

# L'ÉTAILE DU NORD - STAR OF THE NORTH



## Parish of St John

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## Your views count!

Invitation to complete the Parish of St John Consultation Questionnaire

### The Parish consultation is now in full swing!

Some residents have already taken part in the initial stages such as focus groups, photo research and interviews outside the Village shops. As the Working Party would like to capture views from as many residents as possible, we invite you to complete the consultation questionnaire.

The questionnaire is included with this magazine and an online version is also available if you would prefer to complete it electronically. The questionnaire has been endorsed by the Connétable. It contains questions relating to future planning of the Parish, as well as issues that affect residents. This is your opportunity to influence the future of St John and planning proposals that may affect the parish. By completing and returning the questionnaire you are making a valuable contribution to developing a St John Village plan which represents the views of its residents.

The questionnaire should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete. If you are completing the paper questionnaire, please return it to the Parish Hall by dropping it in or by post (La Rue de la Mare Ballam, St John, JE3 4EJ). The online version can be accessed through the working party website [www.stjohnvillageplan.co.uk](http://www.stjohnvillageplan.co.uk) or the web address given on the questionnaire.

**Please complete by Monday 9th May.**

Thank you in advance for taking part.

*Louise Duffy  
– Consultation Researcher  
on behalf of the  
Parish of St John Working Party*

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Miss St John 2011 – Kayte Arthurs

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Sark to Jersey Rowing Race – Bambinos at Kart Club***

## Editorial

### Inserts for action

In addition to the advertising flyers (a very important source of revenue for 'Star') there are inserts for action in this edition. Do fill in and return the Parish of St John Consultation Questionnaire in order to have your say about future developments in our parish. Your views cannot possibly count if you don't respond!

Please consider joining the Youth Project's 100 Club which will provide needed funds – and the chance of a prize – through the twelve monthly draws. Since our December edition two volunteer workers have come forward to help the Youth Club. Thank you, Jenny Reid and Michael Horman. May others follow you in supporting this important club.

Thirdly – don't lose your Christian Aid envelope – or put it away in a forgotten safe place. Keep it handy by the front door! Christian Aid week is 16th – 21st May.

### Food and Photos

On page 29 Mrs Beryl Richard provides a recipe she fondly remembers from her childhood. Maybe you have one to contribute? Perhaps you have memories not only of the food itself, but of those who cooked it and the occasions when it was eaten.

Do you recognise any faces in the old school photo on page 3? If so – please let us know. What was the teacher's name? Maybe this picture will trigger memories of your schooldays you could share. We'd love to have more old photos to publish in future editions.

### Forthcoming events

Do look at the Parish diary and attend some of the events advertised. We are all invited to St John's School Liberation Party on May 6th. There's a musical walk along the north coast on May 7th, part of the Liberation Music Festival. Out of the Parish – in far away St Helier Methodist Centre – the Jersey Festival Choir's annual concert takes place on May 21st. There's a good day out promised for June 25th at the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival, and the Sark to Jersey Rowing Race is on July 30th. This is only a selection of events – yet people say there is nothing to do in Jersey!

### Deadline for our August edition is July 11th

Please 'think Star' as you go about and let us have ideas, articles, and photos to fill the pages.

### Finally, thank you

To the 24 writers who have contributed to this edition; to our advertisers for their financial support; and to the distribution team who deliver it to you – our readers.

*Angela Le Sueur, Editor*

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## ST JOHN RECREATION CENTRE LIVE-IN CARETAKER/PART TIME CLEANER

As part of the Centre's major modernisation programme, we have recently built a one bedroom flat for the use of a Caretaker/Cleaner.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Locking and unlocking the building, plus other general caretaker responsibilities. Cleaning the inside of the building and ensuring that the outside is kept tidy and litter free.

### KEY PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Hard working and reliable. Able to work unsupervised. A friendly helpful and approachable manner as the role will involve contact with the diverse range of sports clubs who use the centre. Good communication skills and the ability to work well with others, particularly young people. A degree of flexibility is required as there may be ad hoc caretaker tasks.

### KEY BENEFITS

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IS 30TH APRIL 2011**



# Dear Parishioners

## Parish Plan

Many of you may already be aware that there is a major piece of work being undertaken by a group chaired by Deputy Rondel. The first phase of the work was to present a parish plan to the planning department to be included in the new Island Plan, and this has now been done

The second phase is well under way in that we are consulting all parish businesses, clubs and groups and would like feedback from all parish households, so please fill in the questionnaire enclosed in this edition of our magazine. This will help us to plan for the future needs of the parish and its parishioners – you may also win a prize. See the front page!

## Skateboard Park

I visit the recreation centre regularly with two of my grandsons so that they can use the facility on their scooters; it is great to see it being heavily used by youngsters of all ages and abilities. This addition to the recreation centre adds to an already well used facility.

## Honorary Police

We have a small number of vacancies for posts in the Honorary Police and I would like to invite anyone who is interested in serving their parish to contact me at any time; I would particularly welcome some

female applicants. This is an ideal opportunity to put something back into the community that we live in.

## Allotments

We are making some minor adjustments to the plan for the allotments and then we will seek planning consent. If you are not already on the list, please contact the parish hall if you are interested in an allotment.

## Land

It is likely that the Parish will be asked if it is interested in having a significant part of the field opposite the church and nearest to the parish Hall gifted to it for community use in the future.

## Dog Owners

Not only in St John but Island wide it is being noticed that there is a growing trend amongst some dog owner not to pick up after their animals. This is not only unsightly but dangerous if left on playing fields etc. Please pick up after your animals.

*Graeme Butcher*  
Connétable



## Familiar Faces? – The St John Infant Class of 1930



Do you recognise anyone in this old St John School photo?

My Mum (Louisa Morin) is the little girl in a white pinafore sitting down in the second row on the right.

The photo was taken against the wall which now backs on to the garage of the Parish Hall.

If anyone recognises anyone else in the photo we would love to hear from them. Contact Graham Minier: tel 862735, or email: [grahamminier@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamminier@hotmail.com)





# Deputy Phil Rondel's Update

As the winter fades the daffodils and primroses emerge and we await the bluebells in their splendour.

## Bus Service

I have to look back and ask has the winter bus service with its revised bus routes and additional services been a success, albeit without a late night service? Whilst the service is a big improvement on what we had before, it still needs further improvement to reach the outlying areas such as Sorel and Bonne Nuit. For instance I am aware of people having to walk to a bus stop between three quarters of a mile and a mile away, carrying shopping bags; this is not acceptable, in particular in inclement weather on main roads or lanes without footpaths. I have asked Transport and Technical Services to look at a transport hub within the Parish. As yet they have not come back to me. If anyone has feedback on the improved service and/or ideas on improving this service I would be pleased to hear from you.

## Recreation Centre

I viewed the new Caretaker's flat at the Recreation Centre recently as this is near completion. It is good to see so much activity at the Centre. The new skateboard park is a great addition with many youngsters making use of it. This is a good example of what can be achieved, thanks to the energy, enthusiasm and fund-raising of our young people headed by Sam Coutanche. Well done all.

## Youth Project

The Youth Project and its leaders new and old are doing a grand job with the young people. Having attended the AGM at the Centre several weeks ago I see that the club is in a good position but needs parish support to help its continued progression.

## Scrutiny

Within my role as Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel I have several reviews currently on the go including a review of the marine environment and the quality of the water around our coast, given the various outfalls around the Island like Bellozanne, the energy from Waste Plant, the Cavern and others on the south of the Island and Bonne Nuit on the north coast to name but a few. Fish farming and the natural environment are important to the well-being of us all and must be looked after, for it to be passed on to our children in good order. Another area the panel is reviewing is energy efficiency in buildings. This is well under way as the Planning and Environment Department have funding to assist the public in this area.

We are also reviewing the proposed law on Island speed limits and Green Lanes which the Transport & Technical Services Department wish to introduce. For



this my panel has been calling for evidence and the panel will be testing that evidence when this article goes to press.

For your information – for those of you who do not understand the workings of a Scrutiny Panel here is the definition of Scrutiny

*Scrutiny is a vital part of the machinery of ministerial Government and is a means by which the Legislature (the States) holds the Executive (the Ministers) to account. It provides essential checks and balances to executive decision-making powers through the careful research, analysis and reporting of evidence from departments, as well as submissions received from stakeholders and the general public. The aim of scrutiny is to improve the quality of public services by ensuring that Ministers are accountable for their decisions; States departments implement those decisions appropriately; and legislation is relevant and effective.*

*Scrutiny gives stakeholders and the general public the opportunity to respond to and influence government policy. It must be unbiased and evidence-based, not reflect the political views of individual members.*

## Questionnaire

Within the Parish over recent months the St John's Working Party has been collecting information about the future needs of our Parish residents. Within this magazine is a questionnaire which hopefully as many of you as possible will complete and return so that we may collate the findings and add to the blue-print for St John.

Can I wish you all well for a good spring and summer ahead.

