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Seasons Greetings



Photo: Richard Dupré

Miss St John, Kira Mitchell with Chelsea Pensioners John and Ray at Remembrance Day celebrations

Recently I had the pleasure of conducting a morning interview with our current Miss St John, 17-year-old Kira Mitchell.

A most friendly young lady, Kira explained that she started out her schooling at St John's Primary School and is now in her final year at Beaulieu Convent studying Health & Social Care BTEC Level 3 and Sociology for her fast approaching A-Level exams. Predictions to gain two As and a B will greatly assist her in her aim for a career in nursing through the Bachelor of Nursing

(Hons.) degree course run here in Jersey in conjunction with the University of Chester.

Kira's hobbies include yoga, going to the gym, helping out with 'Adrian & Friends' Battle of Flowers float and being a Sergeant in the Air Training Corps. She also volunteers at Jersey Hospice Care where she helps to prepare and deliver meals to patients. She fondly recalls a recent trip to RAF Boscombe Down and HMS *Bristol* which saw service in the Falklands War and modestly informs me that she completed a

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six-day walking challenge in the New Forest and gained her Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

She lives at home with her parents, Tim and Tina, older brother Philip and younger sister Alice plus a dog called Molly, a cat called Scampi (named by her brother following a pleasant meal of this delicacy and chips!) and two bunnies named Mia and Blizzard.

Kira states that she had enjoyed the events that she has attended so far in her role as Miss St John mentioning that she was honoured to present a gift to Lady Butlin during the champagne opening ceremony at the Recreation Centre, and that the party at the Parish Hall for the 70th anniversary of WW2 was, I quote: 'quite amazing'. In the summer she enjoyed the Battle parades and travelling with the other Parish representatives made the events truly magical.

Goals for the remainder of her term as Miss St John include a wish to act for the Youth of the Parish, to continue to represent the Parish at events and to

enjoy the opportunities that have opened up to her through the role. But mainly to simply be happy and to enjoy herself whilst taking part in all that she is invited to do.

During the year some of her other achievements have included performing the raising and lowering of the flag at the ceremonies for the NatWest Island Games, passing the dreaded driving test, helping out with St John's Football Club during their hostings of the Island Games and spending her Work Experience on Rayner Ward at the General Hospital.

And what for 2016? Well, hopefully to gain her expected A-Level results and to enjoy her last year at school before obtaining her ambition of a place on the Jersey Nursing course.

All in all, Kira has come over as a most passionate and caring young parishioner who quite obviously takes to heart all that she gets involved in and we wish her well for her exams and her chosen career.

Rosemary Dupré



Chris Taylor, Connétable

Dear Parishioners...

Wow! it's already been a year since I was elected and yet I still feel very new at the job. Looking back over the year it has been extremely busy.

This summer, on the 19th of August to be precise, we had our Visite Royale. This is when the Royal Court comes to the Parish and holds Court in the Parish Hall. It happens once every six years and is an important ceremonial occasion.

The Court examines all the Parish accounts and questions the Constable on his past and proposed expenditure, then asks the Comité des Chemins (aka the Roads Committee) to report on the state of the Parish Roads to ensure they are kept in a good state of repair. The Court also accepts a report from the Chef de Police on the policing activities of the year. The lead up to the day was very nerve-wracking, but then it all went smoothly. I believe this was due to the hard work of Sue, our Parish secretary, in making sure all the procedures were well rehearsed.

After some refreshments the Court then took a tour of the Parish to examine any issues that might need resolving, and to this end the Court ordered the cutting down of a sycamore tree at the top of Bonne Nuit Hill because it was overhanging the road. The

rain just held off long enough and I believe the day was considered most successful.

St John's Youth Club had an open day on the 3rd of October at the newly-refurbished youth facilities in the Recreation Centre. The Minister of Education, Sport and Culture, Deputy Rod Bryans, attended, and during the morning I signed (on behalf of the Parish) a partnership agreement with the States to run the Youth Club (see page 6). The event was very well attended and St John gave a good show for the Minister.

There has also been a controversial Planning application by Off Road Adventures to set up a buggy track at Sorel. I organised a demonstration of the buggies at Sorel so that Parishioners and residents of the area could see and hear for themselves the operations that were proposed. This was followed by a Parish meeting which allowed both sides to put forward their arguments. I believe there was much support for a buggy track on the Island, but certainly not at one of the Island's beauty spots, that we know and love as Sorel.

