stocks**, in which the Constable, Deputy and Rector and others will put their heads on the block for others to hurl soaking sponges at. Who would you like to see in the stocks?

Can you help? This summer we're primarily using minibuses to transport people to and from the car parking at Les Platons, but are in need of **volunteer**

drivers. Only one of the minibuses requires a driver to have passed the Education Department's minibus driving test, so please help us to keep costs to a minimum by offering a couple of hours of your time. Do you have an interesting lot to offer for the **Silent Auction**, if so please get in touch? **Raffle tickets sellers** are also sought to assist with the sale of 5,000 tickets at £1 each, with a first prize of £1,000.

The festival day for all the family will build upon the strengths of previous years, and we are hoping attendance will increase slightly as we look to welcome around 2,500 people to the bay. So we hope you'll not only join us for an enjoyable day down at the bay in warm and sunny weather, but also to **help spread the word** about this fantastic event.

Watch out for the arrival of the **Hay Bale Sculpture** – arriving shortly in the field opposite the parish church. But what will it be this year, a man, a teddy, an animal or something completely different?!

Andy Thewlis 861677

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St John's Twinning Association

A party of members from St John's Twinning Association is looking forward to a weekend in Le Teilleul with their friends on the 19th April where once again we will be in the village to celebrate their special weekend of the La Fête de St George with a gala dinner-dance held in one of the halls in the village. The numbers usually run to about 400 people. In previous years a tremendous time has been had by all.

Competitors needed!

This year St Brelade is hosting the Inter-Jumelage Games on the weekend of Saturday 8th June and Sunday 9th June. The event will be held at Les Quennevais Sports Hall and on the playing fields behind the swimming pool.

St John's Parish is looking for three boys and three girls aged 18 years or over to take part in this fun event. Come along and have some fun and be proud to represent your Parish. All expenses will be paid for the competitors which includes tickets for a dinner-dance with all our friends from Le Teilleul. Competitors meet for breakfast at 9.30am at Les Quennevais Sports Hall to get acquainted with the French teams. The games start at 10.30am, and include a picnic lunch for all competitors. Those interested in taking part, please phone Ron Le Herissier on 862010

As in previous years we hope to hold a dinner for all members. Notification of our local social will be announced later on in the year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Twinning Association please contact Ron Le Herissier (Chairman) on Tel: 862010, or myself on Tel: 862931.

Myrtle Malzard, Secretary

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Anyone for Pétanque? More players needed

The Parish Pétanque League is now up and running with eight parishes taking part and more are interested in entering in the summer. St John has played with mixed fortunes; we have won some and lost some, but the object is not about always winning but about taking part.



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Don't be shy!

At the moment we are very short of players. If anyone is interested, please contact me. If you have never played before we will endeavour to teach

you. Boules will be provided. Don't be shy! It's as much a social event to meet your fellow parishioners, and to have a game of boules and a cup of coffee after.

Ron Le Herissier

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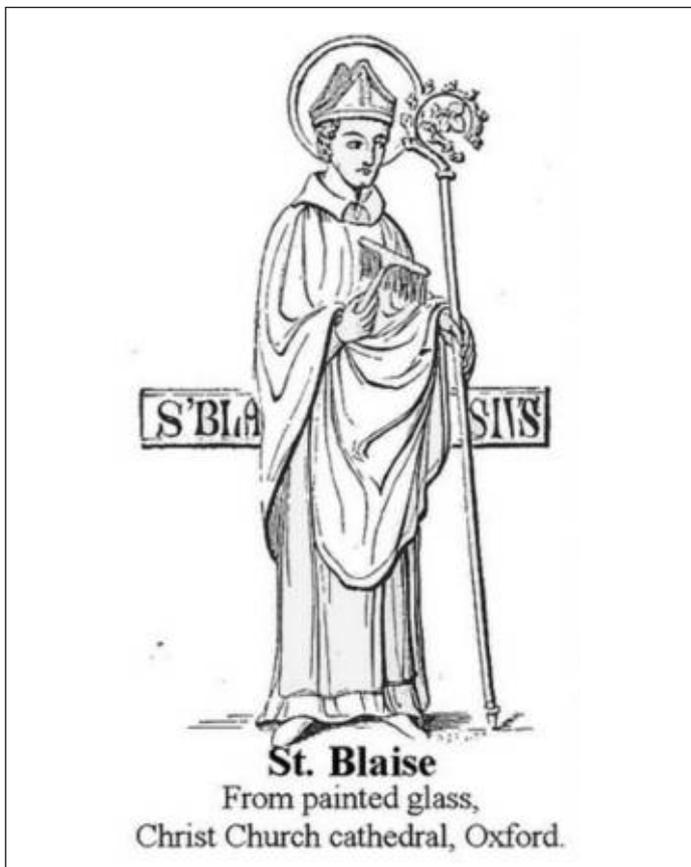


