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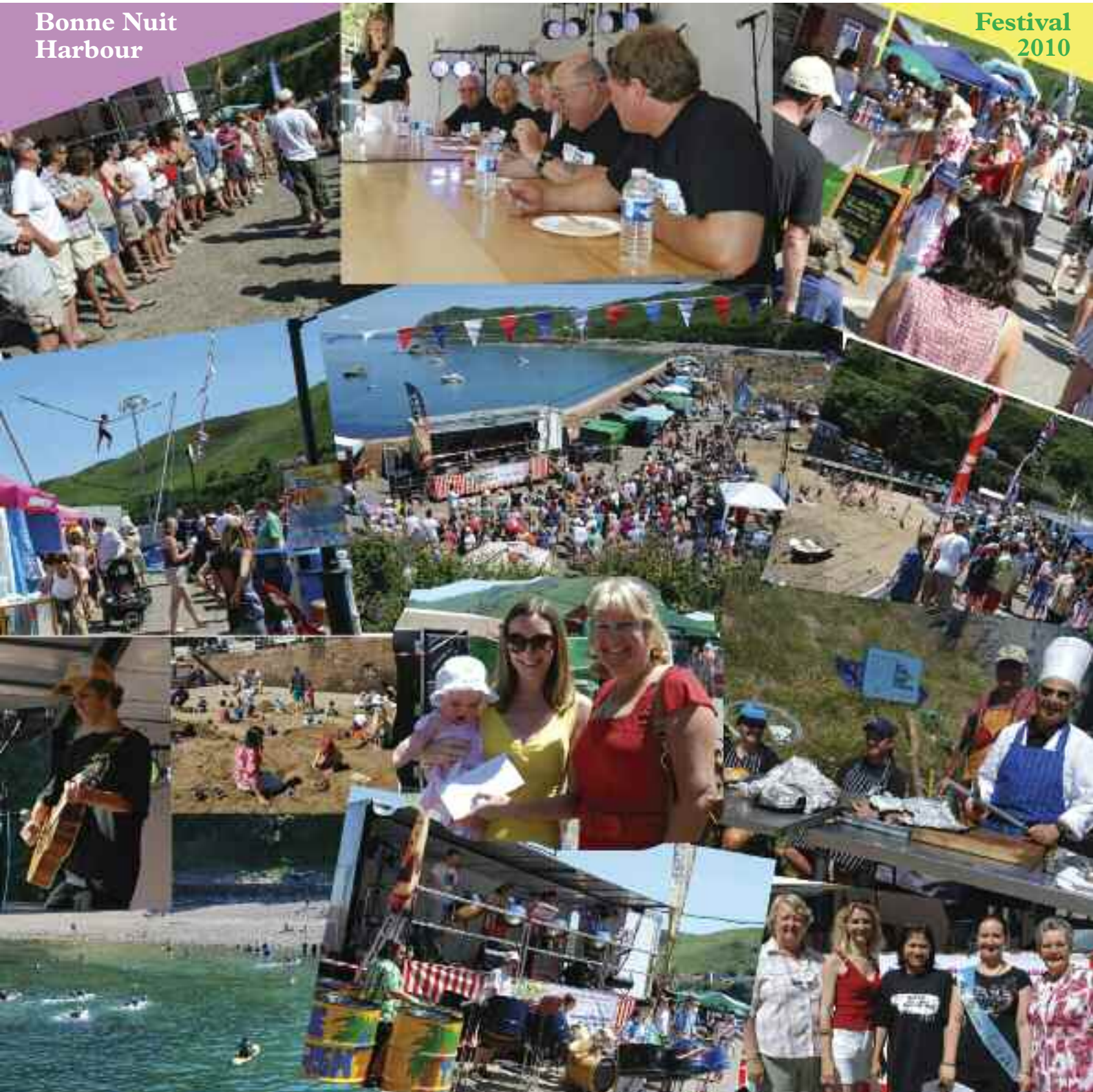
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**Bonne Nuit
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Editorial

ICE springs to mind as I write this on a hot day, for this varied edition, brought to you by 25 individual writers, seeks to **I**nform, **C**elebrate and **E**ntertain. From Bonne Nuit to China, from archery to the Women's Refuge and from Brownies to icons, there should be something of interest to all readers.

As usual, a strong parish spirit is evident. The Liberation 65 celebrations and the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival were enjoyed by many – because many worked extremely hard to plan and run these events. St John is blessed with so many parishioners willing to put themselves out for the community. Young parishioners are playing their part too in working to raise funds for the Skateboard Park. Their work, and the enjoyment derived from such community effort, is captured in the picture on the back cover.

Copy deadline for the December edition is November 8th

Do you have a view to express or a story to tell? If so, please get in touch. If you don't want to write it yourself, just ask for Scribbles – the editorial team's friendly ghost writer.

Former parishioners – or in fact anyone who is interested in Star of the North – can receive copies by post. One year's subscription (three editions) costs £6. We have raised the charge in line with increased postal costs...

I end with thanks to all who write for and deliver this magazine. The support and enthusiasm of all members of the editorial team is invaluable in generating ideas, interviewing and writing, visiting advertisers, helping with layout and proof-reading, and organising the distribution team. Hidden talents are being discovered too – the photo montage on the cover was done by Richard Dupré.

Finally – please support our advertisers. Star would fade without them.

Angela Le Sueur, Editor

Over two thousand people visited the second Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival, held in our glorious weather, on Saturday 26th June. The sun shone throughout the

day and the smiles on the faces of those attending reflected the fun that was had.

The school superhero carnival procession, which opened the event, brought a kaleidoscope of colours into the arena. The Les Quennevais School Steel band played the sound of the sun. The traditional harbour festival competitions were well supported by enthusiastic participants all eager to be crowned Bonny Baby; Mr Knobbly Knees or Miss Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival 2010. The Tucker Trial, with the Chief Minister and others enthusiastically tucking into an usual meal of oysters, prawns in ice-cream, chocolate covered ants and small chocolate cakes with chilli topping, was a wonderful spectacle. The Jersey Long Distance swimming club setting a new record of 21 minutes 27 seconds, for the first ever official swim around Cheval Rock, was a great achievement. The headline band, the Pioneers, closing the day with classic tracks to dance to. All in all a great day, in the sun, in St John.

The festival could not have run smoothly without the support and hard work of so many groups from within the community of St John. The Festival committee, therefore, give hearty thanks to the magazine distributors for delivering the publicity flyers to every home in St John; the Bonne Nuit Boat Owners for their efforts in preparing the arena and tidying up after the event closed; the skateboarders for running the car park; the Honorary Police of St John and neighbouring parishes for ensuring safety on the roads; the ladies of the WI for looking after the gate; the church congregation for serving teas and coffees; and the School PTA for organising games on the beach and to all the other individuals who contributed to the success of this year's festival.

Thanks are also extended to Ronez and the Parish of St John, the major sponsors of the event; to L. C. Pallot and Farm Fresh Organics for sponsoring the flyers and raffle tickets respectively; and to all those who purchased raffle tickets. For the record, the winning numbers were:-

- First prize £1,000 ticket number - 256;
- Second prize £750 – 91;
- Third prize £250 – 150;
- Fourth prize £100 – 798;
- Fifth prize £100 – 1096;
- Sixth prize £100 – 1151;
- Seventh prize £100 – 386;
- Eighth prize £100 – 556.

Front cover pictures: clockwise from left to right:

- Participants line up for the Knobbly Knees competition. The knobbliest knees belonged to Gary Williams
- Sophie Bird, Channel TV weather girl, compèring the Tucker Trial
- Crowds along the pier browsing food and craft stalls
- Games on the beach run by the school PTA
- Alain Aoutin and team at the ox roast
- Miss Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival 2010 – Luminita Ciobanu

- Les Quennevais School Steel Band
- Jersey Aquatic Rescue Club lifesaving demonstration
- Jordan Delap, bus-stop busker, playing on the stage
- Fun in the air with Jersey Bungee

Centre group

- Crowds enjoying the Tucker Trial
- Bonnie Baby, Sebastian Carter, with mum, and judge Trudie de la Haye, Acting School Head
- Young sand-castle builders



DEAR PARISHIONERS

PARISH HALL

We are nearing completion of the work at the Parish hall and as I write this article, carpets are being laid, the lift installed, and wiring and plumbing are being tested. The job has been trying to say the least; dealing with SSI listed buildings is always difficult. If it were possible it would have been easier to demolish completely and start from the ground up. We went out to tender and the lowest tender was approx £560,000 and in addition to that there is approx £80,000 of fees for architects, surveyors, quantity surveyors etc.

We hit major problems within days of starting the work when a digger went around the rear of the building and sank through the tarmac. When digging out we found that there was a significant amount of 'cow belly' blancmange-type earth. We found that there were several foul water drainage pipes broken at the rear of the school house. All of this has added to the cost, but more significantly, to the time delay. As we progressed through the job we found a number of areas that needed work and the decision was taken to do the work now as it would be significantly more expensive to have to strip out parts of the new build to solve areas of rot etc.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Over the last few years we have been experiencing significant problems with the damp and water ingress in the school house, so the Procurers and I took a decision to move Margret and Andy Myatt and family out so that we could investigate the problems further. The Housing Department was extremely helpful and relocated them to a 3-bed unit at Five Oaks.

We found that there were many leaks in the old pipe-work, and leaks from the verges on the roof. The worst problem was the fact that the external drains - had been leaking for many years and water had permeated under the floor into the property. All in all it was a mess. We have undertaken to reslate and insulate the roof and repaint the outside of the building. We are now doing some modernising on the electrics as well as replumbing the house, installing more efficient radiators and insulating the external walls.