Deputy Phil Rondel



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# LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

Our Northern Lights, Roger and Margaret Long, were interviewed by Mary Rouillé

Roger Long was born in Brentford, Middlesex, prior to the Second World War. He began his school days in Ealing, but at the start of the War was evacuated to Buckinghamshire. At the age of eleven he passed the 11-plus to attend the local Chiswick Grammar School which, because of the London blitz, had been evacuated also to Buckinghamshire, at High Wycombe. After three years in the country Roger – and the school – returned



to London, and at seventeen he left to work at the Gas Light and Coke Company which, in 1947 soon after he joined and following the gas industry's nationalisation, became the North Thames Gas Board. The ten years Roger worked there included two years' National Service in the army as an Ammunition Examiner and a guarantee of his job back when demobbed. It was in 1953 that Roger came on holiday to Jersey, his first time out of the UK. He had heard of the Battle of Flowers and wanted to see it. As well as seeing his first Battle he met Margaret and after three years of courtship, mostly by letter, they married in April 1956.

Margaret was born in Jersey and lived at Beaumont with her parents and sister. Her father had a small poultry farm and her mother a school-teacher before marriage. Margaret attended St Brelade's Central School, up the hill out of St Aubin, and

walked from home near the Cannon at Beaumont to school twice a day! At the age of ten she passed the 11-plus to the Jersey College for Girls. After leaving there in 1949 at the age of sixteen, she enrolled for a Pitman's shorthand and typing course in London. Shortly before the course ended she had to return to Jersey as her father became ill and required her to help look after the fowls. As



soon as he was able to work again Margaret joined the Civil Service as a clerk/typist in the Income Tax office. After five years there she became entitled to a dowry of £50, which came in very handy for her forthcoming marriage.

The couple were married at St Mathew's Church, Millbrook, followed by a honeymoon in the Lake District, and with Roger still working in West London they set up home in Ealing. Margaret also found employment nearby, as a clerk in the estimating



*Looking for birds over Grouville Marsh*

department of Reed's, the cardboard box manufacturer. While in Jersey just before their wedding, Roger had approached Jersey Gas enquiring about a job as a works chemist, to be told that there was only one post which was already filled. Eighteen months later he received a letter from Jersey Gas to say they had a vacancy for a chemist, and after an interview he was offered the post and so, to Margaret's great delight, they moved to Jersey. That was in November 1957, and Margaret also found new employment as the school secretary at St Helier Girls' School. After

leaving this position in 1969 she helped out on a cousin's farm when they required an extra pair of hands, and working outside in the fresh air was something she thoroughly enjoyed. After a short while with Margaret's parents, they moved to a Gas Company flat in Bath Street. For the next eight years they saved to buy their own house preferring to live in a rural environment, and in 1966 Margaret found a bungalow in Les Hamonnets, St John, where they still reside. Roger was pleased to take early retirement in 1992 when Guernsey Gas took over Jersey Gas, thus enabling them to spend more time pursuing their hobbies.

### Société Jersiaise

Before they met, Margaret had developed a keen interest in natural history and had joined the Société Jersiaise. Roger had not been quite so involved, but was introduced to country ways and practices during his wartime years in the Chiltern countryside. It was only after meeting Margaret that Roger began to take an active interest in the Société, initially concentrating on ornithology (birds) whilst Margaret also studied the island's botany (plants) with Frances Le Sueur. Eventually both extended their interest to entomology (butterflies, moths and other insects). Much of their time has been spent finding different

species, recording and documenting information for Annual Bulletin of the Société Jersiaise. In 1968 Roger was elected to the Société's Executive Committee, the first of several terms, and was President for three years in the early 1990s, but he feels his major contribution to the work of the Société has been his twenty-five years as editor or assistant editor of the Bulletin, and he is still a member of the editorial subcommittee. They are keen supporters of the Société, of which they are Honorary Life Members, and have initiated the formation of a couple of its specialist Sections.

### Other Interests

When the weather allows, Roger and Margaret still venture out along with the binoculars, observing and recording, and remain involved with UK naturalists and conservationists in their studies of Jersey's natural history. Their other interests include books, music and family history. Roger has written articles for a variety of UK publications on subjects including birds, insects, milestones, sports and books, and Margaret has contributed to several national journals concerned with garden and wild plants. Finally, Roger helps with the editing and final proof-reading of this magazine. All in all they lead a very busy retirement.

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# ST JOHN'S YOUTH PROJECT

Just recently the St John's Youth Project held its Annual General Meeting for 2010/11 at Giggles Café. Wow, what a surprise – I'm not sure if it was the choice of venue this year or the added 'carrot' of the presentation by the Directors of the Centre regarding the redevelopment but we had – wait for it – approximately 30 people in attendance!! A really great improvement on last year's five! Thank you to all who did attend. Your support and interest is most appreciated, and thanks also to Sue for the use of the room.

I am pleased to report that all officers and existing members of the Management Committee had indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and were duly re-elected, and I am delighted to welcome five new volunteers onto the Committee who will undoubtedly bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm once they have settled in.

Speaking of fresh ideas, now that the Youth Club has come more under the wing of the Youth Service, the role of the Management Committee will change somewhat to a more general support and fundraising role. This undoubtedly will be an extremely challenging one, especially as we are not only committed to part-funding the services of our Youth Officer and our two Sessional Workers, but there are the exciting building changes that the Centre envisages for our Club area. The young people are totally committed to getting involved, along with the other User Groups, in the Centre's fundraising for this project and it is hoped that your support and generosity will be forthcoming on both accounts.

## 100 Club

In this vein I would like to draw your attention to the Youth Project's 100 Club flyer that accompanies this issue of Star of the North in aid of our Club funds. We would like to invite all Parishioners to participate and look forward to receiving your application slip and remittance. Numbers will be issued on a 'first come – first served' basis for the twelve monthly draws, with any unsuccessful requests being given first priority for the next session. Each month there will be the chance to win cash prizes – so get your skates on and return the application form – because as they say, you have to be in it to win it!

Reverting back to the AGM, the meeting was brought to a close with a short visual report by Youth Officer, Simon Bell, on the activities that the young people have taken part in over the year, and an insight to the way forward for the Project. The Directors of the Centre outlined the phasing for the work that will be involved in the re-development of our new Project area.

## Future events

Among future events on the Project's calendar, the young people are due to host an April disco on our

Easter Break-up day (Friday 8th April) for members of the St Mary and St Ouen's Projects. Two Crabbé residential trips are planned for April and June, during which they will attend Forest School activities – making whistles, mallets, pencils, candles and shelters out of wood, and cooking on open fires. The young people are currently getting involved with a consultation process for the St John's Village Plan. As you can see, quite an exciting and busy time is on the cards now that the finer weather is approaching.

## Volunteers

As you can imagine, in order to run all these activities and many, many more, the Project is dependant on extra supervisory help and the Project is extremely pleased to welcome two volunteer workers, Jenny Reid and Michael Horman, to the fold. We are always on the look out for extra volunteers, so should you find that you have some spare time available and would like to join the 'happy band' please do not hesitate – get in contact – a warm welcome is assured.

To close, may we wish you all a Very Happy Easter with the hope that the Easter Bunny calls with an abundance of yummy eggs!

*Rosemary Dupré*

*Honorary Secretary Management Committee*

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## ST JOHN'S RECREATION CENTRE – Modernisation Project Under Way!

### Background

There has been a massive increase in the use of the facilities in recent years and our objective is to build on this success and rejuvenate the Centre's infrastructure and facilities in order to provide high-quality, multi-user, modern recreational facilities.

The ongoing support of Lady Butlin has been hugely appreciated. As mentioned in the December edition of the Star of the North, the Centre has been extremely fortunate to receive funding of £500,000 from Butlin family trusts and this will enable us to make a substantial capital investment in the building.

### Rejuvenation Project

The development project is taking the form of a number of distinct phases which are designed to minimise disruption to our user groups. It is intended that Giggles Café will be open throughout the modernisation programme.

The building plans for the Centre have been produced by Godel Architects and are on display in Giggles Café.

### Progress So Far

The conversion of the old gym on the first floor at the north end of the building to a one bedroom flat has been completed. The transformation has been quite remarkable and has been done on time and within budget.



*New kitchen in progress*

The flat will be used for the caretaker/cleaner and we are actively recruiting to fill this position (see advert on page 2).

### The Next Phases

Phase 2 consists of the complete redesign and modernisation of the changing rooms and toilets. This is essential in order that we can provide modern, family-friendly facilities. We anticipate that this phase will start imminently.

Phase 3 will involve various improvements to the external areas to enhance the visual appearance of the building and create additional storage areas.

The cost of phases 1–3 will be funded from funding that we already have available.

### Youth Club Development

We also have ambitious plans to transform the Youth Club area by creating a two-storey extension to the north-west end of the youth club/shooting range area which will provide a modern, pleasant and light space for the Youth Club.

The small snack bars at the north end will be replaced with a new, larger extension which will house offices, storage and separate toilet facilities.

These improvements will not only greatly enhance the Youth Club's facilities but will also meet all the modern health and safety standards expected of youth club facilities.