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Governor's Walk in St John – 21st July 2013

St John may be one of the smallest parishes in Jersey, but like presents in little parcels, a jewel awaits discovery; in this case St Blaize, a rare and unusual dedication! Sheep are the link between St John the Baptist – the Patron Saint of Shepherds and St Blaize – the Patron Saint of Wool Combers. In the 1500s flocks



of 300 sheep grazed in the Parish and the association with St Blaize confirms that their fleeces were of the highest quality; hence the parishioners' ability to spin and knit to the highest standards.

Jersey was famous for its fine knitwear, the wool coming from the multi-horned sheep, as John Speed recounts in his Historic Atlas of 1610, page 94:

–sheep that are of reasonable bigness, the most bearing four horns a peece; Their wool vey fine and white, of which the inhabitants making their Jersey Stockings, which are ordinarily to be had in most parts of England, and yield a great commodity unto the Island.

Contemporary information by a Mr Thomas Wilson relates that in the year 1600, in Norwich £12,000 was earned by young children knitters of 'jersey'. Four years before, the Mayor and Counsel of Leicester loaned ten pounds to a Mr Thomas Moseley 'to teach and keepe poor children in Leicester in work by knitting Jersey Stockings'.

It was widely accepted that Jersey stockings were finer than 'ordinary worsted' and were a speciality of the Island and that the quality was achieved by

spinning a yarn on a small 'Jersey or Guernsey wheel'. This wheel was yet another secret which passed from these Islands to England and was developed, exploited and the processes mechanized during the industrial revolution.

The above is graphically explained in the following poem, discovered in the Bodleian Library, but written in 1779 on the occasion of the building of the Cloth Hall at Halifax, the second of the great Cloth Halls of Yorkshire:

When Adam and his consort Eve
Lived in a garden fair,
They dressed themselves in green fig leaves
For want of better wear.

But we, their sons are wiser grown
Than leaves of fig to pull;
We clothe ourselves from head to foot
With ever honoured wool.

Then let us not forget the good,
The worthy Bishop Blaize,
Who came from JERSEY here to us
As ancient history says.

He taught us how to comb our wool.
The source of all our wealth.
Then let us still remember him
While we have life and health.

Within the Channel Islands, only St John's Parish can boast having had a priory dedicated to St Blaize, indicating a centre of excellence in the archipelago for wool-combing, spinning and knitting. Also, the largest annual fair held in Jersey took place on mid-summer's day, St John the Baptist's Day, in the parish, adding to the substance of this claim.

Governor's Walk 2013

The route for the Governor's Walk has been carefully selected to explain this staple industry, which thrived in Jersey for some six centuries. Three miles in two and a half hours (more talk than walk), following lanes and coastal footpaths. Admission is £12 per head. The walk starts at the Parish Hall, the first group departing at 1.45 p.m. On returning from the walk, a high tea in the Parish Hall awaits including: the Cutting of the Parish Cake, a Raffle and Pass-the-Can. His Excellency and Lady McColl will be present. **More details and application forms are available from the Parish Hall, Tel: 861999.**

Waitrose is our principal sponsor and has been very supporting and generous in funding the event and, in addition, providing a donation to be given to a group/organization/institution of the Constable's choice, within the Parish. All proceeds from the event go to Variety Club, the Children's Charity in Jersey.

Frank Falle



News from the Pews

Church Restoration work

The journey towards the internal restoration of the church continues, with hammer testing of the existing plaster and samples extracted for analysis, taking place in mid-April. The result of these investigations, along with a survey of the church electrics, will allow our engineers, Hartigans, to update their 2006 report on work required on the church with recommendations as to how best to proceed. Although the total costs will be significant, the Parish has just under £200,000 remaining from the proceeds of the sale of the Old Rectory, which are ring-fenced for the project.