Right now I am gearing up for our Remembrance Coffee morning, and for Father Christmas who will be visiting the Parish Hall on Wednesday the 9th of December. With this in mind I would like to thank all the Parish staff who have supported me so loyally over the last year. I also have to thank all the members of our Municipality, without whom the Parish could not operate, and finally to wish all Parishioners a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Chris Taylor, Connétable





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LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

Owner and pharmacist at St John’s Pharmacy, resident Jim Carr talks to Mary Rouillé

Jim was born in Leeds in 1962, and attended Leeds Grammar School before going to university in Manchester to study pharmacy. It was after helping his grandfather in his pharmacy that Jim decided at an early age, in fact whilst still at primary school, that this would be his chosen career. After qualifying, he worked initially in the West Midlands as a relief pharmacist, before returning to Leeds to take up the post of manager in a small independent pharmacy. Jim is the fourth generation of pharmacists in the Carr family and it was assumed that he would take over the family business; a small chain of shops in Leeds which were owned by his father and grandfather. However, the thought of inner city commuting did not appeal once he became settled in St John.

It was in the summer of 1990 that Jim moved to Jersey to undertake locum duties. For the next couple of years he worked in various pharmacies around the island before taking on the position of pharmacy manager at the Village Pharmacy in St John in 1993. Twenty years later he was given the opportunity to take on the lease and just over a year ago opened up his own shop in St John – and is delighted with how the business is going.

Thankfully parishioners of St John and customers from neighbouring parishes have been extremely supportive and loyal. They seem to understand that if they don’t make use of their local pharmacy there is a chance it may become unprofitable, face closure, and a valuable local amenity could be lost. Many more people are now choosing not to get their prescriptions dispensed in doctors surgery pharmacies, supermarket pharmacies and branches of UK owned business, and are bringing them back to St John to be dispensed.

The pharmacy is very much a family affair as Janice, Jim’s wife, occasionally helps out behind the counter when Lynn, his assistant is on holiday, and son James works as a Saturday boy when his football team is not playing.

Outside work, Jim can be found fishing from the pier at Bonne Nuit and if he is able, gets away skiing once a year with his family. His brother set up a hosted ski chalet company in the French Alps a few years ago! He also enjoys returning to his native Yorkshire when he can, to catch up with family and friends. It was dur-



Jim Carr at work

ing a conversation with fellow Yorkshireman Revd Andy Thewlis, that they came up with the idea of a St John’s ‘boys’ annual trip, as two keen football supporters, to see the match between their two respective clubs. They will be travelling up to the third consecutive meeting between Leeds United and Huddersfield Town at Elland Road next March. Jim jokes ‘luckily, and in spite of the Vicar’s most fervent prayers, his team has suffered a thrashing on both occasions!’ Joining the two Yorkshiremen on these trips are St John ‘boys’ Mark Bailhache, Kevin Gray, Kevin Le Herissier and Mark ‘Sparky’ Roche; three Leeds United supporters and one who supports a team from the wrong side of the Pennines!



Kevin Le Herissier, Mark Bailhache, Andy Thewlis, Jim Carr and Kevin Gray





Deputy Rod Bryans and the Connétable signing the Parish Agreement

JERSEY YOUTH PROJECT



The Youth Project has had a busy first autumn in the new building. Our aim is to provide a safe place to meet up while offering activities which help young people learn about themselves and the community around them. We have a growing membership averaging thirty young people per session, which is fantastic. Once the dust settles on the Halloween parties, ice skating trip, and Christmas parties the project will take a festive break, our last night being the Juniors Christmas party on the 11th of December.

We open again on the 11th of January 2016, when our Wednesday night group will be launching their own version of the 'Bake-off', pitting keen young bakers against each other. If there are any expert bakers among you who may be able to pass on skills or help supervise in the kitchen it would be great to hear from you. We are always on the look-out for vol-

unteers to help with the sessions and are also happy to welcome people onto the youth project committee which helps with fund-raising and general running of the project.

Currently looking for volunteers!

Please contact Bill Moore on 07797 819958;
email: billmoore@jys.je;
or the Youth Service main office: 280500

In October we held the 'ultimate Youth club session' which involved a graffiti art workshop, art activities, a FIFA tournament and a pizza-making master class, thanks to Pizza Express. Also on the day we celebrated the signing of the Parish Agreement which secures youth work in the Parish for a further three years.





Bill and the youngsters relishing their adventures during the St Aubin Fort Activity Weekend

For the St Aubin Fort Activity Weekend we stayed out at St Aubin's Fort for two nights. It was brilliant; we did lots of activities, my favourite being the paint-balling. We stayed up really late on the first night because we were so excited. The next day we went climbing, paint-balling, and on the Bell Boat which was really fun but wet! We all helped with cooking and cleaning even the toilets.

James, age 11

St. John Youth Club

Opening times

Closed for Christmas 11th December till 11th January 2016

Free membership — £1 entry

TUESDAY	SENIORS	SCHOOL YRS 9 - 13	7.00—9.00
WEDNESDAY	INTERS	SCHOOL YRS 7 - 9	7.00—9.00
FRIDAY	JUNIORS	SCHOOL YRS 5 & 6	6.30—8.30

St. John youth project delivered in partnership with the Parish of St. John and the Jersey Youth Service
Contact the St John Youth worker Bill Moore 07797819958 or billmoore@jys.je





A day in the life of...

A PHOTOJOURNALIST

Gary Grimshaw enlightens us...

