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Dear Parishioners...

Could we be coming out the other side of the last two years? Just by reviewing the number of articles I have received; we could be on track for an event filled year. Remember to update your diaries!

One of several important dates coming up is the elections on 22 June. Do remember to register to vote by visiting www.vote.je/ register or contact the parish hall. The deadline to register is noon on 10 May – please remember your vote does count. The system is different this year to previously, after an overhaul of the electoral districts designed so that each area evenly reflects the number of people who live there. St John will be in District 3 – which is made up of St John, Trinity and St Lawrence.

The Parish Climate Group has really been active investigating some themes around what the group can achieve; what Parishioners and the wider community can do to support climate action and what the Parish Hall and authorities can do. They will be developing a website and in their article explain more the activities that have already taken place, actions taken by the Parish Hall to reduce their impact to the environment and an explanation of the importance of recycling. Whilst Jersey is only a small place in a big world, it is heartening to see committed parishioners motivated to do their bit and by doing so, leading the way for other parishioners, parishes and the Jersey government to continue making the changes and impact needed to reduce climate change.

Finalisation of the Bridging Island Plan moves a step closer with the publication of the Inspector's 100-page report and the Minister's response. Even though the Comité Rurale was very active throughout the process to date, you can read about their disappointment that there were no recommendations in support of the proposed Parish led developments for affordable and over-55's housing - specifically the lack of future provision of over 55's sheltered and step-down housing.

A number of alternative fields in St John, mainly in Sion, have been designated for affordable housing including the large field J1109 next to the old Methodist chapel. The proposal is for 42 houses, but there is a concern that no additional community infrastructure will be added. Sion continues to expand its urban sprawl - but with no mixed community space for all to enjoy, build a community feeling and interact with neighbours. Sion feels far away from public amenities that, without the increase in frequency of public transport, cycling links to schools or adequate pavements and crossings, it will continue to keep residents car dependent- not at all coherent with the governments' carbon neutral strategy.

We have a moving story of Cyril (Sid) William Holmes, a parishioner of St John who died in the North Atlantic in 1941. Martin Whitley, with the help of Cyril's family, has done an excellent job of researching what happened to Cyril leading up to his death. His name will be added to the Parish Cenotaph at some point in 2022.

Finally, we have not one but TWO articles from Party HQ – the world-famous flip cup where I and my fellow team mates, have definitely won a few Olympic gold medals. Where others have failed, I have ALWAYS listened to the important instructions of using water as liquid of choice. How St Johnnais are you? Take the quiz and find out. I'm sure the height of Sorel Lighthouse was in last year's quiz. ... off to dig out that Parish magazine edition...

Happy reading

*Hilary
Jeune*



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Multi-Cultural Week 2022

At St John's School we nurture our learners to become responsible global citizens, through the celebration of diversity. As a school we have been focusing on developing our global citizenship skills through Music, Literacy, PSHE, Design and Technology. Projects and workshops completed include samba drumming, folksong, and orchestral concert workshops. Also, we have participated in Jèrriais dance and singing workshops, Polish dancing and well-being/ yoga sessions. In addition, class teachers have also supported the week by engaging with traditional stories from different countries around the world, to enhance creative writing skills.

We feel privileged that our St John's school community has been able to support the children's learning and that many visiting professionals and experts have also been able to share their knowledge and expertise with us.



New Jèrriais Dictionary for Nursery Children

Every child in nursery classes across Jersey's primary schools will be entitled to receive a Jèrriais dictionary, as part of a collaboration between the Jèrriais Teaching Service and sponsors Soroptimist International Jersey.

The book, entitled *Man Preunmié Livre dé Mots en Jèrriais – My First Jèrriais Word Book*, will be distributed to over 1000 children throughout the island to encourage the youngest learners and their families to take up Jersey's native language.

The book consists of more than 200 everyday Jèrriais words with child-friendly illustrations to accompany each word. The book also has a pronunciation guide and a complete alphabetical list of all the Jèrriais words included.

This week, children in nursery at St John's school have received their books as part of the school's week-long multicultural celebration. Further books will be distributed to every nursery class in Jersey's primary schools with copies being gifted to school libraries as well as Jersey Library.

The book is published in association with Macmillan Publishers with the support of Soroptimist International Jersey, who funded the production of the books.

Jean Dale, joint president of the Club, said: *"Part of our mission is helping children to achieve their potential through education, so we are proud to support this fabulous resource to introduce young children to our island's native language."*

Ben Spink, Head of the Jèrriais Teaching Service, said: *"This is our fourth Jèrriais book giveaway and I'm thrilled that we can offer nursery-aged children this wonderful book to inspire them at the beginning of their learning journeys in both Jèrriais and English. We're very grateful to Soroptimists for their generous sponsorship."*

Minister for Children and Education, Deputy Scott Wickenden, said: *"I'm delighted that our youngest learners will have access to a high-quality learning resource, thanks to this excellent initiative. Jèrriais is a precious asset for Jersey and books like this will encourage children to become the speakers of the future."*

The books will also be available to purchase from the bookshop at Société Jersiaise and online at

www.jerriais.org.je



Words from THE CONSTABLE

Life continues to be busy within the Parish.

It was so good to see so many Parishoners at the Senior Citizens lunch in December, everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. Our thanks to the singers and my apologies for my "singing". It was also good to see young families attend the Parish hall for the traditional visit of Father Christmas.

At our December Assembly, we elected new members to our Roads Committee and Roads Inspectors as well as electing a new CO that brings us up to a full complement.

The New members of the Honorary Police have been busy doing their induction training and you may have also seen Officers out and about doing their driver training. We are investing in our team, as approved at last year's Rates Assembly.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Martin Whitely who has been working on a couple of projects for the Parish. You will read elsewhere about the new Defibrillators that are being installed around the Parish and Martin has been the key liaison between the Parish and Jersey Heat Support Group. Martin has also done a lot of research around the late Cyril Holmes and we are very grateful of his ongoing contributions. The Bridging Island Plan debate takes place later this month and we are still hopeful of getting approval for some Right size properties in the Parish for both purchase and rental.

I was delighted to host and Chair the inaugural meeting of the Island Parishes Climate Group with 6 parishes represented. We have agreed to meet on a quarterly basis to share ideas and learnings and all 12 parishes have been invited to the April meeting.

At Christmas, people's generosity again amazed me with Muriel's Christmas baubles raising a very impressive £900 for two local charities. Work continues on the formation of a new Community support Group and whilst we had hoped to launch this sooner it is important that we get the foundations in place.

Hopefully you may have seen the work that has been completed on the pavement the whole length of the North Road. Its great to see people, especially families, enjoying this area again now that the footpath is clear. February sees the start of a new Road Safety Panel, again this group has taken longer to set up than hoped, but we are under way now and we will be consulting with each home in the Parish about Road Safety issues and initiatives.

Finally we will be holding an afternoon Tea event on Liberation day for Senior Citizens. We will also be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 4th June and more information will be shared shortly of these events.

Andy Jehan

Connetable





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This leaflet explains how to use the St. John household recycling collection. A collection planner is included so you know when your recycling will be collected.

Every home in St. John receives a recycling collection, in addition to the existing rubbish and glass collections.

Please fill the recycling boxes with your:

- **Mixed paper and card:** blue box/bin with blue sticker
- **Plastic bottles:** red box/bin with red sticker
- **Metal packaging:** black box/bin with black sticker

Around a third of Jersey's waste is currently recycled, together we can improve on this.

Everything we collect for recycling is recycled and the parish of St. John is making it even easier for you to reduce your waste and recycle more.

Collection Planner

Collections will be on the following dates:

January	6th	7th
February	3rd	4th
March	3rd	4th
April	7th	8th
May	5th	6th
June	2nd	3rd
July	7th	8th
August	4th	5th
September	1st	2nd
October	6th	7th
November	3rd	4th
December	1st	2nd

Your recycling will be collected on either a Thursday or Friday. Please contact Gembusters Ltd if you are unsure of your collection.



