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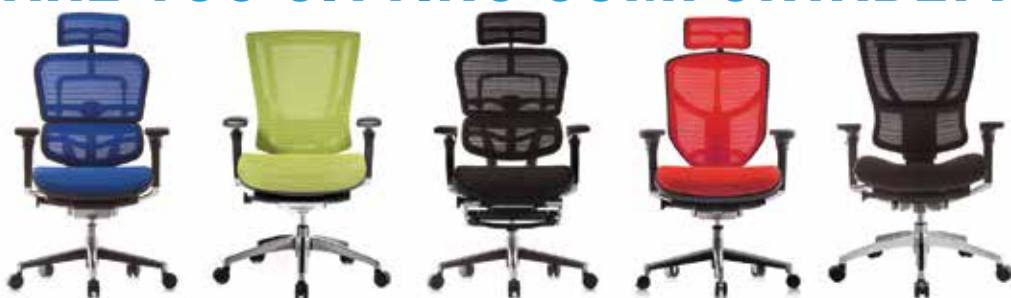
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YOUR VOTE ON JUNE 22

Jersey's General Election takes place shortly, on 22nd June. There have been changes (agreed by the States last year) which have been designed to "help drive up voter engagement" and so encourage a greater turn out.

The role of Senator will no longer exist. (There will be no Island-wide representation) and eight new Deputy roles will be part of the 49-person States' Assembly. (These will "replace" the Senators in terms of seats in the Chamber.)

The old parish-based constituencies will cease to exist, and "to provide more even representation," nine electoral districts have been established for the election of Deputies. (St Lawrence, St John and Trinity will become a single constituency with four Deputies, but all Parishes will retain a Constable who will sit in the States as before and who must stand for re-election.)

There have been changes to the nomination process. (Nominations are no longer a public event with those standing registering with Vote.JE).

'None of the above' will be on the ballot papers for roles where the number of candidates is the same as, or less than, the number of positions available, "meaning nobody will be elected unopposed."

The Polling Station, for St John residents, remains at the **Parish Hall** and will be open from **8am to 8pm** on the **22nd June**.

CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION

Connétable (one seat)

Andy Jehan Independent

Deputy (four seats)

Gregory Guida Jersey Alliance

Andy Howell Independent

Hilary Jeune Independent

John Le Fondré Jersey Alliance

Elaine Millar Independent

Kirsten Morel Independent

Hugh Raymond Jersey Alliance

Mary Venturini Independent



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A Liberation Day to remember



It has been ten years since the Parish held a Street party. Blessed with perfect weather the event was attended by around 400 people. Our thanks to everyone who made the event possible including the organisation, catering, entertainment and a very successful raffle that raised **£1,020** for the Red Cross.

Parish Secretary Sue Morin worked tirelessly on the Project. Ann Dove encouraged parishioners to join in with dancing, including the Maypole, holding several training sessions and working hard on the day. The Catering was provided by St John's Inn, and our thanks to Charlie and his team for looking after us so well.



Parishioner Jack Vibert started the afternoon entertainment with his accordion playing followed by the Ukulele band who certainly looked the part.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who helped in so many ways, and to the businesses and individuals who donated prizes to the raffle.





Helping to keep your parish clean

By Natalie Smart

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all my fellow 'Adopt a Laners'. I can honestly say that since the scheme launched back in June of last year I have really noticed a difference in the cleanliness of the lanes and I hope you have too.

Not only as a parish, but as an Island, it is imperative that we all work together to reduce our carbon footprint to protect the biodiversity of our environment. It does not matter how big or small your efforts are, everything truly makes a difference.

The more the merrier...

There are so many reasons to pick up litter. Even if you pick up just 10 pieces of litter in 10 minutes on your walks, you will be making a huge impact, (it also makes you feel great when you fill up a big bag of rubbish!)

If you are not already convinced, here are a couple of reasons to pick up litter when out on your walks around the parish:

1. Keeps our parish beautiful – Litter is an eyesore, after all. Litter can negatively impact your sense of community and make people feel less safe. By picking it up, you are showing pride for your community and beautifying the area.

2. Protects wildlife – The local wildlife could confuse litter for food or nesting materials. It's becoming more common for birds to pick up pieces of plastic and use as nesting material and sometimes mistake it for food. Picking up litter helps prevent the wildlife from chancing upon it

3. Protects children – Children are more likely to pick up litter out of curiosity. Unfortunately, this is a safety hazard, seeing as kids are known for putting things in their mouths. Keeping litter off the green lanes ultimately reduces this risk

To find out more about the scheme or if you would like to get involved, please pop me an email: nataliesmart94@gmail.com

COMMUNITY Support Team

In late 2021, the St. John Community Support Team was formed by Connetable Andy Jehan with the aim of restoring the link between the Constable and parishioners, by offering assistance to fellow parishioners enabling them to continue living independently in the community.

Having formed a small team the Constable is inviting parishioners who are prepared to give up some time to this cause; these are mainly retired people – men and women – from various walks of life but with a wide spectrum of skills and experience.

Aims of the CST

- Helping parishioners to maintain independence in the community
- Grocery shopping
- Collection of prescriptions
- Liaising with Agencies i.e., CAB, MOW, Soc Sec
- Accessing Community facilities
- Transporting to the General Hospital
- Transporting families to Hospice
- Taking to Chiropody, Dentists & Doctors' appointments
- Just to be a listening ear
- Minor DIY tasks in the home (e.g., changing a light bulb)

Objectives

- To respond to requests for assistance within a few days of referral
- To meet regularly (quarterly) with the full team to determine policy, review cases and plan community activities
- To invite guest speakers from other voluntary/charitable organisations to make presentations at our quarterly meetings.
- To elicit feedback from parishioners so we may modify or improve the service we provide.

If you wish to join the **Community Support Team**, please contact Connetable **Andy Jehan** on 861999



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St John Community Allotments

by Martin Whitley



The allotments are such a friendly and inviting spot at this time of the year. Indeed it's a hive of activity and there's so much going on at every turn! June is the time when all the hard work of the previous months really starts to show rewards. Early crops should be in full production, main crop varieties will be growing steadily and the cloches and fleece are removed as the risks of frost is hopefully long gone. As the days get warmer and dry hot periods become more frequent supplying the growing plots with sufficient water can be a problem on an allotment. Good soil preparation is the key but in longer dry spells even the best cultivated ground can start to dry out.

Harvesting

Beetroot, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, early peas, lettuce, rhubarb, spring onions, radish, spinach can all start to be harvested now. Lifting the earliest potatoes towards the end of the month and continue earthing up the rows of your other varieties is for many an exciting time with dreams of a 'good feed of Jersey spuds'. June is the end of the asparagus season, so time to stop cutting and give the plants a top dressing of general fertiliser to help build up the crowns for next year. But we start to harvest the first of our soft fruits.

Sowing and Planting

Successional sowings of beetroot, lettuce and winter cabbage seeds can all be done now – following the instructions on the back of the seed packets, but it is worth starting them off in trays indoors and then transferring them outside after a couple of weeks. Sowing every 2 - 4 weeks for a continual supply of produce.

Brussels sprouts, cabbages, cauliflowers, celeriac, courgettes, outdoor cucumbers, French and runner beans, leeks, pumpkins, squashes, sweet corn, outdoor tomatoes are all being or are already planted out into their final position now. As with all young plants watering carefully and protecting from birds with netting. Many will be watching out for aphids (black fly on broad beans and greenfly on various crops) and thrips on brassicas and spraying the plant with soapy water (diluted washing up liquid) or squashing the flies with their thumb and finger. Whilst others will be wondering what an aphid is. Carrot fly is a particular problem between May and September – when female flies lay their eggs. There are varieties of carrots on the market that have been bred to be more resistant to carrot fly but none are 100% proof. But our soil is a little bit 'thick' for carrots and not many allotmenters grow them.

Cabbage root fly is attacking the roots of the brassicas. Female flies lay the eggs on the surface of the soil next to the stem of the plant. When transplanting out young plants, some place a piece of carpet (or cardboard or fleece) around the base of the plant to create a collar, this will stop the flies from laying their eggs on the soil.

Chris Farman and son Charlie checking out their potatoes



There will be many other challenges for our allotmenters but one thing we can be sure of - the allotments will be busy and nature will challenge us all.

I cannot close this Allotment page without mention of my friend, colleague and co-Director of the Allotment Company, Sue Jenkins, who sadly passed away recently. Sue and I, along with our Director at the time Brian McCarthy, stood in the middle of the field some ten years ago wondering what we were doing. We had no money and the plan was for a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO). Our vision for a thriving community was always the driving force and it has without doubt achieved this. This is a testament to Sue who ensured I kept things on 'plan' and never strayed from that vision. I and others will miss Sue on the site and I will miss her calming influence when things went 'pear-shaped'. I also should mention our Connetable Andy Jehan, who when a Procureur du Bien Publique, all those years ago was a great support and helped us to find funding and now as Connetable is a great support to us and of course all the community projects he has developed.

As always if you are a Parishioner and interested in an allotment pick up an application form from St John's Parish Hall.





Angus Spencer-Nairn
Chairman

News from St John's Recreation Centre

I am delighted to provide a progress report regarding activities at the Centre.

User groups

We have now been fully operational for more than one year following the 6 months of Covid enforced closures. There was a lot of pent-up demand during Covid and we were delighted to have welcomed back our user groups.

The Centre has a very diversified range of approximately 25 user groups. Alphabetically, this ranges from archery and the after-school club to yoga and the youth club (with many other letters of the alphabet in between!). Full details of our user groups are displayed on the notice board at the Centre.

Property maintenance

We have been extremely fortunate to have had the assistance of parishioner, Martin Whitley, as our property maintenance manager since 2020.

