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Political Changes in the Parish



PHIL RONDEL

former Deputy of St John, now Father of the Parish



PATRICK RYAN

new Deputy of St John and Minister of Education, Sport and Culture

In this issue: **Ville des Chênes – ‘Honest Nev’ – Junior Gymnastics – Kickboxing – From the Horse’s Mouth – United Reformed Church – Public Footpath**

From Deputy to Connétable

I must say I was taken aback on the 1st September to be elected unopposed as the Constable of our Parish. Can I thank all who attended the nomination meeting, and well-wishers that evening and since, but most of all the ten signatories of my nomination paper and also my campaign committee led in both cases by my old friend Geoff Roscouet. I had expected to be walking the Parish asking each and every one of you for your support – a big thank you for having the confidence in me. Of course none of this would be possible without the full support of my wife Wendy and my whole family; I wish to thank them.

I missed having the opportunity to catch up with you on your doorsteps, listen to your concerns and discuss a way forward. Never mind, my door is still always open and I'm at the end of the phone.

At the time of writing, some seven weeks since the nomination and another three weeks before swearing in to office on the 14th November, time is dragging, so to keep me busy (other than States

work) I have been following a strict diet regime so I am ready to undertake my new office. Having hit the scales at 18.5 stones in August I am looking to drop to approx 15st 10lbs or thereabouts – so another 6 or 7lbs to go.

By the time this magazine is printed we will have had a general election and a new States will be in place. I have been asked what office I would like in the new House, having held a number of positions over the years from executive to, more recently, chair of Environment Scrutiny. My reply is simple – firstly I will look after my parish and only take on roles within the executive or in scrutiny that help both St John and the Island in a positive way.

When you read this newsletter we will be drawing close to Christmas so can both Wendy and I wish you all the best for Christmas and Bonne Année.

Phil Rondel

Last month, a new Deputy was elected in St John to succeed Phil Rondel, (who has now become our new Constable). PATRICK RYAN talked to Alasdair Crosby

In St John, there were three excellent candidates for Deputy. That much was obvious when they answered parishioners' questions at the hustings evening at the crowded Parish Hall.

A week or so later the election took place. A total of 57.19% of the poll cast their votes. There can only be one winner, and that was Patrick Ryan, a former St Helier No 1 Deputy, who grew up in St John and who returned to the parish to live four years ago. He won with a 91-vote majority over the runner-up.

'I thought the result would be closer than it was,' he said, speaking after the election was done and dusted. 'I was quite worried on the day. In many ways my campaign was deliberately low-key and my opponents campaigned effectively'.

Asked what was on the agenda for his oncoming term of office, he pointed out that with little time between now and Christmas, and with elections for Chief Minister and holidays intervening, he can start addressing the things about which parishioners have expressed their concern, but it might be difficult to achieve results before the New Year.

Parish Issues

High on the agenda is the issue of speed limits and traffic problems associated with people driving too fast. 'Speed limits won't work unless they are effectively policed, and we are short of honorary policemen. I have got some ideas about how we can

get some personnel trained and in place to start policing the speed limits. There is a wish for traffic calming, and there could usefully be two zebra crossings created, one in the Village and one at Sion, but it will be a job persuading Transport and Technical Services that these crossings are necessary.'

There are problems in the estate at Sion Village that also need to be sorted. 'There is a long drawn-out saga concerning the roads and the play area and various problems that have never been policed by Planning. I wanted to see if a residents' association could be started to sort out such things as the problems of common areas and the non-allocation of parking spaces. These problems are dragging on and on, and people are just getting fed up – despondent and frustrated, which is very understandable. I will try my best to help them.'

Other issues he wants to address are a playing field near the Parish School, so the children do not have to go through the Village or through Les Tuilles Estates to reach the Recreation Ground; safeguarding the future of the sub-post office; people using the car parking spaces in the village for long-term parking and not for what they were designed for, and the introduction of at least one disabled parking space near the doctor's surgery and pharmacy.

Something very important for the longer term is the work begun by the Parish working party group of



which, at the time of writing, he will shortly become a member.

'The work is extremely important, because it is there to provide a buffer against inappropriate development in the parish, or at least to make it more difficult, and it is the best way of keeping the Parish the way people want to keep it.'

Despite local problems, he believes most people are pretty happy living in the parish, and he sees the challenge to be keeping it that way.

Island Issues

What about in the States – had he any thoughts on what issues or ministries he wanted to get involved with.

'First and foremost I see the parish work to be very important as I don't want to let people down, and I certainly don't want to let that take second place.'

However, wider issues which do concern him are population growth – 'I believe we need work permits to get it properly under control,' he said.

He is also worried about the lack of job opportunities for young people – an issue linked to population growth. 'I would like to see a big investment by the States in apprenticeship schemes and in the re-establishment of vocational training.

'It could be Social Security that looks at that, or Economic Development, or Education Sports and Culture. So those are the areas of government in which I would like to play a part.'

Patrick's association with the Parish began at the age of five, when his family moved to live in what had been Wilfred Tomes's farm, Le Petit Sentier, near the front gates of St John's Manor. Previously they had lived in St Helier, where his father, Denis Ryan, had been a Deputy and then Constable.

The family's roots were in the building trade; but when Denis Ryan took over the company, he decided that building wasn't for him, and then went into what was then the 'new technology' of motor vehicles.

Nuts and Bolts

His father took the view that his son, aged 16, needed, literally, to learn about the nuts and bolts of car manufacture rather than to go on to further education, and so he was sent off to start a five-year student apprenticeship at the British Leyland factory in Birmingham.

He recalled: 'My last weeks before leaving Jersey I had been lazing and boating around Bonne Nuit – the industrial Midlands were a bit of a culture shock!'

By the age of 23, having become a qualified engineer and finished his apprenticeship, he had started his own business building racing cars, and he had also become a professional rally driver. However, some six years later, he decided to return to the Island and take over the family business, and he became managing director of Cleveland Garages in 1984.

In due course the business was sold, and he

bought Augrès Garage in Trinity – a business which he built up and sold in 2002, by which time it was employing 120 people in both Islands. There was a lot more that he wanted to do – among them, standing for the States. He stood as Deputy in St Helier Number 1, and was a Deputy for six years.

Back to St John

In 2007 with their youngest child now at university and Wendy teaching privately the opportunity arose to move house and return to St John. In 2008 having decided not to stand for election again in St Helier he stood unsuccessfully in his home parish against Phil Rondel as Deputy, and now returns to the States after a three year break. He said 'I'm really, really happy to represent St John – it's something I've always wanted.

'There may be other issues that concern Parishioners, and if so, please do contact me about them. I am only too pleased if people call round to see me – my home is always open – or I can go to see them in their own homes. Getting involved in parish and parishioner problems is what my job is about!'

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Graeme Butcher reflects...

I write this, the last article that I will be contributing to the magazine as your Connétable, with a heavy heart; I have been privileged to serve the Parishioners of St John for fifteen years, the last five as Connétable. I am extremely proud of what has been achieved during my term as Connétable, so thought that I would recap.

Parish Finances

When I started as Connétable the parish was running no fewer than fifteen bank accounts so I set about looking at which accounts could be consolidated in an effort to gain better interest rates. We approached a number of banks and ended up changing to NatWest who offered a much better rate of interest to the parish. It was also felt that with the impending expenditure that the parish was likely to be experiencing in the foreseeable future it was time to suggest to a parish assembly that we should be creating a special reserve. This was something new for the parish which is still in operation to this day.

The Parish staff administered the Greenwood Trust but ever since the trust was formed in 1972 the Parish had never received any recompense for this work. I therefore suggested that the Trust should be paying the parish for this work. This suggestion was accepted and the parish now receives a substantial amount of money every year for this work rather than the ratepayers subsidising the Trust.