Metal packaging
Your black box or labelled bin



✓ Yes please

- ✓ Metal lids
- ✓ Aerosols
- ✓ Cans
- ✓ Tins
- ✓ Foil



Please make sure everything is clean and empty



Plastic bottles
Your red box or labelled bin



✓ Yes please

- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Ketchup
- ✓ Water & drinks
- ✓ Bleach & cleaning
- ✓ Shampoo, showergel



✗ No thank you

- ✗ Pots, tubs, trays and black plastic e.g. food trays



Please make sure everything is clean and empty



Paper & card
Your blue box or labelled bin



✓ Yes please

- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Comics
- ✓ Catalogues
- ✓ Cardboard packaging and boxes - cut up large pieces of card
- ✓ Shredded paper - recommended for confidential papers
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Greeting cards
- ✓ Newspapers



✗ No thank you

- ✗ Milk or drink cartons
- ✗ Polystyrene or plastics



Your glass bin You are required to provide your own bin for glass

✓ Yes please

- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Glass jars
- ✓ Broken glass
- > Please rinse
- > Remove corks, caps or lids
- > Remove plastic labels (paper labels can be left on)

✗ No thank you

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Lightbulbs*
- ✗ Ceramics (cups, mugs, plates, etc.)*
- ✗ Electrical/ electronic goods*
- ✗ Cardboard
- ✗ General rubbish

*These items should not be thrown away with your general rubbish and should be taken to the Household Reuse & Recycling Centre at La Collette, thank you.

Recycling boxes are available from the Parish Hall.

Comité Rurale

The draft Bridging Island Plan

UPDATE

Following on from last year's Enquiry in Public, the Inspectors' 100 page Report was finally released at the end of January this year, along with the Minister's detailed 47 page response to the report and its 60 recommendations which the Minister has largely accepted.

The Comité Rurale are disappointed that despite making submissions and participating in the hearings, the Inspectors did not make any recommendations in support of the proposed Parish led developments and the Minister still opposes them. Based on the survey conducted by the Comité Rurale there was evidence that more than 80% of respondents supported Parish led developments for affordable purchase and over-55's housing.

The Parish has been recording demand in each category for some time, but it appears that evidence gathered at a Parish level was not accepted. Significant focus has been placed on affordable housing for young families. Unfortunately, this is not the case for future provision of over 55's sheltered and step-down housing in the draft Bridging Island Plan, both of which assist with the supply of dwellings by releasing under occupied properties back into the housing market. Specific proposals for the provision of additional infrastructure also have not received sufficient attention. Sion Village

Field J1109 next to the old Methodist Chapel was included by the Minister in the "reserve list" of sites, and looks very likely to be called upon if he is unable to obtain agreement to all of his first choice sites. The Comité Rurale are very concerned that there are multiple issues including access, the heritage, wildlife and agricultural value of the site which have not been given sufficient consideration. As an indication, approximately 42 housing units could be built but there has been no specific mention of new community infrastructure being created to serve these new and the existing residents of Sion.

In addition, although Field T1404 is a smaller field over the border in Trinity, it is next door to the new Co-op at Sion. This field has also been proposed for re-zoning and would only add to the concentration of housing in that area. Coastal National Park (CNP)

We have previously expressed concern over the lack of targeted consultation with residents in the Parish who would be directly affected by the proposed inland expansion of the CNP boundaries, and in many cases were completely unaware of the potential implications for them. This concern is shared by the Constables and Deputies of the northern Parishes and an amendment has been lodged by the Deputy for St Ouen. This amendment would retain the existing inland boundaries of the CNP and require the Minister to hold further and more effective consultation, before coming back to the Assembly at a later date with detailed proposals to establish the CNP formally. Next steps

The deadline for States members to propose or alter existing amendments to the Island Plan was 7th February. The Comité Rurale fully support the Constable's amendments to re-zone the following sites for development, and that these Parish led schemes should be given priority over any other development;

- **Field 229 - sheltered housing (extension of Maison Le Vesconte)**
- **Field 236 - step-down homes (La Rue du Cimetiere)**

The States debate on the draft Bridging Island Plan is scheduled to start on 14th March for 2 weeks and hopefully the Assembly will be supportive. The debate looks like it will be a marathon, hopefully the Constable will gain enough support to succeed with his amendments.

Ian Touzel
Chairman
Le Comité de la Commune Rurale de St Jean



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Defibrillators in St John

by Martin Whitley

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation and is an essential part of trying to save the life of someone who is in cardiac arrest. A defibrillator may also be referred to as a Defib, an AED (*Automated External Defibrillator*) or a Pad (*Public Access Defibrillator*).

In 2019, the Parish was offered the use of the Phone Box, to relocate the existing public defibrillator from the pub, but the Pandemic delayed the project.

Connetable Andy Jehan is keen to develop a Community Support structure for all Parishioners and a part of this was the introduction of more Defibrillators within the Parish of St John. Connetable Jehan said, *"It is hoped that the provision of defibrillators around the Parish could potentially save the life of a heart attack patient before an ambulance is able to reach the scene. The financial support for this initiative from Jersey Telecoms (JT), the St John Community Trust, and Jersey Heart Support Group, has proved invaluable. We are also delighted to have the unit at Sion donated by Karen Slatter in memory of former parishioner Joyce Ashby. I am also grateful to Martin Whitley who has taken the lead on this important project. Wherever you live, wherever you work, simply knowing the location of your nearest Community Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) may save valuable seconds when responding to suspected cardiac arrest."*

It is hoped that by Easter there will be 4 defibrillators located at various sites around the Parish. These locations ensure that the whole community has access to a defibrillator in case of an emergency.

A PAD is already operational in:

- The phone box in the Village precinct alongside the Parish Church.
- The St John's Inn.

More devices are on order to be situated externally at:

- The St John Recreations Centre.
- Bonne Nuit Bay.
- The JSPCA shop in Sion.

With the exception of St John's Inn all devices will be available 24 hours a day. If funding is available we would like to install elsewhere within the Parish, for example along the North Coast at or near Les Fontaines. It is also planned to carry one in the Honorary Police Car.

Each defibrillator will be installed in a specially designed cabinet ensuring that it is accessible to the public 24/7 and they are designed to be easy to use, portable and battery powered. With the exception of the phone box, all devices are installed in a heated box to protect the battery when the temperature drops below 5 degrees. We are working on plans to train staff from businesses located around the devices as well as members of the Parish municipality. Whilst these new units are fully automatic there is an element of confidence training. All units are suitable, with a clearly identifiable switch, to be used on children less than 25 Kgs or 8 Years of age.

Who can use them?

Modern portable PAD's have made defibrillation a much simpler process than in the past, and only basic training is needed to use them effectively. They're designed to be used by members of the public, and are very effective at guiding the operator through the process of administering a shock. They are, safe and easy to use, and won't allow a shock to be given to a victim who doesn't need one.

How will the public know when to take action?

In an emergency situation that you suspect a cardiac arrest you should continue to ring 999 and ask for an ambulance in the normal way. Jersey Ambulance Service will despatch an ambulance / paramedic as usual. They will also give the caller the code to open the box and access the device.

If you would like to donate to this important element of the new St John Parish Community Support strategy or make suggestions on site locations please contact the St John Parish Hall.





Did I mention political parties?

Reflections from Deputy Pointon

I am struggling to find a benign subject to address in this article as we are close to the next election and of course this may be one of my last magazine articles given that it is becoming increasingly difficult to identify as the Deputy for St John. After 22nd June 2022 there will be no Deputy for St John, but there will be four deputies representing the Northern District that includes St John, St Lawrence and Trinity.

The new elected role of Deputy will encompass a generic responsibility within this northern district and albeit Deputies elected within the district will be involved and pursuing the interests of the residents in the district, their primary role will be to consider whole island issues. The Connétable will remain firmly ensconced in the role of representing the Parish and the residents of said parish.

In parishes such as St Helier, St Brelade, St Clement and St Saviour where there are high population densities and consequently higher levels of social need, elected Deputies will be heavily involved in supporting the Parish Connétable's efforts. That is not to say that northern district deputies will not be involved in parish matters, they will be better able to focus their individual life experience and representative abilities in support of the variety of issues that frequently arise in country districts (parishes).

My concerns about the new system are characterized by the intended outcomes predicted by the designers. The intention is to raise voter awareness by spreading the focus of choice of candidate and increasing the public debate by inviting an increase in the numbers of candidates standing in the newly formed districts.

This aspiration is laudable, but may be flawed as the end result could be to deter voters. The assumption is that given that seats will not be aligned to a specific parish, Island wide more candidates will come forward and therefore more people will be incentivised to vote.

In addition, new seats have been created in the more densely populated areas, the intention being to increase representation in those areas balancing the system that meant the population in the country parishes had become over represented.