Firstly, what is a Photojournalist?

A photographer who uses photos, rather than words, to tell a story. The image could represent political news or simply show a community event. The skill is to have a professional eye to interpret the image and communicate the message clearly and sometimes vividly to the reader.

So, how did you become a Photojournalist and what skills do you need?

I completed a three-year photojournalist course in the UK, which covered news photography, reportage, social issues, law and ethics. As a young photographer I was lucky enough to meet some inspirational people, from all walks of life, they taught me how important it was to treat everybody the same, as many of them were very busy and still gave me their time while I photographed them

Things have changed over the intervening years. Nowadays you also have to be ahead of the technology and prepare for the future. It seems odd when I say it, but never being satisfied with your images is vital. 'Just good enough' is never good enough. Enjoying learning from others and from your own mistakes is also essential. Having local knowledge is useful for finding your way to unusual places too!

How would you describe a typical day?

Well originally, I thought it must be much the same as everybody else.

It's only when I started looking at a normal day that I realised that there is no such thing as a normal day if you work in a creative profession. I will freely accept that I have been enormously lucky to find a job that fits my personality and my skill set so well. When I analyse the day, I can see that I go from being a receptionist and secretary for my company answering emails and paying bills, to spending time updating websites, Facebook and other related social media. None of these things seem to have any connection to what I'm actually paid to do, which is the fun bit. Taking pictures. So what does a day in my life involve?



Gary and some of his more curious customers

As in many professions, no day is completely separate from another; every evening I have to check, recharge, clean and prepare my equipment for the next day (in the earlier days, it used to be checks for film!), as it's usually, a pretty prompt depart. Corporate breakfast meetings can give the day a good brisk start, with the majority beginning around 7:30am. At least there's always a cup of reasonable coffee and a croissant to be had before the event begins. These events last until around 9am, which will give me time to prepare for either a magazine shoot for *Connect* or *Rural Jersey*. I have to say that working for magazines is a real pleasure and also a satisfying challenge to try to achieve something that is interesting and helps to tell and enrich the story visually. Sometimes I will do more than one of these in the morning but I try to get at least half an hour to grab a sandwich.

I also work with many corporate clients, either adding to their visual portfolios or refreshing their staff imagery. There was in fact one large corporate who employed me to photograph all 800 staff in a particular style, only to decide to change the style when we had completed the task. So, we did them all again. It took approximately three years to complete this project, but in a strange way I rather enjoyed meeting 800 people, something like ultimate speed dating!





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I find it a privilege to photograph some amazing moments, none of which are more important than someone's wedding. I believe that just haphazardly shooting images without understanding a story of the people in it, can produce meaningless random images, which look too formal and static.

Getting to know the couple is, in my opinion, absolutely vital and I often spend early evenings shooting pre-wedding pictures in many interesting and stunning locations, which allow me to spend time and enjoy the company of the engaged couple. At the end of the day I will get back to my office and start the download process.

The tasks of selecting, editing and processing the images are undertaken either during the evening, if there is a deadline for any of the images, or between shoots the next day. As with most self-employed people, there are many weekends taken up with just catching up, sorting out and planning for the next



Gary at work taking a wedding picture

Photo Reportage
Photojournalism

week. Would I change my life? Would I work in finance for more money? I don't think so. Where else do you get to meet so many interesting people and have the opportunity to be creative everyday?

Kieranne Sheehy





CHEVAL ROC

Nursing and Residential Home

St John will soon have a fine, new care home to replace a hotel
Chris Shelton was speaking to ROGER LONG



Granite surrounds to the original doors remain

'Jersey has a long-term need for more nursing and residential facilities and this part of the Island needs more beds', were words pressed home to me by Chris Shelton as he began showing me round the redevelopment of the former Cheval Roc Hotel in Bonne Nuit Bay. That claim, he said, was supported by a recent States commissioned report conducted by PWC.

This project is being undertaken by LV Care Group for whom Chris is a director. The company currently operate a similar establishment at Lavender Villa, Grouville, also converted from a hotel, a few years ago which, to my knowledge, is proving popular and successful.

Cheval Roc was a 55-bedroom hotel and the present conversion, which is utilising the hotel's outer fabric and, therefore, has the same 'footprint', will have 38 bedrooms, of which four will be doubles, bringing the maximum capacity to 42 residents. While allowing for a slight difference in the area of non-residential rooms, before and after conversion, the rooms are generously spacious. With all the scaffolding around it was difficult to visualise the layout of the several communal rooms, and while perhaps ten more bedrooms could have been fitted in, the management preferred to provide better conditions

for fewer residents. All rooms are available for long- and short-term stays. All meals are provided from a central kitchen, but they all have their own admirably fitted out bathrooms with shower.

Most rooms on the lower floor have a view of the lovely north coast scenery and French window to the outside. The upper floor rooms have no outside door but do have even better views. Although the finished building will certainly retain a good resemblance to the former hotel the interior has been totally redesigned and constructed to a very high standard.