Recreation Centre

When I took office there were significant problems and financial concerns with the Recreation Centre. The Procurers and I entered into protracted negotiations with a group that wanted to take on the management of the Centre, and eventually entered into a new 21-year lease and with all of us pulling together it has turned into the vibrant Centre that we see today, giving a home to a gym club, gun club, Youth Project, café, football club, skateboard club and many more users.

Parish Church

My predecessor had got to the stage of getting a contract ready to be signed to refurbish the exterior of the church by raking out all joints and repointing with lime mortar. We awarded a contract at around £370,000 and managed to bring the project in at about £50,000 under budget and I am pleased to say that the building is now able to breathe and the damp issues have reduced significantly. However further work will need to be done in the future.

Greenwood Trust Housing Association

The Connétable automatically becomes chairman of the Greenwood Trust which owns Maison Le Vesconte, along with the Procurers, Parish Deputy and Rector.



There were differentials in the rent that many tenants paid so with the advent of Income Support we helped tenants to fill in the paperwork and make claims if applicable. I am now pleased to say that the rents are uniform and fair for all. We also made the allocation process more transparent and now allocate on a points basis.

At Maison Le Vesconte there was a row of four bedsits that we were finding increasingly difficult to let as they fell well below people's expectations, so we decided to bring the units up to scratch. Some of the trustees felt that we should just knock two units into one but this would have meant a reduction of two units that we had available to offer to parishioners so I worked with the architects and came up with the idea of the extensions that we see today which have been extremely successful and all 22 units are occupied.

Parish Hall

The Parish had plans to do some alterations to the parish hall to improve facilities and office space which would have increased the area by approx 800 square feet. I reviewed these plans and it was decided to go back to the drawing board as I could see much better possibilities to improve the parish hall. I spent a lot of time with an architect and eventually we settled on some plans that increased the area by about 2,350 square feet which is what we see today and my belief is that the majority of parishioners are very happy with the facility. I project-managed the job with Mr Tony Le Brocq who had already done a job with the parish in that he built the rectory. We did the job in this way so as to keep the cost to a minimum for parishioners and at least we were able to deal with any problems at first hand, (and believe me there were many), rather than have a contractor loading the price.

School House

Whilst we were working on the Parish Hall, we discovered significant problems that related to the School House next door. Sewage was leaking under the floors of the property, and we needed to move the occupants out and embark on a complete refurbishment of the property which is now occupied by the parish caretaker and producing a far better return for the parish.



Field 137 opposite the Church

The parish had tried to buy the first third of this field on a number of occasions as its location is perfect for community facilities for the future. I managed to negotiate the purchase by thinking outside of the box. The field is now in the ownership of a parish entity and available for community use in the future.

Parishioners have not had a rate increase since 2007 and now that most of the expensive work is done there should not be the need for an increase in the near future as all of the parish properties are in an excellent state of repair now.

However I would strongly suggest that there should not be a decrease in the parish rate as there is likely to be some necessary work done on the church in the future that will need to be saved for.

Thanks

Both Ann and I have worked extremely hard over the last five years in trying to improve all aspects of Parish life, community spirit and appearance of the parish, and we would like to thank everyone that has given their help and support at the many parish functions. As I said at the beginning, I write this article with a heavy heart, but both Ann and I have been absolutely heartened by the amount of parishioner support that we have received both by meeting people in the precinct as well as the many that have come to our door.

I would like to thank Ann for all the work that she has done for the parish over the last 5 years. She has put her heart and soul into everything she has done and given me 100% support.

We look forward to different challenges now and hope that the parish continues to go from strength to strength.

Our very best wishes to you all for the upcoming festive season.

*Graeme Butcher,
November 2011*



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On Friday April 15th, twenty-eight of us left Jersey on the Condor Ferry bound for St Malo where we were met by some friends from Le Teilleul who had arranged a coach for our journey to the village. An hour and a half later we reached our destination, and we were greeted by all our hosts.

The hall was beautifully decorated and laid out for 420 people. We were served with a delicious four-course meal and entertained with a splendid cabaret; the costumes of the dancing girls were spectacular!

The evening was rounded off with a live band and many people danced the night away until the early hours of the morning.



From left to right: Mons François Davoust Consieller Générale de la Manche, Mrs Joan Le Herissier, Mr Ronald Le Herissier (Chairman) St John's Twinning, Mme Christine Seigneul (Chairlady) Le Teilleul Twinning, Sénateur Mons Jean Bizet Maire of Le Teilleul

We spent Friday night and Saturday day with our host families and were blessed with glorious weather.

On Saturday evening the whole group gathered and everyone had different stories as to how they had spent their day. We met at 7.00pm at the Mairie for a Vin d'Honneur where we were welcomed by M. Bizet, the Maire of Le Teilleul and also a Sénateur de France. M. Davoust, Consieller Générale de la Manche, also gave a speech, together with Madame Christine Seigneul, President de Jumelage in Le Teilleul.

Following the Vin d'Honneur we all made our way to the school hall to Celebrate La Fête de St George.

Sunday morning we spent at our leisure and then we gathered at a restaurant in the village for a buffet lunch. The weekend in Le Teilleul came to a close at 2.30pm when we had to catch the coach for our departure to St Malo to catch our ferry at 5.30pm.

A good weekend was had by all, with our very good friends in Le Teilleul.

Anyone interested in joining the Twinning Association, please do not hesitate to contact either Chairman, Ron Le Herissier Tel: 862010 or Secretary, Myrtle Malzard Tel: 862931.

*Myrtle Malzard
Secretary*



Election for Deputies Thanks

By the time you read this edition of the Star of the North, our Deputy Patrick Ryan will have been sworn in and I wish him all the very best as he fulfils his duties as our Parish representative.

It is true to say that the six-week campaign was hard work but very enjoyable. As always, I was very heartened by the positive response on the campaign trail and it was interesting to hear the views of so many of you who took the time to speak to me about the issues that mattered most to them. It would appear that many of the issues remain the same as the last time that I stood, so I hope that our new administration gets to grip with issues such as traffic, safe crossing areas and keeping our parish infrastructure in good order.

I remain Chairman of the St John Youth and Community Trust so continue to be very focussed on parish matters. Please contact me or any of my fellow trustees if you have any ideas for future projects in St John.

E-mail: info@sjcommunitytrust.org

On a personal note, I would like to thank my election team for their fantastic support and all those many Parishioners who chose to vote for me.

Best wishes for the forthcoming festive season to you all

Andrew Lewis

Dear Editor,

May I please use the pages of the parish magazine to express my thanks to those who nominated me at the recent election and, without naming names for fear of missing someone out, I would also like to thank those parishioners who trusted me with their vote. It was a humbling and sometimes amusing process calling on the electorate of the Parish and, as a Vingtenier, a very useful exercise as I finally worked out where everywhere in my Vingtaine was.

Look out for the Branchage next year!

Please mark my words that I will continue to serve you, the parishioners, as an Honorary Officer and be assured that I will be back, God willing, at the next election.

Once again thanks to everyone who came out to vote, no matter who they voted for.

Christmas Greetings and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

David Ward

Editorial

A blast from the past... from our first edition

'The incentive for the magazine arose from the Community and Church project which discovered that many parishioners feel that they do not know what is going on in the Parish. Our main aims, therefore, are to inform, entertain and involve as many as possible.'

December 2003

Eight years later, I hope that parishioners feel that they are better informed about the varied activities going on in St John. For this 25th edition of 'L'Êtaile du Nord' 25 different people (and a horse!) have contributed articles about life in the Parish and the Island. The very fact that so many writers have contributed shows that this really is a community magazine – written by parishioners for parishioners of all ages and many interests. Long may this continue.

Swansong

After eight years as editor I am stepping down, so this is my swansong. I feel very privileged to have been editor during this time. The rôle has allowed me to become more involved with the life of the Parish. In particular I have valued the opportunity of meeting parishioners who have told me their stories in order to share them with you, the reader.