Some of this will come at a cost not budgeted for in the 2009/2010 year and the rest will be in the budget for 2010/2011

LIBERATION DAY

I was extremely pleased that everybody seemed to have a great day on the 9th of May. It was a little cold but all in all a big success. I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the organising committee: Michel Larose, Carl Hinault, Richard and Rosemary Dupré, Reverend Andy Thewlis, Andy Jéhan and, of course, my wife Ann, as well as to all of the helpers on the day who made this great community event possible.

RECENT APPOINTMENT

I am very pleased to have been asked by the new Housing Minister, Deputy Sean Power, to become his

Assistant Minister – a role which I have accepted willingly. I fully appreciate that this is a rôle with a lot of responsibility; I have worked with Deputy Power on a number of Scrutiny panels and working parties, all related to housing.



I have very strong views about the lack of affordable housing for our local youngsters. When I say that, I mean for the average working couple that cannot afford £450K. I was fortunate enough to be able to buy a house on a States' loan some 40 years ago and this is one area where it would not be a bad idea to have a look at turning the clock back.

I can assure parishioners that this appointment will not interfere with my parish responsibilities.

FINAL NOTE

I am not, at the time of writing, able to confirm a date for an open day at the parish hall for parishioners to come and have a look around the finished building. Please keep an eye out in the Gazette for an advert.

Graeme Butcher, Connétable

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Deputy Phil Rondel's Update

Firstly to all who are about to take a summer holiday I hope it goes well and none of you are held up by the Icelandic ash clouds that have caused so much disruption over the last few months. I hope for the many that remain on Island that we have an excellent summer so families can enjoy outdoor activities. This update has been written for the June copy deadline

In the Parish

The St John's Working Party, which I chair, has reported to the Parish Meeting on the Island Plan. Members of the Working Party are: Andy Jéhan, Penny Lee, Andrew Woodward, Nigel Jenner, Eddie O'Toole, Martyn Farley, Martin Whitley, and our co-opted members, Andrew Morris and Constable Butcher. Meeting every Wednesday evening since the start of December, the group has worked tirelessly on producing a document to submit to the Island plan for the planning needs of the people of St John. This consultation document has now been submitted to the Planning Department and can be viewed on their website.

Can I, through the Star of the North, thank each and every one of the working party for the hard work and many hours they have given to this project to date. It has been a herculean task.

BUT NOW the works starts as, hopefully, our document will be part of the Island Plan. This should be confirmed later this year when the Island plan goes to the States for ratification. Once adopted by the States, the Parish of St John, it is hoped, will be part of the planning process for works within our two consultation areas of St John's Village and Sion as shown in our consultation document.

In the States

Within the States over the last few months the Environment Scrutiny Panel, which I chair, has been busy. At the start of the year we produced our report on the Energy from waste plant and Ramsar (this is a Site of Special Interest on the wetlands on the east coast – Les Minquiers, Les Écréhous etc.) We are currently working at reviewing the quality of water in the marine environment, given the number of outfalls around the Island. In St John, for instance, we have the Transport & Technical Services Sewerage Plant at Bonne Nuit which discharges treated effluent into the bay, but at times there are odour problems, and most recently it has been reported that several bays on the north coast have not reached the highest standard of bathing water quality – Bonne Nuit amongst them.

The panel is also looking at the use of bottled water, as this industry uses massive amounts of fossil fuels to manufacture and transport its products. Plastic bottles contribute to thousands of tons of waste every year. Using less bottled water would



reduce carbon emissions, as well as generating less waste. Currently we are collating information on the substantial volumes of bottled water used by States Departments. Considerable savings can be made by using good, potable tap water.

The big review for my panel over the next few months is the liquid waste strategy. This will affect the whole Island over the next 25 years and beyond. At today's figures it is estimated the Island will need to spend between £220 and £240 million pounds on replacing the sewerage digesters at Bellozanne. Also, more than 100 pumping stations will need to be replaced or upgraded, as well as main drains repaired and replaced. Sewerage outfalls will need extensions further out to sea, in particular in St Aubin's Bay. All this with mains drains extensions to the last 13% of the Island **still** not connected to mains services.

Reviewing the proposed works involved will be a huge task for my panel and it is important that Transport and Technical Services get the best results. This can be achieved by working closely with the Environmental Panel to see where savings can be made and best practice used to get value for money.

Some of the reviews we are currently carrying out will dovetail into this review. Also we are currently looking at sustainable transport and we have a list of other areas that need to be reviewed, like emissions from the Energy from Waste Plant, the air quality strategy, the Green Waste composting, to name but a few.

This gives you an update of where the Parish Deputy has been working and will be working over the next few months, but as always the Parish comes first and your needs are paramount.

Phil Rondel



Adieu at Sion Methodist Church

On Sunday 13th June Sion Methodist Church worshipped together for the last time.

In the morning a service of Holy Communion was held, and at 4 p.m. a service to give thanks for the life of Sion Methodist Church was attended by over 180 people. The church has met on that site for 129 years and before that across the road.

Over 180 years of presence in Sion were recalled, and memories from wartime and childhood emphasised the role the chapel has had, not just in St John, but for Methodists and others island-wide. In the afternoon, as you would expect for Methodists, we sang well. Mr Reg Jeune and Mr Richard Dupré contributed to the service from their long experience of Sion, and Rev David Coote preached on his penultimate Sunday in Jersey before he retires. After the service and over a cup of tea stories were told and friendships renewed.

The church is not primarily about buildings, although we have committed ourselves to ensuring the best possible outcome for the site for all concerned; it is primarily about people. And whilst the existing congregation will disperse around the island, the influence over people's lives and community life cannot be overestimated. We look to continue our good and growing relationship with Sion URC who have extended a warm welcome. These were services about people, and mark for the congregation a new phase in their lives. The sorrow of loss runs deep, for many memories of birth, marriage and death, worship and mission are inextricably linked to that building, and to look to the future trusting in God is not always easy, but that is our prayer.

Rev Graeme Halls

Memories of Sion over the years

Richard Dupré's address at the final service

My family connections with Sion started a few years before I was born, when my father, who had been brought up in St Lawrence, and had attended Six Roads Chapel, transferred his membership here when he came to live at Sunny Corner on the Sion junction. My mother, who lived just down the road, had been brought up at the Congregational church (now URC) and when they married at Sion she too became a member here.

Celebrations

I was born in 1945 and christened here, attended the Sunday School where, most of the time, there were at least 50 children each Sunday and sometimes as many as seventy-five. My father was Sunday School Superintendent for over 25 years. During the 1950s and '60s the Sunday School Anniversary was the main event of the Church calendar. A stage was erected over the whole of the front of the church. It was all brought up from under the floor – there's a huge cellar underneath and there are traps in the aisles so, as the carpets were rolled back, the trap opened and all the trestles and boards were brought up and erected like a huge jigsaw. Every piece was marked and slotted into place, even taking up the exact shape around the communion rail. Nearly all the children took an individual part and there were

usually three services on that Sunday.

The event that we children really looked forward to in those days was the annual Sunday School Treat. The farming community would spruce up their lorries and erect seating around the perimeter of the rear. At times there were up to seven vehicles, and we would be driven around the Island with the lead driver finding the most difficult route he could through winding lanes and hills to stretch the other drivers' abilities! We would stop for afternoon tea at one of the other chapels before going on the beach



Sunday School outing c.1955; the author is marked X



somewhere for games. A couple of times I recall all the lorries lined up at Gorey, waiting for the flood lighting on the castle to be switched on. After waiting half-an-hour, three minutes after they were switched on it was back home to Sion with everyone singing their hearts out.

Church family

There was a big sense of church family in those days, with many activities going on during the week. There was the Women's Fellowship, The Junior Choir, the Thursday Club and even a Young Wives Club at one time. My abiding memories of those days were of the Sion Guild and the plays that were performed in the School hall. My father produced most of them, which included constructing all the scenery. The plays all had a message to impart; they usually ran for three evenings and were always a sell-out.

A thriving youth club was started by the then caretakers Diana and John Mauger, but they emigrated to Australia. The Club was then continued for a long time by Don and Dulcie de la Haye. The Club also ran some very successful variety concerts, and took part in quite a number of Battle of Flowers parades. At least three relationships that started at Sion Youth Club resulted in marriages that are still intact today.

The Siontists

I, along with Ken Corbin and a couple of others from the Youth Club, started a pop group in the '60s and because of the Sion connection we called ourselves the 'Siontists'. We practised in an old double-decker bus at the farm that was opposite the church at that time. We did play quite a bit on Saturday nights at the Rainbow Room (where the Iceland store is now) and we even played in a few services in here.

Very sad

As you can imagine, a building like this can be expensive to maintain and we were very grateful to Maureen Le Feuvre, when she retired from the Nursery School, for giving the business to the Church. With the help of Liz Blampied this has enabled us to continue running Sion until now. However, with more and more regulations and the inability to find a qualified Manager, the Nursery has to close at the end of this term.

I will sorely miss Sion – not the building which I do not consider to be aesthetically pleasing whatsoever. But I **will** miss all the people whose lives have touched mine through this place. Sion Chapel has been the place of lots of happy memories.

We are all very sad that this era has come to an end.

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Sion Pre-School – the last report

Hello again from the centre of the Island and all the important little people at Sion Pre-School.

It is with a heavy heart that I write this article as it will be the last report from Sion Pre-School. We close at the end of term.

Sion Nursery (as it was then) opened its doors in 1972: Mrs Lyons ran the nursery for two years and then sold the business to Mrs Bichard in 1974. In 1979 Maureen Le Feuvre took over until December 1996. After this Sion Methodist Church decided to take on the business, with Pauline O'Toole and Liz Blampied running it.