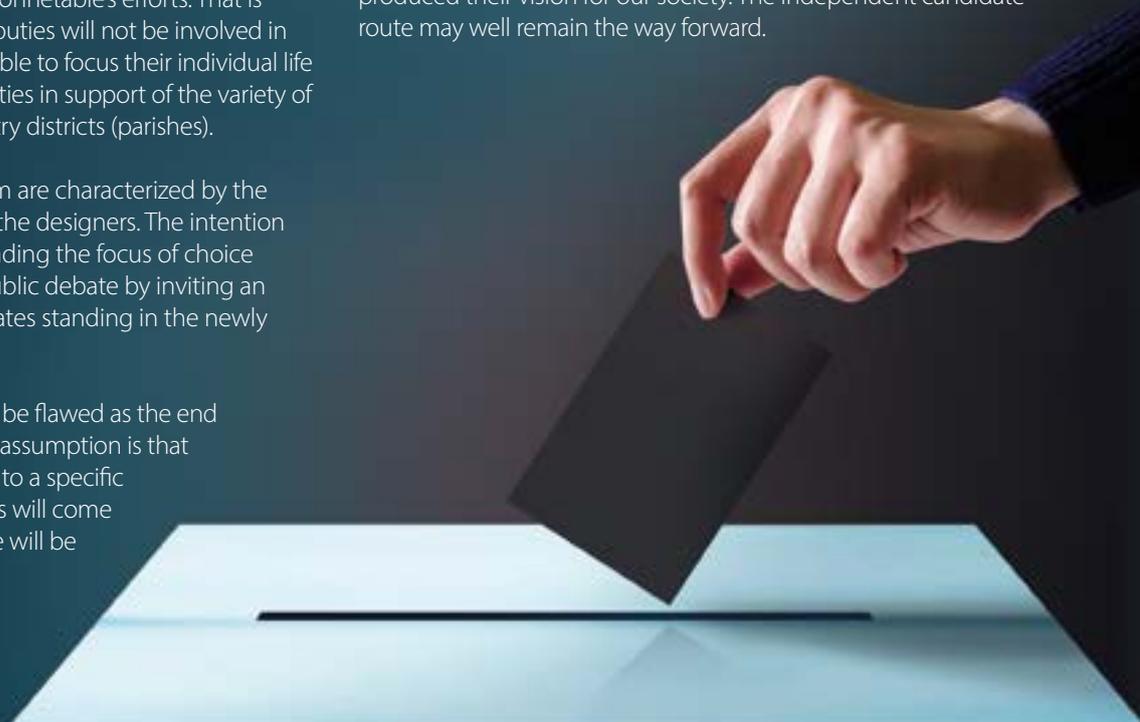
Will people in the new districts be enthusiastic about the new system and as a consequence incentivised to vote, or will complexities in the electoral system further alienate that group of people who have not voted in the past?

In a sense the people of the Island and recommendations from electoral observers at the last election determined the changes. These changes ultimately rely upon you, the people, to turn out there in support of the candidates within your new electoral district, cast your vote and also encourage others to vote too. I am concerned that currently there is no feedback to me from people resident in St John.

Please bring it on.

***Did I mention political parties?
No I did not.***

With the exception of Reform and their manifesto, the rest, Progress, Alliance and Liberal Conservative parties have not as yet produced their vision for our society. The independent candidate route may well remain the way forward.



St John Climate Group UPDATE

Since our first meeting in 2021, the Group have met four times and the members have been discussing what reasonable options can be implemented in the coming months.

There are a number of themes which have been investigated including;

- **What the group can achieve**
- **What Parishioners and the wider community can do to support climate action**
- **What the Parish Hall and authorities can do**

The COP26 meeting in Glasgow last year, where world leaders came together to determine what action can be taken to address the issues of climate change, was disappointing. No firm commitments were made, though a number of positive outcomes, including trying to stop world-wide forest loss and reducing methane emissions, were proposed.

Whilst Jersey is only a small place in a big world, we agree that we should do our bit and by doing so, encourage other governments around the world to do the same.

The St John Climate Group are developing a website and we hope that we can share lots of ideas enabling us all to make better decisions on reducing our contribution to climate change and help to reduce waste. We will be announcing that later in the year as soon as it is finished.

We already have some information for the website, including a list and map of all the roadside stalls in the Parish which will help us to eat local and reduce the miles that our food has been transported, as well as supporting our local economy. If you have ideas for website content, or things that you would like to know more about please contact us at the Parish Hall.

The Constable and Parish Officials are already taking steps to reduce energy use at the Parish Hall and are providing on-line computer services including being able to obtain or renew your dog licence and pay Parish rates on-line. These initiatives save both electricity and paper which also saves the Parish (and Parishioners) money too.

In January, the Constable chaired a meeting attended by six other Parishes who also have groups looking at ways to deal with climate change issues. The meeting was very successful as ideas were shared and opportunities for working together were explored. It was agreed that similar meetings should be held quarterly and that at the next meeting, those other Parishes who do not yet have climate groups should be invited to attend. Even at a Parish level, it can be a challenge to make a difference, but working together, Parishes can develop many opportunities to implement solutions, improve services and save funds.

The need to reduce what we use and to recycle as much as we can to reduce waste is an



important part of tackling climate change. It takes 95% less energy to recycle an aluminium can than it does to make a new one by mining raw materials. Recycling one tonne of aluminium saves up to 9 tonnes of carbon dioxide. This really demonstrates that if we all take small actions, it adds up to a huge impact on our planet!

In St John, we have kerbside recycling which means we can recycle aluminium, paper, cardboard, glass and plastic drink bottles which can be used time and time again, saving trees, energy and reducing the demand for fossil fuels which is needed to produce plastic. Glass is reused locally to stabilise the reclamation site so very little is wasted.

You can collect your free recycling bins from the Parish hall to help with your recycling and to ensure that we all do our bit to reduce waste.

Batteries are particularly dangerous to throw away as they contain lots of poisonous materials and should always be recycled and never thrown in the general rubbish bin.

There is a battery recycling bin at the Parish Hall so you never need to throw them away again.

Did you know that whilst you are at the Parish Hall, you can also swop books and jigsaw puzzles. We would love to hear your ideas, so please contact the Parish Hall.

The St John Climate Group have developed a number of aims and objectives which us help to clarify our purpose;

AIMS

1. To raise awareness of climate change and the importance of wildlife conservation in order to encourage Parishioners to support measures to mitigate climate impacts.

2. To implement Parish wide projects which support the Government of Jersey's Climate Emergency plan and Biodiversity Strategy and help Parishioners adapt to or mitigate climate change impacts.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide educational materials in a variety of formats, at least quarterly, including articles; leaflets; electronic communications and social media which will provide support and guidance to the parish community, to highlight the current and future impacts of climate change, raise awareness and the role of natural solutions in mitigating climate impacts.

2. To constantly seek opportunities for, and to facilitate a wide range of environmental improvements on private and public land which will assist in creating and maintaining an environmentally conscious culture in order to enhance opportunities for wildlife to flourish in the Parish.

3. To work with a wide range of businesses, organisations and individuals whilst collaborating with other parishes in order to implement measures which help to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change and the biodiversity crisis.

4. To implement sustainable transport initiatives within the Parish.

5. To organise bi-annual events which provide a venue for sustainable food and crafts.

An Asian Hornet Update

Alastair Christie
Asian Hornet Coordinator



At this time of year when Asian Hornets are hibernating, there is an opportunity to review the previous season and learn any lessons about the efficient control of this invasive species. Whilst 2021 was a busier year than 2020, it seems that the control programme managed to maintain control of hornets in Jersey. This is in no small part due to the enormous dedication of the volunteers, collectively known as the Jersey Asian Hornet Group. Many of them give up hours of their time, sometimes in difficult weather and terrain, to track down the Hornet nests.



Notably in 2021 far more spring Queens were found than in previous years. In part this was due to a period of consistent north-easterly winds in late April which will have brought in Queens from France. 60% of the queens were found in the northeast of the island. During the summer,

68 nests were found with many more of them being at lower altitudes, particularly in brambles. This is thought to be due to the poor weather in the early summer, leading many nests to remain in their initial "embryo nest" location rather than the hornets relocate high up into the trees. As in previous years, the nest locations were varied: from trees, hedges and brambles to a bird box, house attic and a goose hutch!

Five years after Asian hornets arrived in Jersey, the broad conclusion is that it does seem as though we are managing to maintain control. We are likely to have a small established population overwintering here, which is then supplemented in the spring by queens from France, but if most of their nests are then found and destroyed before they can produce the next generation, there seems to be no reason why the programme will not continue to be successful.