An excellent presentation was given by Andy Jehan at the Youth Club's AGM in February, attended by Constable Butcher and Deputy Rondel, and the Centre's management team's plans have been warmly received. They have the full backing of the Youth Club and the Island's Youth Service.

The upgrading of the Youth Club is a logical extension to the existing range of youth-based facilities.

### Fund-raising Campaign

Our quantity surveyor has estimated that the work on the Youth Club area will cost approximately £300,000.

A team is being assembled to formulate a specific fund-raising strategy and co-ordinate the campaign. We intend to target various organisations and individuals. We have already been successful in our application to be one of the beneficiaries of the 2011 Itex Island Walk.

The entity that owns the Centre is a charitable trust and therefore donations will attract tax relief.

Value for money is central to our approach. We have been fortunate to obtain the free services of an expert consultant to oversee and manage the project. Furthermore we anticipate being able to continue to secure highly competitive terms from our suppliers, many of whom are favourably disposed to the Centre and our aspirations.

We are determined to provide the youth of the parish with modern recreational facilities and we are greatly heartened by the tremendous support that we have received from community groups and other interested parties in the Parish.

### Skateboard Park

We are absolutely delighted with the success of the new skateboard park which was funded by the St John Community Trust, with the support of the Parish. This has proven to be the envy of other parishes and is an excellent example of what can be achieved by the local community.

We are very grateful to Constable Butcher for successfully applying for a Community Safety Grant to fund the purchase and installation of a new CTV security system.

Our objective is to ensure that St John has Jersey's best recreational facility on its doorstep.

If you would like to get involved with this community success story then please do not hesitate to contact me (tel. 861716).

*Angus Spencer-Nairn*  
Chairman





# Miss St John 2011

On the evening of Saturday 5th March an audience of around thirty attended our Miss St John 2011 competition. Our independent judges, Mike and Sheila Ransom and Mary Karch, selected 18-year-old Kayte Arthurs as our ambassador for the coming year, with 17-year-old Hannah Thewlis as runner-up.



*Hannah Thewlis and Kayte Arthurs*

Allowing Kayte a day or two to get used to the idea I met her for an informal chat. Kayte is the younger daughter of Charmaine and Stephen Arthurs and lives at Folly Farm, Rue des Buttes. She is currently studying at the University of the West of England (Bristol) for a degree in computing. She has an older sister, Jaimee, who goes to Manchester Metropolitan University. Kayte attended St John's Primary School then went on to Jersey College for Girls before commencing her first year at the University.

## Favourites

Kayte has a number of chickens and ducks and two cats – Chalkie and Charlie – who make quite a fuss of her when she pops back from uni because they know they will get spoilt rotten with cuddles (the cats that is – I don't think the chickens and ducks bother too much!) She likes swimming in order to keep fit and also does a bit of horse riding – her favourite animal is a horse – she has always wanted one but has no room to keep one. Her favourite pop artist at the moment is Lady GaGa but she still enjoys listening to all her dad's favourite albums – for example Led Zeppelin and Robin Trower. Kayte loves going out for dinner especially to have Indian, Portuguese or Thai. She has travelled with her family quite a lot but says her favourite place is Thailand because the weather is good and she enjoys the foods and finds the people extremely friendly. One aim she has is to someday visit

America to travel around its various States, soaking up the different scenery, landmarks and cultures.

Kayte had a bit of a laugh at my question as to whether she had any musical prowess as she stated that she had tried to learn to play the piano when she was younger but just couldn't get to grips with it!

She has a great love of the island and states that she misses home and would definitely want to return to live and work here after, hopefully, gaining her degree. She is very happy living in St John and she hopes that the Parish will remain a close community and not become too built upon.

She is quite saddened at the decline in the tourism trade on the island and would like to see more promotional events on the lines of Rock in the Park, Jersey Live, French Markets and Jersey Eisteddfods. All of these events Kayte says she personally enjoys!

Kayte has been an extremely avid supporter of the Jersey Battle of Flowers, attending both the afternoon and evening parades every year since a baby alongside her sister Jaimee, her mum and her grandma. Kayte is really looking forward to representing her Parish for the year 2011 and thinks it will be an exciting change to be included in the parade instead of watching!

*Rosemary Dupré and Barbara Collins*



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## Keep your envelopes handy!

For the second year following you will find the little red envelope inserted in Star of the North. Our grateful thanks go to the editorial team for once again allowing this.

During the third week of May a volunteer will be knocking on your door to ask if you are willing to make a donation. Last year out of 1,300 envelopes inserted in the Parish Magazine only 60 were kept ready for collection. If you are happy to make a donation, perhaps you could put the money in your envelope and leave it in a handy place, or ready by your door for collection between 16th and 21st May. However, don't worry if you do mislay it as we always have spares!

Christian Aid has been helping people to lift themselves out of poverty since the Charity was founded in 1945. Today, Christian Aid works with partners across three continents, in about 48 countries, working together to improve the lives of millions of people. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom and hope. Christian Aid has a vision - **an end to poverty** - and fundraising is vital in achieving this. The biggest proportion of funds goes into long-term development work and emergency relief. In cash terms Christian Aid is one of the largest givers of

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# The Channel Islands at War

A three-part documentary about the Occupation of the Channel Islands, presented by JOHN NETTLES has been reissued as a DVD, by the St John-based Channel Islands Publishing Company. He spoke to ALASDAIR CROSBY

The Occupation of the Channel Islands is by now a well-trodden path for historians, writers, journalists and filmmakers, and one might think there is nothing much new or fresh to be said.

Perhaps yes - perhaps no. But those who hold any opinion on the Occupation will find the new DVD, the Channel Islands at War (presented by John Nettles of Bergerac and Midsomer Murders fame), an absorbing documentary.

The DVD comprises three documentaries in a series shown recently on the Yesterday Channel. It was launched in November at the Jersey War Tunnels, at a reception at which John Nettles was one of the principal guests.

He said he had no prior connection with Jersey before the start of the Bergerac series, and although he appeared in the 1970s as a Guernsey policeman in the TV Occupation drama series called 'Enemy at the Door' (riding a bicycle and wearing a bowler hat - not quite the image of Jim Bergerac, the character which made his fame in the 1980s) he never stepped foot in the Channel Islands - his own film sequences, at least, were filmed near Dartford.

He continued: 'Although I had no real connection with Jersey before Bergerac, of course the Island was to become my second home - in fact, my first home. I went native, and lived near Corbière for years, at one time sharing a home with Sean Arnold' (who played Bergerac's boss, Inspector Crozier) 'and made a lot of friends in the Island. My daughter, of course, now lives here, and I come across as often as I can.'

## Wallpaper of my mind

'If I were in a decent profession, instead of being a roving vagabond and actor, I would live here, but as an actor, you cannot work from the Channel Islands - but they are still the wallpaper of my mind.'

He had no special interest in the Occupation when he was living in Jersey and playing 'Bergerac'. 'Truth to tell, during my time in Bergerac I never really noticed the German bunkers,' he joked, 'I was far too busy chasing cardboard villains in impossible cars and seducing maidens on misty cliff-tops!'

'But as I got deeper and deeper into local life, I would find that sooner or later the topic of the Occupation would come up, and I realised that the Occupation years were the watershed years as far as Jersey was concerned. It changed the Island forever

and gave it a status and a place in history that was unique.

## Conflicting accounts

'What happened here was quite extraordinary, but even more extraordinary were the quite conflicting accounts of what happened and what didn't happen, not only from the people who survived the Occupation, but also from the historians who have written about the period.'

So according to the source you most fancy, he said, the Islanders were collaborationists - or not collaborationists; the government were jumped up parish councillors - or they were great statesmen; they aided the Nazi persecution of the Jews, or they worked to thwart it... in short, an intriguing hotchpotch of contradictory ideas.



*The author at one of the German fire-control towers.*

*Photo Jersey Evening Post*

But whatever the truth of the matter, the Occupation was a matter of enduring great interest - something extraordinary had happened in Jersey, but what was it?

'That was what intrigued me - trying to find out what actually had happened, and what could be said about it, without going into the realms of paranoia and fantasy, as some writers have done.'

For the written sources of his own research, he gave pride of place to the book by St John parishioner Freddie Cohen about Jews in the Channel Islands during the Occupation - 'exemplary, both from a human and a philosophical point of view, as well as from an academic and historical point of view'.





### Occupation Survivors

But the Occupation survivors were the essence of the inquiry that the DVD represents, and it was a great sadness to him that there are so few people now left with an adult or clear recollection of the Occupation years.

'To talk to Bob Le Sueur, for example,' he said, 'is quite a privilege – and I don't use the word lightly. He is so reticent about what he did – he kept on saying: "Oh no, I did nothing". I really had to lever the information out of him! He was a very brave man.'

In his talks with the survivors – including also Michael Ginns and Leo Harris – and in the books he read, the more he realised 'how bloody good' the Islanders were at handling the Occupation, particularly the civil Jersey administration, who were generally reviled for their pains.

'I take my hat off to them,' he said, 'they handled the situation with statesmanlike aplomb.'