In July 2002 Pauline moved on to work for the Children's Service so Caroline Hopkinson took on the role of Manager in September 2002, with Liz Blampied as Deputy. In 2008 Caroline left the nursery for a more managerial office position at another pre-school so Liz Blampied took over as Manager with myself as Deputy. This July Liz has decided to retire and the church has closed so the pre-school will close also.

Many staff and hundreds of children have come and gone at Sion Nursery, now Sion Pre-School. In the early years outside play consisted of a few chairs

been watching their progress. Hopefully by the end of term they will be rehomed in Eddie and Pauline's pond.

With the World Cup taking centre stage on the sports front at the moment, when outside I am constantly in goal trying to fend off a barrage of footballs or running around the playground getting tackled from all sides. Don't tell anyone but I've been having the time of my life!

The last few weeks of term will be very busy with last minute rehearsals for the Leavers Concert, A Teddy Bears Picnic (raising funds for CLIC Sargent, a charity for children with cancer) and a farewell party on the last day of term when there may be a few surprises in store. There will be a few tears shed when we say our goodbyes but we wish the children good luck as they make their transition to primary school or alternative pre-school.

I must thank all the staff – firstly Liz for being such a brilliant manager – and Penny Godwin, Jenny Wilson, Roisin Dobber and Tanya Haynes, for being inventive, hard-working, committed and loyal.

Lastly a massive and heartfelt thank-you to all the staff, past and present, for their loving care of all the children who have passed through the doors at Sion.

Julie Renouf



Archie, the Lhasa Apso puppy

with a rope dividing the children from the busy road – in those days the children knew they must not cross the rope. Today we have a secure heavy fence to protect them. How times have changed!

Once again it has been a busy year covering a wide range of topics including: Myself, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Growing, Mini-beasts, Holidays, and Transport. Within these topics the children learnt hands-on about the growth of a puppy. Eddie and Pauline, the Caretakers at Sion, hand-reared a Lhasa Apso puppy whom they named Archie, so the children have seen him grow from approximately the size of an adult hand to the bouncing, healthy dog he is today (see photo), the children (and teachers) adore him.

Also we have tadpoles and the children have

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Charlotte Lombardi – Miss St John 2010

Recently I had the pleasure of interviewing 18-year-old, Miss Charlotte Lombardi, our 2010 Miss St John. Charlotte has lived all her life, in St John with her parents, 11-year-old brother Philip, long time family cat called Todd and the recent addition of a mischievous little kitten called Alfie.

At the time of this interview Charlotte, like most 18-year-olds, was on study leave from the Jersey College for Girls, swatting like mad for her forthcoming A-levels, desperately hoping to get, at the very least, the three Bs she requires for her university place. All going well she will be jetting off this coming September to commence her studies in Philosophy and French at Edinburgh University, marking a new and exciting phase in her life. She says she is looking forward to the challenges that the four-year course will bring, especially as it includes a one year placement over in France. At the moment she does not know exactly what career she will pursue but is adamant that she would like to return to work in Jersey surrounded by her family and friends.

Charlotte says she is not very sports-minded but does play a little tennis, visits the gym occasionally and enjoys swimming. When asked about her tastes in music I must confess that she completely bewildered me by naming Florence and The Machine as her favourite artist.

Her recent travels have included skiing in France and visits to family in Scotland. She says she has always hankered after visiting Europe by Inter Rail but is resigned to having to shelve the expedition for the time being – maybe until a 'Gap Year' sometime in the future.

In reply to my question on charity work, Charlotte has been involved with Fun Days for Jersey Mental Health and has also participated in Singing For The Brain sessions at St Saviour's Parish Hall.

Recalling the Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers competition, she admits to having been extremely nervous on the day but found it a very valuable experience, nonetheless.

She stated that she was extremely happy with the way the Parish competition had been run as it provided a very informal, friendly and relaxing atmosphere and she urges other young ladies of St John to come forward in future years.

So far Charlotte's duties as Miss St John 2010 have been few but despite having to cram in extra swatting for an exam the following day, she gallantly made it to the recent Parish Liberation 65 Street Party to draw the skateboarders' fund-raising raffle and



'Charlotte at the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival'

minge with parishioners, an experience she states was very satisfying but she wished she had had more time to spare.

At the time of this interview the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival had not been held but Charlotte confirmed that she was looking forward to attending the event on two counts – firstly it will give her a second opportunity to wear her sparkling tiara again and secondly it will also signify the fact that all her exams will be well and truly over!

Charlotte is a most pleasant and friendly young lady who will most certainly be a strong ambassador for our Parish. I am sure that we all wish her well with her exams and hope that once the nail-biting wait for the results is over she can relax and enjoy life here in Jersey.

Rosemary Dupré



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Christian Aid Week 2010

For the first time in St John all the Christian Aid envelopes were delivered in the Parish Magazine during April. May I take this opportunity of thanking Angela Le Sueur, Carl Hinault and the people who deliver the magazine for this. As we are all busy people it is difficult to find sufficient helpers each year who are able to spare a couple of evenings to go out collecting. So it seemed like a good idea to insert the envelopes in the magazine, thereby saving the collectors having to go to each house twice. However, because everyone is accustomed to the 'little red envelopes' arriving separately through their letterboxes and being collected later that same week, many people had lost/mislaid/thrown away their envelope. Fortunately we always have spares! Out of the 1,300 envelopes inserted in the magazine only 60 were kept ready for collection during May. Hopefully next year everyone will be more aware of the change in the system and a greater number of the Parish Magazine envelopes will be given back to the collectors.

Thank you to my collectors who gave their time and energy and to all those who made a donation. A total of £1,669 was collected in St. John.

Beryl Vautier, Parish co-ordinator

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LES MATHIONNETTES

'Northern Lights'

Our Northern Light, Mrs Doris Vallois, was interviewed by Mary Rouillé

Doris was born in 1924, the only child of John and Lydia Le Herrissier who lived at Les Landes farm in St John. The farm belonged to a Mr Barrett with Doris's mother and father renting the property, as did her maternal grandparents before them. It was a farm like many others in Jersey, with a few cows and pigs and enough arable produce to enable them to be self sufficient.



Doris and Stanley at Snow Hill – early 1950s

Doris's schooling began at St John, but at the age of ten her parents sent her to Thistle Grove private school in St Lawrence which was run by Miss Skelton. After leaving school at fifteen Doris wanted to work in a shop, but with the Second World War breaking out it was impossible to do so, leaving her with the only other option which was to help her parents on the farm.

When the Germans invaded, they built some of their barracks on the north coast, causing Les Landes to be part of a military zone. Doris remembers German soldiers wheeling a handcart past her home on the way to Melbourne House to collect their rations.

During the occupation Russian prisoners were engaged in the building of a narrow-gauge railway line which began at the now Ronez quarry, across fields towards St Mary and eventually ending at La Corbière. The reason for this was to transport stone from the quarry to build fortifications and gun emplacements. But the railway became a source of grief to Doris's

family as her uncle, Charles Coutanche, was killed by one of the trains. His family had previously warned him not to go alone when taking his cows into fields near the railway track, as he was stone deaf and would not hear approaching engines. Being a very stubborn man he did not take their advice which resulted in the terrible accident.

Whilst out walking one day to join her friends in St Mary, Doris met her future husband, Stanley Vallois. Their courtship was slightly curtailed due to the curfew imposed by the Germans, with Stanley having to be back home by 10:00pm and Doris by 9:00pm because of the military zone ruling. Nevertheless they married in 1946 at St Brelade's Church and set up home at Alma Villas in St John for the next six years.

It was during this time that Doris's mother and father moved from Les Landes to farm at Cross Cottage (near Haute Croix), and in 1951 Stanley and Doris also went to live there and take over the running of the farm as Mr Le Herrissier became ill. This move did not last long as their landlady died and the farm was sold.

As a consequence the family left St John to farm in Grouville for the next twenty-one years. While living



Doris with her parents Mr & Mrs Le Herissier

there Doris's father died and Stanley became ill, forcing another move, this time to St Clement where her mother and husband died within days of each other. After her loss Doris didn't stay in St Clement for very long, as in 1987 her nephew, Edgar Perron, offered her accommodation in Route du Mont Mado, St John, where she still lives today.

Stressy Jessy

Dear fellow parishioners,

I went to India for a month in February. Anyone who has been to India will know what I mean when I say it's like marmite. One day you love it, the next you hate it.

The first few days I found really difficult and ended up weeping to my parents on the phone! On the third day my outlook changed and I fell head over heels in love with India and wanted to immerse myself in the culture.

One evening I went to a night worshipping service at Ashkadam. Everyone was dancing, singing, chanting and clapping while moving around in a circle. There were children, grandparents, youths, parents, every race and every age. An old man grabbed my arm and pulled me into the circle, dancing and chanting to show me what to do, while trying to paint a religious symbol on my face!

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5. Use your horn at all times. Only stop when something is horribly wrong.
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The only bad experience I had was getting sick from the water and ending up in hospital overnight. Or actually was it meeting my first camel? Both were pretty horrific. In hospital, I was not a fan of being treated like a pin cushion. Every few hours there was a new injection, or blood test, or changing the drip. I was lucky because I went to a private hospital – it made me realise that when I go travelling in November I will need good health insurance.

Charity car boot sale

I just want to say a massive THANK YOU to St John's School (particularly Mrs de la Haye) for letting me use the playground on Sunday 13th June. The car boot sale was a huge success, raising just under £200 towards the charity projects. Thank you to everyone who came, supported and asked lots of questions about our future charity work.

In November my best friend, Niema Perron, and I will be trotting off to Calcutta to take part in one month's charity work with Street and Slum Children. We will be building a shelter, preparing food, teaching



English, hosting drama/dance/art/yoga workshops and also teaching them about the importance of hygiene and women's issues. We will be seriously helping these kids, and giving them the opportunity to get into public schools should they choose. The street kids I met in Delhi were some of the happiest kids I have ever seen. We don't want to push our lifestyle choice onto these people, just give them the choice of change if they want to take it.