How can the public of Jersey help? Please do continue to report any sightings of concern. The process of tracking nests always starts with a reported sighting so the importance of receiving reports cannot be underestimated. Also, the intention is to expand the spring trapping programme in 2022. If you would be happy to monitor a trap in your area, please do get in touch with the Coordinator. Full training will be given.

Possible Asian hornet sightings can be reported by email to asianhornet@gov.je (if it can be done safely, a picture helps to verify the report), by phone on **441633**. There is also an app, called Asian Hornet Watch which is free to download from play stores and has a helpful "check your hornet ID" feature. For further information see: www.gov.je/asianhornet



50 YEARS

by Richard Dupré

in Ville Des Chene

In 1971 the Parish of St John became one of the first parishes to arrange for a village development for those young parishioners who wished to purchase their own home in the parish where they were brought up. This was due to the foresight of the then Connétable Clifford Le Vesconte and his team.

Well we were some of the lucky ones who were able to buy a plot of land from the Parish and build our homes. Most of us had one or the other spouse who went to St John's school so we knew someone from all the other homes. Therefore 25 years ago Tony Baudin and I organised a celebratory meal and we have had a similar function at 5 yearly intervals since.

This year in December we were able to celebrate 50 years of owning our own homes here in Ville Des Chene, some folk have moved on and some have sadly passed away but after 50 years there are still 35% of the original occupiers still living in the houses we purchased in 1971. We were joined by others who moved in to the village 30-40 years ago to celebrate with a meal at St John's Inn restaurant which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



Dark Sky Jersey

by Kate Amy

Imagine if you could push a button to feed an owl, guide a bird to its winter breeding ground, or find a mate for a glow worm. Wouldn't you do it? Well, you can, but instead of turning something on, you need to switch a light off.

There is increasing amounts of outdoor lighting in gardens around the parish which will affect some of our favourite species; owls, bats and hedgehogs. Nocturnal animals cannot feed in lit up areas, and migrating birds become disorientated trying to get to their destination.

An up lit tree might look beautiful but essentially it is a dead space; birds can no longer roost overnight in its branches and insects, the vital base of our ecosystem, are drawn to the light and die from exhaustion fluttering pointlessly at the glow. A safe, natural habitat has been lost. Up lit buildings are just as damaging for wildlife particularly birds passing over the island.

Humans are also adversely affected by too much light at night. We need the dark, to rest and restore our natural sleep cycles. We would never dream of leave our car engine running overnight, but we often leave on outdoor lights, spilling their pollution over public spaces and natural areas.

We need to consider light pollution in the same way we think of air or water pollution.

Luckily the solution is simple! Switch off any unnecessary outdoor lighting or at least redirect light sources downwards or screen them from shining out of your property.

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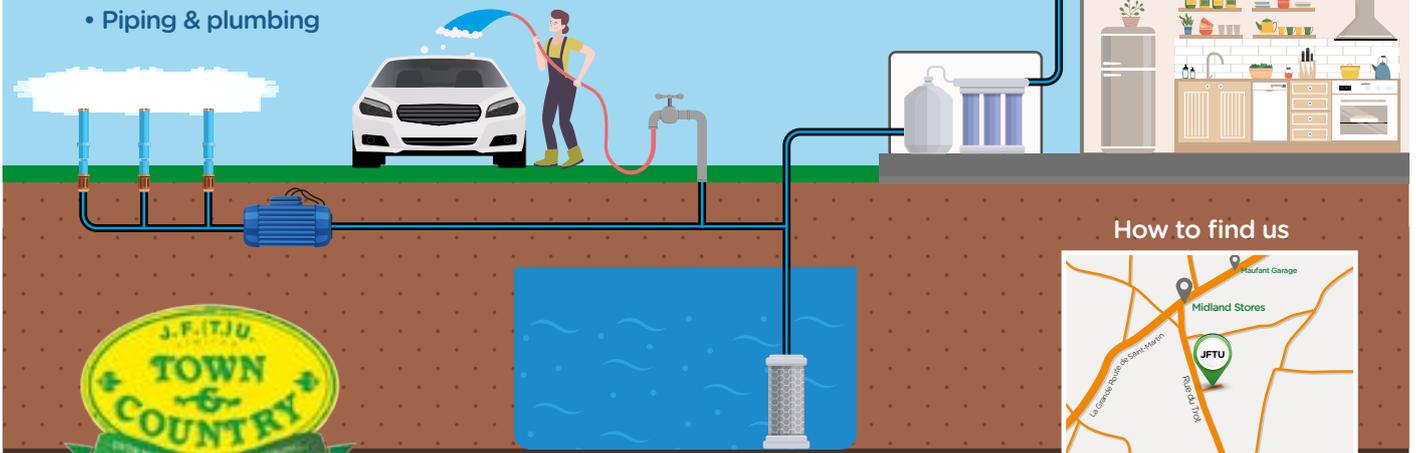
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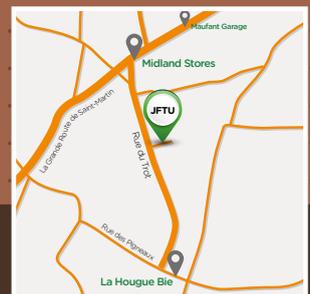
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Judy Collins

by Rosie Bleasby

One of the original band of bellringers at St John's Church is, "hanging up her rope" after 42 years of service to bellringing at the church.

In 1978, when the then Rector of St John, the Reverend Peter Manton, oversaw the decision to have a ring of 8 bells installed at St John's, he needed to recruit a group of people to ring them. Alex Bleasby was asked to become the first tower captain and he asked his teaching colleague from Hautlieu School and a St John resident at the time, Judy Collins, to join the group. Although the bells at St John were not installed until late 1979, the fledgling band of ringers needed to learn their craft and so from 1978 attended ringing practice at St Mark's Church, the only other church in Jersey with a ring of bells. Alex and Judy had a slight advantage over the others who joined them as being on the staff at Hautlieu School they had a headmaster, Jack Worrall, who was an expert ringer and rang at St Marks. He, with his fellow ringers there, undertook to train the St John's ringers.

For Judy, bellringing soon became an absorbing hobby and has taken her travelling and meeting many new people. Over the years she became a proficient ringer and was able to train many new recruits. She estimates that during her time at St John more than 80 people have been taught to ring. Some people try it for a time and then give up but others, who perhaps leave the Island, go on to ring in other places.

The bells in St John were installed and dedicated in November, 1979. As well as the 8 tower bells there was a matching set of handbells, given by the Le Cornu family, which were used at many Christmas services to ring carols. Judy also continued to ring handbells with a local group until recent years. In 1980, bellringers from Guernsey and Alderney came to Jersey to ring and to found the Channel Islands District of ringers. They eventually became affiliated to the Portsmouth Guild.



Over the years many visits between the Islands have taken place to hold the AGM and to ring in the different towers and take part in ringing competitions. At first Jersey was the underdog compared with the more experienced ringers in Guernsey and Alderney but eventually Jersey had a very good record of winning competitions and the St John's ringers in particular. Since 1979 St John has welcomed experienced ringers whose employment had brought them to Jersey. One of these was Simon Linford who was an expert ringer from London. He joined both the choir and the bellringers whilst he was in Jersey. Judy remembers his expertise but also the bellringing trips he organised. One in particular was a favourite, an Oranges and Lemons tour in London ringing at all the churches mentioned in the famous rhyme. Another one she really enjoyed was to Cornwall ringing in many tiny churches in that lovely county.

As a bellringer making friends and contacts with other ringers seems to be easy to do. If as a ringer you are on holiday or a work trip anywhere in the U.K, you can usually find a tower to ring at and will almost certainly be welcomed to practice nights and Sunday ringing. The St John ringers are often welcoming visiting ringers and sometimes a whole team who come here on holiday.

Judy's service to St John is remarkable, hundreds of practice nights and regular Sunday ringing but she feels now is the right time to step back. The Church and ringers thank her for her service as she stands her bell.



Cyril (Sid) William Holmes

Parishioner of St John dies in North Atlantic.

There is no readily available record of how a Parishioner of St John, Able Seaman Cyril Holmes, came to be aboard the SS Ville de Liege on that fateful night in April 1941. It is also not clear whether Cyril died during the events of that night or survived in a lifeboat for some time.