In the meantime, more urgent restoration work is required on two windows and the west doors.

Font Window.

Early in April, Jonathan, Ruth & Jonathan Cooke Stained Glass Conservers, whose company studios are located in Ilkley in Yorkshire, whilst visiting the Island replaced the saddle bars and attended to other minor repairs in situ to the Bosdet window, near the font.

Round window

The round, John Stevens, window (1972) which is positioned above the West door and is of historic significance requires removing and shipping to Ilkley for re-leading and rewaterproofing.

West doors

The two west doors, which have highly decorative carved mouldings on their external faces, are suffering from degradation at the base due to wet rot. Quotations have been requested in relation to repairing both doors by the removal of areas of rotten timber, with replacement timber then being scarfed into the original wood, thus conserving as far as possible the doors which, by appearance, seem to date back to the late 19th or early 20th century.

Dais

Plans have been prepared for replacing the existing temporary wooden dais with a permanent dais which

will have granite steps and a granite border with a surface of parquet flooring recycled from the existing floor. The dais will be made slightly larger by the removal of the first row of pews, which will offer more space for creative arts, participation of children and Communion at the 11am services and more space for children from school during their end-of-

term services. The two small front pews will also be removed to create two small areas where wheelchairs can be positioned during Sunday worship and also at weddings and funerals.

As the raised dais has been of great benefit to worship, in that the leaders of the service and participants, including those reading poems etc. at funerals,

are able to see the congregation and vice versa, the church family are taking responsibility for the costs of the permanent dais.



The dais to be replaced

Ecclesiastical Assembly

A faculty from the Ecclesiastical Court of Jersey is required before the above work can be undertaken, so members of the church family and parishioners are invited to support these works by attending an Ecclesiastical Assembly, to be held on Thursday 2nd May.

Youth Choir

The newly formed St John Youth Choir made their debut during the 11am Service on Easter Day and will contribute on a monthly basis, with singing practices in the weeks in between. Liz de la Haye is leading the singers, who, we hope, will grow in number, so do please get in touch with her, on 862943, if you are young, young at heart, or have neighbours, grandchildren, or friends who like to sing.

	<p style="text-align: center;">A service for everyone</p> <p>8.00am - Book of Common Prayer Communion 9.30am - Holy Communion with traditional hymns 11.00am - Contemporary Worship with Sunday Club</p> <p>Rector Andy Thewlis - Phone 861677 Email - athewlis@jerseymail.co.uk</p>
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Christmas Celebrations at St John's School

December was overflowing with great fun and festivities at St John's School. We began the festive season with Deco Day on Friday 30th November. Children were organised into mixed age groups and experienced different activities from creating decorations, Christmas baking and singing, as well as using instruments to accompany Christmas songs.



Harry Waters showing his decoration

Christmas headwear, smiling faces and music playing through the school, all added to a day of celebratory joy and a wonderful sense of community.

I know that many people came through our doors during the last few weeks of the Autumn Term; parents, grandparents, relatives or friends of the school, all coming to celebrate the Christmas season with us. These celebrations began in Nursery, where the parents were invited to a joyful afternoon of Christmas singing in the beautifully decorated 'Christmas Wonderland.'

This was followed by Reception/KS1's production of 'We Three Kings'. During this performance, the children encouraged the enthusiastic audience to join the three kings, Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar, on their way to visit the baby Jesus in a delightfully simple nativity musical, wonderfully acted and sung by the pupils.

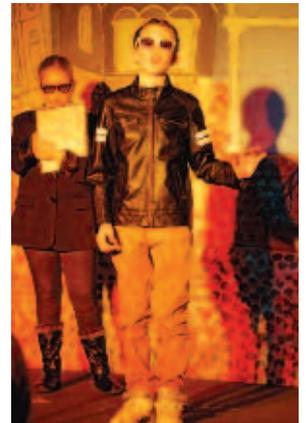
Cinderella and Rockerfella was KS2's pantomime-style musical, which rounded off the performances at the school. Our pantomime was a modern reworking



Year 2 nativity singers

of the classic tale and included the traditional characters: the downtrodden Cinderella; the megastar Rockerfella (formally known as Prince Charming); the ever dependable Buttons; the Ugly Sisters and the Fairy Godmother. Additional characters joined the story including Dan Deeny (Rocky's manager), members of the press and paparazzi, talking animals, fairies, pixies and sprites and an ensemble of townfolk and ball guests. The school pantomime had fresh and relevant things to say about fame and fortune and how true love manages to win through in the end. I'm sure that if you came to our school pantomime, you left with a warm Christmas glow, ready to embrace the heart of Christmas.