Working with the Editorial Team has been a great pleasure, for our meetings have been the generator of ideas and enthusiasm. I should like to thank team members for their unfailing support. Recently Mrs Jayne Luce has joined us – you will find her first lively article in these pages. Maybe there are others out there who would be willing to join the team, which meets no more than six times each year, principally to plan a forthcoming edition. If you are interested, please get in touch with the team, using the contact details below.

I do hope that someone will come forward to take on the role and ensure that Star continues. If it does, and with your assistance it will, the next edition should be published in April – copy deadline will be about mid-March.

Angela Le Sueur

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Chris Tilstone of CT Tiles

CT Tiles Ltd is a company familiar to our readers as proprietor Chris Tilstone has been a valued regular advertiser in Star of the North since 2000 when he opened his shop in Chapel House, Sion.



For Chris, connection with tiles actually began 30 years ago when he was a builder's labourer. In those days, and indeed until about ten years ago, tiling was not regarded as a separate trade, but just part of a builder's or a plumber's job. Chris comments that even now there is no course at Highlands to train young tilers. The builder who employed Chris taught him how to tile and he found great job satisfaction in this skill.

In 1985 Chris was laid off – but this proved to be an opportunity rather than a misfortune because his tiling skill was known and he was immediately employed by the Better Homes Centre. Three years later Chris started his own company – Chris Tilstone Tiling Contractors – which he ran from home, sub-contracting to builders. At first the company was a one-man-band but soon it expanded. Chris always had one apprentice training on site, and when he was fully skilled another was taken on. Some were school leavers, other more mature. Chris has discovered that some school leavers don't like getting their hands dirty! The business grew and at one time there were fifteen employees.

Most of our readers would probably agree that a skilfully tiled bathroom or kitchen is a great addition to the comfort and attractiveness of a home, yet Chris has been surprised by the attitude of some people. 'People talk down to you when you say you are a tiler, until they hear that you have a dozen employees,' comments Chris who feels that he is given more respect since opening his shop.

Work family

Chris comments that there is more to training employees than teaching them to tile, for they must also learn how to treat customers. 'It's not a good idea to turn up with a Mohican, hands in pockets and chain smoking!' Sometimes, he says, he has felt like a Maître d', so involved has he become in sorting out his employees' problems; his wife comments that he has a 'work family' as well as a 'home family'.

Arthritis is the reason for the shop. Sadly, Chris' hands and knees became so locked by this painful condition during the winter months that he had to decide whether 'to give up or progress.' Progress was the decision, so twelve years ago Chris opened the shop at Sion, amalgamating the fixing business with the shop. He still has five tilers working for him, as well as a part-time assistant in the shop. . . Although Chris finds being in the shop frustrating in that he is no longer a hands-on-tiler, he is out twice a day checking on the work done by his employees and making sure that all is well for his customers.

Clients who come to the shop can simply buy



The shop was the original Methodist Chapel in Sion. The Foundation stone was laid in 1826

Photos: R. Dupré



tiles – or ask Chris to measure up their job and project-manage the work which his employees will undertake.

Chris' professional journey from builder's labourer to shop proprietor and project manager is a success story which actually began whilst he was a schoolboy in Stoke-on-Trent.

Entrepreneur at fifteen

At school Chris was regarded as 'a thicko' – so his careers master advised him not to aim high. Actually Chris is dyslexic, a condition undiagnosed until he was 18, long after he left school. Decoding words remains extremely difficult – and he even spelt his name wrongly on an exam paper BUT what the careers master did not know – and was astonished to find out – was that 15-year-old Chris was already an entrepreneur.

Pocket money was 50p a week – so it took quite a while to save £10. With this sum Chris and his dad went to a second-hand car auction where Chris raised his hand to buy a car which he cleaned up and resold the following week for £300!

Soon after, Chris bought a company (and a machine) which made concrete blocks for garden use. These he sold to a garden centre. Until he left school Chris had only evenings and weekends for this work, but after two years he sold the company for £1,500 – a small fortune in those days!

The next plan was to travel the world – so he came to Jersey. He loved life in Jersey – 'Fantastic social life and great beaches. In Stoke I didn't see a beach from one year's end to the next.' For two summers he was a lifeguard at the Merton Hotel – a job for which he was well qualified as he had trialled for the English National Swimming Team. He spent the winters hitchhiking around Europe.

A girlfriend put paid to this lifestyle as she did not like travelling, so Chris found a permanent job as a builder's labourer – which is where we began this story.

In today's difficult economic climate business is slower but Chris comments optimistically that he has many contacts in the building world. He also has a sideline in buying and renovating properties, then selling them on.

Although being mainly shop-bound may be less personally fulfilling that at the tile face enjoying the satisfaction of the finished product fashioned by his own hands, Chris, father of three teenaged children, has much to be proud of.

Angela Le Sueur



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Ville Des Chênes 40 years on



It was during 1971 that construction began on the proposed village development in our Parish. St John's was, I believe, the first parish development aimed at providing first-time home ownership specifically for the young people of the parish. 42 young couples were lucky enough to be allocated plots on which to build their own homes.

The scheme was the idea of the then Connétable Clifford Le Vesconte with the support of his Comité Paroissiale. The development was christened 'Ville des Chênes'.

There are about 50% of the original owners still living in the village in 2011. We celebrated on the 25th and 30th anniversaries, and Tony Baudin and I considered that we should arrange another

celebration this year for the 40th anniversary.

Previous parties had been held within the Parish, but initial expressions of interest were over the 80 mark, so we booked the Red Rose restaurant for 15th October. Due to a change of proposed date, in the end 74 people attended. Many of the original residents and their children attended, and quite a few newer and not so new residents also came along.

A coach was procured and half those attending took advantage of this. We were well catered for by the staff at the restaurant where we had exclusive use of the room. Darren Dupré played some disco music at the end of the meal, and



everybody had a good time. Tony and I had many requests not to leave it another ten years before we repeated the function!

Richard Dupré





The Harbour Festival, after three successful years, is now an established, highly enjoyable event within parish life, and indeed within the wider Tourism calendar. Attendance has increased gradually year on year, with over 2,500 enjoying the festival in 2011, including those from other parishes and an increasing number of visitors from the UK and France.

This highly enjoyable day out for all the family, held in the beautiful surroundings of Bonne Nuit Bay, has in its first three years generated donations of £11,500 to local organisations, including £1,000 this year to the Youth & Community Trust towards the refurbishment of the pre-school children's play area in the grounds of the Parish Church.

The planning committee is grateful to all the event sponsors, especially to Ronez who have generously provided financial support in the first three years. Thanks are also due to the following who kindly donated lots for the 2011 Silent Auction: Joyce Berry, for an oil painting of the Fort; Nick Romeril, for his worm's-eye drawing of a Jersey Cow; M.T. Transport Ltd Commercial Vehicle Dealers, for a £100 fuel voucher; Jersey Aero Club for a trial flying lesson; the JEC, for a tour of the new Power Station; André, the Village butcher, for his sausage-making lesson; David Walters, for fly-fishing at Queen's Valley reservoir; the church bell-ringers, for offering a taster session; Daphne Romeril, for two patchwork cushions, and the anonymous parishioner who donated six bottles of fine wine. Please contact the Harbour Festival secretary if you are able to support the 2012 event with financial sponsorship or lots for the 2012 Silent Auction.

The Harbour Festival remains a truly community event which has the active support of a large number of individual parishioners and groups from within the parish including: the Bonne Nuit Boat Owners; the School PTA; Women's Institute; the Parish Church congregation; the Skateboard Association; Youth Project; Municipal Parish and the Honorary Police.

The event continues to be co-ordinated by a small planning group, all of whom can be approached with suggestions for improving the festival. Neil Cotillard, a property developer by day, is the chairman of the planning group. James Evans, chief flying instructor at Jersey Aero Club, is treasurer. Andy Thewlis, the Rector, is secretary. Trevor Le Cornu, a JEC Engineer, looks after health and safety issues. Phil Graham, a builder, is responsible for

liaising with stall holders. Viv Day, a teacher at Grainville, co-ordinates the stewards. Michel Larose, Parish Procurer and retired farmer, is looking after the coconut shy and Jayne Luce, a receptionist and part-time massage therapist, is responsible for the raffle and coaches.