### Into trouble in Guernsey

He recognises that the subject of the Occupation still stirs passions, 65 years after the Liberation, and gives rise to paranoia and fancy. In fact he has got into some trouble in Guernsey, from where he has received threatening letters from people insulted that he gave space to interviewees who claimed there was an element of collaboration between the civilian government and the Occupation authorities.

He said: 'It is easy, from this distance, to criticise,

and to talk about collaboration, but in the actual circumstances of the Occupation, the attitude of the civilian authorities is much more problematic. It is a fine judgment where collaboration ends and enforced co-operation begins... or are they the same thing?'

In the DVD are well-chosen archive film sequences, and interviews with Islanders now deceased, such as the wartime Bailiff, Alexander Coutanche, and Dr John Lewis, author of 'A Doctor's Occupation'.

He met the late Dr Lewis, who lived with his family at Beaupré, in St John, in 1991 after reading his book. 'At the time, I thought it was one of the most marvellous pieces of literature, shot through with a humanity, a wisdom and a good-nature that was extraordinary, given the circumstances – and so understated, too.' I had the most marvellous four or five hours with him – he was a truly great man.'

As time goes by, there is always a new generation for whom the history of the Second World War has an interest that never seems to fade, and the same could be said about the Occupation of the Channel Islands.

As John Nettles said: 'The Occupation is an endless source of fascination as a study in human nature.'

*\*The Channel Islands at War is distributed by the Channel Islands Publishing Company (telephone 860806), which has secured the rights to produce the documentary on DVD. Retail outlets include The Jersey War Tunnels.*

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In times past church members would often attend two Sunday services each week, but times have changed. Whilst a number of Christians do still value going to church weekly, many others with busy lives and other commitments, join us for worship whenever they can, some every other week, others once a month. Whatever the frequency, all are welcome at St John.

So what of the three services? Which one seems most attractive to you?

- 8am - Book of Common Prayer Communion
- 9.30am - Holy Communion with Traditional hymns
- 11.00am – Contemporary Worship with Sunday Club



"I was brought up with the 8am Communion service and continue to enjoy this time of refectation and contemplation. This traditional service reminds me, after all these years, of the meaning of Holy Communion. It is a rewarding, quiet service where one can experience love and fellowship from fellow parishioners".

Margaret Petty

"I enjoy the 8 am Book of Common Prayer Communion which is held in the choir stalls, which gives a feeling of intimacy and peacefulness. I find the old text rich in language, familiar, and consistent, never changing despite the morals and values in everyday life seemingly doing the opposite! As the service is only half an hour it also means that the rest of the day is free to enjoy and make the most of!"



Martin Fricker



"The 9.30am service with traditional hymns played on the church organ is a time for quiet reflection, peace and prayer. I get great comfort from partaking in Holy Communion on a weekly basis and value the companionship of other worshippers."

Mary Lamy

"I attend the 9.30am service as hymns form the basis of my Christian faith. I have fond memories of singing great hymns at morning assemblies at Victoria College Prep. To me these hymns represent continuity in an ever changing world. The Sunday morning service offers a wonderful start to the day, and to the week ahead. Whatever turbulence may lie ahead, or may have been in the past, I feel stability through the morning service."

Chris Brough



"I really enjoy attending the 11am service as it is a relaxed, informal, intimate service at which Church members can get to know each other. The 11am service holds the Sunday Club (children over 3 years old and teens) which means that mum and/or dad can enjoy the service knowing that their child/children are being looked after and taught bible messages. Attending the 11am service also means that I can go to Church and get my Sunday morning lie-in too!"

Emma Harrington-Evans

"My wife and daughter and I have been going to St John's church now for 3 years and we attend the 11 o'clock service which is really relaxed and laid back, but still manages to get its message across. It is also when the church has its children's Sunday School Club which my daughter attends. They do various activities and put on a play at Christmas. The congregation in this service is normally a younger one and is a favourite for families, but all are welcome."

Mick Williams



# Alcoholics Anonymous

In 1935, two men in America with serious drinking problems helped each other stay away from alcohol. Within a few years, thousands of members of the fellowship founded by these two men, were also achieving lasting sobriety. The fellowship was named Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alcoholics Anonymous came to Jersey during the 1950s and since that time has helped many people to stop drinking and stay sober.

Exact membership numbers can never be known as A.A. does not keep records, but there are now 24 meetings each week in Jersey, held at various venues where those whose lives were once made miserable by their drinking problem, are succeeding in staying away from alcohol and helping others to achieve sobriety.

Emily, sober 10 years says:

*A.A. stopped me actively destroying myself. It has completely changed my outlook and my expectations. Most important of all, I can stay sober. I do not have to drink.*

Any one who is worried about their drinking is very welcome at Alcoholics Anonymous. Attendance at a meeting does not mean the person has to say they are an alcoholic, or in fact say anything at all.

Rob:

*I was 18 when I went to my first Meeting. I didn't think I was an alcoholic but I was worried about my drinking. I soon realized I was in the right place.*

Anonymity is really important in Alcoholics Anonymous. Many people when they first contact A.A. feel ashamed and fearful. They are worried that they could meet someone they know at the meetings or that their family or their boss might 'find out'. An A.A. member can be as anonymous as he or she likes. Only first names are used. In a small island community, the assurance of anonymity has provided comfort to generations from all walks of Island life.

And of course, A.A. members, being sober, are generally not as noticeable as they were when they were drinking. If they are noticed, they are noticed for their achievements in life and not for the negative things connected with abuse of alcohol.

Mary, sober 18 years:

*I admit I was a nuisance, taking up the time of doctors, nurses and ambulance staff each time I was taken to hospital during those benders. I'm glad that now that I am sober, I can put something back into society and make amends.*

Alcoholics Anonymous is not allied with any sect, denomination, organization or institution. The meetings may be held in church halls or club rooms, but A.A. is not part of those organizations. Alcoholics Anonymous is not a religious organization. New members do not have to believe in anything. Many have come to A.A. having despaired of finding any solution to their drinking problem and sometimes totally unable to believe there is anything worth living for. What usually happens is those despairing people come to believe they can recover when they see that the other members have been able to stop drinking and have found contentment.

Joe:

*I found in the Meetings a way to stay sober, a day at a time. AA has provided a solution where all other remedies had failed.*

Contact can be made with Alcoholics Anonymous by phoning 726681. This line is answered by members of A.A. between 8 am and 10 pm with an answering machine at night. The anonymity of the caller is always respected.

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# St John's School – an exciting learning environment

I have nearly completed my first term as Head Teacher at St John's School. I am privileged in leading a vibrant learning community, where staff are committed to meeting the needs of every child and in making the school experience meaningful, challenging, stimulating, but also fun. The children are enthusiastic learners, who are continually buzzing with new ideas and experiences which they are desperate to share. We have wonderful parents who support the school in many varied ways. St John's School is an amazing place to be. Exciting learning is demonstrated in many ways and our pupils are supported in becoming life long learners through truly meaningful experiences.

Two areas that we are deeply committed to are creative thinking and learning, and outdoor learning. We believe that creativity is a



*Mud!*

process that involves the discovery of new ideas. It is fuelled by a conscious or unconscious insight. As teachers at St John's School, we are always considering different ways to deliver learning experiences within varied learning environments that not only engage pupils in new and exciting discoveries, but also consolidate their knowledge and build upon existing ideas for future success in life.

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### Forest School

Outdoor experiences can play a key role in pupils' engagement with learning and their motivation to succeed. Activity-based learning in the outdoor classroom is a highly powerful tool; it is not only crucial to a child's emotional and social development but presents a whole new educational experience too. Children love taking part in imaginative and inventive learning where they can also learn the importance of taking risks and overcoming challenges and obstacles. This year, all classes at St John's School have been involved in the Forest School initiative. This has enabled our students to engage in "hands on learning experiences" that embed their knowledge, skills and understanding. Forest School provides the freedom to develop different learning styles at the children's own pace, by working through achievable tasks, and promotes a range of skills necessary in becoming independent, lifelong learners. The outside classroom provides an understanding of the outdoor environment, as well as a place which enables activities and tasks that promote co-operation, independence, decision-making, confidence and risk-taking skills, including speaking and listening skills, to take place. Outdoor learning experiences enable holistic child develop-



ment. We have created displays in school that use photography, art work and exciting pieces of writing, to illustrate the high level learning which takes place on returning to school, after a Forest School visit. Please feel free to come and look at our displays in the school hall.

### Gardening Club

In comparison to the indoor classroom, where books and the Internet may be used, the outdoor classroom opens the door to further learning opportunities. Pupils can fully immerse themselves in the natural environment, taking part in a hands-on, engaging experience; they can touch, smell and listen to their surrounding world. We have an active gardening club at St John's and they have been working hand in hand with Simon Bell, from St John's Youth Club, to develop our garden areas. Come and see how these areas blossom and grow in future weeks! We are going to create a small, well covered pond in our sensory garden, so that all children can experience the natural environment within our school grounds. These are very exciting developments and we are grateful to everyone who supports us in so many ways. We are proud of the way we are developing this aspect of learning within our school.