We were proud of all our pupils and the way which they performed and collaborated together, in order to



James Carr, Rockerfella



Oliver Cornish and Etienne Helie-Merrony, not very ugly sisters

produce quality performances that surprised and amazed us. I would like to thank children, staff and parents for all their hard work.

The Christmas season at St John's School was concluded with festive parties, planned, organised and led by our wonderful PTA. Food, games, bowling and skating all contributed to this event and a great time was had by all. A huge thanks must go to our hardworking PTA.

On the last day of term, the entire school went across to the church to sing Christmas songs together and listen to the Christmas Story, told by members of Year 6, and hear our newly formed ukulele group perform for the first time. All these events contributed to a magical season, which lifted our Community's spirit at this special time of year. I hope you were able to join us for some of these memory-making events.

Trudie De La Haye – Head Teacher



St John's Biggest Loser

*New Year = New Challenge for our Parish Rector,
The Reverend Andy Thewlis.*

While enjoying refreshments at The Farmhouse over Christmas, Andy found himself being challenged by fellow parishioner, Chris Pinnock, into a sponsored three-month slim. Both men have gradually gained pounds and inches over the last couple of years, and see 2013 as a time to ditch the frying pans, and embark on a healthier diet and lifestyle. As well as the incentive of each other to spur them along, they decided to get sponsorship from friends, family and anyone who would like to support them, and benefit both Jersey Hospice Care and the St John's Church Restoration Fund.



Rev'd Andy Thewlis and Chris Pinnock at the final weigh-in

The first weigh-in was on January 6th and the following weights were recorded, with each of their aims:

Andy 'The Rev' Thewlis – 13st 12lbs – Goal – To lose one more pound than Chris.

Chris 'The Blade' Pinnock – 16st 12lbs – Goal – To get under 16 stone.

Bed-ridden

At the start of the challenge, they were interviewed by both the JEP and Radio Jersey, and Chris maintains that the radio interview was 'the curse of Kate Jennings', as shortly afterwards he sustained a 'terrible' knee injury whilst walking his sheltie dog, Dusty. Having seen little Dusty, I must say I find this hard to believe! This injury certainly affected Chris's exercise and motivation, in particular a family skiing

holiday during which he was bedridden.

Chris's secret strategy was to give up alcohol. However, this was leaked to Andy by Peter the barman at the Farmhouse, and this caused Andy to up his game, and also abstain.

Another technique considered by Chris was liposuction, but he did not pursue this due to the cost and, I suspect, also the amount of suctioning that would be needed! Instead, his good wife Linda has assisted him with a more healthy diet, and she has also benefitted by not being asked continually to re-sew buttons onto his shirts! Chris feels that since

being on his diet, he has been ostracised by his friends at the pub, in particular John Smith, Joshua Tetley, Timothy Taylor, Arthur Guinness, Gordon Gin and his beloved Johnny Walker.

Profits have fallen!

Andy's technique involves much cycling, and also a change of diet from pies to more healthy food options. Martha, at St John's Village Café, has also been counting down the weeks, as profits have fallen since Andy has abstained from his usual sausage and bacon baguette between services on a Sunday!

Andy commented to me, that it has been very difficult, as a pastoral caring person, but also an

extremely competitive one, to listen to Chris' tales of personal injury without a wry smile! Chris asked me to mention that he hopes his fellow parishioners will appreciate the service he has providing to the parish by turning Andy into a 'Slim Vic' as opposed to a 'Robust Reverend'. In addition, Andy's mum, whilst here on vacation, commented to Chris that she is very grateful to him as she was concerned that her son was turning into a 'porky little priest'.

Easter weekend saw the final weigh-in, with Andy now weighing 12st 10lbs, having lost 16lbs and Chris's weighing in at 15st 13lbs, having lost 13lbs. So I must announce to the Parish that Andy 'the Rev' is St John's Biggest Loser, and my only comment is, will it last??

Jayne Luce



Reduce your energy bills by up to £500!