Martin conducted a thorough review of our property and maintenance requirements, and we used periods of closure due to Covid as an opportunity to undertake various pieces of maintenance work with minimum inconvenience to our user groups.

The scope of Martin's work has been very wide-ranging and included not just repair work but a number of health and safety related enhancements including an extensive amount of electrical work. Whilst much of this was 'behind the scenes' work it is extremely important and we are indebted to Martin for his expert guidance and dedication as well as his ongoing involvement.

Special request for a volunteer

Whilst Martin will have an ongoing oversight role, we have identified a need for a property maintenance assistant to perform and log regular routine checks around the building ensuring standards are being maintained.

This role would suit a practical and methodical individual, possibly retired, who is familiar with building related issues and good at dealing with people. We do not anticipate that this role will absorb more than 1 hour per week. Please do feel free to contact me if this role appeals to you (spencernairn@hotmail.com).

Finances

We are delighted to report that our turnover has returned to pre Covid levels. Our costs, however, have continued to rise and we have decided that, after many years of no increases we will be increasing our charges from October.

We have managed our finances quite prudently over the years and this has enabled us to build up a cash reserve which allowed us to carry out the maintenance work during Covid when we had no income but will also be necessary for future major property repairs. For example, one area which will require attention will be the roof of the main hall which is almost 40 years old.

Brunch Cafe

Sam Coutanche's business continues to go from strength to strength. Sam is a St Jeanais and will be well-known to many of you for his famous hog roasts especially during Covid!

He took over the cafe in April last year and has undertaken a substantial amount of refurbishment work including alterations and re-carpeting.

We are delighted with the well-deserved success being enjoyed by Sam and his team who have attracted an Island-wide customer base as well as meeting the needs of users of the Centre.

Special thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to record our sincere thanks for Michel Larose who has recently retired as a Procureur du Bien Public. In this role he also served a trustee of The Billy Butlin Memorial Trust which owns the freehold for the Centre.

Michel has been a great supporter of the Centre over the years and his interest and assistance have been greatly appreciated.

10-year anniversary

Tom Pieprzowski recently celebrated his 10-year anniversary as caretaker at the Centre. Tom has played an important part in the rejuvenation during this period and we are very grateful for his ongoing commitment. Pictured is a presentation which took place earlier in the year.

Looking to the future

There is definitely a greater appreciation of the importance of recreational activities for physical and social wellbeing. The Centre is experiencing record levels of usage and we are delighted that we are helping to meet the needs of our community.

We have been experiencing of a high number of new enquiries from potential new user groups and we hope to be able to expand the range of activities taking place in the Centre

We look forward to the future with confidence and with your support we hope to meet your expectations.

BONNE NUIT BAY

A German Stronghold

As an islander, it's safe to say you're never far away from the echoes of the German Occupation. Some reminders stand out clearly, taking the form of concrete bunkers scattering the coastline, while others hide in plain sight. In 1941, in the midst of a full-scale invasion of the Soviet Union, Adolf Hitler issued two directives calling for the permanent fortification of the Channel Islands.

Bunkers, anti-tank obstacles, and heavy weapons positions were constructed to fortify potential landing zones. Every natural barrier was reinforced with barbed wire, mines, booby-traps, or tank ditches. Medieval castles and artillery forts were converted to suit the needs of mechanised warfare. Agricultural fields and hills were turned into anti-aircraft sites or coastal artillery batteries. Furthermore, local hotels and lodging houses became accommodation for the occupiers and all trucks and motor vehicles were requisitioned to aid the German war effort.

Despite being one of the least populated parishes, St John was not spared during this massive fortification programme. Over the next few editions of L'Étaile du Nord, I will explore the different areas in St John affected by the Occupation and will detail their role in the defence of the Island, waiting for an Allied invasion which never came.

Bonne Nuit Bay was identified as a particular weak link in the German defences on the north coast. Being a deep-water harbour, the Allies could potentially have used the bay for disembarking men and equipment onto the shoreline. To counter this, the Germans constructed two defensive strongpoints here: Bonne Nuit Hafen on the pier and Bonne Nuit Fort at La Crête Fort.

W.N. Bonne Nuit Hafen

If you stroll along Bonne Nuit pier, you will see an oddly-shaped bunker at the end. During the Occupation; a French tank turret, a machine-gun post, and a searchlight were emplaced upon the bunker. A contingent of seven soldiers were also stationed here.

On the highest section of the bunker, sat the tank turret and 30cm searchlight. The Germans were particularly fond of using captured weapons for their war effort. Thousands of captured French tanks were sent to guard quieter sectors of German-occupied Europe, like Jersey. This explains why the turret of a Renault FT-17 tank was situated on Bonne Nuit pier. Across Jersey, sixty-one French tank turrets were installed.

On the lower platform of the bunker, encased in a circular parapet (now demolished), was an MG 34 machine-gun. Over five-hundred MG 34s were used in the defence of the Island. Its ability to pin down large numbers of enemy troops, made it ideal for defence.

There were also three static flamethrowers, but their exact locations remain unknown.



W.N. Bonne Nuit Fort

La Crête Fort was the strongest point of the Bonne Nuit Bay defences. The thick walls provided enough protection for the twenty-strong garrison from enemy fire and the Germans kept its 19th century granite exterior to act as camouflage, with some subtle alterations. In fact, a 1944 Allied reconnaissance map completely missed La Crête as one of the strongpoints in the German defences.

There were three machine guns at La Crête. An MG 34 was encased in a concrete structure, within the courtyard, which covered Gifford Bay to the east. The two other machine-guns faced towards Bonne Nuit Bay; one MG 13 was located in the fort's south-west corner, and another MG 13 was positioned in an outpost on the cliff-face, beneath the fort. This bunker was covered with granite stones for further camouflage.

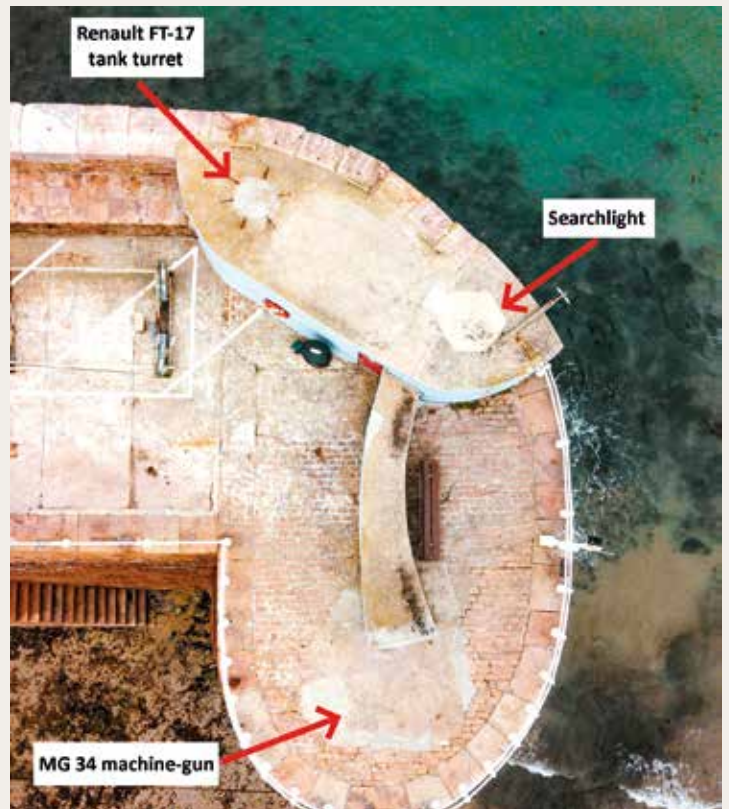
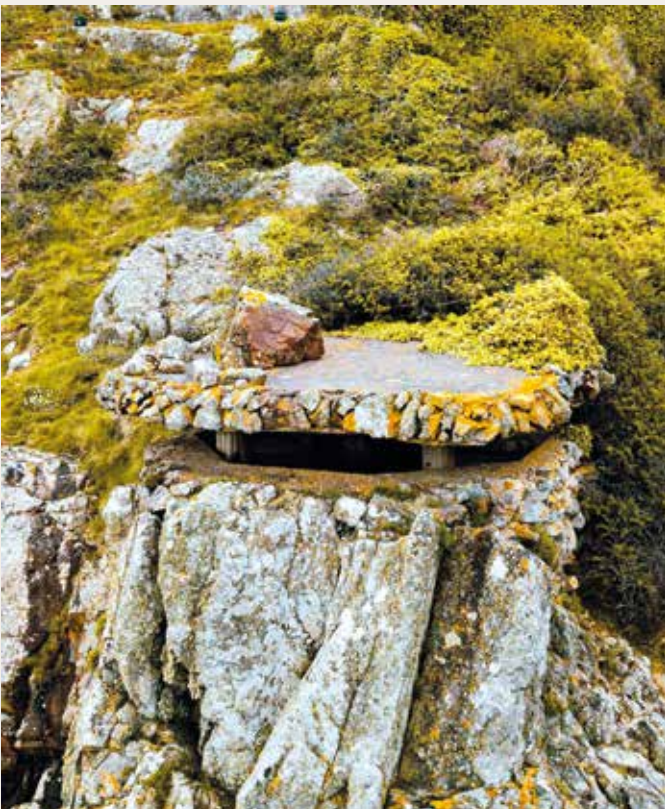
Across Jersey, the Germans had thirty-three 3.7cm Pak 35/36 anti-tank guns. One of these was at La Crête Fort. In the event of an attack, this weapon would be wheeled onto a firing platform outside the fort.