June 16th 2012

Whilst the general feel of next year's Festival, on Saturday 16th June, will be similar to previous years, with food, entertainment and games on the beach, there are to be exciting additions – more details in the April issue of Star.

It has a French theme, as the original date suggested for the festival was to be Bastille Day, but was moved to avoid a clash with the Sark to Jersey Rowing Race reserve date. Nonetheless, we are continuing with a French theme to the day, with the Fun Food Challenge almost certainly involving snails and frogs legs! Who would you like to see participate?

As in previous years the proceeds will be divided between four groups: The Bonne Nuit Boat Owners; the School PTA; the Parish Church; plus in 2012 the St John Youth Project, based at the Recreation Centre

Andy Thewlis
Secretary Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival

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Welcome to the United Reformed Church

Facilities including hall and kitchen are available to parishioners

While we hope that all 'Star' readers will find something of interest in the following paragraphs, we particularly have in mind those of you living in the south of the Parish and especially in the Sion area.

You will, I trust, already be familiar with The United Reformed Church – the terracotta painted building on your left as you go down La Grande Route de St Jean on your way to St Helier or on your right as you head north. We have been here a long time, over 200 years in fact, although like many of you we have changed our name on the way. Some of



Hall on first floor

you may still remember us as The Congregational Chapel although since 1972 we have been The United Reformed Church in Jersey, part of a denomination with Churches throughout England, Scotland and Wales. United, because we were the result of a coming together of several denominations and reformed because much of what we do, particularly in the way we worship and in the organisation of the church, is based on the teachings of the Reformation. It is not a name that trips easily off the tongue, I must admit, and if in 1972 it had been realised just how often it would be misspelled (Reform without the 'ed' does not quite convey just what was in mind!) I suspect we would have chosen something else. But because we were formed by amalgamations and had confidence that more would follow, the name like many other things was expected to exist for only a short time. In those hopes we have so far been disappointed but being at the forefront of ecumenical endeavours has always been one of our guiding principles and we very much appreciate opportunities to work with the Rector and Churchwardens through the St John's Group of Churches.

We are a relatively small Fellowship and, until we were delighted to be able to welcome some of you who were regular worshippers at Sion Methodist Church until its sad closure last year, few of us have any other connection with the Parish of St John coming together as we do from all parts of the Island – some of us even from somewhere as outlandish as L'Étacq!

And that is why we would very much appreciate your help, we are very conscious that our premises are shamefully underused.

The Church underwent a major refurbishment some ten years ago and all who have seen it since it ceased being a traditional Victorian Chapel, are amazed at how light and welcoming it is. As well as the Church we have a fully functioning kitchen and on the first floor a medium-sized hall – and we don't use them nearly enough. We would dearly love to make them available to parishioners but to be honest we are not really sure for what you might like to use them.

Some years ago we were actively involved with the 'Community and Church Project' which came up with some very worthwhile ideas, not the least being the magazine you are now reading. These things came about because the churches asked what you wanted of us rather than being told what you could have and we would very much like to repeat that exercise now. We would love to hear from you. As we have to share our Minister, Reverend Patrick McManus, with our congregation in Guernsey he might not always be available but as Treasurer I can usually be contacted on 482366 or by email at oceanview@jerseymail.co.uk.

Or why not just come along to see us? We meet every Sunday morning at 10.30 for an hour and then spend a short social time together over a cup of tea or coffee and you would be made most welcome. We also have a limited number of mid-week activities, e.g. the Monthly Monday Meeting on the



Light and welcoming Church

first Monday of each Month at 2.30 p.m. when we usually have guest speakers on a wide range of topics and you will always find full details on the Notice Board by the back door, if you happen to be passing, or there are regular updates, plus much more information generally, on our website www.urc.org.je.

God bless you all.

*Michael Ruskin
Elder and Treasurer at
The United Reformed Church*



LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

Our Northern Light, Daphne Hinault, was interviewed by Mary Rouillé

Daphne Hinault was born into the Le Seelleur family during the Second World War at the maternity hospital in St Helier, now the Le Bas Centre. She is the eldest of three girls and was brought up on a farm in St Martin, where her mother and father raised cattle, grew potatoes, ran a farmhouse Bed and Breakfast and camping site. During the potato season they employed French labour, with some staying on longer than others to help with the cattle, and as Daphne and her sisters spent a fair amount of time with them, they became fluent in French.

Daphne's parents spoke Jersey French, but they were forbidden by her paternal grandmother to

A varied life

Although Daphne had met Carl Hinault as a teenager when attending a birthday party, she bumped into him again later in life at a dance at the West Park Pavilion.

The couple became engaged in 1963 and when visiting some relations of Daphne's the same year, they were offered the chance to run a general store at Greycliff in St Martin's; the store being part of the family's accommodation which was rented out. As a result Daphne handed in her notice at the garage and began her job at the shop where they sold groceries, clothes, and in fact anything their customers required. In 1968 they sold the business as, during the previous five years, they had not only built their first house in preparation for their marriage in 1964, but had also erected their first set of greenhouses in Rue des Landes to grow tomatoes commercially. Daphne helped out in the greenhouses when required. In 1976 when their daughter Julie was born, Daphne used to put her carrycot on top of the tomato grader! In 1985 they knocked down their original greenhouses and built the property where they live today.

Parish roles

Daphne has taken on many different roles in the parish, and after joining the Channel Island Family History Society she took on the task of indexing the St John's Church baptism, marriage and burial records, which are now held in the Jersey Archives.

From 1985 until 2006 Daphne organ-ised the twinning exchanges and events between St John and the French town of Le Teilleul. When Carl became the Con-nétable of St John in 1994 she attended functions and organised events such as the Royal British Legion coffee morning, Remembrance Sun-day and Liberation Day. The day she says she will always remember was attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

In 1995, along with Wendy Rondel, she helped found the St John's Golden Age Club, a club for the over 60s of the parish who meet once a month to go out to lunch, afternoon tea, or assemble in the Parish Hall to be entertained by various guests.

Today, Daphne helps with fundraising for Jersey Hospice and still sits on the committee of the Golden Age Club. She has mentioned that more members are required!



speak it in front of her grandchildren. Nevertheless Daphne can understand Jersey French if not speak it.

From the age of four and a half she attended St Martin's primary school, which was located next door to the farm. Prior to starting her schooling Daphne says she was a little devil, jumping over the garden hedge to play with the school children. It was at the age of ten that she passed the eleven plus scholarship to attend the Jersey College for Girls.

After leaving school in 1957, at the age of sixteen, she went to work in the offices of St Helier Garages in Bath Street. The job entailed general clerical duties, and to advance her career she attended night school to learn how to type. In 1961 she moved from Bath Street to the Don Road branch where she was called upon to translate when a French customer came into the garage.



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One of the newest and most reasonable eateries in town is the completely transformed and refurbished League of Friends café at the General Hospital. Now larger and brighter, with an outlook on the Parade Gardens, the café and shop which raise money for the hospital are now up and running after a two month closure for complete refurbishment.

The ambience is bright and appealing with comfortable and brightly coloured chairs adding to the customers' comfort. All the old favourites are back on the menu with the addition of panninis and specialist coffees. The staff in both the café and shop are all volunteers, many of whom have given their time for more than twenty years. A cheerful welcome is provided, along with the purchases of food and drink, newspapers, magazines, sweets and cards for all occasions.

The café and shop provide a welcome resting place for hospital staff, patients' families, and people attending clinics or waiting for prescriptions. Customers vary from excited new fathers and weary doctors, to nervous visitors not sure what they will

find upstairs, and all can benefit from a cheerful smile, a word of comfort and a good cup of tea or coffee.