Orang-utans

After Calcutta, we travelled on through Thailand to Malaysia for the next charity project – an orang-utan rehabilitation programme. Here orphaned or mistreated orangs are taken in order to teach them the skills they need to survive in the wild. They go through a system much like that of school, where they pass each level in order to get taught the next lessons. After their final class they are moved onto a 'mock island' where they can play and have more independence but there are still some hands to help in case something goes wrong. This project is for two weeks.

Sea Turtles

Then we go to Fiji for a month of conservation work with Sea Turtles. We will be living in a mud hut, with no running water, no toilets, and no kitchen. We will have to get used to not being clean! The work is to educate the local community to understand the importance of protecting areas of land so that the Sea Turtles have safe nesting areas. We will also be looking into the effects of global warming on marine life.

Money

All in all we need £3,000 each to be able to complete these projects. I have been working since October last year and have enough money to pay for flights, travel expenses, visas, health insurance, jabs, and accommodation whilst out there. But the charity projects are costing a little more than expected. I have lined up a job at the Beach House, down at Ouaisné to get more money. Should you fancy a meal, or want to ask any questions, come down and visit me.

Hopefully we will have a few more car boots before we leave in November. So please look out for posters, radio advertising or JEP publicity. If anyone has other money-raising ideas, please get in touch – j.stanier@live.co.uk.

Jess Stanier



Abigail Romeril Qualifies for Dance World Cup

St John youngster, Abigail Romeril, aged 6, of Le Petit Câtelet, La Route de St Jean, was the youngest Channel Island competitor to qualify for this year's Dance World Cup which will be held in Sardinia from 27th June – 4th July. She will celebrate her 7th birthday whilst in Sardinia.



Abigail travelled over to Guernsey on 19th March with her parents, Phil and Lesley Anne Romeril, brother Philip, age 7 and her two grandmothers, Daphne Romeril and Mary Dawson, to perform at the Beau Sejour Centre, alongside lots of other competitors from both Jersey and Guernsey. Abigail, and several other dancers from her school, was nominated to perform and was accompanied on the day by her dance teacher, Lucy Riseborough, of the Jersey School of

Performing Arts.

Abigail spent many hours with Lucy after school and at weekends perfecting her two performances. She needed a score of above 75 out of 100 and a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place to qualify.

She was the first dancer on stage on the Saturday morning and was full of beans and shocked all her family by gaining two fantastic scores – 85 for her Mini Solo Song and Dance (2nd place) and 90 for her Mini Solo National and Folklore Dance (3rd place).

Abigail will join 14 other Jersey dancers from various dance schools, aged from 6 to 17, to compete as part of the Jersey Dance World Cup Team. They will be up against competitors from countries all over the world, including the Czech Republic, Japan and Mexico.

Lady Jersey has been busy working behind the scenes fundraising and organising the team's trip to Sardinia.

Abigail was so excited when she got permission from her Head Teacher, Miss Doyle at FCJ Primary School, to join the group travelling to Sardinia. 'She just wants to do her best and have fun,' said her mum. 'She is very young but she loves dancing so much and we thought this would be a wonderful opportunity for her.'

Lesley Anne Romeril






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St John's Youth Project

Hi to everyone in St John's. My name is Simon Bell and I'm your new Senior Youth Worker at St John's Youth Project. I will be responsible for overseeing three projects – St Ouen's, St John's and St Mary's – which will be collectively known as the North West Partnership. The aim of the North West Partnership is to expand the capacity of three projects through training and development opportunities, and recruitment; to work with young people, sharing resources available through Jersey Youth Service, encouraging partnership working between the projects; to remove the burden of responsibility from the volunteer Advisory Groups and allow the projects to gain formal recognition for all their great work with young people in their communities.

I will be making every effort to meet key community partners over the coming weeks and months but if you'd like to chat about our plans or anything young-people related, please feel free to contact me.

I began my role in October 2009 concentrating on St Ouen's Youth Club. I began working officially with



James



Julie

Simon

Sarah

St John's Youth Project in January this year and my first task was to recruit two paid sessional workers to cover Tuesday and Friday evenings. I'm delighted to say that Sarah Rowe and Julie Thomas have been in post since April, bringing between them a wealth of skills and experience. Sarah has a strong background in sports coaching and has worked with young people of all ages. Julie is currently a full-time Teaching Assistant, mum to three sons and still finds time to be a part-time Scout Leader.

The project is still ably supported by stalwart volunteers James Hibbeard and Sean Matthews, and although Kerry Fisher has taken time out to attend a training course in the UK, it is hoped that she will return later this year with new skills to use at Club. Kerry was able to secure £1,000 funding from Barclays Wealth before she left, for which we are extremely grateful; thanks Kerry.

Club news

Our juniors had their Crabbé residential in February. Our seniors went on a joint residential with St Ouen's at St Aubin's Fort in May and the Inters have their Crabbé residential planned for September.

Senior Club (Year 10 & 11 up to 18yrs) Tuesday Eve 7.30 – 9.30pm

Junior Club (Year 4, 5 & 6) Friday Eve 6.45 – 8.00pm

Inters Club (Year 7, 8 & 9) Friday Eve 8.15 – 9.30pm

This is what some of the junior members think of their club night:

"I enjoy coming to youth club, it's a good thing to do on a Friday night." DC

"I come to youth club to play football with my friends and eat chocolate!" MF

"I come here to have fun" AR

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"I enjoy playing football" SP

Find out what the Inters think of their club in the next edition.

We are looking to change the sessions to allow both juniors and inters to have their own separate evenings which will give them each an extra 45 minutes of club time.

Volunteer Opportunities in Youth Work

This is a fantastic opportunity to work with young people, experience and remember their world, hear their views, make a positive contribution to their lives and your community, learn new skills and have great fun in a challenging and rewarding role. With your help we can expand the range of activities and informal learning opportunities available to young people in St John.

Volunteer Position:

Working with young people in a choice of three age groups: Junior club (school year 4-6), Inter club (year 7-9), Senior club (year 10 and over, maximum age 18).

Time Commitment:

Youth club sessions normally require 2 – 3 hours of your time either weekly or monthly and take place during term time

Brief Description of Duties:

There are many roles to play within our youth project e.g. signing in members, running the tuck shop, organising activities, listening to young people's issues, offering positive advice and guidance and learning from experiences

Our Commitment:

Volunteers will work under the supervision of a – qualified youth worker and sessional youth workers and be offered a range of training opportunities, support and supervision.

Potential volunteers will need to attend an informal meeting with the Senior Youth Worker, complete a Youth Service registration form, successfully complete a criminal record check and provide positive character references BEFORE they will be able to start working with young people.

Notes:

More detailed information is available by contacting:
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An Icon of St John

St John's Parish Church had an artist in residence in June: Karen Blampied, who is 'writing' an icon of the church's patron saint, St John the Baptist. It is one of twelve icons – one of each parish's patronal saint – that she is completing this year. She spoke to ALASDAIR CROSBY about her project.

'ICON' and 'iconic': they are some of the most over-used words of our times, now used to describe everything from Marmite to Michael Jackson, with a loose meaning of 'popular', or 'trend-setting', just as nowadays, 'awesome' might mean... well, who knows?

The more thoughtful use of icon and iconic is to describe something that is inspirational or symbolic – a reference to the original Greek word, (eikon), meaning a religious image, a style of devotional art that is especially venerated in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

The Island has a contemporary iconographer, Karen Blampied, who is currently on a pilgrimage – a pilgrimage to each one of the Island's twelve parish churches. In each church she is painting an icon of the patron saint. Recently she was in St John's Church, to paint an icon of St John the Baptist (or St John the Forerunner, as he is known in Eastern Orthodoxy).

'You participate in an icon,' she said, 'or you write



an icon - you don't "paint" it. A western religious painting simply "spectates"; an icon is an invitation into a statement of faith.'

Hence the intensive use of symbolism – not only in the details of the icon, but also in everything to do with the writing of an icon.

'You start with a base of dark colour,' she explained, 'and you put layer upon layer of lighter colour, as in climbing the mountain of the Resurrection. Writing an icon is a passion process.'

'The paints are all naturally occurring pigments. Even the painting solution is egg yolk, water – life-giving elements – and vinegar, as offered to Christ as He hung on the Cross, an icon, just like life, is made up of many deaths and resurrections.'

When Christianity first came to Jersey, the new Island faith was much influenced by Celtic Christianity, itself derived from the early form that Christianity took in Greece and the Near East rather than by that associated more with Rome. And so she feels that writing icons in Jersey is an entirely authentic activity as well as a recollection of the Island's ancient history.

This early history is recalled by the dedications of the Island's parish churches. Why the church of St John should be dedicated to 'St John of the Oaks' (St Jean des Chênes) is not known. Perhaps it is something as simple as there once being lots of oaks in the vicinity, or perhaps the church is sited on what had once been a pagan grove.

The St John icon portrays the saint in his rough camel-hair coat, his hand upraised – the iconographical symbolism that he was a teacher and



orator. Below his feet a rough mountaintop – he came to 'make the way straight'.

So far she has finished icons of St Brelade and Trinity. The St Brelade icon portrays this early Celtic Christian missionary perhaps called Bren Gwaldr – Bren the Leader – who was a companion of St Sampson, and who was, it seems, 'dropped off' in Jersey by him before going on to Guernsey. Bran Gwaldr probably lived in a small beehive hut near the site of the present parish church, and these huts, as well as other Christian symbolism, feature in her icon.