The northern wall of the fort contained a fixed searchlight position. This was shielded by a semi-circular concrete wall to protect the operator from grenade shrapnel.

To the south of La Crête, on a rocky outcrop above the footpath, was the location of an 8.2cm Russian mortar. Interestingly, the soldiers defending the fort were also Russian.

The '**Russian Liberation Army**' was a non-German formation, made up of Russians, Belorussians, and Ukrainians, created to fight alongside the German Army. Due to severe manpower shortages, the German High Command needed hundreds of thousands of non-Germans to bolster their ranks. Many of these were captured Soviet soldiers. Some of them were willing volunteers who hated Stalin, whilst others simply defected to avoid the German POW camps. Though equipped with Russian weapons, they wore the German uniform.

In October 1943, an entire ROA battalion arrived in Jersey and, due to their unreliability, were posted to Jersey's north coast. Due to its rugged terrain and formidable natural defences, the north of Jersey was seen the area least likely to face a large Allied assault.



History was made earlier this year when, for the first time, two siblings made the final of the Jersey Young Musician of the Year in the same competition. These two talented young musicians are the children of Graeme and Beverley Sproats of St John's Rectory. Eve and Ivan have both added greatly to our musical worship at St John's Church. Eve by playing the piano often for the hymns and during the Communion, and Ivan playing the last post on his cornet. Ivan is also in the Jersey Premier Brass. Another of their accomplishments since coming to Jersey has been to become pretty expert bellringers.

However, nothing could have prepared your writer and all the others present for their amazing performances on their favourite instruments; Eve on her alto-saxophone and Ivan on his trumpet. They both gave mature and polished performances with amazing stage presence and connection with their audience. Although neither of them won the overall title they were both winners of their heats, Eve of woodwind and Ivan of brass, and both took home trophies at the end of the evening. As it was the first live concert many of us were able to attend since the beginning

of lockdown in 2020 it was a fabulous evening, graced by the presence of the Lieutenant Governor and his wife in the new concert venue at Les Quennevais School. What an honour for St John to have these two young people make up two fifths of the competitors for the title.

Eve and Ivan will now introduce themselves and their instruments in their own words.

Hello there! I'm Ivan Sproats.

I'm 16 and attend Hautlieu school, currently psyching myself up for GCSEs later this year!

I've been playing trumpet for over 4 years now and I've been picking up other instruments too: most notably piano and voice. I love my music, whether listening, playing or making it; I feel right at home and always focus on enjoying myself and having a good time.

Currently I'm being taught trumpet by the one and only Allan Jones - as witty as he is wise and consistently getting me to laugh and smile from his jokes in our lessons. In addition, I play cornet with Jersey Premier Brass, who've made sure I've had no shortage of pieces to play since their winter concert last year and now a competition in Stevenage playing the test piece Spectrum composed by Gilbert Vinter coming up later in March.

St John's musical talent



Aside from music I enjoy my schooling, especially Physics and French and also reading and running.

Good luck to the rest of the musicians... except, of course, my sister, the Woodwind finalist. I sincerely hope that you all enjoy yourselves.

Hi, my name is Eve Sproats, I am 18 years old and I play the alto saxophone as well as the baritone saxophone in ensembles and bands, and the piano. I'm currently in year 13 at Hautlieu School studying the International Baccalaureate.

I have been playing the saxophone since I was 10 years old, achieving my Grade 8 last summer, though I've been a musician since the age of 5, encouraged by my Mum to start playing piano. I am predominantly classically trained, but I enjoy playing all sorts of music including more jazzy or contemporary pieces. I have particularly enjoyed being part of the JMS big band and sax ensemble led by my brilliant teacher Dr Lombard, and learning how better to play in groups, to improvise and being exposed to a wider range of music there also.

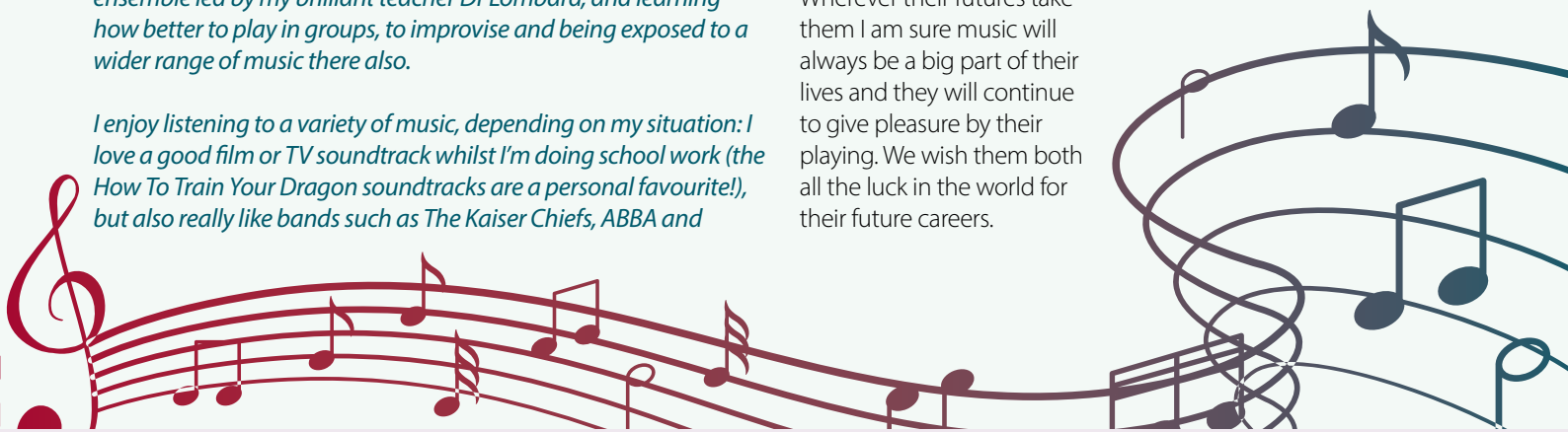
I enjoy listening to a variety of music, depending on my situation: I love a good film or TV soundtrack whilst I'm doing school work (the How To Train Your Dragon soundtracks are a personal favourite!), but also really like bands such as The Kaiser Chiefs, ABBA and

The Red Hot Chilli Peppers to belt out when I'm cooking or home alone! I've recently been trying to purposefully explore new music, influenced by my brother (yes, the trumpeter from the Brass Heats!) who always plays something new and different on the way to and from school.

I'm ecstatic for the opportunity to play in the final tonight, surrounded by other amazing musicians, and am especially looking forward to hearing the other incredible performances. I hope you all enjoy the evening, and good luck to the other competitors!

Both Eve and Ivan are taking important public examinations this year, the first held for two years. Both study at Hautlieu School and Eve is sitting the exam for the International Baccalaureate and Ivan his GCSE exams. Next year, Eve is hoping to be at Manchester University studying physics and Ivan will begin his sixth form career.

Wherever their futures take them I am sure music will always be a big part of their lives and they will continue to give pleasure by their playing. We wish them both all the luck in the world for their future careers.



We will miss her...

After 40 years of service in education, our wonderful headteacher Mrs de la Haye is retiring.

For 25 years she has been the heart and soul of St John's School having taught in every year group. She has touched the lives of many pupils and families throughout the years and her legacy lives on in each of them.

During her time at St John's Mrs de la Haye has championed many initiatives such as Critical Skills, Formative Assessment for Learning and the Creative Curriculum. Many of you will have fond memories of Christmas productions and whole school celebrations. The well-being and success of each and every pupil has always come first.

For the past 12 years she has led the school with passion and resilience through times of joy and adversity. She has lived the core values of the school – Thinking, Learning, Caring – values now shared by all who have had the privilege to be part of the school.

The St John's School family, under her leadership, has forged strong links with the wider community of St John and we know that just as much as each member of the school will miss her, so will the parish of St John.



Retiring Headteacher
Mrs de la Haye



Comité Rurale

UPDATE

The Bridging Island Plan 2022-2025

The Bridging Island Plan was debated at considerable length with many amendments proposed, and the final version then agreed in the States Assembly. The outcome was not at all predictable with amendments to amendments making the process somewhat confusing to an outsider, and the votes on those amendments certainly did not always follow the Planning Minister's recommendation.

In the case of St. John, the hard work put in by the Parish to record housing need, and the Comité Rurale to carry out and publish a survey of parishioners, certainly appears to have assisted although the outcomes were uncertain right up to the counting of the votes. During the Enquiry in Public the Inspectors were very focused on evidence gathered by the States and provided from the Housing gateway managed by Andium. They did not appear to lend much weight to the Parish figures and survey results, bearing in mind that St John was one of the few Parishes to have made a concerted effort to gather specific evidence on housing demand and support for Parish-led housing developments and community initiatives. In the period immediately prior to and during the States debate, States members appear to have been much more open to that evidence, and the Constable was successful in gaining sufficient support for his three amendments in the States Assembly;

- **Field 229 – to provide sheltered housing (an extension of Maison Le Vesconte)**
- **Field 236 – to provide step-down or right-sizing homes (La Rue du Cimetiere)**
- **Field J371 – rezoned for community use (La Rue des Buttes)**

In addition, the following sites proposed by other States members were approved for providing affordable housing within the Parish or just over the border in Trinity;

- **Field J1109 – Sion, next to the former Methodist chapel**
- **Field T1404 – Sion, next to the new Co-op store**

Another question that was raised in the survey was where additional housing units should be created. There was considerable support for both disused greenhouse sites and sub-division of existing buildings, and although the former was not included in the Bridging Island Plan, an amendment was passed to support the sub-division and conversion of existing and traditional buildings to create new housing units.