Over the years the profits from the shop and café have provided all kinds of extras and equipment for the hospital. The latest major purchase is a specialised incubator cot which transports sick and fragile babies to major neo-natal units in the UK. The volunteers are proud of the work they do and the targets achieved. The latest challenges of coming to grips with the new coffee and pannini machines are being faced with determination!

New volunteers are always welcome and application forms are available at the café. We are delighted that the wife of the new Lieutenant-Governor has agreed to be our patron and she will be welcomed at the annual lunch on November 23rd.

Do consider popping in when in town or visiting the hospital. A warm welcome will await you.

*Rosie Bleasby
League of Friends Volunteer*

The Friends of Bonne Nuit



Cheval Roc Hotel site from the sea

In 2001 the Planning and Environment Committee refused an application to convert the Cheval Roc Hotel into 20 flats. They stated: 'due to the scale and intensification of use, the proposals would be harmful to the character and appearance of this sensitive part of the green zone'.

In 2010 The Friends of Bonne Nuit were looking forward to the redevelopment of the Cheval Roc Hotel into three new houses, the plans for which included widening the access road to La Crête Fort and improving the visual aspect of the area. These plans were passed by the Planning Department and had our full support.

The developers have now submitted new plans to redevelop the Cheval Roc into nineteen flats. The Friends of Bonne Nuit, along with the National Trust, have objected to this application for numerous reasons, some of which are listed below:

- The development plan is far too intensive for the site
- Lack of parking facilities which will lead to traffic chaos in the area
- Dangerous entry / exit onto the main hill
- The area is used by numerous walkers and their safety is of concern due to the narrow lane and increased traffic
- Environmental impact on the wildlife due to increased traffic movement

The fact that the area is now part of the new National Coastal Park will it is hoped, give Planning even more reason to refuse this application.

Readers may have seen in the Jersey Evening Post and heard in the media that the developer is using the current economic climate and the jobs

situation as a means to put pressure on Planning to approve this application.

The Friends of Bonne Nuit strongly oppose the use of these reasons to seek permission to develop.

The Friends are asking the people of St John to submit their views to the Planning Department in order to ensure it receives as much comment as possible before making a decision on this application. The application reference number is P2011/0904.

The Friends of Bonne Nuit view this planning application as the Environment having to fit in with the plans as opposed to the plans fitting in with the environment!!

*Gary Romeril
Secretary – Friends of
Bonne Nuit*



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Pharmacy Locale – St John

Having a local pharmacy is one of the most important services you can have on your doorstep. St John has had a pharmacy since the 1970s and it is so familiar to the parishioners it's probably quite natural to take this vital local service for granted!

Pharmacy Locale, formerly known as the Village Pharmacy, took over the operation of the St John business in 1993 and was run by Bryan Eden and John Garner. In 2006 they merged their shops with two other long-established local Jersey pharmacies, namely De Faye's (since the 1880s) and Turpin's (since the 1960s), both owned by local St John resident, Phil Romeril. In recent years, the business also has the Channel Island Co-Operative Society as a partner and Colin Macleod – another St John resident – has a supporting role in running the business.

You may have noticed that the signage and logo outside the shop have recently changed. The name 'Pharmacy Locale' was not only chosen to represent its link with the Co-op but also to demonstrate that it is a locally owned business, committed to the local community, in an island that is seeing more and more UK and European brands.

The strong St John community link continues with Pharmacist in charge, Jim Carr, who is also a resident of St John. Jim and his friendly staff are well known to everyone who regularly visit the shop and you can pop in anytime on Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturdays between 9am and 5pm.

Free

Pharmacy Locale prides itself in providing a wide range of services to the people of St John and neighbouring parishes. As well as having any doctor's prescriptions dispensed, you can purchase an extensive range of over-the-counter medicines, secure in the knowledge that a fully trained expert is looking after your well-being. However, did you know that the advice you receive from your pharmacist is completely FREE? At any time you can speak to your pharmacist – in store or by phone – confident that you will be given excellent information about your health. Treatment solutions or remedies can be recommended or you may be referred to other medical professionals.

There is a wide range of other products in the St John pharmacy including a dental range, vitamins and supplements, baby essentials, cosmetics and

toiletries. You can even get your photo taken for your passport or driving licence!

Pharmacy Locale works hard to buy goods from suppliers at very competitive prices. They also deduct the full 20% VAT from UK prices and are confident that they offer some of the best prices across their product range – not just on their 3 for 2 promotions.

The role of the pharmacy in the community is about to undergo a great change. The island's health services are currently under review and Pharmacy Locale is taking an active part in this process. They believe it is essential that the patient has more say in their personal healthcare and that services are available in local communities rather than large centralised units.

An example of their commitment is shown in the delivery of the Subsidised Products Service on behalf of the States of Jersey. The company started operating this scheme in mid July this year and, as a result, patients can now collect their products from



five island-wide Pharmacy Locale locations, four of which benefit from easy parking.

Pharmacy Locale forms a vital part of community life in St John. The company is focused on bringing the best quality pharmacy service combined with great prices throughout the shop. You already have your own local pharmacy so make use of it. The more you use it, the wider the range of services it can offer, and the greater the benefit to the parish.

Phil Romeril



Title to Public Footpath discovered

Frederick Benest has been investigating the status of an ancient footpath linking St John and Trinity

Parishioners will be interested to know that it has very recently been discovered that the footpath 'chemin de quatre pieds' leading from the granite steps in the wall bordering La Grande Route de St Jean (between Les Ruelles and Field 1007) and then across open countryside in Trinity exiting at Laurel House on Rue Coutanche, is a public footpath.

Visite Royale

On the 17th August 1997 the 'voyeurs' (sworn representatives of the parishioners) requested the Royal Court upon its Visite Royale to the Parish to view the footpath as it had been obstructed in recent



Steps mark the west end of the footpath on La Grande Route de St Jean

photo R. Long

years. Upon hearing that several senior parishioners believed it to be a public path, the Court ordered the Connétable to safeguard the public interest. The then Connétable, Mr Hinault, sought legal advice as to the title to the path.

History

Research disclosed that a previous Visite Royale to St John on the 7th July 1768 had vested title to the west end of the path in the then owners of Les Ruelles. The order did not change the status of the path in Trinity. Despite this the path had remained open for use by the public until relatively recently, supporting the belief of senior parishioners who had lived in the area that it was a public footpath. Indeed the late Herbert Le Feuvre, whose family had lived at



An eastern section of the path; a leafy lane in Trinity

photo F. Benest

Le Feugerel for generations, maintained that his family tradition held that the path remained open because two brothers had used the path in 1781 to muster with the Militia to fight off the French invasion.

However, no evidence could be found in the Parish records then available in 1997 to establish the Parish's title.

Jersey Archive discovery

Mr David Manning, the owner of Field 1007, making his own researches at the Jersey Archive, has discovered an Act of the Roads Committee 'Comité des Chemins' in 1870 authorising the then owner of Les Ruelles, George Hocquard, to rebuild the granite steps bordering the main road, which Act referred to an earlier judgement of the Royal Court in 1808. This judgement revoked the former Act of the Visite Royale made in 1768, and declared the path to be public.

It transpires that the volume containing the Roads Committee's Act of 1870 was in storage in 1997, and without it the judgement of the Royal Court in 1808 would not have been discovered as the proceedings of the Royal Court prior to 1885 are not indexed.

The Future

The route is very old, crossing open countryside before passing down a leafy lane in Trinity. As there is now no doubt as to the Parish's title it should be possible to reopen the path for parishioners and future generations to enjoy.



End of an Era for regulars of 'HONEST NEV's'

The St John village 'bookies', Neville Ahier & Son, closed its doors in October after twelve years, and I am sure that many pundits will have memories, some good and some not so good (!), of times spent agonising over racing, football, greyhound racing, and even elections! (Neville tells me his establishment was the only bookies in Jersey which took bets on local elections).