What is known anecdotally by the family is that Cyril 'landed' on a beach in Greenland and remains buried in that Country. There is also some confusion over Cyril's declared age. His birth certificate clearly states he was born in St John on the 20th February 1919, which would make his age 22 at the time of his death. However the War Graves Commission and the ships record show him as aged 24 and born in 1917. This is not uncommon in the era we are researching as it was not unusual for young men to claim an age older than they were, to get accepted into service.

A letter from Cyril to his brother Len, post marked Friday 28 July 1939, indicates that he had gained a position on the Queen Mary 2 leaving the "following Wednesday" from Southampton. This suggests that he would be sailing on,

or about the 2nd August 1939 but the next sailing for the Queen Mary 2 was not until later in August of 1939. It is possible that the letter did not get processed through the postal system for some time. The Queen Mary 2 on arrival in New York stayed at her berth for six months. The family believe Cyril was working on a commercial ship for the White Star Line, which fits the comments in the letter, but it is likely Cyril joined another ship when the Queen Mary remained in her berth as the family believe he sailed as crew to Jamaica. The family also believe that he was 'seconded' to the Belgian registered steam ship, SS Ville de Liege. The Ville de Liege previously belonged to the United States Lines, which had absorbed a number of other shipping lines in the 1930's, not least Roosevelt International Mercantile Marine.

This Belgian Company was formed in 1940 to operate transatlantic services. The Company was owned 60% by Belgium and 40% by the United States. This was a ploy to avoid Roosevelt's Neutrality Act which barred the United States shipping materials into the European war zone. (The lend/lease programme was agreed with the USA before they entered the War, some months after this Cyril lost his life.) The ships were all transferred from the US flag, but heavy war time losses and the German invasion of Belgium, ensured that the Company was extremely short lived.

This particular ship, which was one of several similar vessels built in the early 1920's, was laid down as the Sissertown and



SS Ville de

Born 20th February 1919 Died 13th April 1941

completed in 1920 as the U.S. Army transport Ourcq. In 1924 she became the passenger and cargo ship the American Farmer. She was transferred to the new Belgian Company as the SS Ville de Liege. Her planned journey in April 1941 was from New York to Belfast and then Liverpool with a general cargo, including 6,121 tons of steel, wool, wheat and bacon.

At 01:17 hours on the morning of the 14 April 1941 the unescorted SS Ville de Liège was hit aft by one of two torpedoes fired by the German submarine the U-52 about 700 miles east of Cape Farewell in Greenland. At 02:10 hours, the ship sank burning after being hit by a G7a torpedo Coup de grâce at 01:30 hours. Her position is marked as 59.50N - 29.30W, near the coast of Greenland. Of the 52 passengers only the master (Carl P. Peterson), nine crew members and two passengers survived.

The German Submarine U52 was captained by Kapitanleutnant Otto Salman a 32 year old highly decorated submarine Captain. The SS Ville de Liege was the last ship sunk on this patrol by the U52. The 13th vessel sunk in Kapitanleutnant Otto Salman's career and likely the last as he was transferred two months later to the U-boat Command Headquarters. He survived the war and died aged 70 in 1961. The submarine U52 was taken out of service on 22nd October 1942 and used as an instructional boat until she was decommissioned on 22 October 1943 at Danzig. On 3rd May

1945, at Neustadt, she was sunk by rockets from four British Typhoon aircraft of 175 Sqn (RAF).

Of Cyril's burial place we know little. The family believe it to be in Greenland which is highly likely where he may have come ashore and therefore buried in that area.

Those Merchant Navy souls that were lost at sea are remembered every year on the 3rd of September. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Tower Hill memorial, commemorates more than 35,000 men and woman of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets.

For some reason, not understood by the family, his memorial is displayed in Trinity Church. The family find this odd as he was born and lived in St John. I have contacted Trinity Church and they confirm his name is memorialised on the

Church Lychgate but have no records indicating how his name appeared here.

Further research shows that his family had moved to Trinity during the occupation.

It is planned to memorialise Cyril on the Parish Cenotaph at some point in 2022.



Liege 1941

Cor-vid blimey! The success of Jersey's choughs. Starter for 10. What links St John's Parish to Kent, Islay, Hawaii and the Eastern Alps? The answer, Jersey's red-billed choughs!

Let me explain how. The chough (pronounced 'chuff') is a bird that feeds on insects found in the soil and dung in coastal grasslands. They nest in caves and cliff crevices lining their nests with wool or horsehair. They are easily distinguishable from their corvid cousins (crows, magpies, ravens) by their red bills and legs.

Choughs died out in the Channel Islands at the turn of the 20th century largely due to habitat loss leading to starvation. In Jersey, the collapse of the wool industry led to the abandonment of sheep-grazed coastal farmland. Bracken took over blocking access to the soil and the removal of grazing animals meant fewer dung beetles for the choughs to feed on. Other bird species in Jersey have suffered a similar fate.

Birds On The Edge is a multi-partner initiative working to reverse this by supporting the active management of Jersey's coastline. In 2009, the National Trust for Jersey introduced sheep to Sorel to graze the north coast cliffs. This enabled Jersey Zoo to begin releasing captive-bred choughs from an aviary surrounded by the improved habitat. Between 2013 and 2018, 43 birds were released into Jersey with a 94% success rate. In 2015, the first wild nesting attempt in over one hundred years resulted in a chick fledging from a nest in Ronez quarry. That chick has gone on to raise ten of his own. Today, half the population of Jersey's choughs are wild-hatched and they can be found all along the north and west coast.



The success of the project has attracted attention from other reintroduction projects around the world wanting to learn and adopt the methods used in Jersey. The Hawaiian crow for example is extinct in the wild and for several decades islanders working with San Diego Zoo Global have been trying to return the sacred species. Faced with many problems, an active volcano for one, they have been looking at ways to improve their success. In recent years, staff at Jersey Zoo, have provided advice based on the Sorel example which can be implemented in their upcoming release.

Jersey has also provided inspiration for other countries wanting to restore or reintroduce chough. For the last four years, we have been closely advising the Kentish Chough Partnership who are planning their own reintroduction this summer.

The story of Jersey's choughs doesn't end there. We still have a lot to learn about the needs of the species on the island. How much food does Jersey have to offer them? How else we can manage the habitat to support a diverse range of birds, insects, and plant life? How many nest sites can the island support? These are questions we are trying to answer through applied research, daily monitoring, and most importantly with your help.



In the next month or so, the choughs will start preparing their nests for the breeding season. You might see them flying with twigs or wool. If you groom horses, you might see a cheeky pair hanging around to see what they can 'recycle'.

Most nests are in and around Ronez Quarry. One pair took the bold move to relocate to St Ouen and nest at Plemont. Last year we saw the first attempt in Trinity behind the zoo. This was interesting not just because of location but in their choice of nest site – a barn! We are getting more and more reports of choughs using horse stables and farm buildings. It is not uncommon for choughs in Islay, Wales, and Ireland to use man-made structures. Could this become the norm for Jersey's choughs?



And for Parish hall records, they do have their housing qualities. They are in fact protected under the Wildlife (Jersey) law 2021. The recently revised law means that it is against the law to destroy or disturb a chough nest at any time of the year. We want to work together with islanders to provide advice and support. We work closely with Ronez Quarry, providing nest boxes to encourage choughs to nest away from working machinery. The same could be applied to a barn or stable by fitting a nest box on the outside or incorporating it into the design of a new or renovated building.

I can't promise a free flight to Hawaii but I can guarantee that your sightings and support will help Jersey's red-billed chough population, conserve the island's biodiversity, and inform future global conservation efforts. All from the humble beginnings of one island parish.

For more information, please visit www.birdsontheedge.org where you can also report sightings of choughs. Alternatively, send reports to elizabeth.corry@durrell.org or phone **860059**



If so, we need your help in finding and monitoring nesting pairs. There are two new breeding pairs this season who will be looking for nest sites; Danny and Jaune, Pinel and Vicq (yes, they are all named!). If you see the choughs on your property please get in contact. It might be a one-off event or they could become residents.



Mînséthabl'ye auve des maux? Miserable with ailments?

By Sarah Grigson

Whether or not you have managed to avoid covid this winter, the cold weather always brings with it plenty of other ailments. Whilst you ronner et gronner (grumble and grouse) to your family and friends about your own maladies (afflictions) or those of your kids, have a go at these Jèrriais phrases to add an exotic flavour to your complaints.