Coastal National Park (CNP)

We have previously expressed great concern over the inadequate consultation with residents who would be directly affected by the proposed inland expansion of the CNP boundaries. The Minister changed approach and proposed to maintain the current boundaries of the CNP within a newly defined Protected Coastal Area ("PCA"), and for proposals to establish the CNP in law, following proper consultation, to be brought to the States at a later date. Although this change may have met some of the concerns, the new PCA includes both the existing CNP and the area in the proposed inland expansion of its boundaries. This means that a large number of additional properties will now be in the PCA, an area subject to the "highest level of protection" and will probably face additional planning controls and costs which may be an unwelcome development for the owners.

Ian Touzel

Chairman

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How long is a piece of string?

Easily answered but I think it is the wrong question that is being asked. It should be,

‘Depends what you need it for’.

String features in many well-loved games, conkers, cats-cradle, and the original mobile phones between Styrofoam cups to name a few. Essential for parcels and pinning up your sweet peas. But it is a cousin of the string that we want to acquaint ourselves with in this column.

The end of every village fayre or sports day is a bit of forgotten old rope and the un-sung hero of the twine world. I am convinced that the most passionate Tug-of-War is officially this summer's game of choice. When a spectator, you can't help but want to join in, and if you lose, you insist on a change of ends as the ground is sloped.

Don't forget the gentle but fair character of the adjudicator in the middle tying their hankie to the middle to let the battle begin and tipping the hat when there's a winner. 'Heave' and 'Take the strain', red faces and chants of 'all-together now' are hurled at the competing players.

Simple rules –

pull the hankie over your start line to win, easy to store, suitable for all ages, kids vs adults being a particular favourite. Especially when 12 grandchildren line up again that one 'strong uncle'. Imagine if political selection was done as a Tug-of-War, what a world we would live in.

It was one of the best birthday presents I ever bought for someone. What else do you get a person who is slightly competitive and has all the socks they'll ever need. Who knew there was an international standard and competition grade rope. A fascinating subject and the best £30 you'll ever spend.

It turns out that St. John were island champions for most of the 80's (hmmm I found one photo on Facebook...) and had a training rig set up at the Rec. In 1977 Jersey hosted the Tug-of-War world championships no less, welcoming teams from Australia, Switzerland, England and the 'Republik of Transkai'. In the 80's a plan was submitted to create a training space for the St. Ouen Tug-of-War Association. Bet that's not often seen in the 'bridging island plan' nowadays.

Returning to the above question, how long is a piece of string? it is the wrong question, it should be how long is a Tug-of-War rope and the answer is 36m minimum for a competition length rope. Great pub quiz fact. Have fun this summer and as ever you don't stop playing because you get old, you get old because you stop playing.



St John's village

towards a more walkable village

Feedback from the community is that our historic village has, over the years, become dominated by cars, roads, and signage. There is a desire that it should be easy to get around on foot for those who live in, or come to, the village; and those who are part of the school community. The Climate Change Emergency means that reducing carbon emission by walking, cycling, and using the bus rather than using the car, has become even more of a priority for our community.

A Parish Board has recently been established to develop a community supported plan for a better pedestrian and cycling network within St John's Village. The Parish Board will help guide the community process to create a plan for a more pleasant environment for walking and cycling within the village, as well as enhancing the public spaces. The board draws on the insight of the municipality and community representatives and is supported by our government's sustainable transport and road safety professionals.

The board includes:

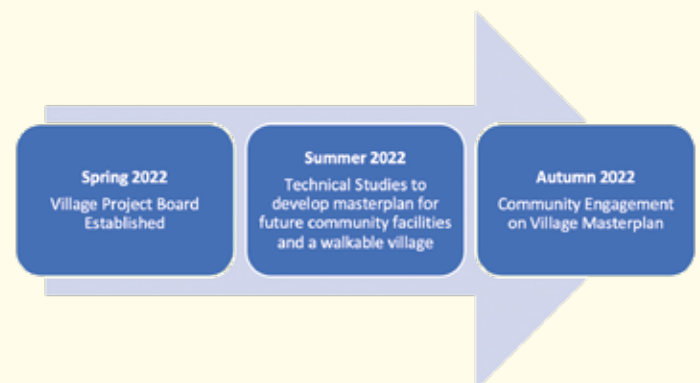
- **Andy Jehan** (the Connetable of St John)
- **Nick Lane** (former Roads Inspector and new member of St Johns Roads Committee)
- **Anton Cornilason** (former States of Jersey Police Officer)
- **Clive Russell** (former Fire Service and member of the Sion Group)
- **Tristen Dodd** (IHE, supporting technical team advising the board)

The board will draw on the understanding developed through previous community engagement such as the Committee Rurale surveys. They will come forward with a consultation to explain the challenges in how we could tackle the severance caused by the busier roads in St Johns Village and support the continued development of the community. The main village amenities (such as the church, parish hall, pub, school) should be well connected to support village life for those of all ages and abilities. The board will work with the community to explore options and enhance the public spaces for active travel, reconnecting village amenities for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposal will be aimed to satisfy three key criteria: function, safety, and character. These three principles will ensure that any changes proposed will improve the community experience in St John's Village, enhance safety, and ensure the changes make St John's Village cohesive and attractive.

"Parochial Ambitions"

With our aim to create a Community space opposite the Parish hall, it is key that we make it easier for people to move from one side of the road to the other. We also need to make it easier for people to cross La Route du Nord. There will be Planning Obligation Agreements (POA's) in place for the new garden and the proposed extension to Maison Le Vesconte.



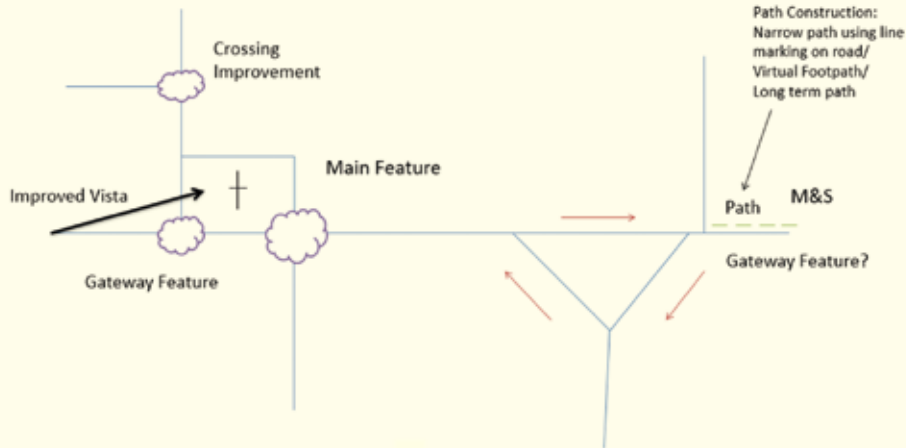
Whilst looking at ways to make it easier to cross both these busy roads we will also look at ways to slow the traffic down and make it safer to access the Supermarket.

The Board's ambition is to seek appropriate joint funding from the Parish (through the POA's) and Government. Government

Funding bids for village improvement would need to conform with the Government of Jersey's broader Sustainable Transport Policy, comply with the new Bridging Island Plan and support Carbon Neutral objectives. This recognises that schemes that seek to advance 'active travel', i.e., cycling and walking, should be given priority when it comes to funding. This is both in response to the climate emergency, by encouraging environmentally friendly modes of travel; and as a recognition of the benefit to mental and physical health that an active travel culture supports.

After the coming elections, the Board will develop options and engagement materials and formats both in person and online. There will be events to engage with parishioners, to give and receive feedback on what their thoughts are there have any ideas for improvements. This will be to ensure that any scheme put forward reflects the desires and concerns of the community, which will be fundamental to moving forward proposals to formal approvals and funding.

Focus Areas



St John Climate Group Supplement



The St John Climate Group have commissioned this addition to the Parish magazine in order to share some of our concerns and solutions to the problems that we are facing. Climate change and the increasing impact that our lifestyles have on the wildlife which share our environment are a growing problem.

There are many solutions to these problems and we hope that you will get some ideas from the contents here, and we hope that you will share your own ideas with us.

We love to live in St John and feel privileged to have such a lovely country Parish and supportive community to live in.

There is much that we can do individually to tackle climate change and support the wildlife that makes our island so beautiful. However, when we act together, as a community, we can achieve so much more.

Sharing our thoughts and ideas, as well as re-using, recycling and passing on un-wanted items can all help to reduce waste and our impact on our planet. We look forward to the day when we can



say that St John is a sustainable community of people who look after and help each other to become the best that we can be. St John's Climate Group are liaising with similar groups in other Parishes. We hope that the Parishes can share initiatives and learn from each other's successes and failures, in order to develop solutions which will work for everyone. We aim to develop a website, linked to the Parish of St John website, on which we will continue to post thoughts and ideas, and which we hope will become a hub of sustainability in the Parish.

We hope that you enjoy reading the ideas in these pages and that you are inspired to do even more to help protect our Parish, our community, our island and our planet.

If you are interested in the work of the climate change group, or if you have any more ideas about what we and the community of St John can do, then please get in touch with us via the Parish Hall.

John Pinel

Community Wood

The Parish of St John propose to create a community woodland, comprising an area of native trees and shrubs, an area of orchard with fruit and nut trees and an area of arboretum with standard and exotic trees. The whole area to be provided with footpaths to provide public access, together with a covered seating area for use during inclement weather.

The proposed field where the community woodland would be planted is less than 500 metres from the centre of the village of St John and is well connected to the parish church, parish hall and shopping precinct by a pedestrian pavement running along La Route du Nord.

The location is opposite L'Auberge du Nord, providing visitors to the site with a pub and restaurant and across the road to the north, the parking area at La Perruque hosts a mobile catering van during the summer months.