Chris emphasised that this facility is for everyone, not just private residents; it will have six



View to the north-east from the upper communal area...

fully qualified nurses in addition to other caring staff, with two nurses on shift duty to provide cover for 24 hours. No other staff will be living in the building, but it is expected that many of the total number of roughly 40 caterers, cleaners, office staff and other workers, will be recruited from St John, providing a modest but useful addition to local employment. By the time this magazine is published LV Group will





...and to the north-west – when the workers have gone!

have begun advertising for staff: enquiries can be made to chris@lv.je, or by writing to, and phoning LV Care Group on 888237.

Work began on the site on January this year and Chris confidently assured me that the home would be open to the public from the end of January with viewings possible by prior arrangement from the 4th January.



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The role of Outdoor Learning at St John's School

The start of school for children in the Reception class is always a very exciting time. That first photograph in their school uniform which soon collate with others to fill up people's timelines along with proud comments from parents, families and friends. Seeing our friends from Nursery again is also very exciting as even at that age, solid friendships are formed. Those first few weeks are not, of course, without their anxieties. Lining up in the playground with the 'big children' and coming in on our own, a new classroom environment, new adult faces, playtimes and whole school assemblies all make for large changes in a child's daily routine. Luckily we are aware of this and do all we can to prepare the children for this new and exciting journey in their lives. Transition starts in Nursery and children spend time visiting their new classroom environment and the adults with whom they will soon be spending their days. Despite all of these changes, Reception is still the Foundation Stage and it doesn't take too long for the children to realise that actually, their day is



very similar to how it was before. Any changes to the daily routine are slowly drip-fed over the course of the year which in turn acts as transition for Year 1.

Our topics this term have been planned to allow for an easy transition. Reception this half-term are learning all about Meerkats, who, they have discovered, are a lot like us! They live together as a family, look out for each other and play together. We went to visit them at Durrell and have even adopted Kate the Meerkat!

Our motto at St John's School is 'Thinking, Learning, Caring'. We apply this to everything we do. Before we visited Durrell we had to think of questions that we were going to ask our Meerkat expert. We then learnt lots of new Meerkat facts whilst we were there and are now caring for Meerkats by adopting one. We had the idea of raising some money for Durrell too. Perhaps when we go back we'll see Kate?

James Matthews

Lead facilitator for outdoor learning

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Golden Age Club Festive Recipes

Turkey and Tarragon Pie

2 lbs left over turkey cut into bite size pieces
2 tablespoons butter
2 leeks washed and finely sliced
 $\frac{3}{4}$ pint turkey stock
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pint (200 ml) crème fraiche
4 sprigs of fresh tarragon, chopped
Ready made puff pastry
Egg to glaze

Sauté the leeks in the butter until soft
Add the meat and heat through
Place in a suitable pie dish
Mix together the stock, crème fraiche and tarragon and pour over the meat and leeks
Add salt and pepper to taste
Cover with rolled out pastry
Glaze with egg and cook in a hot oven until cooked through and nicely browned

Anne Pulley

Christmas Cookies

4oz butter
4oz sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
1 lemon rind, grated
2oz ground almonds
2 tablespoons caraway seeds
2 eggs, beaten
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 lb plain flour
1 teaspoon powdered ginger
Shredded coconut for topping
Golden syrup

Beat butter and sugar until creamy
Add the rest of the ingredients except the coconut and syrup and mix carefully.
Turn out onto a floured board, knead and roll to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick and cut out with a 2 inch cutter
Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for 12–15 minutes in a hot oven
When cool, brush with golden syrup and add coconut

Dee Shrives



Andre & staff would like to thank all customers old & new, - for your continued support over the year.



We would like to advise that orders for Christmas Turkeys need to be in by 10th December. All other orders need to be placed by 17th December.

The shop opening hours over the festive period & into the new year will be as follows:-

**Monday 21st December to Wednesday 23rd December
08:30 to 17:30.**

Thursday 24th 08:00 to 14:00.

Friday 25th to Monday 28th Closed.

**Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th
08:30 to 17:30.**

Thursday 31st 08:00 to 14:00.

Friday 1st January to Monday 4th January closed.

Business as usual from Tuesday 5th January.





DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

In July this year my husband Robert Vautier and our friend Julie Chalker fulfilled a 20-year dream to travel to and compete at the British Driving Society Tandem Meet in the UK.

In 1992 they won the Supreme Championship Trophy at the Jersey Horse Driving Society's 21st anniversary show held at Trinity Manor. Robert was driving his father's horse Flight, and Julie's pony Shannon in tandem, which is one horse in front of the other. This is regarded as one of the most challenging forms of horse driving as the leading horse is not attached to the vehicle but only to the following horse, called the wheeler, who in turn is harnessed to the vehicle. It is difficult to find two horses or ponies that have the right temperament to drive in tandem as well as being a match in size and gait, so with none available the dream was put on the back boiler. Then last Autumn Julie asked Robert if he would help her train Anna and Sparky, the two ponies owned by her partner, Deen Bownes, to drive as a tandem with the aim of taking them to the UK in 2015.