Honest Nev's, as most people know it was more than a place to gamble, it was also a meeting place where much island news was exchanged, and whilst I was carrying out my interview, it was evident that Neville knew all of his customers by their first names, and also that they were disappointed that he was closing.

Neville Ahier was born in 1935 in Trinity, and was one of ten children. His family farmed at La Garenne, both arable and dairy, covering approximately 75 vergées. All ten children attended private school, due to successful dairy farming. Neville recalls that his father sold a good bull in 1951 for the grand sum of £3,000, and from this he purchased a lorry, a tractor and also a Vauxhall Victor, and he still had change! The farm used farm horses, and these were ridden in the Farmers' Derby.

Neville left school at 15, and worked on the family farm until he married, aged 20, whereupon he worked for Carlyle Le Gallais at Roseland, St Saviour. That job lasted just one year, and he received a leaving present of a basket of apples, with a request that the basket be returned!

There followed 32 years as a herdsman for the late Philip Ozouf at Highstead, St Saviour. Indeed

Neville recalls toasting the birth of our present Senator Ozouf!

After that it was a driving job with Richard Le Sueur.

Football also has played a huge part in Neville's life, as a junior with Trinity, then as a senior for St Martin's, where today he remains as President. His time as a football referee was cut short on October 9th 1968 whilst refereeing a match at FB Fields. He was head-butted by a disgruntled player, resulting in serious injury, and lost his nerve to continue as referee, apart from one occasion at Springfield at which he received a standing ovation.

Costly bet!

Neville's first application for his bookmaker's licence was in the 1960s for Les Landes, and it was turned down, only to be granted the following year – and the rest, as they say, 'is history'. Crown and Anchor, traditionally a sailor's game, followed, and years later, the betting shop at St John opened. When I asked Neville if he had a memorable punter's bet, he pointed to the door, and a copy of a bet placed in 2002. That bet cost Neville over £42,000, and the punter remains anonymous to this day! He also told me that quite a common mistake made by punters is that they forget to put the numbers of the dogs they are betting on, or the times of the races. They then arrive to pick up their winnings only to find there are none!!

This year Nev was asked on Radio Jersey to give his tip for the Grand National. By a stroke of luck Nev tipped the winner, and that proved a costly tip!

Neville is a keen race-horse owner, his colours being light blue with black diamonds, and his stables are on land at La Garenne where he spent his childhood. Plans for his semi-retirement are to spend lots of time with his beloved horses, especially Greensfair, his 21-year-old beloved retired race horse.

Neville told me with much amusement that he has 'died' twice and woken to find the rector of Trinity at the end of his bed. Also, after a serious illness he recalls that whilst in hospital in the UK he was taken to his first ever English race meeting in an ambulance!

Neville has three children and is thrilled that they share his love of horses, and he is also a proud grandfather of three. He has no plans to retire gracefully, indeed 'Honest Nev' will still be a regular feature at race meetings and island events hosting Crown and Anchor, and also hiring out his famous green 'Sunday School Outing' lorry.

End of an era in St John, but not for Nev; Honest!

Jayne Luce



St John's Women's Institute



In July all members were given the opportunity to relive childhood memories by having an outing in an open lorry which had been beautifully restored. We left the Parish Hall at 5.30 pm heading east on a lovely evening. The coast looked spectacular and the people we passed along the way were glad to see us all enjoying ourselves. We tried to remember the old songs and raised our voices as we headed west, ending up for a meal at the Beach House. Following a delicious meal we headed towards St Ouen and finally returned to the Parish Hall after having plenty of fresh air!

When we resumed our meetings in September we were glad to welcome Georgette Bourgeard who demonstrated some of her excellent handiwork in various needlecrafts such as embroidery and shadow craft.

Lorna Kearney, Manager of the Women's Refuge, was our October speaker. She gave an excellent talk on the services provided by the Refuge, emphasising that the staff are not there to judge but to try to help

clients solve their problems and come to their own decisions.

November is the month for the Annual Meeting held by all Women's Institutes. Following the formal business we will test our general knowledge by ending the evening with a quiz.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party in December when we will be entertained by some accordion players and have a good sing-a-long followed by our traditional Christmas feast.

There is always something going on in the Island's Women's Institutes. For example we have a group who regularly meet for walks organised by different WIs and another group of ladies who meet to learn the card game Canasta.

We are in the process of arranging our programme for 2012 and looking forward to a variety of activities. If you are interested in joining our W.I. do not hesitate to come along to St John's Parish Hall on any second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm where a warm welcome always awaits you.

*Myrtle Malzard,
President*



A lorry-load of fun for St John's WI



News from the Pews

Advent Sunday Service of Remembrance

On the evening of Sunday 27th November a special Service of Remembrance was held in the Parish Church, for those who had recently lost loved ones, along with others who had lost family members, or friends, in the more distant past. During the simple service, prayers of thanksgiving were offered as names of loved ones were read out and candles lit in their memory.

The service was well attended, with many finding comfort through the quiet time of reflection, so will be repeated annually each Advent Sunday, which next year is Sun 2nd Dec 2012.

Christingle Service - Christmas Eve - 5.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us on the eve of Jesus' birthday to celebrate the good news that Jesus is the LIGHT of the world, with the aid of our symbolic oranges and songs, including: Once in Royal David's City, Shine Jesus shine and Away in a Manger

Please remember to bring along your own Christingle



Plough Sunday - January 8th - 10.30am

The annual Blessing of the Plough takes place during a special All-Age Service which will include the traditional blessing of the plough and milk churn. All are most welcome as we mark the start of the farming year.

Celebration of Marriage - Feb 12th - 11am

As Valentine's Day approaches we invite you to join us to celebrate the joys of love and family life. The service will include a St John's version of the old TV show 'Mr & Mrs' and will be followed by sparkling wine and cake.



Parish Clean - Sat 24th March - 9.30am

Members of the Parish Church Family will once again be walking the lanes of St John collecting rubbish from the hedgerows as we go. All parishioners are invited to join in with this environmental initiative, as the more people involved, the more lanes walked and, importantly, the more litter cleared.

Celebration of Education Service - April 29th - 11am

The school community, along with head Mrs De La Haye, are joining the church family for the annual Celebration of Education service. The school choir will be singing and we will be thinking about one of the stories Jesus taught, the parable of the Good Samaritan.



A service for everyone

8.00am - Book of Common Prayer Communion

9.30am - Holy Communion with traditional hymns

11.00am - Contemporary Worship with Sunday Club



The Creative Curriculum – St John's School – September 2011

A new academic year has begun. We are excited and motivated by the challenges that lie ahead.

We have new pupils beginning their learning journey at St John's School and we, as a staff, continue to develop our individual and corporate learning journeys through the researching, unpicking and consideration of what is meant by the 'Creative Curriculum' – an innovative, motivating and inspiring approach to teaching the statutory knowledge, skills and understanding laid out in the Jersey Curriculum.

We have spent many staff meetings discussing, reviewing, debating and reflecting on what the Creative Curriculum actually means, how we evaluate the impact it has on learning and what it should look like in St John's School. These discussions have resulted in us taking a fresh look at our delivery of the curriculum, the timetable and the organization of our school, and thinking actively about how we would like to develop and enrich the experiences we offer our pupils.

During this half term, we have experienced creative topics ranging from autumn investigations in Nursery; 'Super heroes' in Reception, where speaking and listening skills, independence and decision-making opportunities have been developed; space exploration in Year 1; investigating the impact of pollution on the environment in Year 2; polar explorers in Year 3; a study about Indian life, culture and arts in Year 4; coastal investigations and field studies in Year 5; and 'Life on a Rock' in Year 6.

Media week

The week before half term was Media Week, when we planned motivating literacy experiences which engaged our pupils in writing tasks incorporating a range of styles – from scripts, to instructional writing, persuasive writing and news reporting. Podcasting, developing a radio station, producing videos, photography, creating adverts and an on-going 'diary room', added to the skills developed, and alongside these skills, exciting learning and total engagement were displayed throughout the school. A truly wonderful week!