Another of our plans this year is to develop

the Foundation Stage outdoor area. We believe that learning through play and outdoor activity, is not only a fun experience, but also develops key citizenship skills: communication, sharing of ideas, respecting others and voicing opinions.

Another development for the summer term will be to buy an outdoor chalet, having received generous financial support from the PTA. This will be used as a base for our outdoor education development, including Forest School skills, an area for the school's gardening club to pot up and grow different plants, as well as a venue for our active student council and a quiet spot at playtime. We are very excited by this project.

The next few months look to be challenging, exciting and full of wonderful ways to explore and experience many different learning opportunities.

Come and visit us at school if you would like to find out how we learn, and come and see some of our "learning in action." Just contact Mrs McInerney, our school secretary, to make an appointment.

*Trudie de la Haye  
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# BONNE NUIT HARBOUR FESTIVAL

Saturday 25th June 2011  
11.00am – 10.00pm

Once again the annual Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival is taking place near midsummer's day, on Saturday 25th June, with entrance at just £3.00 for adults and free entry for children under 12. As with previous years a bus service will operate from the parking field at Les Platons.

The day begins with a Carnival procession down to the bay by children from St John's School, followed by the official opening of the festival, and a performance by the school choir. There will be food and craft stalls and a range of musical styles throughout the day, including Jersey Elvis on stage from 4.45pm, before the grand raffle draw at 5.30pm

The festival day, for all the family, will build upon the strengths of previous years, so we hope you'll not only join us for an enjoyable day down at the bay in warm and sunny weather, but also to help spread the word about this fantastic event.

## Hawaiian Theme

This year it's an Hawaiian theme, so dig out those floral shirts and join us for whole day, staying on for limbo dancing on the beach in the evening to the headline band MOJO, playing well known songs of the summer. Floral garlands will be on sale at the entrance to the arena, and for the adults Pina Colada cocktails will be on sale from the bar.

For the children there will be games on the beach, from 12.00 -3.00pm, organised by the school PTA, and a pre-school area for the under -3's. Then there's the Hay Bale course, Jersey Bungee, a bouncy castle on the pier, plus, new for 2011, kayaking and climbing.

## Strongest Man

In the afternoon, competitions and entertainment will include the traditional 'Bonnie Baby;' and 'Miss

Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival', along with another 'Tucker Trial style challenge' with well known parishioners. However, this year's food theme for the challenge is based on children's party games – who will set the harbour festival record by eating the most cream crackers in two minutes? And Who is Bonne Nuit's strongest man? How far could you carry two 16kg weights on a 10 metre course on the beach? If it's further than the rest you'll be crowned as Strongest Man!

## Silent Auction

The 2011 Silent Auction lots include:- an original painting by local artist Joyce Berry; a trial flying lesson from Jersey Aero Club; and sausage making for the family with André, the village butcher. We're still looking for several more unusual lots to be auctioned, so do please contact Andy Thewlis, on 861677, if you are able to support this community event with the offer of an interesting lot.

Raffle tickets will be available from mid-May, which, after feedback, will be £1 each; there are 6,000 for sale, with a first

prize of £1,000. Please contact Jayne Luce, on 861570, if you can help by selling a few raffle tickets

After making a donation in 2010 towards the St John Skatepark, this year's event will support the School PTA; Parish Church; Bonne Nuit Boat Owners; and the St John Youth and Community Trust who are raising funds for the refurbishment of the pre-school children's playground in the precinct.

Watch out for the arrival of the Hawaiian Hay Bale Teddy – arriving shortly in the field opposite the parish church!



*Beach games*

*Andy Thewlis*

*Secretary, Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival*





# Sark to Jersey Rowing Race on the biggest tide for decades – 30th July

The organisers of the Sark to Jersey rowing race are expecting records to be broken this year. It's the biggest tide for decades so the crews will have some extra help on their crossing from Dixcart Bay to Bonne Nuit. All they need is fair weather and calm seas on race day, Saturday 30th July.

The Sark to Jersey was originally the idea of four friends from the Bonne Nuit Boat Owners Association. Rowing folklore has it that after a Sunday lunch at Les Fontaines Tavern in 1966, they looked across the sea to the small neighbouring



*The four founders of the Sark to Jersey (from left)  
Basil Le Brun, Gerald Palmer, Lawrence Carter and  
Mike Hamelin*

island and decided it must be possible to row between Sark and Jersey. After all, Chay Blyth and John Ridgeway had just rowed the Atlantic.

In 1967 a variety of boats and rowers proved that it was, with the first crew finishing in just under five hours. About half of the 58 boats that started in Sark didn't make it to the finish because the seas turned rough, winds blew up and the tide turned.

The JEP of Monday 24th July 1967 reported: 'The rowing race developed into a grand tussle between

Jersey and Guernsey crews and finally it was a young Guernsey pair, Brian Falla (20) and Peter Lowe (18), who reached the finishing line at Bonne Nuit Harbour first in their tiny plywood boat London Lass, which they themselves had built in only three weeks.'

Today the record stands at an impressive 1 hour 49 minutes and 56 seconds and was set in 2005 by a men's coxed four from Guernsey. Times, boat design and equipment have changed dramatically but it is still one of the great sporting challenges in the Channel Islands and a hotly contested but friendly inter-insular. Rowers feel an immense sense of achievement and many come back year after year.

The course takes competitors from the start in Dixcart Bay across open water to the Paternosers reef where they turn and follow Jersey's north coast towards Bonne Nuit Bay. Crews must row round the Cheval Rock before crossing the finish line. By the time they hit dry land they will have rowed about 15



*Only another ten miles to go!. Photos courtesy of JEP*

nautical miles. In the days before GPS and accurate measurements, the organisers used to say it was 20 miles.

The top crews from both islands take part but so do many inexperienced teams of friends from workplaces, clubs and families. It is a rare sporting event where novices can race alongside seasoned competitors and still share the same incredible feeling of achievement – no matter how long they've taken or how many blisters they have.

The start time is 2pm this year and the race can be seen from the cliff paths at Devil's Hole, Sorel Point, Ronez, New North Road and Frémont Point, where there is a very good view of the finish itself. The organisers would like to thank the Parish of St John and the Honorary Police for their invaluable help.



*JEP coverage of the first race*

*Tracy Mourant*



## St John's Skateboard Association

Following the official opening of the Skatepark on Sunday 5th December by Sam Coutanche and our Connétable, Graham Butcher, I am delighted to announce that to date we currently have 98 members, made up of young people from around the Island (some from as far away as Grouville!) The majority of members are aged between 11 and 13 but age ranges are from 6 through to 16 (We also have a couple of more mature Dads who appear to be enjoying the facility as well!)

As an Association we are obviously delighted at the huge amount of usage the Skatepark is getting, but we are equally proud of the way the young people are conducting themselves, and how they are taking ownership of 'their park'.

We initially had a number of incidents where non-members were bringing BMX's to use on the ramps, but after talking with the few lads involved and explaining to them that our park was designed for skateboards, inline skates and scooters, the issues were resolved.

We have received lots and lots of positive feedback from many areas, including parents, parishioners, Giggles Café and parish officials, and for that we are very grateful. However, if anyone does have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact either myself on Tel: 486999 or Sandra Coutanche on Tel: 864236.

*Claudine Thébault-Tobin*

*Chairperson St John's Skate Park Association*

## Stick to it!

Sixteen-year-old Sam Coutanche played a major part in the establishment of the St John Skatepark. The idea came from a group of young parishioners who used to skate around the parish precinct on home-made ramps and on one of the tennis courts at the Recreation Centre (where the skate park now is). One

day they discovered that their ramps had been moved and dumped. They felt let down. Where else could they skate – except on roads and outside the shops? – Not very safe, or popular with parishioners.

After a lot of thought the young people, led by Sam, decided to set up a petition to canvas parishioners' opinions about a proper skate park. Forms were put up in some local businesses and the young people went around the parish asking for



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signatures of support. Over 200 people signed. The young people also approached Constable Graham Butcher, former Deputy Andrew Lewis and Reverend Andy Thewlis who are both trustees of the St John



*Cutting the ribbon*

Youth and Community Trust. In Sam's words, 'This skatepark would not have happened if it had not been for the help that we had from both Andrew Lewis and Andy Thewlis as they have been behind us 100% and have never given up on us.'

### Happiest and Scariest Moments

For Sam the happiest moment of the whole campaign was the packed parish meeting when it was agreed that the Parish should give £2,500 towards the project. 'I thought loads would disagree but all hands went up!'

And the scariest moment? The opening ceremony on December 5th 2010 when, with Constable Butcher, Sam cut the ribbon.

In between these two events the young people had to live up to the challenge of raising £5,000. 'We managed to raise this money through a raffle at The Farmhouse on Bonfire Night, carol singing, a car wash, a raffle on Liberation Day and a Silent Auction at the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival. We were very lucky to have the help of Muriel Poisson who very kindly helped us with the organisation of some of these events.'