J'ai eune suèe d'fraid

I've got a bad cold

J'sis mal fichu

I'm under the weather

J'sis malade comme un tchian

I'm as sick as a dog

J'ai de la peine à gabarrer

I've got a job to get about

Jé l'nez tchi m'couorre

My nose is running

**Oulle est blanche comme
eune tchique**

She's as white as a rag

Il a un barbou morvé

He has a snotty nose

Ch'est comme deux chandelles qui dehalle dé san nez! – It's like two candles hanging out of his nose!

Il a la clyiche!

He's got the trots!

And if you want to really get into the spirit of things, you can always try out these old local remedies. *[NB: they were definitely still being used in this author's family in the 1950s...]*

Firstly, try to stay '**caud comme un mouosson**' (*warm as a sparrow*).

For your cold, you can try out **du sithop d'Colinmachons** – snail syrup. Shell 12 live snails and put them in a muslin bag containing ½ lb of moist brown sugar and hang the bag so that the syrup drips into a basin. Take a spoonful of the syrup three times daily to aid your cold. For those who prefer not to denude their garden of snails, you can achieve the same effect with chopped carrots to make du sithop d'cârottes!

Finally, to aid your sore throat, boil two or three potatoes in their jackets, press lightly into a sock and place round the throat.

You're welcome!



Some games everyone has heard of and everyone knows how to play. Some are family games, specific rules that only you play, you never remember learning them and have been part of your longest memories. Others are new and fresh, change your life and become your favourite new game to be wheeled out at every opportunity.

This Party HQ game is one like this. I remember the first time I played it, in my best ballgown in a beauty pageant standing next to Miss North Korea. Since then it has been played many times over, in places fine and fancy, in a field and round the kitchen table. This is also the first 'liquid game' I am introducing. But do remember the golden rule, you do NOT have to play with alcohol (HPJ you know who you are!!!!) water, squash or Jersey milk will do just as well. All you need are 8+ players, plastic cups, a table with straight edges and a supply of the tittle of your preference (and a large jug of water is a good bet).

Welcome to the world of Flip Cup.

It's a simple boat race, two teams line up on each side each of the table with a small amount of their tittle in the plastic cup places in front of them. A referee calls start and the first in the line simply imbibes the drink, places the cup so the base is balancing 60/40 over the edge. Gently tapping the base underneath upwards to flip the cup over until it lands flat on its top rim. If at first you don't succeed try and try again, only once you've completed this the next person can go. Repeat down the line until you have the winning team finishing first.

As every good race needs variation, re-challenge the teams going back the other way, or be competitive and the loosing team sacrifices a player but keeps all the cups so someone has to go twice and keep repeating until one team is out. Remember the golden rule, you do not have to drink alcohol, and the amount in each cup is your choice.

So roll on those warmer evenings, clear off that patio table, re-cycle those plastic cups and get practising, I'm available as a guest player whenever anyone needs.

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The Golden Age Club meets *every last Wednesday* of each month from **2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Parish Hall with activities such as invited speakers to give talks on a variety of subjects, quizzes, sing-songs etc. and on occasions, subsidised lunch outings to various establishments around the island.

The Club's new committee is: Aimee Renouf, Mary Rouille and Jane Pointon, Susan Morin, Susan Baudain, Rosemary & Richard Dupre, and Alison Fosse.

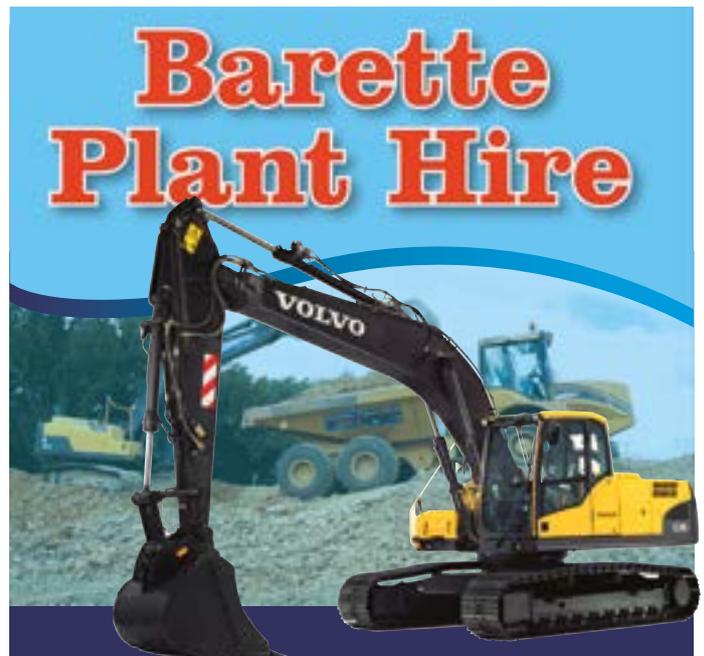
All the Parish Hall meetings end with friendly chats over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits all for a very moderate yearly membership fee of £15. Should you feel the urge to come along and join us or wish to know more please feel free to speak to a committee member or the Parish Hall who will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please be assured that A Very Warm Welcome will await you.

MUSTARD SEED BOOK STALL

by Gwen Batho & Rosemary Dupre

Gwen & Rosemary would like to send heartfelt thanks to all who have supported their book stall in aid of the Romanian Changing Lives charity and to announce that it has raised an Amazing £455. 80p during 2021. We have been advised that our sponsored pensioner, Clara has been allocated money to cover firewood for a year until next January 2023 and the remainder will provide basic sponsorship for an additional pensioner named Maria Petri, initially for one year. So please be assured that all the monies are being put to good use. Once again, many, many thanks for all the support which we hope will continue through the coming year. Take care everyone.



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Aquastars on Tour



Aquastars on Tour is a travel log following local motorboat enthusiasts on their adventures. This coming Spring, we are heading off to circumnavigate the coast of Britain and calling this challenge Round Britain 22 (RB22).

Neil Cotillard (36) of St John's, came up with the idea for this trip, having heard about it being completed by very few likeminded people, and wanted to undertake the challenge himself. The initial thought was to circumnavigate Britain in his RIB, which is moored at Bonne Nuit during the summer months. But after meeting with other interested parties, it was decided, due to the lack of fuel provision en route, that a diesel powered craft would be more suitable. Things have now progressed and there are two teams heading off on this voyage of a lifetime in their Aquastar 38's!

Joining Neil on his boat 'Joie de Vivre', is another parishioner of St John, Phil Graham. He has a vast amount of experience boating, including the RYA Yacht Master qualification. The other boat, April Rose, is owned by Phil Carter of St Lawrence and he is being accompanied by Colin Le Galle,

The teams will – weather depending- be heading north across the English channel on April 30th. Once across we will be heading east about the whole of Britain. The trip is a massive challenge and not many boats complete it annually. Those that do mostly sail it and this take about 4 months.

Our teams are hoping to complete the 1800 mile trip in one month and be back in time for the Jersey Boat show.

The route will take the boats through some of Britain's most treacherous waters, while passing through some stunning scenery along the way round.

Each night our 'Aquastars on tour' facebook page will be updated with a short video of the days highs and lows, flat calm and very choppy. The boats will have AIS trackers so people can track them live with an app on their phone or from the website www.aquastars-on-tour.com.



Both teams will be filming a lot. We will have drone footage, GoPro footage, even night vision footage. Once the trip is complete we plan to edit the data into a series of short documentary style videos and load these onto our youtube channel so fellow interested parties can sit back and watch the whole trip themselves.

We hope also to raise £5,000 for charity. We have set up a GoFundMe page www.gofund.me/0c78590b The charity chosen has a special importance to the crews and is Prostate Cancer UK. We hope people following our trip will enjoy the updates and videos we produce and donate as way of showing appreciation.

Although it still 11 weeks away at the time of writing this piece the team have a lot to do to prepare. Next week we are all undertaking a RYA Sea survival course run by Le mourier marine. This will be essential training should things go wrong, including life raft deployment and survival at sea techniques.

After that, we will be taking another RYA course in first aid, as the boat will be operating in some of the most remote parts of the British isle, a good knowledge of how to treat an injury / patient till land fall will be key.

Please log on to Facebook an follow the team on this voyage of a life time.



Hello again from St John's Youth Project!

As we settle nicely into 2022, all of us here at the project are looking forward to the year ahead and all of the things we would like to achieve in the months to come. We hope you enjoy the latest update of all things.