We believe that the Creative Curriculum is an empowering vehicle which will develop young people's capacity for original ideas and actions; that through the opportunities it creates our pupils will understand and engage positively with the growing complexities and diversity of life. This development of learning, interwoven with rigorous assessment and formative evaluation, will provide tight structure for our pupils.

Creative learning encourages a climate for our children to explore how to apply their knowledge in original ways and with purpose. These are just a few of the important reasons that have informed our discussions and led us to plan a rigorous and exciting curriculum for this new academic year.

So, what is a Creative Curriculum?

We believe that the key characteristics a Creative Curriculum fosters are:- imagination, flexibility, curiosity, independence, co-operation and team work, confidence, openness to different ways of learning, an ability to work on several ideas and address problems in different ways, and organizational skills.

We are aware that as these key characteristics are developing, our pupils have been empowered to become:-

- Active Investigators
- Reflective learners
- Confident Collaborators
- Creative Contributors
- Practical Self-managers.

What have been the main factors therefore, which have promoted the awareness that learning needs to look different in today's world, whilst still maintaining a diligent, rigorous understanding of the Jersey Curriculum, so that our pupils leave school as confident, competent, successful learners?

Members of the school's Senior Leadership Team have recently spent three days visiting Outstanding Schools in England (as identified by Ofsted), looking at how the Creative Curriculum is inspiring and motivating learning, and impacting upon pupil progress. This visit made us increasingly aware that the Creative Curriculum has an important role in schools today as...

- changes in society and nature of work will impact on our pupils and they need to be equipped to embrace that change
- new technology is changing how we approach life
- there is a new understanding about learning and how this looks in today's world
- there is need for greater personalisation and innovation
- every child needs to understand what it means to be healthy; stay safe; enjoy and achieve; make a positive contribution and attain economic well being.

At St John, the Creative Curriculum is supporting our teaching and learning through embedding ways of improving on our increasingly high attainment; utilizing the positive attitude of talented staff;



combating curriculum-content overload in a planned fashion with rigorous rationale – and our learners love it and are motivated by it!

So, what are the core skills the Creative Curriculum will be developing within the pupils of St John's School? Our planning throughout the school provides opportunities for our pupils to develop:-

- the ability to talk, read and write confidently, using a sophisticated range of language structures and vocabulary to discuss, debate, explain, justify, describe and recount.
- the ability to use ICT confidently for the full range of purposes, including processing, presenting, researching, analyzing, computing, illustrating and communicating
- physical and mental well being, good health and an active life style.
- the ability to work and play with others, co-operating and collaborating, responding and communicating successfully.
- the ability to work alone and with others to hypothesize, plan, investigate, record, analyze, conclude and rehypotheseise.
- to be numerate, through the use and application of high level numeracy skills, which are used both confidently and with accuracy, across the curriculum.
- to be creative through music, art, gymnastics, dance, design and construction.

- confidently to tackle and solve problems involving some or all of the core skills.
- confidently to make decisions and choices without fear of risk taking.
- to be creative learners who are inquisitive, determined, and able to work independently through self-motivation.

We are inspired, motivated and energized with the way the Creative Curriculum has developed and challenged our implementation of the Jersey Curriculum and stimulated our thinking as adult learners in school. We are now beginning to see the impact that it is having on our students. I look forward to sharing more of this journey with you as the year progresses.

*Trudie De La Haye,
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News from Les Frères Toddler Group



In book-world

The toddlers' faces absolutely lit up as they bounced into the gym! Les Frères Toddler Group had been invited to De Mond Gymnastics Academy just next door in the sports hall. Every surface is soft and cushioned and the children confidently took full advantage. They ran and bounced on the huge trampoline, scrambled through the sponge cubes and altogether had a wonderful time. The only tricky part was encouraging the toddlers to leave. Even the grown ups seemed reluctant!



A sponge-cube scrambler

The toddlers were then further spoilt the following week when we were visited by an enormous green tractor! The children were invited to sit in the cab and Charlie even let them steer the huge vehicle! Once again their faces were priceless. Even waiting their turn was fun with the children making the most of their wellies and the very muddy puddles!

Earlier in the term we were also lucky to be joined by Lyn from the library who sang songs and read stories to the children which they always really enjoy.

Once again the mums have been busy cutting out card and collecting materials to provide lovely craft activities for the toddlers. Copious amounts of glue, glitter, paint and tissue paper have been used and



Muddy fun

are now adorning the kitchen walls of homes across the island in the form of maybe a rainbow fish, a woolly sheep or a crown made at toddler group.

Still to look forward to this term is a teddy bear's picnic, another visit to the gym, the traditional Christmas party with a visit from Santa and even a night out for the mums!

Many thanks to all those who have given up their time to help provide really enjoyable, quality experiences for the toddlers.

Sharon Day

Les Frères Mother and Toddler Group meet every Friday during term time 9.30am to 11.30am.

For more information contact Sharon on 725224 or email mikeandsharonday@gmail.com

St John's School Council

The School Council at St John's is made up of children who are voted by their class to be representatives for them. At the beginning of the new academic year, children discuss in their classes the responsibilities and qualities that they think would be important in our school council. Children are voted in to the council by their peers and two representatives from each class are chosen from Year 1 through to 6.

The meetings are run by the elected chairperson and the vice-chairperson. The Secretary also plays an important role as they record the minutes and keep a log of any 'wishes' that may require funds.

All class representatives are allowed their time to speak and to be listened to. We value all comments and think about how we can make improvements in and around our school and community.



Candidates for the Council

Our first meeting was a success. The new representatives were welcomed into the School Council and we discussed the importance of their roles and some of the things that they will be involved in this year. We spent this time discussing the roles of the executive committee and we voted for nominated roles. This term, the nominated chairperson has been chosen from Year 6. She was the only representative nominated and was therefore voted in by



School Council Hustings



Voting

the representatives. There were three positions available for the vice-chairperson role and whole school nominations for this role took place on Thursday 3rd November. The role of Secretary was also voted by School Council as there were no other volunteers and this will be a child in Year 4.

Our meetings take place fortnightly and we will continue to keep you informed of the latest developments in and around the school.

*Kelly Loveless, for
St John's School Council*

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*St John's School PTA mums prior to a football match against the children in the early 80s.
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St John's Recreation Centre

Rejuvenation project

As mentioned in the last issue of the Star, the re-development project is taking the form of a number of distinct phases which are designed to minimise disruption to our user groups, all of whom have been supportive despite the disruption caused by the works.

Unfortunately Giggles has found that opening during construction periods has been impossible and the decision was taken to close during weekdays. We hope that, with the imminent completion of the ladies and gents toilets, Giggles will be able to operate fully again soon.

Fund-raising

To date, we have raised more than £650,000 which means that we are more than 80% of the way to our target of £800,000. The Income Tax Dept has confirmed our charitable status which will allow us to recover GST paid.

We were extremely grateful to have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the ITEX-Rotary 'Round the Island Walk' last summer. We would like to congratulate Andy Jéhan on his cycle from London to Paris in the summer and thank him for the money that he raised.

We are also very grateful to Deputy Ryan whose company has generously offered to provide landscape gardening services.

The fund-raising team is continuing to work on initiatives in order to raise more money.

Building work

Since the last edition, we have completed the work of installing new drains inside and outside the building. We have also installed a new central heating boiler.

We expect the ladies, gents and disabled toilets to be open again in December. In addition, a toilet has been installed with direct access from the sports hall, which will be particularly convenient for the Gymnastics Club members. We have had to use temporary toilets in the intervening period and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The grass bank and steps to the terrace have been removed and work started on building the external new stores and the new steps to the balcony.

The floor above the Gymnastics Club store has been completed. This will create a new committee room which is due to be fitted out sometime later next year.