The dramatic and popular, north coast cliffpath runs just across the road to the north of site, ensuring that the proposed woodland can be linked to a wider network of pedestrian paths extending the length of the north coast of Jersey.

The community woodland will be a project for the whole Parish, with the aim to involve local groups and individuals closely in interpretation, design and planting.

A community woodland in this location will provide Parishioners and walkers with a lovely environment to

engage with nature. Planting a wide variety of trees will enhance people's health and wellbeing. It will enhance opportunities for wildlife and by improving the boundary features through hedge planting birds and other wildlife will be provided with a greatly improved habitat.

The fruit and nut trees will increase appreciation of where our food comes from and the seating area will afford views across the north coast, whilst watching wildlife thrive in the area.

There is very little impact as the only footprint, besides the trees, will be the construction of the covered seating area for people to shelter in during hot or rainy weather.

Tree planting is extremely important to address the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss. A community woodland will provide an education at the same time as providing an area of peace for relaxation.

The project will result in an area of community woodland that will be available to the public of Jersey forever. It will provide an area for quiet contemplation; a place to enhance people's wellbeing; a site to engage with nature and a place where fruit and nuts can be collected by children and adults, enhancing a connection with nature and our food.

It will provide a refuge for wildlife and the footpaths within the site, will connect to paths in the wider countryside, enabling healthy exercise.

We hope to be able to do a land swap and this will be put to a Parish Assembly in the summer, we have secured some funding for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and if we gain planning permission the aim is to start planting in November.



Hot Composting

Composting ingredients

Carbon-rich

Straw & seed trays at end of use
Dry corn & flower stalks
Shredded paper & cardboard
Small twigs
Dry Autumn leaves

Nitrogen-rich

Grass cuttings
Fruit & vegetable flower heads & scraps
Weeds that have not seeded
Coffee grounds & tea bags
Farm animal manure
Nettles, docks & dandelions
Bedding plants at end of season

The size of your compost bin, box or heap is very important when using this method. If too small a heap or pile, the compost will not heat up enough to begin the compost process. The construction could be as simple as heaping the materials on the ground, using a simple wire fence bin or a DIY build from pallet boards will make a good wooden bin

A recommended size for this method is 1m³ (ie 1m x1m x1m)

This size is more manageable for most gardeners. If possible, the heap should be placed in full sun, as any shade will cool it and slow the process down.

It is recommended to have all the composting materials ready when you start your build. With this method, the whole point is to get it to temperature quickly. For this to happen, you will need

a large amount of organic matter, along with the correct Carbon to Nitrogen ratio, is key to success. This ratio is essential to obtain the optimum microbial activity & for the heap to heat up as a by-product of their growth.

The ideal ratio is 25/1 of Carbon to Nitrogen materials.

Importantly, finely chop all materials, so that it helps to start the breakdown process as quickly as possible (It is possible to use a lawnmower over them several times to make it easier !)
I add a few shovelfuls of my old compost as an activator. Using this method, there is no requirement to use a commercial activator. Mix the ingredients together with water, so that it is evenly moist and let it steep.

The two keys to success with this hot composting technique, are temperature/moisture monitoring & turning the heap regularly. The best temperature for microbial activity is between 130-140oF. This can be measured either by hand, or with a soil thermometer (If it is uncomfortable to the touch, then it is probably about right !)

This temperature is also hot enough to kill weeds & seeds, along with any harmful bacteria present in the heap. Once the temperature drops below 130oF, it's time to turn the pile. This process aerates the compost & will activate further microbial activity.

Always keep an adequate amount of moisture in the pile, but cover the top with a plastic cover to keep the heat in & the rain out. Turning regularly & maintaining a good temperature, you can expect to have a good, nutrient-rich compost in about 18 days (also called the Berkeley method)

Good Luck with your composting.

NEXT TIME:

Made from your garden: Liquid feed.

Why should we recycle?

There are a number of different reasons such as

- Reduce waste
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Conserve natural resources and wildlife
- Reduce landfill
- Reduce air pollution
- save energy
- save money
- support sustainability

If we all contribute in our own way by recycling as much as we can it may not seem a lot however, together we can make a huge difference.

So, what happens to St John's household recycling?

St John's kerbside recycling collections are sent to England to one of two companies contracted by the Government of Jersey to prepare and ship material to recycling companies in the UK. In 2021 Jersey sent the amounts show on the right:

So, how can we help?

St John's led recycling collections, starting in 2006, and now schemes operate across most of the other Parishes. This underpins the Government's aim to make recycling available to all Islanders and help us be more responsible for the waste we produce.

The graph shows the steady reduction in waste taken to the Energy Recovery Facility from St John's parishioners showing that we are playing our part in reducing the Islands waste and helping the environment in all the ways identified above, by ensuring that useful materials are not wasted, but are re-used over and over again.

Metal Packaging

Metals – 7,892 Tonnes to the UK.

The metal recycling facility at La Collette receives all metals collected. Here they are shipped to the UK where they are sorted by type and sold for processing into recycled metal products.

For example, aluminium cans can be recycled into more aluminium cans time after time.

Paper and Cardboard

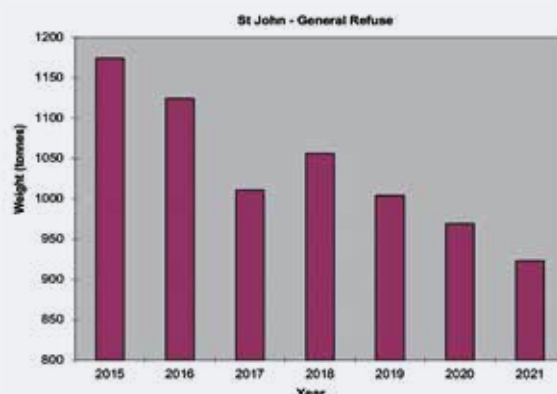
3,612 tonnes of card and 1,730 tonnes of paper were recycled.

The collected material was sent to processing plants in the UK where newspaper and pamphlets were turned back into newsprint paper whilst mixed paper and card was turned back into paper and cardboard products to make new packaging.

Plastic Bottles

Plastic Bottles - 136 tonnes were sent

Collected plastic bottles are sorted into PET and HDPE grades of plastic. The PET grades being processed into clear food packaging and the HDPE



Pollinator Patches

The Connétable of St John has provided three small areas to plant flowers as part of the Government of Jersey's 'Pollinator Project'. The areas are;

1. At the bus stop at Sion,
2. On Rue des Issues, between the Parish Hall and Marks & Spencer,
3. At Maison Le Vesconte

We hope once the flowers have grown, that you will enjoy them as much as the bees do!

With thanks to the Environment Department for the seed, to Hilary Jeune, Hendrik, Jakob, Sammie Gardner and John Pinel for planting and to James Bonney for preparing the ground.

An aerial photograph of a stone building, possibly a church or a small castle, situated on a grassy hill. The building has a red-tiled roof and a small tower. The surrounding area is lush green with some trees. The image is overlaid with a green geometric pattern in the top left and bottom right corners.

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How Rubis is broadening its sustainable efforts

By Nick Crolla, Head of Sales & Marketing at Rubis Channel Islands



Globally, substantial efforts are being made to improve energy efficiency, engine technology, electric vehicles, and to increase the uptake of biofuels to reduce the use of fossil fuels. We recognise that the choices we make around fuel and energy as a community play an important role in achieving climate goals for our Islands.



Reducing carbon emissions and offering alternatives to fossil fuel products with renewables and energy efficient solutions is at the heart of Rubis Channel Islands strategy since 2019. With a growing range of climate friendly products for vehicles, for homes and businesses, and for marine use, Rubis has been transitioning for last three years as a business and is committed to help improve the environment. We are already delivering solutions using multiple energy sources to make our Islands cleaner for tomorrow. From renewable fuels to solar power and super efficient technologies, we're driving change so we can have a healthier environment for generations to come.

For your vehicles

The first wave of Rubis' transition was more than three years ago, when we launched 100% renewable diesel - Rubis RD100 in the Channel Islands, and Sion Garage was the first garage in the British Isles as well as Europe to sell the new grade.

Made entirely from 100% renewable materials, the revolutionary fuel outperforms other biodiesels and fossil diesel and will cut global carbon emissions from diesel engines by up to 90% over its lifecycle. It is a drop in alternative to regular diesel, which is fully compatible with any existing diesel distribution infrastructure and diesel combustion engine, with no need for modifications to make the switch.

Since the launch, there has been a lot of demand especially from businesses using commercial vehicles to promote behavioural change within the organisation, that made them switch to renewable diesel. Woodside Logistics & 4Hire were the first to make the switch to RD100, with many other organisations starting to trial the product including The Jersey Royal Company and States of Jersey. For drivers of diesel vehicles, this fantastic alternative fuel is also available at selected forecourts - First Tower and Falles Airport, besides Sion Garage.

For your homes and businesses

After the success with renewable diesel, we also introduced an immediate solution to reduce carbon emissions for oil-heated households and businesses in the Channel Islands in 2021 – a 100% renewable heating oil under the name EcoHeat100.

We believe if a customer wants to be carbon neutral they should have a choice between energy providers and not have to spend thousands of pounds on a new heating system. EcoHeat100 enables heating oil customers to do just that – switch their fuel rather than their entire heating system. Whilst EcoHeat100 is slightly more expensive than traditional heating oil, for those looking to switch to other electricity to be more environmentally conscious, EcoHeat100 is a cost effective option in comparison to installing a new electric heating system.

At Group level, Rubis has recently announced a strategic acquisition of French solar energy firm Photosol to accelerate the transition to renewable energies and decarbonation. In Jersey, we carried out our first solar PV installation in 2021 and are now moving to develop this offering since the announcement.