Robert jumped at the opportunity and so training began. It took several months before the ponies were relaxed and confident in their new roles and the two drivers were also proficient handling the reins. To be

able to compete at the Tandem Meet, Robert and Julie had to qualify by competing at three events each and be approved by a British Driving Society judge. Thankfully, they were both successful and obtained the required official signatures on their entry forms. So the ferry was booked, a cottage for us and stabling for the ponies was also booked and we set sail on the 21st of July heading for Wrexham in Wales.

The event was to be held at Erddig Manor on Sunday the 26th of July. This gave the ponies plenty of time to recover from the long journey and also become accustomed to strange stables and new surroundings. The owner of the farm where we were staying offered to show Robert and Julie around the area and point out the fields they were allowed to drive through. One of the days they went out with Julie driving, they came back with the tale of driving through a field and being chased by a herd of cows. Thankfully the ponies stayed calm and they reached the exit gate without mishap and Julie's heart rate could return to normal!

We were lucky to have lovely weather for the few days prior to the event, but unfortunately there was a heavy drizzle all day on the Sunday. However, the ponies didn't seem to mind the damp and as they



Robert and Julie fulfil their tandem horse driving ambition





had a lot of work to do it kept them cool. Before setting off on the six-mile course, both Robert and Julie had to show that they were holding and handling the reins in the correct coaching style in the show ring by completing a figure of eight. It was decided that Robert would be the first to drive on the course and he had to ensure that he was driving correctly at all times as they encountered various judges along the way. On returning to the base the ponies were given a short break and then it was Julie's turn to go on the same course through Erddig Manor and on various roads and tracks in the area. They both thoroughly enjoyed the experience despite the weather. As soon as they were finished the ponies were unharnessed and put in the horse box for a well-earned rest. Then all the competitors assembled in the tent for the presentation. It was very nerve-wracking as there was no guarantee that Robert and Julie had qualified for their tandem bars. A few years ago, a driver travelled from Australia but he was judged not to be competent enough so did not qualify! Thankfully, both of them were successful and they

Above and below: Anna and Sparky in action

both received a certificate, a large rosette and are now members of the elite Tandem Club, which has only around 300 members in the world, and are entitled to wear the tandem bars silver brooch.

No matter how long it takes, dreams can come true!

Beryl Vautier





News from the Pews

The New Year offers an opportunity for us all to reflect upon life. As you yourself look back upon 2015 what are your strongest memories? Has it been a year of new experiences, journeys to new places, the beginning of a new phase in your life? In looking back at the past, it's good to identify and give thanks to God for the good times; but also to acknowledge His comforting presence and constancy in the challenging times we may have faced and to look to the future with renewed hope and commitment, knowing that we do so not alone, but with the support of a living and loving Heavenly Father.



Little Oaks is the name of a new Children's Ministry which will be launched at the Parish Church, during the 11am service, on Sunday the 24th of January. This new group is for those aged 3 and above. After spending a few minutes in

church at the start of the service, the children will move to the brightly redecorated vestry for their own teaching and learning, using arts and crafts to bring familiar bible stories and Jesus's teaching alive. Little Oaks is sure to be plenty of fun, so do think about bringing your children, or grandchildren along.

We're also refreshing our 11am Sunday Worship when on the **First Sunday of each month** we'll stay together as a church family for a time of all-age interactive worship and learning. There will be a selection of video, drama, arts and crafts, quizzes, games and much, much more, concluding with sandwiches and cakes. We begin with a **New Year Celebration on Sunday 3rd January**, at 11am, which will incorporate a musical reflection of photographs, from church members and parishioners of special moments from 2015 for which we wish to thank God. Please email your contributions to thewlisandy@gmail.com if you wish to share a photographic memory. We'd love to have you join us for an alternative Sunday morning.

There's also a new **Breakout Zone** at the back of church, for those little ones who may get restless

during the services, but are too young for the Little Oaks. It is a space for them to play quietly whilst supervised by their accompanying adult. The area consists of a bright large rug, a small table and chairs, beanbag seats, lots of colouring books and crayons and picture story books to read.

In looking forward to all that 2016 will bring Sarah-Jane and I invite you to join us at Church this Christmas to take time out, in the midst of so much hectic activity, to pause to recall what this season is all about and remember that 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3; 16)



May the joy of the angels
The eagerness of the shepherds
The perseverance of the wise men,
The obedience of Joseph and Mary,
And the peace of the Christ Child,
Be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and all those whom you love.
Amen.