If you attended the St John's Football Club car boot sales last summer, you might have seen representatives from the States of Jersey Energy Efficiency Service (EES). The team was on hand to advise parishioners of ways to save energy, and therefore money, at home.

Handing out energy efficiency packs to passers-by, including over 100 low-energy light bulbs, the Energy Efficiency Service was raising awareness of their 100% grant funded Home Energy Scheme programme.

This programme was introduced in 2009 to improve the energy efficiency of homes within Jersey, bringing energy bills down, keeping people warmer and reducing our overall impact on the environment. **So far, a total of 29 parishioners of St John have applied for the scheme, and the Energy Efficiency Service is keen to see this figure rise further.**

Eligible parishioners could receive loft insulation, cavity-wall insulation, draught proofing and other energy-saving measures absolutely **FREE**. The EES 100% grant funded scheme is available to individuals who meet any one of the following eligibility criteria:

- In receipt of Income Support, OR
- Registered on the 65+ Westfield Health Plan, OR
- In receipt of the Food Costs (GST) Bonus, OR
- Over 70 and currently hold less than £50,000 savings if you are married/co-habiting, or £30,000 savings if you live alone

Both owner-occupied and landlord-owned properties are eligible for the scheme, but States Housing properties are not as they have an existing programme of improvements.

The EES is funded by the States of Jersey with generous seed funding from Jersey Electricity.

What does the Home Energy Scheme offer?

- Loft insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Heating controls
- Low energy lighting
- Draught proofing
- Pipe work insulation
- Heating review (for owner-occupiers only, with a fixed heating system e.g. gas or oil central heating boilers or electric storage radiators, that are over ten years old)

Successful applicants have an assessment carried out on their home, identifying suitable improvements. Following written agreement from the property owner, a contractor then carries out the improvements at no cost to the applicant.

Increasing the energy efficiency of your home can reduce your energy use and associated fuel bills. By using less fuel you will also be doing your bit towards reducing your personal carbon dioxide emissions and our Island's carbon footprint!

If you, or someone you know, may be eligible for assistance from the EES please call the team on 441611 for more information.



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9.00am–1.00pm and 2.00pm–7.00pm
CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAY



PARISH DIARY - April 2013 to September 2013

APRIL

- Sun 28th 11.00am Celebration of Education Service in the Parish Church with St John's School
 Tues 30th 7.30pm Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall

MAY

- Thurs 2nd 7.30pm Parish Church Annual Ecclesiastical Assembly
 Sun 5th 10.30am United Service for Liberation in the Parish Church
 Mon 6th Bank Holiday – No School
 Wed 8th 7.30pm WI Resolutions at the Parish Hall
 Thurs 9th Liberation Day – No School
 Mon 13th 11.00am Collecting Day for WW1 Memorabilia in the Parish Hall.
 –12.30pm
 Fri 24th Last Day of half-term
 Tues 28th 7.30pm Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 29th 2.00pm Golden Age Club Afternoon Tea departs from the Parish Hall

JUNE

- Sun 2nd 3.00pm Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the St John's Group of Churches.
 Mon 3rd Back to School
 Sat 8th French Twinning Games at Les Quennevais
 Wed 12th WI Day trip to France
 Sat 15th 11.00am Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival
 – 8.00pm
 Sun 23rd 10.30am St John's Day Service in the Parish Church
 Tues 25th 7.30pm Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 26th 2.30pm Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

JULY

- Wed 10th 7.30pm WI trip to the Masonic Temple
 Fri 19th Last Day of Term
 Sun 21st 1.30pm Governor's walk in St John
 Tues 30th 7.30pm Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 31st 2.00pm Golden Age Club Afternoon Tea departs from the Parish Hall

AUGUST

- Sun 4th 11.00am Beach service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the Parish Church
 Tues 27th 7.30pm Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 28th 2.30pm Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

SEPTEMBER

- Tues 3rd Back to School
 Wed 11th 7.30pm WI talk by David Gainsborough Roberts at the Parish Hall
 Thurs 12th International Air Display – No School
 Tues 24th 7.30pm Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 25th 12.30pm Golden Age Club Lunch departs from the Parish Hall
 Sun 29th 10.30am Harvest Celebration in the Parish Church

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Every Sunday

- 10.30am Family Worship
 Holy Communion, monthly, as advertised

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