The Trinity icon is inspired by the famous fifteenth-century Russian icon by Andrei Rublev depicting the three angels who visit Abraham at the oak of Mamre, but which is generally interpreted as being an icon of the Holy Trinity. Karen's icon will hang in the parish church, thanks to an anonymous donation given to her for this purpose. She would very much like all her icons to hang in the respective parish churches, but understands this hope might be affected adversely by the limitations of spending imposed by the current recession.

Karen trained and taught as a secondary school art teacher in Jersey, but had to give up teaching because of a health problem. She first became inspired by icons when studying Pastoral Theology in

London, and living in a Russian Orthodox house where each room had its 'icon corner'.

For me,' she said, 'the orthodox icon offers a profound way in which to express my Christian faith. My spiritual director encouraged me to use iconography as a spiritual journey.'

She embarked on a religious studies course at Leuven University in Belgium; she worked in the Roman Catholic Church in Jersey for 17 years as coordinator of catechesis, and embarked on a five-year course in iconography.

In 2008 she set up Iconspirit Studios to fulfil her passion for writing icons.

By December she will have done the round of Jersey's twelve parish churches, and all the icons will be collected together for an exhibition to be held at All Saints' Church from 2 to 19 December.

From the twelve parish churches, the icons will comprise twelve religious lessons told in visual art form, a message to the Jersey of today from the saints of each parish community whom she wants to make visible once again in the twenty-first century – an endeavour that is indeed truly iconic, and a message that is indeed truly awesome.

Karen's website has further details:
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Re-development at St John's Recreation Centre



Planning permission has now been received for the redevelopment and, thanks to amazing support from Lady Butlin, the majority of the funding is in place to carry out the work. It is up to us all now to raise the additional funding that will allow us to fit out the

development to an appropriate standard. A committee will be tasked with fund raising, and anyone interested in getting involved should contact the secretary, Rosemary Dupré, or me on 861716.

It is hoped that work will begin later this summer and will be phased so as to cause the minimum disturbance to all the users but should be completed by the end of next summer.

The development will provide greatly improved facilities for the Youth Club, a caretaker's flat, an additional meeting room, extended car park and new changing rooms and toilets. Plans are on display in Giggles café at the Centre.

Lady Butlin states that she is thrilled that permission has been received for the development which will be built in memory of her late son, Billy and his half brother, Bobby.

In the meanwhile activity in the Centre continues to be busy with all Clubs reporting high levels of usage.

Angus Spencer-Nairn, Chairman

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News from the Pews

Beach Service at Bonne Nuit -Sunday 8th August -11.00am

A warm invitation is extended to all ages to join members of the parish church for our annual beach service at Bonne Nuit, followed by a picnic on the beach. So please do bring your food and drink and stay around for fun in the sun.

Ps Don't forget to bring along your bucket and spade for our annual sandcastle building competition. Points will again be awarded for the following categories: - size; design; decoration; description and overall impression. Get planning today!!!!



Sandcastle building rules for 2010

- Build time = 45 minutes
- Max 10 points per category
 1. Size
 2. Design
 3. Decoration
 4. Description
- Garden spades will be allowed
- Referee's decision is final

Links with the Congo

As a parish church we are delighted to have a real link with Diocese of Bukavu in the east of the DRC, a Diocese three times the size of England.

In 2008, Bishop and Mrs Bahati visited St John, and all those who met the Bishop were touched by the sincerity of his faith and genuine warmth of his smile. It was therefore extremely shocking, in April, to hear news that his own home had been attacked by Militia, leaving the family emotionally scarred and losing many of their valuables, including Bishop Bahati's large silver Pectoral cross.

In early July, we welcomed, to Jersey, the Very Revd Jules Wabenga Bulambo, who is Dean of Bukavu Cathedral and Diocesan Secretary. One special moment during the visit was the presentation of a silver Cross for Bishop Bahati, made in Jersey and funded by the generosity of individual church members to replace the one stolen. This becomes a symbol both of faith and the strong relationship that exists between St John and those living in the troubled East of the DRC.



Liberation Day Service 2011

Following a very moving service recently in the parish church on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of Liberation, the St John's Group of churches has decided that next year a Parish Liberation Day service will once again be held taking place at 10.30am on Sunday 8th May 2011. This will be followed, as on Remembrance Day, with a Vin d'Honneur kindly provided by the Constable in the Parish Hall.

Liberation Weekend Celebrations at St John

Planning, people and sunshine, if a stiff little breeze at times, came together to provide a wonderful celebration for the 65th anniversary of the Liberation. How fitting that the main events for the parish took place in and around the church and parish hall – two buildings which remain focal points for the community as they were all those years ago. How fortunate we are in St John to have the precinct which, with the permission and impetus of the Constable and a lot of hard work by his sub-committee, can be transformed into a venue for a street party and entertainment

Floral Tributes

The parish church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the regular church flower arrangers along with extra members of the congregation and parish. All the arrangements paid tribute to the occasion with their colouring of reds, white and blues. Many of the displays were enhanced with flags, both Jersey and British, and several contained mementos of occupation and liberation such as gas masks, identity cards, Red Cross parcels, and later commemorative items such as mugs, pictures and poems. The church was alive with colour and interest but was also a haven for those who wished to remember those difficult times in peace and contemplation.

Liberation Day Service

On May the 9th the three churches in St John combined for a united service of thanksgiving and commemoration for the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Jersey. The service was led and the



sermon preached by the Rector of St John, the Rev. Andy Thewlis. The Constable, Mr Graham Butcher, and the Deputy, Mr Philip Rondel, represented the parish at the special States assembly but their wives,

Mrs Ann Butcher and Mrs Wendy Rondel, were present in the church. The lessons were read by the Procurer, Mr Andy Jehan, and by a former constable and senior steward of Sion Methodist Church, Mr Richard Dupré. The prayers were led by an elder of



the United Reformed Church, Mr Michael Sheldrake. The Reverend Patrick McManus was with the United Reformed congregation in Guernsey and the Reverend Graham Halls was with Georgetown and La Rocque Methodists.



Over the weeks preceding the service, the rector had been collecting occupation and liberation memories from residents of the parish, as well as going back over past issues of the parish magazine, a wonderful resource of stories from this time, and these he had collated into a series of both entertaining and poignant memories which were read by the two church wardens, Mrs Celia Jeune and Mrs Rosie Bleasby.

The Church was full for the occasion and with both rousing and reflective hymns binding the elements of the service together it closed with the singing of the national anthem. The organist, Mr

James Wilson, then began to play Land of Hope and Glory, just as the organist, Mr Cyril de la Haye, had 65 years ago and spontaneously the congregation began to sing as I am sure they did on that joyful May morning in 1945.

The collection of £420 was given to the Red Cross as was the collection on the special festal service on May the 10th 1945. As the congregation came out of church the preparations for the street party were getting underway and the first hardy souls were staking their places at the tables. The delicious smell of the ox roasting in the churchyard was pervading the whole precinct.

Street Party and Entertainment

A sub-committee, set up by the Constable, had been working hard for months on the preparations. Since the early hours of Sunday morning a team had been preparing and cooking the ox on a spit in the church yard. Led by Michel Larose, a St John procureur, and the leader of the working group for the street party



celebrations, and André, the Village butcher, the team included Sue Bannister and her chef, Richard, Alain Aoutin, Annie Aoutin, Jacky Larose and other helpers. Not only were they roasting ox but also beef burgers, sausages, chicken and onions were being prepared. The generosity of André in giving both his time and the use of his premises in the precinct for storage; and of Sue Bannister of Giggles at the Recreation Centre, in closing her café for the day and volunteering her help in the precinct along with Richard and all the team, cannot be overestimated and shows how the community of St John can act



together for the good of the whole. Many of the businesses in the precinct, such as the pub and the shop, participated and Mr Jose Quintal opened his cafe specially and was a source of

wonderful hot drinks.

Soon the people began to arrive bearing their salads and desserts and Mrs Ann Butcher, Mrs Rosemary Dupré and their vast team of helpers were setting out their wares. The buzz in the precinct was beginning to be palpable and at 12.30 the Constable welcomed everyone and declared the party open. Then the MC of entertainment, Mr Trevor de la Mothe, was able to announce the first act to take the



stage, the Saxebelles. Emily and Laura Poindgestre, Rebecca Touzel and Tessa Morgan are very accomplished musicians – who played a delightful medley of numbers and got the ever-growing crowd into the groove.

The arrival of the military band of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, the Kohima Band, was another major excitement – the main road in front of the church was now closed and we had more than half an hour of precision marching and playing. Their colorful uniforms, fantastic discipline and accomplished playing culminated in two members of the band playing



hunting horns and providing a wonderful spectacle of expertise and breath control! The centre of St John was designed for events like these and with the traffic diverted onto the back lanes, the precinct and area between the church and parish hall provided a perfect stage setting.

Everyone was now very hungry and the Kohima Band moved into the precinct and played softer music to entertain the diners and the food queue. The amount of food provided was phenomenal and there was more than enough for everyone. Every family group had contributed something for the whole event and the organisation really paid off.

During the afternoon we were entertained by





Acappella Brass, the St John's School Choir and Mojo, led by Simon Larbalestier, and Trevor de la Mothe sang and led the old favourites. The wind might have been a bit chilly but the sunshine blazed and whole family groups – sometimes 3 or 4 generations together – joined in the fun. The sense of

£1,100! These young people are really making an effort for their skate park and are being supported most generously by the parish.

All good things come to an end and by 5 pm people were wending their way homewards, but the talk on everyone's lips was what a wonderful and fitting event it had been to celebrate this special day. Other people benefited also as Michel Larose was able to take a large amount of food down to the Shelter.

Well done St John! You showed what good leadership, willing helpers, and the co-operation of the community can achieve and this is what makes our parish so special.



togetherness, rarely achieved in these modern times, was very evident. The carnival atmosphere was helped with special hats and at least four decorated dogs!