Rubis is evolving as a business and leading the liquid hydrocarbon transition locally. Our focus is on providing the most advanced products and solutions to aid the energy transition in the Channel Islands.

Wildlife Gardening

We like to think that we own our gardens, but really, how much time do we spend there? Gardens are truly owned by the birds, the bees, the shrews and the voles, the insects, beetles and a whole host of creatures that we may be blithely unaware of, but which all make their homes in our gardens.

Gardens are increasingly important for our Island's wildlife, so, if you haven't tried yet, why not try some wildlife gardening?



OPEN DAYS

By all means share your garden with other people, but most importantly connect your garden to the wider world. A 15 cm x 15cm hole at ground level in your wall or fence will allow hedgehogs to access your garden. Hedgehogs roam widely and they will spend some time in your garden when they do their rounds of the neighbourhood if they are able to get in. Such a small hole will not enable dogs to enter and a cat doesn't need a hole to get almost anywhere, so a 15cm x 15cm hole will not cause any harm, but may open up your garden to the delight of an evening's hog watching.

FLOWERS

Gardens provide flowers throughout the year, extending the opportunity for creatures which eat pollen and nectar to forage from season to season, especially during spring and autumn.



It doesn't really matter what you plant, something will find a way to feed from it. Some plants are better than others for attracting different species, so if you'd like more butterflies in your garden, go to the website for the Butterfly Conservation Trust and plant some of the things they recommend.

Almost all of the first plants to flower each year are wildflowers, providing nectar to those early bees and butterflies which wake up from their winter hibernation on sunny spring days, so allow a few weeds to flourish too.



LAWNS

We all love a good lawn, but many of us don't seem to want to tolerate weeds. Weeds, or wildflowers, are the gardener's friend. They attract a host of insects, many of them beneficial to your garden; Bees; beetles and hoverflies will all be attracted to your wildflowers and they in turn will hunt many of the pests which would otherwise be eating your favourite plants.

Buttercups, dandelions, and daisies can all flourish in a lawn, and will help keep it green in summer. A little clover feeds the lawn, keeping it healthy. If you have a large lawn, there is no need to feed, water and pour weed killer on it. Learn to tolerate a few weeds and your lawn will look so much better.

If you have a small lawn, the weeds can become a little aggressive, but 10 minutes hand weeding will keep them under control. If your weeding has left a few bare patches, a pinch of grass seed mixed with a handful of compost will quickly fill those holes. Or use the grass that you weed out from your flower beds. Simply drop any spare grasses in the hole in the lawn and stamp on it. Grass is remarkably hardy and with a drop of water the bare patch will soon disappear.

If you do need to mow, try raising the height of the mower a little. A lawn cut at over 5cm is much more hardy than a shorter lawn, will withstand summer drought better and will provide more cover for the beetles and other beasties which feed on your insect pests.

If you have the space, leave some patches un-mown. Long grass will harbour all sorts of wildlife and may encourage hedgehogs and other animals into your garden.



PONDS

One of the best things that you can do for wildlife in your garden is to provide a pond. A pond can be anything in size from a washing-up bowl to a lake or anything in-between. Even a tiny pond provides hedgehogs somewhere to drink and the birds, a bath.

If your pond is small, it is best to locate it in the shade to keep the water cool. If it is in sunshine, even for part of the day, it is best to have a pond as deep as possible, certainly a metre deep at the minimum, otherwise it may warm up and you will get blooms of algae and the conditions will not be stable enough for a range of wildlife.



Your pond will provide conditions for a host of small water insects, including dragonflies and damselflies. If you live in areas where

amphibians still survive, you may be treated to toad spawn and tadpoles, and almost any pond will quickly be colonised by newts, those lovely lizard-like creatures that provide so much entertainment as you shine a torch into the pond at night.

Every pond must have an area of gently sloping shoreline so that any creature that falls in can climb back out again. If you have a pond with steep sides, try making a small pile of stones in one corner. This will not only create hidey-holes for small insects to take refuge in, but also provide a simple escape route for any hedgehog who tumbles into the water.

There are many natural history websites which provide information on the best way to build a pond, or you could get in touch with the Parish Hall and someone from the St John Climate Group would be happy to give you some advice.



FINALLY

A few things to remember to ensure that your wildlife garden provides the best conditions possible for our native species include, not being too tidy. Try to leave old seed heads and dead vegetation as long as possible before cutting them back and tidying them away. If a garden tidy-up can be left until spring, you will provide lots of beneficial insects the opportunity to over-winter in your garden.

Before cutting back vegetation, always check it first. Hedgehogs don't run away from disturbance, but just curl up in a ball. Many hedgehogs, slow worms, toads and other animals get badly cut every year from people using tools to cut back vegetation before checking the area.

When you do cut things down, try to compost everything. A compost heap is an excellent addition to a garden providing a resource for worms and other invertebrates and in turn a food source for small mammals, as well as a great source of soil improver for your soil.

If you don't have the space or the inclination to compost, then all of those cuttings can be simply hidden in small piles behind shrubs and bushes where they will be out of sight. These small piles will provide excellent cover for beneficial insects and will save you a trip to the La Collette compost site.

Lastly and most simply, never use poisonous chemicals in a wildlife garden. There are many ways to deal with pests and unwanted wildflowers try the Royal Horticultural Society website or the Pesticide Action Network for ideas.

We hope that you enjoy your wildlife gardens and look forward to hearing your ideas on what works in your garden.

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"Ronez have been measuring and reporting the carbon emissions associated with their operations since 2019 and have bold targets to continue to reduce their carbon footprint. Managing Director, Mike Osborne, explains some of the work being done at the north coast quarry"

Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction at Ronez Quarry

The Ronez quarry, wrapped around Ronez Point, has been supplying Jersey's need for construction materials for over 150 years and is an established feature of the Parish that evokes mixed feelings.

On one extreme the site is viewed as a cause of damage to the natural environment. For others it is a "necessary evil" that provides the materials for the facilities that we take for granted, such as roads, houses, schools, places of work, recreation and perhaps Our Hospital.

A third point of view is best understood from inside the Ronez fence, to get a glimpse of the opportunity that the working quarry presents for environmental improvement. This comes about through ever improving operating practices, the pursuit of biodiversity net gain, and from the contribution that innovation in low carbon construction materials makes to solving the climate emergency.

The quarry is a surprisingly neutral habitat, largely free of predators and invasive species. There is a thriving colony of seabirds and the reintroduction of the red billed chough to Jersey would not have been so successful if the birds had not chosen to nest in the quarry.

The consent to extend the quarry required Ronez to demonstrate biodiversity gain in many areas. We are planting trees and hedges, and we have redesigned our water management so that all our water is recovered from a stream that previously ran out to sea.

Creatures were trapped at Sorel and have been relocated to land at Sorel Farm, where improved habitat has been created. This habitat will be managed so that the intervention will enhance the prospects for species compared to where they came from. The dreadful Japanese knotweed is being stripped and buried deep in the quarry, helping rid Sorel Point of this problem.

Our greatest contribution to the climate emergency is coming from changes in the materials from which we, as a society, construct our "built Environment". Our mission is to have low carbon alternatives for all our products by 2025, and we are well on the way. Cement has very high "embedded carbon" due to the energy used in its manufacture. Ronez already use alternative cement called ground blast furnace slag but having pushed the pace of our R&D work, we are increasing the amount of this recycled product in all of our concrete and blocks. The reduction in our carbon footprint will be measured in thousands of tonnes of equivalent carbon dioxide every year. That represents what could be done by a lot of trees!

Other developments include low temperature asphalt and fibre reinforced concrete, which reduces the need for steel in concrete, another product that uses huge amounts of energy to produce and ship to the Island.

Our construction clients must now start to specify low carbon products, which will use solar power from our site in their production, and together we will make a very significant contribution to easing the climate emergency.





Honesty Boxes

Did you know we have approximately 14 honesty boxes in and around St John (and those are only the ones we have found so far!) including a few on the borders of the parish? We think that's pretty impressive in such a small area, so a big thank you to all those who have created these amazing mini local roadside shops for the community to enjoy and support!

You can purchase anything from wood, kindling, eggs, plants such as flowers, fruit and vegetable seedlings right through to fruit and vegetables themselves and not to mention some of the homemade goodies such as cakes, jams and chutneys etc. that are often available.

Payment options can vary between cash and cashless options such as PayPal and Revolut.

There are many positives to be gained from supporting and purchasing from our local honesty boxes, to name but a few:

- Less packaging – produce purchased from honesty boxes are often loose and free from packaging or provided in reused / recycled jars or egg boxes etc. thus creating less waste. Produce bought from the general grocery store often includes packaging that may not be recyclable resulting in increased waste.
- Support local – by purchasing from honesty boxes, you are supporting local farmers, producers and suppliers which is vital and helps create a circular economy whilst keeping money on island.
- Consuming seasonal produce – when purchasing from honesty boxes, you'll be purchasing seasonal produce which often means



the taste, freshness and nutrition are much improved. In addition, it means the produce has only had to travel a short distance which reduces the impact on the environment in terms of transportation. Non-seasonal produce will have been shipped from much further afield resulting in a much higher carbon footprint as well as the produce having to be transported through various temperatures and conditions which can impact on the overall quality and nutrition of the produce.

So ... with all these amazing benefits for both you, the producers, the community and the environment, why not challenge yourself to use our local honesty boxes more often!

If you know of any honesty boxes that aren't currently listed on this map, please get in touch with the climate group by emailing parishhall@stjohn.je to let us know so we can add it.

Once our climate group website is up and running, we will include an interactive map so you can browse all up-to-date honesty boxes in and around the parish.