Reverend Andy Thewlis



A service for everyone

8.00am – Book of Common Prayer Communion

9.30am – Holy Communion with Traditional Hymns

11.00am – Contemporary Worship





Kiana-Jade Dupré skating champion

The weekend of 31st October to 1st November 2015 saw 12-year-old Beaulieu Convent student Kiana-Jade Dupré jetting off with seven other youngsters from the Regent Skating Club (plus parents) to take part in the 3rd Open Bolton Artistic Roller Skating competition held at Smithills School, Bolton.

She gained Gold Medals for her Prelim Stage Free-skating Discipline (plus trophy) and for her part in the Trio Team Event in the Elementary to Inter Bronze Section joining with another Jersey skater and one from our sister island of Guernsey.

She also received a Silver Medal for her Duo Free-skating being joined by 12-year-old Olivia Florence and added a



Bronze Medal to her collection for her Solo Inter Bronze Dance.

Kiana-Jade resides in St John and was formerly a pupil at St John's Primary School and has been a member of the Regent Skating Club for six years. Prior to the Bolton competitions she had training sessions five times a week but this has now been reduced to three although she still helps out with the newer members of the Skating Club on Saturdays before moving on to her own training sessions.

As Kiana-Jade continues to enter future competitions and will no doubt gain more honours I think it is true to say that her poor parents will seriously have to think about enlarging the now over full trophy cabinet!



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Choughs breed in the Channel Islands for first time in a century



The Choughs' view from their quarters!

Durrell and its partners at Birds On The Edge are delighted to announce the first red-billed chough to hatch in the wild in the Channels Islands in over 100 years.

The chough, once a common sight, became extinct in the Channel Islands by the start of the twentieth century. Unlikely to reappear naturally, Birds On The Edge began a project to return this highly charismatic and sociable bird, back into Jersey.

In 2010, two breeding pairs were loaned to the project from Paradise Park in Cornwall to start a captive-breeding programme at Durrell, with the intention of releasing the offspring into the wild.

In autumn 2013, the first release began with just seven birds. Since then a further 13 birds have joined the wild flock at Sorel, including four chicks hand-reared at Durrell. There have been a few losses as expected with this sort of project; two birds died and three disappeared either at

the start of release or after six months of living free. However, thanks to the efforts of Durrell staff supplementary feeding, monitoring, and providing veterinary treatment where possible, there are still 15 captive-bred choughs flying free along Jersey's north coast, centered on St John.



Dusty's nest among the machinery





Choughs in St John

May 2015 marked the first year of the original release group living free in the wild. It was also the first breeding season with many still too young to be sexually mature. Despite this, three pairs were busy building nests. To the astonishment of the team one pair succeeded in raising a perfect, healthy chick.

The new chick, christened Dusty by staff at Ronez Quarry, where the parents chose to nest, hatched in late May and spent six weeks in the nest before finally making its debut. Dusty behaved as any young chough chick would, staying close to the nest site in the quarry being fed by mum and dad and making short practice flights. Then, after a week, Dusty took the brave step and followed mum and dad all the way back to the release aviary where staff provide supplementary food twice a day. The other choughs welcomed the chick into the flock and now 17 choughs can be observed foraging, flying, and generally having fun along the cliffs at Sorel.

The new young chough marks the first step in the return of a truly wild chough population to the islands. This year's captive-bred young from Durrell and Paradise Park will be released at Sorel in September to join Dusty and the other wild choughs.

Liz Corry
Senior Bird Keeper

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AMERICAN SUMMER CAMP

It was my parents who first mentioned the concept of 'Camp America' – the generic term for a network of Summer Camps in the USA designed to accommodate American school children in the summer holidays. There are a number of recruiting organisations such as Camp America and BUNAC, however I applied through CCUSA. The camps are traditionally staffed by students not only from the USA, but overseas as well, offering the opportunity to make new friends from around the globe.

The idea appealed to me as I saw it as an opportunity to travel, utilise the skills that I had acquired, earn some money, experience a different culture and meet new friends. I was keen to go to a Camp that was water-based in order to use my kayaking, sailing, life guarding and first aid skills. I was also accustomed to leading groups of younger people through my involvement with the Air Training Corps where I am sergeant and the Navy Section of the CCF at Victoria College where I was head of the unit.



My trip group prior to the second sailing trip on Lake Superior

Lengthy forms followed asking what I could offer if accepted as Camp Counsellor. One was asked to consider whether nine weeks away from home, limited privacy, hard work and no alcohol consumption would be an issue – licensing laws in America are much stricter than in the UK, therefore in the majority of States young people can drive at 16 but cannot have a beer until they are 21. During my time in America, it became apparent that there are ways around it!

A Skype interview confirmed that I was accepted for Camp Birchwood for Boys in Minnesota; six hours north of Minneapolis and one mile from the Canadian Border. Armed with all necessary documentation including my cultural exchange visa I eagerly awaited the 21st of June when I was to set off on my adventure.