During the afternoon young people from the St John's skate boarding venture sold raffle tickets for prizes donated by many businesses and individuals in the community and raised the amazing sum of



The Bailiff's Party

The following day 55 parishioners were among the 1,300 guests at the Bailiff's party at RJHA in Trinity. The Bailiff said that he felt it important to mark this 65th anniversary by holding an event for those Islanders 'who lived through the war and had personal experience of what liberation means'.

Smiling faces and a buzz of lively conversation filled the large venue. Old friends shared memories and others were delighted to meet once again

those they had not seen for years.

Many said how wonderful the party was and are looking forward to the next one!

The Future

The St John's group of churches has decided to hold an annual service in commemoration of the Liberation every year on the Sunday closest to Liberation Day. Next year it is hoped to show a short film by Frances Jeune interviewing her grandparents, which has been shown at the Imperial War Museum. Interest in the Occupation and the Liberation never dies and the collected memories are very special.



Rosie Bleasby



THE ELIZABETH CROSS

The Elizabeth Cross was instituted by Her Majesty the Queen on 1st July 2009. The Elizabeth Cross and Memorial Scroll are granted to the Next of Kin of United Kingdom Armed Forces personnel, who have died on operations or as a result of an act of terrorism, in national recognition of their loss and sacrifice. The Elizabeth Cross is not a posthumous medal for the fallen, but an emblem demonstrating tangible national recognition for Service families for their loss.

On June 2nd two Jersey men were remembered at a ceremony at Government House.

Sergeant Ian Harris, the 1st Battalion the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, and Drummer Colin Clifford, the 1st Battalion the Royal Hampshire Regiment. Both were killed in Northern Ireland. Sergeant Harris was 26 when he died in 1972. The Elizabeth Cross was presented to his widow, Margaret.

Drummer Colin Clifford was just 21 when he was killed in 1982. Drummer Clifford is buried in St John's churchyard; his drummer's sash hangs in a glass case in the parish church.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Mr Andrew Ridgway, presented the Elizabeth Cross to Mrs Dorothy Parette (née Rondel) with these words:

'To commemorate Drummer Colin Clifford who gave his life for Queen and Country, Drummer Clifford's mother Dorothy is presented with the Elizabeth Cross'.

Some days later I visited Mrs Parette. Her son's drum and cap are displayed in the corner of her



Mrs Dorothy Parette showing her cross

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sitting room – a poignant reminder of her loss. Drummer Clifford was Best Side-Drummer of the Royal Hampshires in 1980, and played with the regimental band in Jersey in 1981.

We spoke about the ceremony. At first Mrs Parette had felt very stressed and nervous, but a walk in the gardens of Government House helped to put her at ease. The presence of Dean Cassin, who had served with her son, was also reassuring. She felt proud to receive the award, though the occasion brought back the grief.

During our conversation Mrs Parette mentioned that her father had died in 1940 (when she was only three years old), as a result of injuries sustained during his army service in the First World War. Her father's brother, Clarence Rondel, was killed on active service in that war. His name is on St John's War Memorial, as is that of his great nephew, Colin Clifford. The experience of loss as a result of the death of those close has been a lifelong reality for Dorothy Parette. The Elizabeth Cross is a fitting recognition of that sacrifice.

Angela Le Sueur



Drummer Colin Clifford's cap and drum



Archery – The Jersey Triple

The Jersey Archery Society held its annual Jersey Triple Competition over the recent Bank Holiday week-end, with visiting archers from England, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, together with archers from all three Jersey Archery clubs, and included Team GB shooters and Commonwealth Games hopefuls.

Saturday saw some impressive shooting over 20 yards indoors at Langford Sports Hall, Mont Millais, with Recurve, Compound and Longbow categories all being contested.

Sunday was a change of venue, to the Sir Billy Butlin Recreation Centre Sports Field at St John, where a FITA competition was held involving targets at distances of 90, 70, 60, 50 and 30 metres being shot by Gents and Ladies, and distances of 60, 50, 40, 30 and 20 metres by juniors, and special Short Metric competition of 50 and 30 metres for newcomers. Again Recurve, Compound and Longbows were in competition over 144 arrows, with many fine scores being posted despite a niggling crosswind, and miserable conditions towards the end of the day's shooting.

On Monday, we all went down to the woods again, but no teddy-bears were found on this trip, only animal targets. But fear not, as they were only pictures of animals. On a testing course of 14 targets set out by Club Secretary, Steve Jacobs, and his

helpers, down in the woods at the Jersey Youth Centre at Crabbé, the competition was enjoyed by adults and juniors alike, using a wide range of bows



Phil Rose in action at the Recreation Centre

from Recurve, Compound and Longbow, to Hunting-bow and Mongolian Bow. A great day was had by all, and, as usual, was followed by a presentation dinner in the evening, which brought to a close Jersey's largest annual Open Archery Competition.

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Young People get active to make a Skateboard Park dream become a reality

All credit to the young people of St John who, at the time of writing, have managed to raise over £2,500 towards their target of £5,000 for the Skateboard Park in St John. Sam Coutanche explained, 'We have raised these funds through a number of events including a raffle at the Farmhouse Bonfire in November and Carol singing in December.'

Fundraising in 2010 continued with two dozen young people, supported by several parents, raising £244.30 by washing over 50 cars, at a car wash held at the Farmhouse on Saturday 24th April. Event organiser, Mrs Claudine Thébault said, 'These young people turned out in number and whilst having great fun, really did work hard in washing what was a constant stream of cars.'

Reverend Andy Thewlis, a trustee of the St John Youth and Community Trust, the group behind the £30,000 Skateboard park project for the young people of St John said, 'Hats off to these young people for getting active and putting their own time and effort into playing their part to raise funds for the skate park. This amazing effort by these young people themselves has impressed others, and to reward those efforts one parishioner has matched the amount of money raised, bringing the total raised through the car wash to £500.'

A further boost to the funds was achieved with a raffle at the Parish Liberation Day street party which raised over £1,000. Sam commented, 'The raffle was amazing and we thank all those who donated prizes

and bought tickets which took us another major step towards our financial target.'

As the Skateboard Park project was to be one of the four groups to benefit from the proceeds of the recent Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival the Skateboarders were really pleased to get involved. You may have seen Sam and his friends directing cars in the car park at Les Platons, or made a successful bid for one of the super Silent Auction lots.

Looking to the future, the quite literal, final big push is to be a sponsored Skate-a-thon from West Park to Bel Royal and back, starting at 1.00pm on Sunday 26th September. Entry will be £10, for which all participants will receive a special t-shirt. Don't worry if you haven't a skateboard as the Skate-a-thon will also be open to those who wish to walk rather than skate! To register for the skate-a-thon, or to buy a special T-shirt for £5, go to Facebook page 'Skatepark in St John', or contact Sam Coutanche on 864236.

Sam ended by explaining, 'All the skaters are very excited about the future as we now feel we are well on the way to finally getting a skate park for St John. This will be good as we will then have a place to skate and to meet up with our friends instead of hanging around the shops.'

Rev. Andy Thewlis and Sam Coutanche



St John's school around 1931



Jersey Women's Refuge – a vital social service

One in four women will experience domestic abuse at some point in their lifetime. In 2009, Jersey Women's Refuge provided a place of safety for 67 women and 34 children and the Outreach service supported 67 new clients. Overall, we had over 1,000 contacts from women looking for either emotional or practical support.

Established in 1988, the Jersey Women's Refuge is an independent charitable organisation with ten members of staff and a bank of volunteers. We operate a 24-hour service, taking calls, providing emotional and practical support and offering a safe place for women and children to stay at any time of the day or night. There is always a support worker on duty if somebody wants support and we also offer a free counselling service to clients staying in or out of Refuge. We also have a Portuguese-speaking support worker and a Polish-speaking volunteer.

The Refuge has seven bedrooms (most of which are en-suite) with a communal kitchen, communal laundry, two lounges and indoor and outdoor play areas for the children. Women come and go as they please from the house and there are minimal rules to encourage autonomy. You do not have to be locally qualified to stay at the Refuge or have access to our services.

Our Outreach Service is dedicated to:

- (1) Raising awareness of the issues surrounding domestic abuse through educational training for Secondary School students and other professional agencies and organizations.
- (2) Supporting clients both in and outside of the Refuge environment – in their homes or any suitable location.
- (3) Working with the Jersey Domestic Violence Forum and States of Jersey Police to create an annual island wide campaign to further highlight the problem of domestic abuse in the island, and the help that is available to victims

Our Outreach Service has grown and developed since its initial stages some ten years ago. Its work has become increasingly relevant as not only women victims, but with growing awareness the whole community, attempts to prevent both isolated and recurring incidents of domestic abuse. As can be seen by recently reported figures, this historically often hidden crime is being more frequently reported to the Police and subsequently more women and their children are able to break away from violent, abusive and damaging relationships.

Our Outreach team of two, is not only highly motivated to increase the community's awareness of the repercussions of domestic abuse, but they also provide a valuable service to women experiencing abuse who either have no need to or choose not to

come into the Refuge, or having spent some time at Refuge, are in the process of moving on with their lives. The women are often in need of professional advice, support and assistance as they make choices for themselves, and frequently need the presence of an 'informed friend' as they meet with lawyers, housing or other agencies.

The Outreach team is community-based, offering both emotional and practical support to female victims of domestic abuse who may not need or want to access Refuge directly. They will meet with a woman in a place of her choice, whether it be a café, on a beach or park. We aim to make our service as accessible as possible as we are aware how hard it can be seeking support when in an abusive relationship. We do not offer home visits for safety reasons.

The outreach team also offers practical support in terms of assistance with documentation. We can accompany clients to any external agency, either as a silent support for increased confidence, or to act as a voice for a client depending on individual need.

How does our Outreach Team benefit our local community?