Island Identity Project

St. John's Youth Project has been invited to take part in a piece of work being conducted by the West Cluster of the Jersey Youth Service, alongside other projects which come under the bracket – St. Mary, St. Lawrence, St. Ouen, St. Peter and St. Brelade. We have been looking for opportunities for inter-Parish working and The Island Identity Project has provided us with such!

The initiative *“seeks to understand how members of the public, parishes, businesses and organisations value Jersey; what makes it special and why it matters; and seeks ways to improve, nurture and promote the Island as it positions itself for the future in a globalised world.”* This is something which excites us as a service as there are so many creative ways in which to explore what Jersey means to the young people which we work with every day.

Representatives of the West Cluster have met to discuss possibilities and have since secured funding for a weekend residential trip to the Crabbe site, where interested young people have been invited to come together and work on a creative project. The end result will be a video created, filmed, acted, directed and edited by the attending young people which will aim to display just what makes Jersey a special and valued place to us all. If this interests you then please do keep your eyes peeled for this to be presented later in the year – we can't wait to see what amazing concepts our island's young people can come up with! You can find out more about The Island Identity Project at:

www.islandidentity.je

New Equipment

In the theme of a new year and new beginnings, our project team and our young people have been deep in discussion in recent weeks about what kind of new or updated equipment we would like to see at the youth club. We asked the young people to bring all ideas to the table; however big or small - and have been using these as our tools to aid discussion. This can be very valuable in their learning of the world, as they can explore how to turn concepts into reality, consider deeper-level issues like health and safety concerns, and also practice empathy in trying to understand what other young people may like to see or get involved in at the project. Through these discussions we have identified that updating and replacing some of our sports equipment should be a top priority, as this is something long overdue and can add instant, great value and options to our regularly attending young people. We will now begin to put together a shopping list and price-up the equipment we are interested in, which will also look to add educational value to our sessions by exploring things like finances, prioritising and analysing funding options.



NEWS!



Young Workers Team

Over the last few months we have been building a strong team of 'Young Workers' to help facilitate our sessions at the project. These are young people who continue to show positive and responsible behaviour in their regular attendance. They are given the opportunity to attend a different session to their own, where they can act as volunteers to assist the project and also be positive role models for the younger attendees. Many of our Young Workers team are also currently completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award – and their time spent volunteering can count towards achieving this – a win-win for both the young people and for the project. Some of our Young Workers have recently been invited to join a Youth Advisory Group, where they should be able to maximise their voices in influencing all things young people-focused and associated with the Jersey Youth Service. Developing our team is something we will continue to do at the project and we feel so very blessed to have such an amazing, valued and appreciated group of young people who are so willing to support the project in going from strength to strength. A massive thank you for all your involvement and all that you do for St John's Youth Project – ***you know who you are!***

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(Year 9 +)
(Year 5 and Year 6)

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(Please note our times are currently under review and may be subject to change in the near future – please get in touch with the Youth Worker should you have any queries).

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A new Art Studio

A new art studio has been set up at St John's Recreation Centre by local artist Julia Renault.

I'm really enjoying painting in my home parish. The people who come to my art lessons are loving the easy parking, ground floor access and on site café. Quite a few people have come with me to my new studio and I'm gradually filling my art classes. I teach adults from beginner level to advanced. The groups include drawing classes, watercolour classes and oil painting classes. I'm getting a good mixture of different ages, and it would be super to see some St John parishioners joining in too. It is also possible to book a private workshop session.

The ambience of the newly decorated room is wonderfully conducive to creativity. My own artwork includes local landscapes and seascapes, portraiture, nature subjects and some imaginative paintings. They are all for sale, and often people will commission something similar. Examples can be viewed on....

www.juliarenault.com

I demonstrate painting and drawing, step by step, in the classes, and subjects include local scenes, wildlife, plants, still life and abstract experimentation. I am frequently painting and drawing in preparation for teaching. The classes are tailored to suit the small groups attending, and all abilities are welcome.

As well as being my teaching studio, the room acts as a hub from which I organise classes in other parts of the island too. My classes for children and teenagers are very popular and there is a waiting list to join for most of the after school sessions.

I'm really enjoying working in a country location as so many of my artworks are about nature, the coast and the countryside. I'm hoping soon that the weather will be suitable again for outdoor painting which I love not only for the painting but for the experience of being outside. I am keen to start a group in St John which goes out painting in different locations. In the summer I try to get all my weekly art classes, including the children, outside at least once to draw; people really enjoy this and feel very supported in a friendly group.

For me teaching art is a pleasurable way of passing on skills which I have spent years learning, after gaining a degree and teaching qualification. It is also a sociable activity and provides a good balance to the solitude which I enjoy when painting commissions.

To find out more about the classes and how to commission a painting, please contact **Julia** on **07797 766302** or email juliarenault22@gmail.com



No teen magazine in my youth was complete without a character revealing questionnaire.

Take this easy quiz to see how green and white you really are and to check how far you can wonder from our hallowed parish border before getting homesick!



How St. Johnnais are you?



Q1 – Where do you do your weekly food shop?

- A The village of course it has everything ah need.
- B Wait-operative or Tes-land or M&Sons
- C Online and get it delivered from London via helicopter

Q2 – Your favourite beach

- A Bonne Nuit. It has the pier, fishing, sand, rockpools, café and fresh scallops
- B All Jersey beaches are lovely
- C Any of the Caribbean islands

Q3 – Which bus routes pass through the parish

- A 4,5,7
- B 4,6,7
- C North Circular

Q4 – Exercise is good for the soul, how do you take yours?

- A The Rec could host the Island games I'm sure of it, it has it all.
- B Cycling every weekend looping the island 8 times in my lycra
- C Down the Matterhorn

Q5 – Your holiday looks like this

- A La Crete Fort every year in the same two weeks, we take our own sunlounges and paddling pool. Perfection!
- B Anywhere on a direct flight
- C I'm on my 3rd passport as all the pages are stamped full

Q6 – The three Vingtaines in St. John are

- A Nord, Herupe, Douet
- B Croiserie, Coin Motier, Sud
- C What's a Vingtaines?

Q7 – What is the full name of the parish church?

- A Saint-Jean des Chênes
- B Fishermans chapel
- C St. John's Co-cathedral

Q8 – Brainteaser! Add the number of pubs in St. John to the number of the road that passes the Manor. Then multiply this by the height of the Sorel point lighthouse.

- A 39
- B 36
- C 47

How did you do?

Mostly A's

You truly love your parish, do remember there are 11 others to explore. Do not fear they are all on the same timezone and no passports are required to cross parish lines

Mostly B's

A fan of all Jersey has to offer, but there is time to scrub up on your Parish particulars before the elections

Mostly C's

You are either a visitor to the island and you have found this magazine quiz on a bench or café nook, if so, well done you have now been introduced to the best Parish on our island OR if you do live in St. John are you sure you want be here?

Family Nursing & Home Care

achieve UNICEF Baby Friendly accreditation

Family Nursing & Home Care (FNHC) are delighted to announce that they have been awarded a Stage 2 UNICEF Baby Friendly accreditation.

The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) Baby Friendly Initiative works with UK and Channel Islands public services to protect, promote and support breastfeeding and to strengthen mother-baby and family relationships.

The UNICEF accreditation report stated:

"Family Nursing and Home Care - Jersey presents a positive approach towards implementing the Baby Friendly standards and has consistently displayed enthusiasm and commitment towards providing an effective training programme. The assessment revealed the health visiting staff are equipped with the knowledge and skills to implement Baby Friendly standards to support parents to have close and loving relationships with their baby, promote breastfeeding and support mothers with feeding their baby."

The accreditation comes after an incredibly challenging year for FNHC, with covid impacting how services could be delivered and also resourcing. The report recognised *"infant feeding has been prioritised, training maintained and face to face service provision resumed very rapidly. Exclusive breastfeeding rates are increasing."*

FNHC will now work towards Stage 3 of the UNICEF Baby Friendly accreditation in 2023.

FNHC CEO Rosemarie Finley commented:

"We believe that all children and parents should have the opportunity to "start well". We work closely with parents and carers in Jersey via our health visitors, at home and in child health clinics and through the Baby Steps programme.

Achieving stage 2 UNICEF Baby Friendly accreditation is testament to the expert service and care provided by FNHC Child and Family Services"

About us:

"Family Nursing & Home Care is a Jersey Charity. We raise money through donations, fundraising activities and legacies and we are contracted by the Government of Jersey for the provision of services. Our ethos is to help islanders start well, live well and age well.