Share, Reuse and Borrow with OLIO



It will soon be five years since Elis Joudalova brought the leading free-sharing app OLIO to Jersey, and what a fantastic journey and island-wide community effort it has been.

There are almost 14,000 OLIO users now in Jersey, dozens of highly dedicated volunteers, and many forward-thinking businesses (Co-op, Alliance, Cimandic, etc.) who are collectively trying to prevent unnecessary food (and non-food) waste by stopping unwanted or unused items from heading to landfill.

If you haven't heard of OLIO, it's a global community sharing app that allows individuals and businesses to list unwanted or surplus food and other non-food items for free, giving people in their local community the opportunity to collect and make use of it before it heads to the bin.

This means you can pick up food on the app that is perfectly safe to eat, but would otherwise go to waste. Users can also share and collect a huge range of other household items like toys, books, clothes and gardening tools - anything you can imagine really! OLIO is a brilliant tool for living a more sustainable lifestyle and helping protect our planet.

- OLIO has 5.8 million community members worldwide, with just under half of these based in the UK.
- Since launch, OLIOers have shared 50 million portions of food, which has had an environmental impact equivalent to taking 150 million car miles off the road. It has also saved 7.3 billion litres of water and has prevented 45k tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions.

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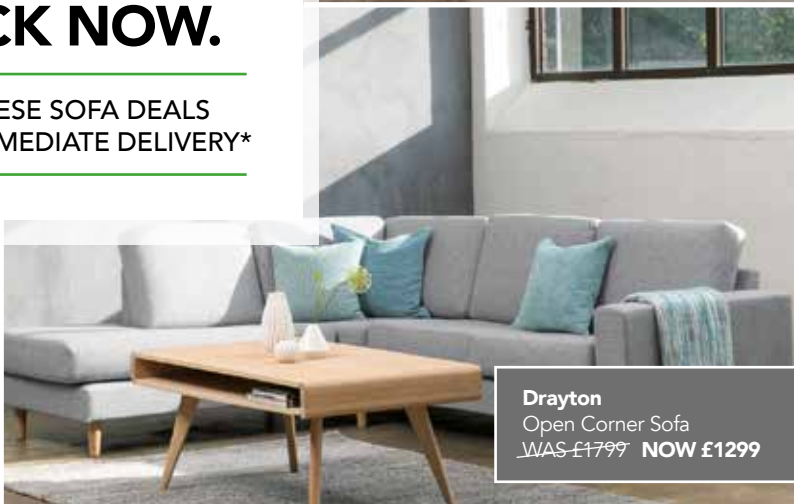


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Jersey Hedgehog Survey 2022

You may have read of the concerns over the decline of hedgehog numbers in Britain, with numbers allegedly falling by up to 30% in urban areas and 50% in rural areas over the last 20 years. This has led to one of Britain's best loved mammals being listed as "Vulnerable" on Britain's red list of mammals.

The Jersey Hedgehog Preservation Group is concerned that a similar decline is taking place in Jersey and as such we are asking the public of Jersey to record any sightings of hedgehogs, dead or alive, through an online survey which will be available between the end of April and end of November 2022. Previous surveys were carried out in 2007 and 2012 and this survey will help to ascertain whether numbers have declined significantly over the last 10 years.

While we do not hypothesise on the reason for falling numbers it is obvious from other wildlife surveys that loss of habitat from building work and farming practices, increased traffic, pesticides, and even the trend for low maintenance gardens could all contribute to the decline. Strangely, despite the increase in traffic on the island, there appear to be fewer flattened hogs around this year, but this may be a result of declining numbers rather than the hogs gaining road sense at last.

The Jersey Hedgehog Survey requests information on location, numbers seen together and frequency of sightings. We also want negative replies. Perhaps you used to see hedgehogs, but have not seen any for some years. Please let us know.

In the meantime, if you want to help our cute spiny friends to thrive, there are some simple things you can do to make your garden hedgehog friendly.

Make sure they can get in and out of your garden by providing a 13cm hole in your fence, gate or wall, as they like to travel, sometimes up to a couple of miles each night before coming back to their nest.

Place bowls of clean fresh water on the ground, or if you have a pond, make sure there is a shallow area that will allow a hedgehog that falls in to climb back out. They are good at climbing, and swimming, indeed one was rescued by a passing boat while determinedly swimming out to sea! However, they need something to grip on to in order to get back out of the water like a rough piece of wood or some chicken wire. If you have a swimming pool, some rigid plastic mesh placed over the edge can be used as an escape ladder.

Take care with trimmers and mowers and please check for hedgehogs before starting work. If you have nets over ponds or fruit trees raise it 13cm off the ground or peg it down securely, spines have a habit of becoming entwined in netting! Check bonfires before lighting – remember a hedgehog's defence mechanism is to roll into a ball rather than run away from danger like most other animals.

If you wish to feed your visiting hogs, small size dog or cat biscuits (or crushed up larger biscuits), will be gratefully received,

and work out much less expensive than "hedgehog food" which can contain mealworm, sunflower seeds or peanuts which can give them brittle bones and are best avoided.

If possible, cover the food with a box which allows hedgehogs in, but not the gulls, and neighbourhood cats, or in my case a limbo dancing dog! All you need is a plastic storage box with a 13cm hole cut in one end, and place a brick inside 13 cm from the entrance which the hog can walk around, but deters other visitors.

Hedgehogs generally move around at night, not because they are concerned about predators, but because that is when their food supplies are around (earthworms, slugs, snails, beetles to name a few). (For UK hedgehogs badgers are a significant predator, something which does not concern our Jersey hogs of course). Hedgehogs are a nicer way to garden organically and far less destructive to our wildlife than awful slug pellets.

Finally, if you see a hedgehog out and about during the day it may be sick or injured and need help. However, if it is a large hedgehog walking with purpose in the daytime, maybe carrying leaves or grass in her mouth then it will be a mother with youngsters nearby and the babies will die if you remove her. For immediate advice contact the Hedgehog Preservation Group by e-mail: jerseyhedgehogs@hotmail.co.uk, or telephone 01534 734340.

If you wish to participate in the Jersey Hedgehog Distribution Survey 2022, please go to:



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Thank you in advance for your help

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Have you made a Will yet? If you have, well done, but please do read on. If you have not made a Will, it is advisable for you to do so, as then your relatives will know what your wishes are and it will avoid any confusion. I appeal to all you parishioners to sincerely consider leaving a bequest to St. John's Parish Church or adding a codicil if you already have a will, with a view to promoting church and community in St. John? The church is able to provide a template free of charge or I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

We appreciate and sincerely thank the Municipality for the support received in respect of the maintenance of the fabric of the building. However, there are many other costs to do with running the church and ensuring that we have a Rector to serve us. It costs a substantial amount to have the Church available for weddings, christenings and funerals, money which the congregation has to find each year.

We have to pay £50,000 parish share to the Jersey Deanery each year. This payment is to resource the Anglican Church in the Island, from which the stipendiary clergy are paid, contributions are made towards the training of clergy, pension provisions and other costs associated with supporting ministry in Jersey. Although the church is a charity it is run the same as a small business and therefore incurs all the usual running costs of a small business and these add up to approximately £22,000 each year. So a substantial amount has to be found and therefore leaves very little over with which to promote youth work, help the elderly or any other project in the parish.

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful church which stands in the middle of the village and hopefully is a reassuring presence in all our lives. Whether you have never been to church or have not been for many years, I invite you to St. John's Church where you will receive a warm welcome.

8:00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns and songs followed by refreshments
9.30am On the 1st Sunday every month the Little Oaks Sunday Club for 3-11 year olds meet in church and then enjoy a Bible story with fun and crafts in the vestry.

There is also a quiet area at the back of church with room for toddlers to play.

The service can also be viewed on St. John's Church Facebook live.

So, if you would like to support your local church, please do consider leaving a legacy in your will to St. John's Parish Church.

Beryl Vautier
 Church Treasurer.

News from St John's WOMEN INSTITUTE

On the 2nd April St John's woman's institute helped to serve lent lunch in the parish hall, this event was well supported by the members, we were kindly donated soup from St Johns inn, Les Fontaine and The Farmhouse. The hall was filled with parishioners enjoying soup, cheese and biscuits. Although a busy day we were delighted to support the church in the fundraising for Christian aid DEC Ukraine Crisis Appeal and St John Parish Church.



Hilary Jeune came to our April meeting she gave us an informative talk about her plans to be a candidate for Deputy for St John, Trinity, St Lawrence.

Our evening continued with Easter egg decorating and the most beautiful display of Easter bonnets made by our very talented ladies, our evening ended with lots of home-made cake.



We would like to welcome any ladies to our WI, we meet at the parish hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 19:30.

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Jerriais

By Sarah Grigson

Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook and other social media platforms provide a constant flow of gossip and chatter for many people today but, whilst the method of delivery may have changed, Jersey people have always loved a good chinwag and there's plenty of vocab in Jèrriais to reflect that. So, whether you're wearing out your thumbs messaging on your phone or just having a good old natter in the village, try and drop some of these words or phrases into your chat to add a touch of local authenticity.

Bagoulage – gossip

Niolîn – twaddle or bunkum

Rouspéter – to grumble

Paûtchi san nez – to poke your nose in

Faithe du flianné – to chat idly

Un poutchie d'vent – a bag of wind

Futh'teux – a nosy Parker

Caqu'ter – to chat

Fliûter – to tell tall tales

Badlabecque – a chatterbox or gossip

Envyer des piques – to make sarcastic remarks

Or, if you're being trolled on social media, try and throw in one of these phrases...