Our Outreach Service is of enormous benefit to the island, both as an educational resource to professional agencies and other concerned groups, and as a source of confidential and highly informed help to many women, of all ages and status, in our community.

The early and easily available, yet very discreet assistance offered by Outreach may make it possible for mothers and their children not only to break free of the abusive relationship, but also, in some cases, to remain in the family home, and thus prevent greater disruption to the children in what is already a very distressing situation for them.

The long-term ill effects of domestic abuse on children is well documented and any efforts to help children retain some stability in such difficult family circumstances may well avoid future problems as they grow to adulthood and become independent members of our society.

A major addition to our service in 2008 was the *'life' course (*Learning to Incorporate Freedom and Empowerment). Developed and run by the Outreach Team, the six-week course is designed to help women understand the dynamics of abuse and the consequences for them. It also aims to provide useful information to help women to move on effectively.

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Georgina and Anne – Outreach Team



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Chinese Experiences of the Willis family

Andrew Willis, head teacher at St John's School, his wife Janet and their daughters, Lucy and Rosie, are nearing the end of their year in China before returning to St John in time for the next school term. They have been living in Suzhou, west of Shanghai, and have sent occasional accounts of their experiences of life in a very foreign land.

FIREWORKS AT CHINESE NEW YEAR

Winter in Suzhou saw us snuggle up and keep our heads down as the cold weather bit, making travelling around a lot less inviting. People live in their coats wherever they are – home, classroom, shops, restaurants etc. Our home heating is like standing in front of an asthmatic hair dryer. Coupled with gaps around the doors and windows you could drive a tuk-tuk through and you can imagine the scene as we huddled on the sofa under duvets – silk of course!

Chinese New Year arrived with the expected bombardment of explosives at all hours of the day and night. Like all things in China, there is very little, if any, order or procedure. Anyone can buy whatever fireworks they like from any shop that wants to sell them. Grocery stores, beauty parlours and fruit stalls have all found space to sell an

assortment of incendiaries to just about everyone, it seems. They are then let off whenever and wherever. It's not at all unusual to see a middle-aged bloke set light to a whole range of rockets, bangers, and machine-gun belt-like strings of firecrackers in the middle of the day with no audience of 'oooing' and 'ahhhing' onlookers. He'll light the fuses with his smouldering cigarette and stand only slightly back as he disappears in a cloud of shredded red paper and cordite smoke.

It was good to have been here for the whole New Year experience and to have joined in the random firework displays. My particular favourite was at 4.30 am! An initial explosion propelled them into the air up to pretty much exactly the level of the ninth floor (where we live) before renting themselves apart. It was all I could do to stop Janet living out her dream and covering the windows in criss-crossed white tape whilst making tea from acorns and humming 'We'll Meet Again'.

It was a busy time for Jersey connections. On the last day of term we met a group from Hautlieu School, including several students that we knew from primary days. It was great to see all 81 of them and to get an insight into China as viewed through 15 year old eyes!

Andrew Willis

JANET VISITS THE HAIRDRESSER

Lucy made me an appointment in confident Chinese and I enlisted the help of a good friend, Xiao Pan, to come along. What I will go on to describe is, believe it or not, standard service at the Chinese hairdresser's.

On entering the salon, one is greeted warmly and given a hot glass of water to drink. Time check: 5.30pm. Seated in comfort and swathed in the usual assortment of capes and towels, one of the boys (all Chinese hairdressers seem to be male) proceeds to wash my hair with a handful of shampoo and a squirty bottle of water. Not a sink in sight! I have to say it was a little bit disconcerting to be sat in front of a mirror while an 18-year-old boy with extremely long nails lathers your hair and expertly scrapes your scalp for 15 minutes. I mean, after the first few clashes of eye contact in the mirror with genial smiles and nods from both parties, where do you



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look? However, if the shampooing stage proved a bit close for comfort, that was nothing compared to what was to come.

He gestured to the stairs and up we went. On a kind of landing affair were two wash basins with a plank of wood to lie on! Once rinsed, conditioned and scalp massaged again, he helped me off the plank of wood – a bit difficult as one false move and I'd have been over the banister. Obviously building regulations are not that stringent here. Time check: 6.15pm. Back down stairs wearing a hat made from a towel fashioned into a style reminiscent of a paper boat circa 1950s. My ears had been pulled out from under the edge of the hat and, as the youth drew up a stool close to my left hand side and carefully selected two cotton wool buds, I soon found out why. Popping one bud behind his own ear, he took the other one and refashioned the end to a point. Then without a murmur or a hint of embarrassment, he proceeded to work away carefully and painstakingly to rid my ears of any trace of wax!

Double-handed chops

Fifteen minutes later it was time for the next stage of the haircut but surprisingly enough it didn't involve scissors. Still sitting with the stupid boat hat on my head but by now with a pair of bright red ears protruding, I was quite literally beaten up from my neck down to my finger tips. Again, not a word

passed between us as I yielded to the double-handed slaps and chops across my shoulder blades and down my back. Once again, the stool was pulled up alongside and he carefully stretched out my arm and placed my hand on his knee. An invigorating arm massage then took place which involved throwing my arm in a circular motion, followed by pulling each finger out of its socket. He finally removed the towel hat, smiled, and disappeared to turn up the Michael Jackson CD. Time check: 7.00pm.

Scissors at last

At last, the stylist – and scissors – appeared fresh from his fag break. Totally ignoring any client wishes and he somehow hacked away randomly, taking just 6 minutes to complete a fairly decent haircut. Blow drying took just a further 2 minutes. What was on offer next rather took me by surprise; a second hair wash, seemingly quite normal after you've had your hair washed and dried. I declined.

I proceeded to the reception desk and, over the deafening beat of Billie Jean, was asked for 15 yuan. With all the noise and still being at elementary level with Chinese numbers, I thought he had asked for 150 yuan, is a quite reasonable £15. But no, my two and a half hours of massage, cleansing and hair cut cost just £1.50!

Janet Willis



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Busy Year for Jersey Gymnastics Club

Jersey Gymnastics Club, based at St John's Recreation Centre, has had a very successful year so far. Most recreational classes are over-subscribed and some new ones have been set up to cope with demand. These include a class for 3- to 4-year-olds on Tuesdays, extra classes on Saturday mornings and a very popular adult gym class on Tuesday evenings. Summer camps will be running throughout July and August and gym parties are also available. For all class enquiries please phone Michelle on 870188 or 07797 816258.

The Club has been making full use of the hall since April when its six months exclusive use began. Within days of setting up the equipment, the Club hosted Dynamo School of Gymnastics for a very special visit to celebrate 20 years of exchanges with the Southampton based club. 21 young gymnasts visited for a series of competitions and social events culminating in a BBQ at Giggles. Around 50 gymnasts benefited from the exchange which was very kindly supported by Le Gallais & Luce. Tantivy Blue Coach Tours also provided an excellent island tour.

The following month the Club hosted the Jersey Post Recreational Championships. Eighty gymnasts took part in the competition which has now been running for 30 years. The recreational gymnast of the year award was won by Anushan Elanco, who was also the winner of the 6 and under age group. Winner of the 8 and under competition was Mitchell



Jersey and Dynamo gymnasts enjoy a trip to the Zoo as part of the exchange visit in May

recreational competition every year, but this being the 30th anniversary of the event, we wanted to make it something special. With Jersey Post on board as sponsors we were able to put on the best competition yet with a very special award for the recreational gymnast of the year, specially designed medals for the winners, and t-shirts for all the gymnasts who took part. Jersey Post is keen to promote sport amongst the young members of our community and to enable them to become our sporting stars of the future and we hope that this competition is the starting point for future Island gymnastics competitions.'

The squads have also been busy. They are currently training hard and are benefiting from the permanently set up facilities, particularly with the use of the sprung floor. In March eight members of the Girls Junior and Intermediate Club squads passed their County Grades in Hampshire, and 21 girls from the Club and Performances squads are now putting in extra sessions in preparation for a competition in Milton Keynes at the end of June. The boys' Junior Performance squad will be taking part in the Pegasus Open in Maidstone at the end of June.



Anushan Elanco wins Jersey Post Recreational Gymnast 2010 award at St. John's Recreation Centre.

Crockart, and Summer Goncalves and Ben Purkiss won the girls and boys development competitions respectively.

Matthew Maletroit, Jersey Gymnastics Club's Development Officer and organiser of the competition, commented: 'Our Club holds a

The Club is run by volunteers including a hard working committee and over 20 qualified coaches. More help is always needed, so if you would like to become involved in any way please contact Club President, Jackie Hill, on 851849.

Jackie Hill, Club President



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What a busy time for us Brownies

St John's Brownies continue celebrating 100 years of Girl Guiding with various events for each month.

World Thinking Day at D'Auvergne School was attended by 250 girls. Every section of the guiding movement represented a country and each girl was given a centenary bowl commissioned from Jersey



Lifeboat visit

Pottery. Jersey Post produced a First Day Cover envelope with five vibrant stamps and portraits of Lady Baden-Powell and Agnes Baden-Powell – a souvenir for our Brownies.

April was the Brownie event 'Golden and Gorgeous' – at Samares Manor. A fun day was had by all 150 girls who took part in seven activities. In



Sleepover?

attendance were His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs Valerie Ridgway. Ten Brownies from St John's pack joined up with 300 girls over May Bank Holiday, taking part in a 24-hour sleepover. 100 challenges were set for the 24 hours which included walking from Maufant village to St

Catherine's at 3.30 am to see the sun rise and then having breakfast at 6am. Coaches were on hand to take the girls to Le Rocquier School for the rest of the day to continue with their challenges. There were some very tired girls and leaders at the end of the day but what a wonderful experience!