Arriving at Jersey airport at 6.00am for the 'red-eye', I had to break the news to my parents that I had left my visa card at home and that I had a vague recollection of where it might be. My father hot footed



Canoe training, as you can see I wasn't prepared for the capsizing





The camp held a July 4th parade where we all made floats, can you guess who I am?

back to St John, located the card and returned within 19 minutes. The nine-hour flight to Minneapolis with Delta offered the best flight food I have ever eaten. I sailed through immigration and was met by a fellow Camp Counsellor who was to introduce me to bowling American-style and Chipotle (a Mexican fast food outlet) all within the space of a few hours before we turned in for the night at the airport hotel. Some rest was needed as we had a six-hour drive to camp the next day.

On arrival, I was greeted by numerous excitable children together with fellow counsellors who showed me to my log cabin that was to be my home for the next nine weeks. At 2am we all had a rude awakening. The conditions were such that the skies in the forested camp were lit up by the Northern Lights – a display that lasted nearly an hour. This was a first for me and the start of my American wilderness challenge.

Daily life at Camp would start with a breakfast of waffles, pancakes or oatmeal (a form of porridge). Activities included rifle shooting, archery, sailing, tubing (rubber ring towing) and arts and crafts (which I attempted to avoid at all costs). As I was the only person to have the appropriate experience and qualifications to drive the motorboat, I was put in charge of the tubing activities and I am glad to say, we didn't lose any boys along the way.

The children were treated to numerous trips away from the Camp to activities such as canoeing, cycling, sailing, hiking and climbing. I was fortunate enough to be asked to lead a small group sailing on Lake Superior for three consecutive weeks. I couldn't resist jumping into the Lake; however I beat a hasty retreat when I discovered that it was only 4°C and potentially heart attack material. Not all the boys were natural sea farers and with a swell of three to five metres on one occasion, I don't think many of them will be pursuing sailing any time soon.

The trip wasn't without its fair share of incidents. One evening after dinner when we were chilling in our cabins, two black bears strolled into the Camp. We ran out making as much noise as we could to chase them away – thankfully the camp dog which had been pursued by the bears returned to camp unharmed. That same dog lost a number of friends, when on two occasions he was sprayed by a skunk – we found that one of the few remedies for eliminating 'skunk scent' was to pour tomato soup over him!

We did have some spare time during which we visited the nearest town Grand Marais, which has been voted 'coolest small town in America'. On one occasion it was the fishermen's picnic, which included a parade not dissimilar to the Battle of Flowers. The organisers were asking for volunteers to judge the parade in return for free passes for the rest of the activities. We impoverished students offered our services and in doing so, had a lot of fun. Meeting Counsellors from another camp at the Hungry Jack Lodge proved an interesting evening and I guess this summed up the trip as a whole – new people, different culture, and new experiences.

I would thoroughly recommend working in an American Summer Camp – it's a great experience and I know that I will keep in touch with those I met for a long time to come.

Harry Lewis (18 years)



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Members are men and women who have drunk in the past but who now help each other, and newcomers, to stay sober.

A St John's Resident shares her experience:

I had a wonderful time growing up in St John. Many evenings were spent at the L'Auberge, La Fontaine or the Wolves Caves and weekends spent dancing the night away at Sands or Bel Tabarin. It was fun and I have great memories of it all but when I got into my mid-thirties I crossed that 'invisible



line' and drinking was no longer a pleasure. It became a necessity.

I spent the next few years in a state of utter darkness being so ashamed of my horrible secret. Each day I woke up in dread, wondering how I was to manage the next 24 hours. I did not know then that I was not the bad, disgusting human being I thought I had turned out to be. I was a sick one and there was help out there for thousands like me. It was possible that I could stop drinking and live my life again.

If you have a problem with alcohol, don't leave it as long as I did...Pick up the phone and talk to someone who will help you.

If alcohol is costing you more than money, telephone Alcoholics Anonymous 726681

A local Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets in the vestry, at St John's Parish Church, from 6.30pm—7.45pm every Thursday.

Book Review

At the Star, we thought we would like to know what our parishioners are reading. So, if you have enjoyed a book please send us a review and we will try to include it when space allows. I belong to a book club of a diverse group of ladies and we always choose three books to read – something for everyone. Normally these are discussed loudly and simultaneously over a glass of wine. This is a recent one that I have enjoyed:

Summertime by Vanessa Lafaye

This fictional story is set in the Florida Keys in the 1930s. A small community lives by the shore in often oppressive heat with the pressures and politics of a black and white segregated population. As if this wasn't bad enough, a group of toughened war veterans (black and white) who have been mentally and physically damaged by the First World War are thrust into the town to work on a government project designed to keep the men occupied. Unfortunately, provision for the men is woeful and the scheme just feeds the simmering resentment of the men who have no way of integrating back into normal life.

Many of the town's folk have links with the veterans and the anecdote centres on a young black woman in her twenties who has spent her life working for a dysfunctional white couple. She grew up with a young man who went off to fight, became an officer and has returned with the veterans.