*Not a novice*

'What if something goes wrong?' has been a worrying thought for Sam since the opening. He was afraid that there might be vandalism, graffiti or illegal

drinking. 'But it's gone a lot better than I thought.' There was a litter problem, but now there are bins which are regularly emptied. There had been a plan to have a CCTV monitor screen in Giggles, so that the park was constantly observed, but at a User Group committee meeting Sam spoke against this, saying it was felt to be an invasion of privacy. Skaters do not want the humiliation of public broadcast if they fall over! The committee took this point, so CCTV cameras record on tape which can be monitored when necessary.

Sam is pleased with the way things are going. Between 9 and 5.30 the skateboarders are mainly very young – often dropped off by mum so that they don't have to trail around the town. Between 5.30 and 9 pm older people predominate. These informal split sessions suit everyone.

### What has Sam learnt from the whole project?

'If you come up with an idea, stick to it! Keep on fighting until the opposition eventually gives up'.

The whole process was more complicated than he at first thought. Apart from public opinion and money – the law, health and safety, and planning regulations had to be negotiated.



*Ready to roll*

Sam felt school to be 'not realistic' – he found it hard to concentrate – but he concentrated hard on the skatepark project. His English skills, he admits, were poor, but they have improved because he has had to focus on writing emails and letters. Meeting and socialising with the 'famous people' of the parish boosted his confidence. All this has benefited Sam's college work because he is 'no longer nervy' about written work at Highlands Academy of Culinary Arts where he is doing a City & Guilds International Certificate in Food Preparation & Cooking. Part of this course involves work experience at The Farmhouse where he also does some paid work.

As for the future, in the short term Sam is considering organising other projects – but in the long term he wants to run his own business. Leading the young people in their successful campaign to achieve a skatepark is a move in the right direction.

*Angela Le Sueur*





# St John Ladies Football – *Coach moves to US from transformed Ladies Team*

Tim Jones has been manager of St John ladies for two seasons, but is now leaving Jersey to take up a nine-month contract as a 'soccer' coach in the US. During his time at the club he has transformed the Ladies team which has this season won both the Zenith Cup, and the League. In addition, they have a chance for a clean sweep of trophies as they play for the Colin Welsh and the Upton trophies. Here is Tim's overview of his time coaching the ladies.

It can take time to develop a strong team as shown by the past few seasons. My first game in charge of St John saw an attempt to stamp my own sense of what would be successful for women's football on the island. At half time, under the former manager, we were 1-0 down. He was on call and had to leave, so I took over for the second half, which saw us run out 8-0 losers! My vanity was defeated and I knew that I would need to prove myself if I was ever to manage this side successfully.

With the departure of the previous coach I took to the position for real. In my first season in charge, though we had to settle for 3rd in the League, the team had improved dramatically, snaring the Colin Welsh cup away from St Paul's grasp, denying them a clean sweep (a feat we are looking to complete this season). How far we had come since that 8-0 drubbing!

Things were looking promising for the coming season. As expected we lost one or two influential players in transfers but also gained some. Two further players retired and our squad was looking healthy but unlikely to withstand much further loss.

The season kicks off every year with a cup, The Zenith Trust. In two successive games we lost the services of our regular left back and centre back due to injuries. Both players had been massively instrumental in our cup win the previous season and it was with their loss that we suffered a 4-0 defeat to St Paul's in the round-robin stages. In winning our three other games we secured a rematch and having worked hard in training, turned over St Paul's in a 4-1 win to gain our first cup this season.

This came after a massive win against the same team, in a league match at their ground which saw us turn around a 2-0 and 3-1 deficit to a 4-3 victory that signalled our intention to be recognised as a driving force in ladies' football. Since then we have continued to go from strength to strength and have regularly made it all look on paper a far easier game than it often is.

## What score lines do not tell

At the time of writing with two games to go, our goal difference stands at 33 but this tells so little of the story. The score lines do not tell of the time spent training, conversing and socialising that all brings about a winning team mentality. They do not tell of the individual moments that spark this beautiful game: moments such as our then reserve goalie coming on as a striker and in her first touches ghosting past an experienced defender; or the Christmas team celebrations that came with great conversation and massive laughs.

Neither do they tell of the time that people have put in to ladies' football as a whole to prevent the struggling league from failing altogether. I am encouraged to see that the girls' sides are beginning to thrive and hope that with an influx of younger players the Island will once again take the ladies' games seriously.

And so it was just recently that coming into our third game against St Paul's in the League, we knew that just a point would secure us the title with two more games to go. In what was an incredible advert for ladies' football a thrilling 1-1 draw ensued in which both teams showed why they have been at the top of this game in years gone by.

## Departure to US

Getting our second cup already this season meant so much to me in the knowledge that I am shortly to depart to the US to coach football there. I leave the team in the very capable hands of my brother, Chris Jones, and my regular linesman and assistant coach, Andy Fortune. I have no doubt that the ladies will perform with the same vigour and style they have under my instruction, if not more!

It is with some sadness that I leave this team behind. I cannot think of a better place to have begun my coaching career and for that I cannot thank them enough. I am proud to have been not only their coach and seen them develop as footballers and as a team, but also to have been part of the growth of the players as individuals. I again need to thank them for the emotional support I have been shown in what has been a tumultuous time.

It is my greatest hope that someone steps in to take this team on for the next season who will continue to improve and maintain this squad of players, friends and teammates. Maybe the knowledge that the previous coach had such a catastrophic start will allay any fears for anyone considering the post!



Please come to support the side in the Upton against Guernsey's Slyvans on the 24th April. My brother and the team would be very appreciative of your presence.

Everyone at the club is grateful for Tim's contribution, and the success that the team has had.

We wish him well in the US, where I'm sure he will be equally successful.

If anyone is interested in applying for the position of Ladies' team manager, would they contact Club President, Nigel Perrée on 865113.

*Nigel Perrée*



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## Bambinos at the Jersey Kart and Motor Club

The Jersey Kart and Motor Club's 2011 season started during the weekend of 5th and 6th March at Ronez Loop Road in St John. The start of this season was one of great excitement as the Club has introduced a new class of kart racing, the Bambino Class.



*Karting young – Bambinos aged 6–8 years*

The Bambino was authorised by the Motor Sport Association in 2010 and has grown in interest since its introduction on tracks throughout the UK. They are a specified bambino kart chassis with a 50cc engine.

Bambino karting provides a competitive environment for young karters from age of six to the day of their eighth birthday. The Bambino format does not permit any form of racing between competitors and only a set number of karts will be allowed on the circuit at any one time. It is therefore an individual time trial event, with drivers classified and rewarded according to their performance against the track's 'target time' that will have been set by an experienced Cadet driver.

Drivers achieving a time within 5% of the target will be given a Gold award, those between 5% and 15% will receive a Silver award and those between 15% and 25% will be awarded a Bronze. All of these awards go towards the drivers achieving their racing licence when they can start in the Cadet classes at the age of eight.

### Four Bambinos

The Jersey Kart and Motor Club had four Bambinos who were running under strict conditions this past weekend in March. Brother and sister, Nicholas and Kimberley Reddy, who have spent the last couple of seasons watching their older brother, James, race in the Cadet class, finally took to the track for themselves. Michael Salmon and Josh Torpy, both of whom who also have older brothers racing in the cadet and mini-max classes, showed their siblings how they can also 'go karting'.

As the regulations are very strict for Bambino classes, all the Club members were used to ensure that safety requirements were met and that if any of

them had a problem on their way round the loop rd track, there was going to be a friendly face to help them sort their problem out. On all their laps, none of them had any collisions or incidents and there were four very tired "bambino" drivers at the end of the weekend.

'Karting is the grass roots level for motor sport whether it ends up in someone being a competitive driver or entering the many multi-faceted aspects that the modern day world of motor sport offers. All the top F1 drivers have started in karts. It was a great pleasure to see the looks on these young drivers' faces as they came off the track, just beaming with excitement, and also to see the encouragement and advice that the Club's Cadet and Junior drivers offered them,' said Andy Gibaut, spokesperson for the Jersey Kart and Motor Club.

For further information on the Jersey Kart and Motor Club and Bambino racing, please take a look at the Club's web site [www.jerseykartclub.com](http://www.jerseykartclub.com).

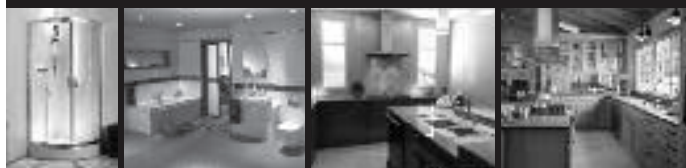
*Andrew Gibaut*

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# St John's Twinning Association

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A party of 27 from St John's Twinning Association is looking forward to a weekend with their friends in Le Teilleul beginning on 15th April. Once again we will be in the village to celebrate their special weekend of La Fête de St George with a gala dinner dance in one of the halls in the village. The numbers usually run to about 400 people. This year it will be the turn of France to celebrate the 25 years of the twinning on their side as we had ours last year. In previous years a tremendous time has been had by all. After a very busy year last year here in Jersey, we will be able to relax a little more as it is our turn to be the guests.

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

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Twinning Association, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ron Le Herissier (Chairman) on 862010; or Mrs Myrtle Malzard (Secretary) on 862931.