We provide expert prenatal and parental care and we support children, young people, families and the members of our community who need healthcare or support in their homes. Our Services range from the Baby Steps programme, Community Children Nursing, School Nursing, District Nursing, Health Visiting, Home Care, Rapid Response and Reablement, Palliative Care and end of life care.

Kindness is a priority: to our patients, clients, partners and each other. Our nurses and colleagues work with islanders to understand their needs, applying our expertise to deliver the best possible care with dignity at the core of our service. We have the courage to do things differently and strive to provide innovation and new levels of care to the community.

Our carers have earned the trust of our community and with over 100 years of experience in providing care across Jersey, we know what we're talking about.

When you need us we will be there."

To find out more about how you or your business could support the work Family Nursing & Home Care do in the Jersey community, please contact the **FNHC Fundraising Team** on **443666** or email: fundraising@fnhc.org.je

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**Family Nursing
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Natural Minds - Nurture Our Nature

A NEW holistic teaching method

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Natural Minds aims to encourage and support children's holistic development through with exploration and interaction through social and environmental opportunities. Collectively as a group we aim to provide inclusive, positive, safe, enabling and developmentally supportive spaces. We aim to empower each & everyone of us; to recognise, celebrate and develop.

At Natural Minds we aim to encourage learning and development through a balance of child initiated and adult-led activities and free-play. We inspire children to express their interests so that we can plan with children at the centre of our practice. We can all learning something from each other.

Various theorists and pioneers have been influential in the values, sessions and activities of Natural Minds such as Maria Montessori, Rudolf Steiner or Jean Piaget. We also use various educational approaches from around the world that has influenced our practice including Te Whariki, Reggio Emilia, Forest School and Beach School.

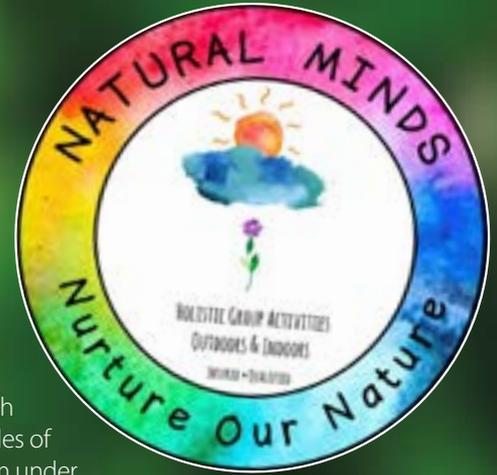
The type of activities that we focus on are with guidance from the EYFS and National Curriculum frameworks, but we have added some adaptations too including - Maths, Literacy, Science, History & Culture and Well-being & Health.

We support children to develop their holistic selves through our three core areas which are Nature, Health and Well-being. Examples of our activities range from under Nature – bushcraft, scavenger hunts, gardening and painting to; Health – cooking, dance, drama, sports to; Wellbeing – yoga, relaxation, self-defense, surfing and much much more.

MAY THE 4th BE WITH YOU!

Natural Minds will officially begin on May 4th 2022. For the month of May will be focussing on our 'Conservation Project'. We will be doing activities based around learning about our Planet Earth and who we share it with; the environment, animals and people. We will explore locally what our lovely Island has. Our key goals are to explore how we can appreciate and celebrate our planet whilst planning & implementing protecting our Natural World. We aim to encourage an awareness and understanding of our deeper connection with everything around us.

Please contact for more information:
naturalmindsjsy@gmail.com



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St. John's Parish Church

Church news and forthcoming services and events *by Rev. Beverley Sproats, Rector of St. John's Parish Church.*

Christmas seems a distant memory now, but it was a joy to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Little Oaks Sunday Club presented a fantastic nativity, and we welcomed KS2 pupils from St. John's Primary School to Church for their Christmas carol service.

We met Chris Tingle (the puppet!) at the Christingle services, where they shared the true meaning of Christmas, and posed in the photobooth!



Brian Woods, Churchwarden, directed the church and community choir in 'The Gift', a lively and engaging Christmas musical presentation of the Christmas story. It was wonderful to have children from Holly Milner's music school performing one of the songs, and dancers from Silhouette Studios performing Highland dancing! Well done and thank you to all involved!



The Christmas Eve Holy Communion service was gentle and reflective, and on Christmas Day we celebrated the birth of Christ with the 'Nativeggity' – the nativity told through vegetables!

The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas and we are very grateful to the Flower Team for the lovely arrangements.



In January we marked Epiphany with the return of the three kings to the crib scene, after their journey around households in the parish and beyond. It was great to hear of the connections people made through passing the kings on from one household to another. We also 'chalked the door' of church, an Epiphany custom, and everyone received chalk and a prayer to chalk their door at home.

We prayed for farmers and blessed the plough and the milk churn on Plough Sunday.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II to the throne on 6th February 1952, we remembered the Queen's visit to Jersey in 1978 as part of the previous year's Silver Jubilee celebrations (1977), including a visit to a country show here in St. John, at the farm of Daphne and Phil Romeril. Daphne is a member of St. John's congregation and can remember her, Phil, and their boys meeting Prince Philip and the Queen! We reflected on the Queen's service to her country and her quiet but authentic faith that she often shares in her Christmas messages. My thanks to the bellringers who rang a Quarter Peal to mark the occasion.



After collecting generous donations of toiletries in November to go to Mission to Seafarers, we were pleased to have Brian Penaluna, from Mission to Seafarers, sharing about their work to support seafarers while at sea and on land, through chaplaincy, toiletries and other gifts (woolly hats are popular!), advocacy, and facilities on shore.

The coffee and croissant mornings on the third Tuesday of the month continue to be popular. You are invited to the next one on 15th March 2022 at church. The men's breakfasts have re-started after the winter and the next one is Saturday 26th February 2022.



We hope to re-start the monthly craft group after a pause due to Covid, watch this space! We've been invited to lead worship services at Cheval Roc Nursing and Residential Home, and I'm grateful to Heather Woods for organising a team to start this new opportunity.

Little Oaks Sunday Club for primary school aged children continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30am with an action song in church, then time in the vestry together to share a bible story, craft and activity on a theme.

During Lent we will be running a four-session Lent Course, exploring faith and focussing on hope, peace, purpose and forgiveness. The course will be held at the Rectory, on Wednesdays 7-9pm, 9th, 16th, 30th March and 6th April. The format will be video clips, bible study and discussion in a relaxed and informal setting, with cake! For more information and to sign up, contact Beverley.

During Lent we will also have Lent lunches of soup, bread, cheese and crackers, at the Parish Hall, 12-2pm on Saturdays 5th March, 19th March and 2nd April. Lunch is free, donations are welcome. Children's activities will be available.

Date for your diary – join us for a Church & Community Quiz and Supper evening at 7pm on Saturday 9th April 2022 at St John's Parish Hall. More details to follow!

We are continuing with services in church and livestreamed to Facebook. Usual Sunday services are 8am Traditional Holy Communion and 9.30am Contemporary Holy Communion. The church is open daily for private prayer.

Special services at Church coming up include:

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and Ashing.

Sunday 27th March 2022 9.30am Mothering Sunday

Good Friday 15th April 2022 10.30am Hour at the Cross

Easter Day 17th April 2022

Follow the Church Facebook page for more details of church services, courses and forthcoming events.

www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchje/

To find out more and explore the Christian faith, please connect with us on social media [@stjohnschurchje](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchje/) or contact **Rev. Beverley Sproats** on **861677** or **07700 731 114** or beverleysproats@gmail.com



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- 13th JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel (Practice)
 26th JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel (Practice)
 29th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall
 30th Golden Age Lunch leave Parish Hall at 12pm

APRIL

- 9th Church & Community Quiz and Supper at 7pm
 12th St John WI – Craft Easter eggs & bonnets
 25th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall
 27th Golden Age (Parish Hall at 2:30)
 Antiques with Peter Le Rossignol

MAY

- 8th St John WI – Resolutions and platinum jubilee celebration
 9th Senior Citizens Tea
 25th Golden Age Lunch leave Parish Hall at 12pm
 31st Muriel's bingo Parish Hall

Golden Age Club dates are as stated, but all members will be notified by telephone if the club cannot meet.

WI all ladies welcome to join – see contact below
 The WI meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

For Church updated events check Facebook page
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