Although this sounds like a soppy love story the account of the veterans being dumped in remote areas of the States for community work is true and I believe largely untold. In addition, without giving too much away, the ensuing natural disaster is very well written and to those of us who have never experienced such a thing, illuminating.

The book is a light read but has a good pace which transports you to a very believable and different life – enjoy!

Jo Falla

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The Channel Island Family History Society

If you are interested in history, the Channel Island History Society welcomes new members. Monthly meetings take place on the last Monday of the month starting at 8pm, normally in the Members' Room of the Société Jersiaise at 7 Pier Road, St Helier. The Society tries to have a guest speaker at each meeting. For more information please visit: www.jerseyfamilyhistory.org





Bonne Nuit Bugger-all-to-do Club



BATDC morning gathering for Buddy Bisson's 80th birthday (founding member)

David Rouillé retired in 1988 and started to go down to Bonne Nuit Café for breakfast at around 9.30 each morning. Being used to starting his day's work as a farmer at around 6am he would then go home for his breakfast at 9am, so he was used to eating at this time.

Later on he bumped into Buddy Bisson (also having breakfast at the Bay) an old school friend from De La Salle College (The Beeches). They started meeting on a daily basis and from this the 'Bugger-all-to-do Club' was born.

Over the years the Club has grown with various retired people joining, many from St John but also quite a few from other parishes. Buddy travels from St Clement, but we also have members from St Martin, St Lawrence and St Ouen. On a typical morning there are about a dozen members present however we have been around two dozen on some occasions.

The members put the world to rights (or the Island) and football is another regular subject for the men. Oh – and by the way, the ladies are now Honorary Members!

Richard Dupré



Founder members





MILESTONE RE-ERECTED

Of Jersey's fifty-five remaining milestones no less than eight of them are in St John. Roger Long has been keeping an eye on one of them.



Another of the Parish's (fairly) ancient granite structures has just been restored and replaced. The 3-mile stone at the entrance to the former Amal-grow headquarters at Sion was very vulnerable to damage by the enormous vehicles which turn in and out of the entrance, and it had been broken and repaired at least twice in recent years. With the recent requirement by the planning office that the whole entrance, including the milestone, be moved northwards by a few feet, the stone's disappearance some months ago was worrying.

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PARISH DIARY – December 2015 to April 2016

DECEMBER

Mon 7th	1.45pm	Reception /KS1 play at school
Tues 8th	1.45pm	Reception /KS1 play at school
Tues 8th	7.30pm	WI meal at the Hotel Ambassadeur
Wed 9th	5.30pm	Father Christmas visiting the Parish Hall
Thurs 10th	1.15pm	The Snow Queen KS2 production in school with afternoon tea
Thurs 10th	7.00pm	The Snow Queen KS2 production in school
Fri 11th	1.15pm	The Snow Queen KS2 production in school
Fri 11th	7.00pm	The Snow Queen KS2 production in school
Sun 13th	6.00pm	St John's Group of Churches Candlelit Carol Service at the Parish Church
Wed 16th	12.30pm	Senior Citizens Dinner at The Farmhouse
Fri 18th		Last day of school term
Thurs 24th	5.30pm	Christingle Service at the Parish Church
Thurs 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at the Parish church
Fri 25th	8.00am	Christmas Day Communion at the Parish Church
Fri 25th	10.00am	Christmas Day Family Service at the URC
Fri 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration at the Parish Church
Sun 27th	10.30am	Service of Lessons and Carols at the URC

JANUARY

Sun 3rd	11.00am	New Year Celebration at the Parish Church
Mon 4th		Back to School
Sun 10th	9.30am	Plough Sunday Communion Service at the Parish Church
Tues 12th	7.30pm	WI talk on Car Boot Sales, by Joan Wright, in the Parish Hall
Sun 24th	11.00am	Launch of Children's Group at the Parish Church

Tues 26th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

FEBRUARY

Tues 9th	7.30pm	WI Local History talk, by Sue Hardy, in the Parish Hall
Wed 10th	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at the Parish Church
Fri 12th		Last day of school half-term
Mon 22nd		Back to school
Tues 23rd	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 24th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall
Sat 27th	12—2pm	Lent lunch in the Parish Hall

MARCH

Sat 5th	12—2pm	Lent lunch at the URC
Sun 6th	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Celebration at the Parish Church
Tues 8th	7.30pm	WI Fire Service Safety Talk, in the Parish Hall
Sat 12th	12—2pm	Lent lunch in the Parish Hall
Sun 13th	11.00am	Celebration of Education Service at the Parish Church
Sat 19th	12—2pm	Lent Lunch at the URC
Thurs 24th		Last day of school term
Fri 25th	10.30am	Good Friday Worship at the Parish Church
Sun 27th		Easter Day
Tues 29th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 30th	12.00pm	Golden Age Club lunch. Depart from the Parish Hall

APRIL

Tues 12th		Back to School
Tues 12th	7.30pm	WI It shouldn't happen to a vet, with Charles Gruchy, in Parish Hall
Tues 26th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

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