*Myrtle Malzard.*

## Parishioners' Recipes

In this edition we are starting what we hope will be a series of our readers' recipes of dishes that they might like to pass on to others. We hope other readers will provide us with recipes they think parishioners might like to try. Please contact the editor if you can help.

Our first recipe in this series comes from Mrs Beryl Richard, and is one handed down from her mother. Mrs Richard remembers that her mother never measured any of the ingredients when she did any cooking, but the baking always turned out well.

### Granny's Old Fashioned Fruit & Nut Cake

#### Ingredients:-

8oz	Caster Sugar	4oz	Raisins
8oz	Butter or Margarine	4oz	Walnut pieces
4 x	size 3 Eggs (beaten)	4oz	Flaked Almonds
8oz	Plain Flour (sifted)	2 x	15ml tbs of Amaretto Liquor
4oz	Glacé cherries (halved)		

#### Method:-

Cream together the Sugar and butter (or margarine).

Add the beaten eggs, a little at a time, beating until fluffy.

Add the Amaretto and mix well. Fold in the flour, and then stir in the fruit and nuts.

Turn into a greased 8 inch cake tin.

Decorate the top with the extra flaked almonds, and bake at 160°C or 350°F or gas mark 3 for about 2½ hours. Test it by inserting a skewer in the middle – if it comes out clean, the cake is cooked.

Turn on to a wire tray to cool.





# The Green House Project

## What will you sign up to start?

On 1st January 2011 the National Trust for Jersey revealed the Green House in the middle of St Ouen's Bay. Their building, La Caumine à Marie Best or Le Don Hilton, was originally a guardhouse for the bay but in 1765 was reconstructed and probably used as a Powder Magazine during the Napoleonic wars. More recently it has been the iconic hut known as 'The White House' and as such was an ideal candidate to highlight not only the Trust's 75th anniversary but as a reminder throughout the year to householders to 'think green' and save energy and money at the same time. A pale shade of olive green paint has been used this year for its regular facelift instead of white paint.

Every Parishioner in St John is encouraged to engage in saving cash in some form and at the same time improve the environment. I have promised to start reusing or recycling items that have been stored away for far too long, and Senator Freddie Cohen's family have promised to buy more local produce and recognise the value of seasonal foods.

The National Trust is endeavouring to follow its own code of practice. In Trinity the building staff are renovating Sous Les Bois, the pretty little cottage near Jardin d'Olivet. In the process they are installing 270mm of insulation under the roof. This insulation is a natural product, moisture absorbent, totally recyclable, and supports the UK wool industry as it is made from sheep's fleeces. The heating bill will be hugely reduced, the home more comfortable and the environment improved. The Trust is also harvesting water from the roof and recycling as much material as possible. A vegetable patch and compost site have long been part of the garden, and the clothes line has been very well used as the cottage has been the home of a young family.

The Trust is challenging all readers to sign up to a 'Green House' pledge to celebrate its 75th year. The charity has been charged with protecting the Island at its best into the future.

Can you start to make a difference for 2011? If so why not choose one of the pledges below or make up one of your own and let the team at START know what you have decided by going to [www.promise.startuk.org](http://www.promise.startuk.org)

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4. Start buying local and in-season produce.
5. Use water wisely.
6. Be thermostat friendly; turn it down when heat is not needed.
7. Try car sharing.
8. Set up 'shwopping' parties to exchange textiles, clothes, toys etc.
9. Start making and baking.
10. If you have a garden, start composting or using a clothes line.

*Celia Jeune*

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## *Jersey's Liberation Music Festival – coming to a north coast cliff near you*



Parishioners of St John are being invited to support Jersey's Inter-national Liberation Music Festival by getting involved in a spectacular event taking place in the northern parishes.

The Liberation Music Festival takes place in Jersey between 6th and 9th May 2011. The four-day event celebrates the liberation of Jersey from German occupation in the Second World War through music and reaches its finale on Jersey's Liberation Day on 9th May. The event also raises money for the British Red Cross, a charity famously linked to the occupation through the Red Cross parcels that saved islanders from starvation.

### *Liberated with Lorca north coast walk, Saturday 7th May, starting at 1 pm.*

One of the highlights of the festival is a musical walking tour of the north coast, on the theme of the Spanish poet and writer Federico Lorca. 2011 is the 75th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War and the event aims to draw attention to the suffering of the

1,500 Spanish prisoners of war in Jersey during the German occupation of the Island. The tour culminates in a Spanish guitar concert at Mont Orgueil Castle.

Other festival highlights include a tango night with a Strictly Come Dancing duo, a concert performed on a yacht at Beauport, jazz at Hamptonne, and free workshops for Jersey's young music students.

Organiser James Mews says: 'The International Music Festival is now firmly on the cultural calendar of many music lovers across the British Isles and further afield, and we're sure they're going to love the combination of music and the spectacular landscape of Jersey's north coast. But this is an event that will appeal to Islanders too, and I hope the parishioners of St John will get involved and join us on the trail of Lorca.'

Tickets for the event cost £15 and are available from the Jersey Opera House by calling **511115**, or on the door.

### **Music in Action**

Music in Action is a Jersey charity that organises the International Liberation Music Festival, as part of its aim to promote and support the development of music in the Island.

*Claire Stanley*

## **Pétanque, anyone?**

The Jersey Pétanque Association recently sent a letter to all twelve Constables indicating that they were interested in setting up an Inter-parochial Pétanque competition. On Monday 21st February a meeting was held which was attended by representatives from eight parishes. After some discussion all agreed that it was too early to make any hard and fast rules until parishes can approach people within their respective parishes, to see what interest there might be. It was suggested that friendly matches could be held before even thinking of forming leagues. A further suggestion was that matches could be played on any weekday by mutual arrangement by both sides.

If anyone is interested in learning to play, Pétanque is an excellent way to meet your fellow parishioners and pass a couple of hours. You will be given the basic rules of the game and shown how to play.

For further information contact Ron Le Herissier  
Tel 862010

*Ron Le Herissier*

## **Parish Clean**

On the morning of Saturday 19th March eight members of the Parish Church walked the lanes of St John collecting rubbish on route. This small group were joined by others who were out and about with bin bags at other times during the weekend. In total over 20 bin bags of litter was collected from the lanes and hedgerows around St John, including the usual selection of cans; bottles and sweet wrappers. Unusual items included a car wheel, a TV, a pallet board, part of car exhaust, two takeaway cartons full of chips and several full poo bags, discarded by dog walkers.

Please when you are out and about enjoying the beauty of this northern parish, help to make the 2012 parish clean a little easier, by taking your litter home with you!

*Rev'd. Andy Thewlis*



# Change ringing at St John

The origins of change ringing lie in sixteenth century England when church bells began to be fitted with a full wheel. This gave ringers control of their bell, allowing sets of bells to be rung in continuously changing patterns.

Two church towers in Jersey have bells able to be rung for English change ringing: St Mark's, David Place, has a peal of six bells; St John's parish church has a peal of eight bells.

## What's bell ringing all about?

It is a team activity that stimulates the brain and helps keep you fit. Many consider their ringing to be their contribution to church life; others do it for the pure pleasure and the company it brings.

The bells are tuned to a normal scale and it is usual to start with ringing down the scale, a sequence which ringers call 'rounds'. The order in which the bells sound is then altered to give different sequences called 'changes'. Changes are made to pre-set patterns – 'methods' – and each ringer must learn that method in order to know when his or her particular bell must sound in each row. This style is known as method ringing.

## Could you become a ringer?

Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people and does not require any special physical strength.

Practice night at St John is on Wednesdays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm, and there is Sunday service ringing from 10.30 am to 11 am.

You would be part of a team, providing a service for the church, taking part in a lifelong learning experience and team activity, maintaining a traditional skill and gaining a good mental workout.

## How long does it take to learn?

Initial teaching takes place on a one-to-one basis and most beginners will be ready to ring with a band in a few weeks or months. The basic skill lies in being able to control a bell that rotates full circle using a rope attached to its wheel. There is always something new to learn and ringers progress at their own pace, depending on the time and effort they devote to increasing their knowledge and practical experience.

## How can you find out more?

Why not contact me, Justin Read, the captain of ringers at St John's? my email address is [justin.read@live.co.uk](mailto:justin.read@live.co.uk) and my phone number is 888484. Perhaps first come and visit the ringers at St John's church on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. (and, if of the right age, possibly join some of them at Les Fontaines Tavern after the practice).

*Justin Read*

# St John's Women's Institute



In December the Harmony Men entertained us and all our guests (80 people in all) with a programme of wonderful music. The concert was held in Ebenezer Chapel which was the perfect place to listen to their splendid voices. Following the concert a delicious supper was served by all the members.

Our first meeting of 2011 was held on January 12th when our guest speaker was Mr Ian Ronayne who spoke to us about the First World War in Jersey history and how the Jersey Militia was involved.