As well as being involved with the centenary programme, St John's Brownies had a pyjama night with Jane Young from Tranquility; a visit from St John's Honorary Police about road safety and a visit to the RNLI station. Also, our Archivist, – Mrs Margaret Hawkins, came to show us what Brownies used to wear between 1940 and 2000. The girls enjoyed trying on the old-fashioned uniforms and all said they prefer their own.

Finally, we are very excited about our royal visit on 29th June. The Earl and Countess of Wessex are to visit us at Samares Manor as part of our Centenary celebrations. The Countess is the President of Girlguiding UK and it will be such a privilege for the girls to see her. What can I say? What a year so far – and the celebrations go on till October 2010!

Donna Tupper, Unit Guider



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St John Football Club

By the time you read this article, St John FC will have already begun pre-season training for the 2010-11 season, with a number of new personnel on board, but first let me re-cap on the season just finished.

Firstly, a big thank you is offered to Ronez for their support this season. They came on board last August and their support has been invaluable in allowing us to operate as we do. Ronez have sponsored our first team, who have played in a changed strip of yellow shirts, shorts and socks, with green trimming.

Peter Herridge, in his last season as manager, was supported by Alan 'Postie' Tardival and Gary Syvret, and succeeded in taking the first team to Springfield in the Touzel cup final. It was a spirited performance only to lose 2-0 to Wanderers. The Under-16 team also reached Springfield, under the guidance of Adrian Dixon, but after an even game, they lost 2-1, also to Wanderers in the Brian Beckett final. The Ladies went one better, beating St Paul's 1-0 to win the Colin Welsh trophy when Kelly Hughes scored the winning goal in extra time after an excellent run by Laura Robertson.

The Reserves challenged for top of the table for the first part of the season, but fell away towards the end, while the C team had a very solid season and

competitions at Under-14.

This year's annual dinner celebrating our season, was held at the Farmhouse. Awards went to the following:

Roy Barette Trophy - (most outstanding senior player)	Colin Dummond
David Rouillé Trophy - (most improved first team player)	Tim Brown
Wolfs Caves Trophy - (most consistent Reserve)	Jon Le Blancq
Sanderson Shield - (most promising Reserve player)	Corey Bisson
C Team Player's Player	Brett Graham
C Team Manager's Player	Adrian Dixon
Ladies Player's Player	Tracey Kahill
Ladies Manager's Player (Jayson Lee Trophy)	Kelly Hughes
Ladies – Most Improved Player	Amy Brown
Under-18 Player's Player	Jon Le Blancq
Under-18 Manager's Player	Romula Da Silva
Norman Le Lay Trophy	Mike McKinlay
Elizabeth Watts Trophy	Nigel Perrée

As mentioned, 2010 was the last season as manager for Peter Herridge. After many years of dedicated service to St John FC, as both player and manager, Peter is retiring from local football. His record speaks for itself: Player 1970-78, First Team Manager 1989-91, 1998-01, 2008-10. Peter was presented with an inscribed decanter as a thank you for his many years of dedication to the club.

And so to the coming season. With Peter's retirement, St John has a new first team manager. Following a number of interviews, Jose Gouveia was appointed as First Team Manager, to be supported by Oscar Vieira and Ricardo Fernandes. Tim Jones will coach the Ladies while Martin Le Blancq and Alan Tardivel will run the Reserves. Mike McKinlay will run the C team

and Nigel Perrée the Over-40s. For the Juniors Nigel Perrée will run the Under-18s, Adrian Dixon the Under-16s, Adrian de la Haye the Under-14s and Nigel Perrée the Under-10s. We wish all the coaches, players and teams the best of success for the coming season.

Nigel Perrée



were very unlucky not to win anything. The Under-18s had a great season, and have continually improved, under the guidance of Martin Le Blancq. Towards the end of the season, Bastien Hamon-Cole and Corey Bisson, both Under-18s, made appearances for the First team, and we hope to see more of them this coming season. The Under-12s, coached by Adrian de la Haye, also had a good season, and are looking forward to entering the League and cup





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GOLD AWARD for Primary Geography

This term pupils and staff at St John's School have been celebrating after achieving the Geographical Association's Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM) Award – the highest award given for excellence in the teaching and learning of Geography.

At Gold level, the award is in recognition of the school's capacity to embed excellent and innovative geography in its work throughout the school and this year St. John's Primary School was one of just six schools in the whole of the UK to receive the Gold Award and the first ever in the Channel Islands.

These schools ensure policies impact on pupil learning, are not afraid to take risks, innovate and challenge to achieve progress in geography. Key threads through the curriculum are inter-cultural understanding, local fieldwork, environmental issues and dilemmas connected with

sustainability. These are explored in a variety of places across the world from local to global. These schools use creative approaches to stimulate learning and place a high value on using real-life issues to promote understanding.

Over 200 schools have achieved the Primary Geography Quality Mark award since its launch in 2006.

James Matthews, Subject Leader for Geography, and Year 1 teacher at St John's School, says that the staff have been working hard on raising the profile of geography over the past two years and have used the Quality Mark as a vehicle for raising the standard of the curriculum area in teaching and learning. Many staff meetings have been spent working on developing our geography curriculum, in particular developing the use of ICT and geography, mapping skills and embedding regular meaningful outdoor learning experiences throughout the school. We are

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honoured to have received such a prestigious national award for our efforts and are keen to start developing geography even further by focussing on the few areas identified by the moderators in their report. These include developing our learning of distant places so that children gain a better understanding of what it might be like to live there, and gaining a better understanding of sustainability



through the continued development of our own school grounds.

Mrs Trudie de la Haye reflects on her time as Acting Head

Having come to the end of a busy term – Sports Day completed, reports written, tears at the Leavers' Assembly – we can pause and take stock of all that has been achieved and enjoyed this academic year. It has been a privilege to view the school from a different perspective and learn from the various challenges that have come our way during the past ten months.

I have been inspired by the children's enthusiasm for life and their resilience and positive attitude. I have felt supported and encouraged by staff and parents and I feel that I have been on a learning journey that has enabled me to develop as an individual. I feel truly fortunate. Andrew, Janet, Lucy and Rosie Willis are on their journey home from China and have experienced an amazing epic adventure, which, I'm sure, has changed them as individuals and as a family. We look forward to hearing their stories and anticipate 'wonderment' as we listen to some of their adventures.

Positive attitude to life

A major focus for us as a school over the past few months has been thinking about the importance of a positive attitude in life which supports us when life is challenging, is useful in inspiring others and provides us with resilience and determination. However, the world that we live in abounds with negativity of one kind or another. Bad news stories apparently sell well and many people are more likely to tell you about what is going wrong than what is going right in their lives.

How can we all become and stay positive and optimistic? We do live in a wonderful part of the world and enjoy peace and posterity and yet, there is so much we take for granted and become concerned about. So we have been reflecting on why positive attitudes are important and how these can be maintained and developed.

The first idea that came to mind from the pupils of St John, is to move outside of yourself and do something for another person; a random act of kindness. Such acts will give us a feeling of well-being and satisfaction

and it is hard to hold a negative thought while feeling this way. Our focus has been to do this as often as possible and as a result, we have been able to see positivity and optimism growing in and around us and embedding itself within our school community.

Another way that we believe positive attitudes are nurtured is through play, having fun and enjoying ourselves lots and often. As a school community, we have talked about how important it is to spend time looking at the wonderful things that surround us and appreciate the beauty of life and the colour friends and family provide.

I come to the end of this time as Acting Head Teacher of St John's School, I'd like to thank everyone who has been supportive and offered positive encouragement. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and is able to stand back and appreciate the blessings that life showers upon us.

Trudie de la Haye, Acting Head Teacher



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JULY

Thurs 22nd Last day of school term
 Tues 27th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 28th 2.30pm Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall.

AUGUST

Wed 4th Visite Royale
 Sun 8th 11.00am Beach Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the Parish Church
 Wed 25th 2.30pm Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 2nd Back to School.
 Thurs 2nd 2.15pm Visite de Branchage
 Sun 5th 3.00pm Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the St John's Group of Churches
 Wed 8th 7.30pm St John's WI visit with Fish & Chip Supper
 Sun 26th Back to Church Sunday at the Parish Church
 Sun 26th 1.00pm Skate-a-thon from West Park to Bel Royal and back
 Tues 28th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 29th 12.00pm Golden Age meet at the Parish Hall for lunch outing.

OCTOBER

Sun 3rd 10.30am Harvest Celebration at the Parish Church
 Mon 4th Art Week at St John's School
 Wed 13th 7.30pm St John's WI talk by Paul Battrock at the Parish Hall
 Fri 22nd Last day of school half-term
 Tues 26th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 27th 2.30pm Golden Age meet in the Parish Hall

NOVEMBER

Mon 1st Back to School
 Wed 10th 7.30pm St John's WI AGM and quiz in the Parish Hall
 Sun 14th 10.30am Remembrance Day Service in the Parish Church organised by the St John's Group of Churches
 Wed 24th 2.30pm Golden Age AGM in the Parish Hall
 Fri 26th Deco Day at St John's School
 Tues 30th 7.30pm Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall

DECEMBER

Mon 6th – 10th Christmas Productions at St John's School
 Mon 6th 7.30pm St John's WI Christmas Party with the Harmony Men at Ebenezer Church Hall
 Tues 14th 7.30pm Christmas Bingo in the Parish Hall
 Wed 15th Last day of school term
 Sat 18th 2.00pm Golden Age Christmas party in the Parish Hall

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN ST JOHN

THE PARISH CHURCH

Every Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Holy Communion with traditional hymns
 11.00am Contemporary Worship – All-age Worship, Celebrations or Communion.

The Sunday Club meets weekly at 11.00 am leaving church for their own teaching sessions at the school except during all-age worship services.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Every Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
 Holy Communion on first Sunday of the month
 'All-age' worship on the last Sunday of the month.

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