Il a un grand' goule – he has a big mouth

Oulle a la langue bein pendu – she gossips a lot (literally her tongue is well hung)

Tu'es à baver – you're talking nonsense

Tu'es si niaûminne – you're so gullible

Finally, my favourite phrase to describe a man chatting: **Il est à s'câsser les guélesses** – which literally translates as he's breaking his braces. It brings to mind farmers of days past, standing around with their thumbs looped in their braces as they shoot the breeze with friends.

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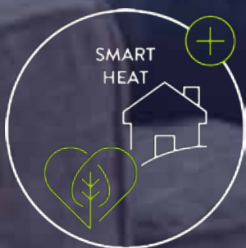
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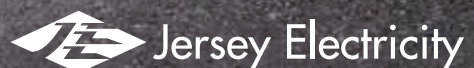
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FIRST TEAM

The First Team are currently heading to a mid-table finish. What started off at a canter, had a mid-season dip, but we finished the season with some very good performances and character to finish well.

BIG SHOUT OUTS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Jack Hardisty	13 appearances, 6 goals and 8 assists
Rob Howe	14 appearances, 4 goals and 5 assists
Adrian Huet	13 appearances, 4 goals and 1 assist
Zac Traynor	(left back) – 20 appearances and 2 goals
Joe Mckenna	18 appearances and 2 goals.

Finally, we need to appreciate that although we are not the highest goal scorers in the league we have had a impressive mix of goal scorers for the first team this year, including:

Steve, Casey, Traynor, Clayts, Dan D, Zac B, Sam, Mckenna, Hendo, Seb, Jack, Rob, Ade, Jeremy, Will, Finlay, Jason, Giles, Manuel.

RESERVE TEAM

St John's FC reserves have had a tough season full of transition. The team have integrated a new generation of players. The experience of their first season will be invaluable going forward hopefully to a successful 2022/23 season. The team has shown promising glimpses of what they are capable of during the year including a hard fought 2-2 draw against a team in the league above and a 5-4 victory away to JTC Jersey Wanderers.

CTEAM

It was the first season back for this squad since they played U16 at St John many years ago, this current squad was born from a chance meeting at L'Auberge in spring 2021. With CJ Hughes, Corey Bisson and Bastien Hamon-Cole at the helm and Nigel



The C team celebrating reaching the semi-final of the JFA bowl after defeating Wanderers Reserves AET



Perree managing from the sidelines it was a fantastic first season, coming second in the league. The season highlight was reaching the semi-final of the JFA Bowl, playing two divisions above their league. Special mention to Tom Mollet who led the league with 19 assists, plus 9 goals. Other mentions of note, Island cricketer Jonty Jenner with 12 goals and 9 assists and Harrison Jukes with 11 goals and 4 assists in just 10 appearances.

WALKING FOOTBALL

It was always going to be difficult to follow the "Invincibles" winning the inaugural League title in 2020-21. Finishing a very credible third in what Management view as a transition season was an excellent performance. The most pleasing aspect the season has been the outstanding performances of the three new signings who all had incredible debutant seasons. Two further signings at the close of season and the new ruling for all players to be over 45, should see St John's WF team mounting a major challenge for league honours next season.





MEDCALF HITS THE BIG 50

Daniel Medcalf (not his Dad John - the current assistant manager of the First team) has achieved a fantastic milestone having played in 50 consecutive games for the First team.

Dan returned to the club on 7th December 2019 from a short stint at St Peters FC. He was looking for regular first team football and he certainly achieved that. He played against St Ouens reserves and we won 2-0. Interestingly on Saturday 16th April 2022 we hosted St Ouens reserves again, and Dan was in between the sticks again as we won 1-0 and it was his 50th consecutive game and he was captain for the day.

Jamie Clayton, Casey Newton and Joe Mckenna of the current playing squad played in that game alongside Dan.

For a young player to achieve this stat is amazing whereas other players have missed games for a variety of reasons, Dan has been there week in, week out, come rain or shine. Great commitment from a great keeper.



PHIL WHEATLEY HITS 24

This season's top scorer was Phil Wheatley knocking in an amazing 24 goals in 18 matches for the C team. Phil had one four goal match, two hat tricks and several two goal games. I heard that his manager has set him a target of 30 for next season!

ANDY MOON STEPS DOWN

After two years as First Team manager, Andy Moon is stepping down from his position, however we are really fortunate that he has chosen to stay with the club. Winner of the Elizabeth Trophy for dedication to the club for the last two years, his commitment and energy have kept everyone motivated. An expert coach, Andy has continued to challenge the lads and has continued to get commitment from his players. Andy has also given tremendous support on the admin side.

THANK YOU'S

I would like to give a big thank you to all those volunteers who have helped this season. Andy Moon, Paul Cottillard and Barry Hardisty from the Executive Committee, John Medcalf, First Team coach, Matt Allo, Chris Duncan, Charlie Balcome and Alex Huelin for management of the Reserves and Corey Bisson and Bastien Hamon-Cole, managing the C Team.

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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.

We marked the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday at the beginning of March with a service of Holy Communion and Ashing. During Lent we ran a Lent course that was well-attended, based on the Hope Explored material. The Hour at the Cross service on Good Friday was a moving reflection on a selection of works of art. Easter Day services were joyful as we celebrated the risen Jesus. The church was beautifully decorated and the children decorated Easter baskets and had an Easter egg hunt in the church grounds. We also welcomed KS2 children from St John's Primary School to church for their Easter service.



Coffee and croissants morning continued on third Tuesday of the month, a great time of chatting over a cuppa and a croissant. The next ones are on 10am-11.30am 17th May and 21st June.

During Lent we held three Lent lunches of soup, bread, cheese and crackers in the Parish Hall and received well over £1000 in donations to be shared between St John's Church and the Christian Aid DEC Ukraine Crisis Appeal. This year St John's Women Institute provided the team for the final lunch and did a fantastic job!





The Men's breakfasts have proved popular with the group enjoying a full fry at the Prince of Wales Hotel, in Greve de Lecq, look for details of the next one coming up, usually 9am on a Saturday,

I am delighted that we are able to re-start the monthly craft morning. Katie Brittain is leading the 'Anything goes crafts' group on the last Saturday of the month in the Vestry. The next ones are 10am-12noon 28th May and 25th June. Bring along a craft or project you're working on or come along and try something new and have a cuppa and a biscuit.



Heather Woods and team started a monthly praise and worship service at Cheval Roc nursing home at the end of March which was much appreciated by the residents and we look forward to developing this ministry.



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.

The church and community Quiz and Supper evening on 9th April was great fun, with questions set by Beryl and a delicious supper. Congratulations to the winning team from the St Lawrence Ladies' Action Group and a fun evening was had by all!



It has been great to welcome the St John's Brownies and Manton Scouts to church recently to have a go at bellringing and find out more about the church.

After a joyful service of thanksgiving for Liberation on 8th May, we look forward to thanking God for the Queen as she celebrates her Platinum Jubilee in our service at 9.30am on Sunday 5th June.

Date for your diary:

10.30am Sunday 3rd July 2022

Sea Sunday service on Bonne Nuit pier and blessing of the boats.

Join us for a Church & Community Harvest Supper and cabaret evening on Saturday 1st October 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.

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

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Mr Dene Cassin (Royal Hampshire Regiment Veteran)

On Saturday 30th April 2022, Veterans of the Royal Hampshire Regiment and Minden Club (Jersey) held a parade and service at the St John's cenotaph to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Drummer Colin Clifford, Z company, 1st Bn The Royal Hampshire Regiment being killed in a bomb explosion whilst on foot patrol near the border in County Fermanagh, N. Ireland on April 30th 1982.

Some 25 Veterans were on parade including 6 Veterans from the UK that were serving in Colin's platoon at the time, also in attendance as dignitaries were the Connettable of St John Mr Andy Jehan, Brigadier Bruce and Christine Willing C.B.E. and Colin's Mother Mrs Dorothy Parete, with other family and friends also in attendance.

The service and parade commenced at midday with an opening address by Veteran Mr Dene Cassin on behalf of Colin's comrades and family, this was followed by a short but very poignant and appropriate service by the Reverend Beverley Sproats, the last post and reveille was then sounded by the Bugler from the band of the island of Jersey that was in attendance with a drummer whom had with him the Colin Clifford memorial drum which was presented to the band some years ago by the Royal Hampshire Comrades Association and Minden Club (Jersey).

A regimental wreath was then laid at the Cenotaph by Brigadier Willing C.B.E. followed by a march past and salute.

Everyone then moved to the cemetery for a short graveside service at Colin's grave by the Reverend Beverley Sproats, further wreaths and flowers were laid and time of quiet reflection was observed by everyone.

Finally a Vin d'Honneur was held for everyone in the Parish Hall, a fitting end to the parade and service.

As at the time of writing this article can I again take this opportunity in thanking the Connettable, his parish hall staff, the Reverend Beverley Sproats and the St John's Honorary Police for enabling this event to take place and run as smooth as it did.



Cyril Holmes

On 8th May the parish and Holmes family remembered Cyril Holmes whose name had been put on the Cenotaph. Cyril lost his life in the North Atlantic in 1942 when his ship was torpedoed. The dedication at the Cenotaph followed a service in Church where Cyril was remembered.



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JUNE

- 22nd General Election Polling Day (Connétable & Deputy)
28th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall
29th Golden Age Lunch leave Parish Hall at 12pm

JULY

- 7th Branchage
12th St John WI – Bowls at Grainville 14:00
17th JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel (Practice)
20th Rates Main Assembly
24th JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel (Practice)
26th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall
27th Golden Age Afternoon Tea, leave parish hall at 2:30pm

AUGUST

- 7th JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel (Practice)
9th St John WI – Visit to Hamptonne
30th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall
31st Golden Age – Speaker from Jersey Zoo

W! all ladies welcome to join – see contact below

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