In February we were fortunate to have Betty and David Ellis as our guest speakers. They showed us a film of their recent Overseas Aid trip to Mongolia. They were involved in the building of a school linked to an orphanage for 23 children run by one very dedicated nun. These children would otherwise have ended up living off rubbish tips and sleeping in sewers or streets. In a place where the temperature can drop to minus 40 degrees in the winter and plus 40 degrees in the summer, this school is very welcome. By the look on the faces of these children we

saw on the film they were truly delighted to have their new friends helping them to a better life.

The party of people with Betty and Dave also built a ger (a round tent-like home) with a stove in the middle as the only form of heating and cooking to provide a home for a mother and daughter who had been separated for many years. Betty and Dave certainly do tremendous work with all the Overseas Aid teams and we should all be grateful to be living here in Jersey.

On 9th March Mrs Ann Pallett, a former resident of St John, demonstrated her talents at cake decorating. She made some lovely trendy cup cakes and showed us how to do flowers and butterflies. Then we all had the opportunity to taste her delights! Ann is a very busy woman, making wedding cakes as well as cakes for all occasions.

We have put together a varied programme for the year, so if you are interested, please do not hesitate to come along to one of our meetings, or contact Myrtle for a chat on 862931.

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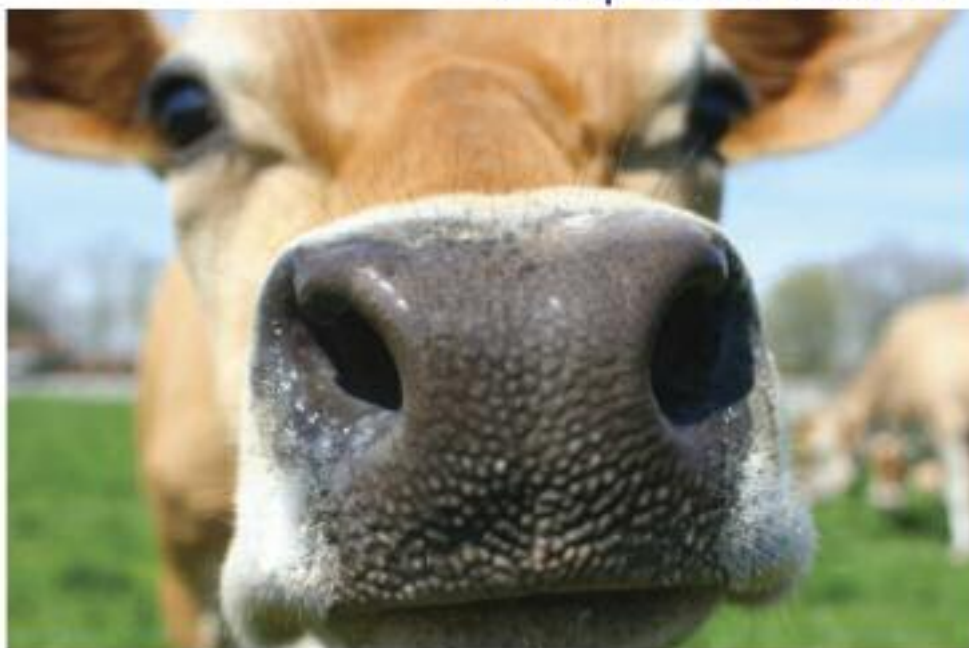
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# IF ONLY...

Gosh, this steering is very stiff tonight. I turned my head and saw 'himself' smiling and giving a cheery wave as he watched my efforts at manoeuvring the car out of the driveway. Could he see how exhausted I was, or did he think I always looked like this? IF ONLY I'd got out of the car...With a final wave and smile to himself as he was probably relishing the thought of a quiet evening ahead, uninterrupted TV viewing and sole occupancy of the remote control, I was on my way. But why was the steering so stiff? Ah! Not to worry, I was probably fretting for nothing and was already 10 minutes late for my meeting. So forward and onwards but...if only...

The evening had gone well, we'd said our goodbyes and I happily climbed back into the car (4x4, hence the climbing bit as I'm on the short side!) along with a colleague to whom I was giving a lift. IF ONLY I'd looked...

As we left my friend was happily chattering away but I became aware of a strange noise. Don't tell me there's a problem with the engine, I thought. DON'T PANIC! Noticing my concern, my friend stopped her chatter and shared my worries. After all it was night time and two females alone on the open road with car trouble wasn't an enviable situation to be in. I decided to stop and call 'himself', knowing that once his body hits 'that' chair he's oblivious to anything else. Still, it was worth a try...Nothing...Well I know he can be deaf at times! Ah well, let's try the car again.

By now the noise was very worrying and why was it veering to the left? I'll try 'himself' again – I might be luckier this time. I made the call while my friend decided to have a look at the tyres... a puncture. Well I reckon 'himself' suspected a problem; he's no fool, and guess what, he heard the phone but didn't reach it in time!!! Ah well, plan B, I called our hostess of the evening. She informed me that the male members had already left – 'but don't worry I can change tyres. I'll be along in a minute'.

True to her word, our knight in shining armour arrived, complete with torch, but try as we might there was no way of changing and replacing the wheel. 'Where do they put the tools for these cars?' and 'what's that box for?' enquired Mrs J. 'Oh that's some blowing up gadget that 'himself' thought would be useful,' says I, pushing the box aside as we investigated deeper into the boot for anything that resembled a 'Jack'. The thought of putting on our new-must-have-for-emergencies-fluorescent-jackets had totally escaped our female minds. The fact that we could pose a hazard to other vehicles didn't enter our heads! I really couldn't understand why nobody stopped. Couldn't they see three damsels in distress or did they think we'd decided to put the hazard lights on and have a picnic?

We continued our search for any implements that would release the tyre; the fact that the bolts are

power driven into the tyre sockets had slipped our minds! Eventually we decided enough was enough. Mrs J. kindly offered us a lift home, so I locked up the offending vehicle knowing that 'himself' would not be a happy bunny thinking that his pride and joy was abandoned somewhere on the opposite side of the island!

Next morning 'himself' and I set off to reclaim our blue piece of metal. I couldn't bore the readers with the colourful expletives that 'himself' expressed on seeing the tyre! Guess what – that little square box held the magic solution. 'See how it's done.' Everything was explained to me in slow motion. (Does 'himself' think I'm an idiot or something?) 'You just plug this end into the cigarette lighter, the other end to the nozzle, press the button and Bingo!' Eight minutes later we have an inflated tyre which should get us home. Ah! the miracle of modern technology. IF ONLY I'd studied the box last night... IF ONLY I'd checked the wheels before beginning my journey.

A completely new tyre was needed as something to do with 'shredded' was mentioned. Another time I'll call a taxi, providing I've remembered to charge the mobile... Oh! by the way the Jack is kept under the bonnet and not in the boot at all. Silly me, fancy not knowing that...

Nan Vibert

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# PARISH DIARY - April 2011 to September 2011

## APRIL

Fri 8th		Last day of school term
Sat 9th	12.00–2.00pm	Lent lunch in Parish Hall hosted by the Parish Church
Wed 13th	7.30pm	WI meet in the Parish Hall
Sat 16th	12.00–2.00pm	Lent lunch at the URC
Thurs 21st	8.00pm	Tenebrae Service at the URC
Fri 22nd	10.30am	Good Friday Worship at the Parish Church
Sun 24th		Easter Day
Tues 26th	7.30pm	Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall
Thurs 28th		Back to School

## MAY

Tues 3rd	8.00pm	Parish Church Annual Ecclesiastical Assembly
Fri 6th	1.30–3.30pm	St John's School Liberation Fete
Sat 7th	1.0pm	Liberated with Lorca North Coast Walk
Sun 8th	10.30am	United Liberation Service in the Parish Church
Wed 11th	7.30pm	WI meet in the Parish Hall
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall
Fri 27th		Last day of school half term
Tues 31st	7.30pm	Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall

## JUNE

Mon 6th		Back to School
Wed 8th	tbc	WI visit to Judith Quérée's Garden
Fri 17th	1–3pm	St John's School Sports Day
Sat 25th	11am–10pm	Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 29th	2.00pm	Golden Age Club afternoon tea depart from the Parish Hall

## JULY

Sun 10th	3.00pm	Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit
Wed 13th	tbc	WI lorry drive and meal.
Tues 26th	7.30pm	Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall
Fri 22nd		Last day of school term
Sat 30th		Sark to Jersey Rowing Race

## AUGUST

Sun 14th	11.00am	Beach Service at Bonne Nuit organised by the Parish Church
Wed 31st	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall

## SEPTEMBER

Tues 6th		Back to School
Wed 13th	tbc	WI Guided tour of States Chamber
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Muriel's bingo in the Parish Hall

Sun 25th		Back to Church Sunday
Wed 28th	12.00pm	Golden Age Club lunch depart from 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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George regrets that due to the technical hitches encountered in the renovation of the lounge area there has been a delay re-opening



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It now looks like the lounge will be open in time for Easter. The re-vamped kitchen will be able to serve the dishes you will love

**We cater for any occasion. You name it we can do it. Buffet menus available.**

**And don't forget - if you give us a months notice, we can apply for a late night extension, to help you celebrate your special occasion.**



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