Demolition of the old youth club/shooting club café is complete. We have started to build the new office, kitchen and toilets in the youth club area. At the same time, the Shooting Club office is being extended and a new armoury constructed.

The timing of the Football Club changing room

project will depend on securing their grant from the Football Association.

As ever with building projects, the speed of progress is never as fast as one would ideally like, however we are pleased to report that things are moving in the right direction and we are grateful to our user groups for bearing with us during this complex project.

Caretaker

Elisa Canas and Tom Pieprzowski have settled in extremely well, have already made a positive contribution to the Centre, and are working closely with a number of the sports clubs. A separate article on Tom's kickboxing classes appears elsewhere in this issue of the Star of the North.

Sports hall

The demand level for the sports hall is at a record high and we are delighted to have attracted a number of indoor cricket clubs.

There are still available periods at the following off-peak times:

Monday	9am to 4.30pm
Tuesday	9am to 4pm
Wednesday	10.30am to 4.30pm
Thursday	11.30am to 5.30pm
Friday	11am to 4pm
Saturday	3.30pm to 9pm

Anyone wanting to use the hall can buy tokens (£8 per half hour) from Giggles or the St John Store. Anyone wanting a regular booking should contact me on 861716.

Assistance

If you would like to help the Centre in any way then please do not hesitate to contact me (tel. 861716).

Angus Spencer-Nairn
Chairman



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Simon Bell, Senior Youth Worker, reports...



You may be wondering when youth club will reopen and it would be great to be able to give a definite date. Unfortunately the redevelopment work going on at the Recreation Centre is taking a little longer than anticipated and at the moment, because of that work, we would not be able to offer a safe venue for young people to use. By the time you read this the situation may have changed but it seems unlikely that we will be able to reopen club before 2012.

Thank you for your continued patience; the planned work will eventually give us a modern youth facility to match any other in Jersey. Angus Spencer-Nairn and the Centre committee have kept the youth project fully engaged in the redevelopment process from day one, for which we are very grateful. In the mean time we have moved all our equipment from the Centre into short-term storage; many thanks to Richard Dupré for finding this storage.

Extra night

When club does reopen we will be offering an extra night, allowing juniors, inters and seniors to have their own session, avoiding the current overlap of juniors and inters on Friday nights; this also gives them an extra half hour at club.

In September the Parish agreed a new four-year partnership with the Youth Service and the Youth Project committee, a sign of their continued commit-



Youth in Guernsey



Junior Youth

ment to youth work in the parish; many thanks to all involved in helping to make this happen.

Calling all adults!

Calling all adults interested in supporting young people in St John. Our shiny new youth club will be a great place to spend some spare time supporting young people. We rely on volunteers to help out on club nights; the more helpers we have, the more activities we can offer to young people. If you are 18 or over and want to be part of something very worthwhile, please contact me. Our volunteers often go on to secure paid work with the Youth Service, and we provide a range of training opportunities in return for your time. More than anything, it keeps you young!

If you are in year 10 but under 18 you can help out as a young worker. Full training and support are provided.

Earlier in the year a group of ten juniors had a great weekend at Crabbé outdoor centre where they learnt forest school skills using Kelly Kettles, cooking on fires and making whistles from Elder and Blackthorn.

A group of our inter boys visited Guernsey during the summer hols to check out skate facilities there. Unfortunately Guernsey had 'nothing' to offer and I think it made them appreciate even more what a fantastic facility they have here in St John.

If there is anything you would like to know about youth work and working with young people in St John, please don't hesitate to contact me; I'm always happy to discuss young people's issues.

Finally I'd just like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and healthy New Year.

*Mail: simonbell@youthservice.yc.je
Tel: 07797 727031*



Medal Haul for Gymnasts of Jersey Gymnastics Club

Four male gymnasts – Tom Coleborn (8), Cameron Aird (11), Judah Williams (11) and Zee Adamson (13) – from Jersey Gymnastics Club competed on 30th October 2011 at the 2011 Southern Region Championships in Southampton.

Zee Adamson was competing in the under 14 age group and finished the competition as overall champion in this age group with a strong showing over all six pieces, winning a total of 7 medals. He won gold on pommels, rings, vault and parallel bars. Zee's highlight was his pommel routines which he'd been struggling on in practice, however under pressure Zee performed a brilliant routine and dismount for a score of 10.50.

Cameron Aird and Judah Williams competed in the under-12 age group. Cameron continuing on from a very successful 2011 finished in 2nd place overall, with Judah finishing in 9th from a field of thirteen gymnasts. Cameron won five medals in total, three of which were gold on rings 11.9, parallel bars 12.3 and high bar 9.8. A fantastic parallel bars routine was his highlight, a routine he has had problems with in training but competed to near perfection on the day. Judah scored consistently well on all six pieces, but without doubt his best piece was Vault with a score of 12.55 which rewarded him with a gold medal, one up on last year's competition when he won silver.

Tom Coleborn competed in the under-8 age group, his first competition off the Island. He finished in fifth place overall out of a field of thirteen gymnasts. His best result was a silver medal on the rings



Medal winners.

with a score of 11.50, only 0.1 away from gold. He also scored well on floor, 12.20 only 0.2 away from bronze, and vault, 12.15 only 0.05 away from a medal. This event has shown that Tom has the ability to react well to competition nerves which, added to his talent, should bode well for future successes.

This has been one of the most successful competitions entered by the club which is evidence that the hard work and dedication of the gymnasts and the coaching team at JGC is paying off.

*Ben Frith
Head Coach*

St John Skateboard Park News

Despite the clocks going back and the evenings getting darker earlier, the Skateboard Park continues to thrive in popularity with younger users going along after school on scooters and older children with skateboards frequenting the park later on. The timer on the floodlighting has been adjusted in accordance with the hour difference.

Given the large numbers of children and young people using the facility there have been very few incidents of any major concern. Of the one or two isolated cases of anti-social behaviour in the Summer, these primarily involved young people from outside the Parish. Thanks to the measures in place such as the CCTV cameras, the floodlighting, the issuing of membership cards and the vigilance of the Skateboard Park parents' committee, those involved have been identified and dealt with accordingly.

The Skateboard Park has now been in situ for a year, and I would remind all young people that their annual membership is coming up for renewal. New membership forms for the year 2012 will be available from St John's Recreation Centre, Giggles Café, St John's Parish Hall, St John's Post Office, St John's Pharmacy, St John's Café, André's of Jersey and The Cycle Centre.

In the New Year, the St John Youth & Community Trust will be seeking to assist the Parish with funding for the refurbishment of the young children's play area next to the church and will be working in consultation with Parish officials to improve this well used area.

*Andrew Lewis
Chairman St John Youth & Community Trust*



The Bombing of Jersey

Dear Constable,

Following the recent commemoration at the Town Hall of the 71st anniversary of the bombing of St Helier just prior to the Occupation, and the very moving recollections of the people that were there that day, it was felt by some of the younger people that it would be a good idea to write all these stories down with a view to having them published so that there is a permanent record of the events of that tragic day.

I would be grateful if you could make an appeal to your parishioners for people to take part and have their memories recorded for posterity.

Anyone interested in taking part is asked to contact:

Daren O'Toole by email at d.otoole@posh.gov.je
Tel 811814 (Office) 07829 804 544 (Mobile)

or

Sarah Richardson at sarah2r@hotmail.com

Kind regards,
Daren O'Toole

Changes at Social Security

New business start-ups

Social Security rules are changing in January for anyone setting up a new business.

From January, the newly self-employed will pay one third of the rate set for the Standard Earnings Limit. This means in 2012 they would pay £157.42 per month. Once tax assessments are available for the first year of trading, contribution levels will be re-calculated.

This lower contribution rate removes what has been described as a disincentive for entrepreneurs considering their first step into self-employment.

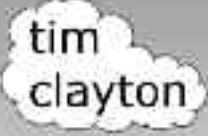
Fiscal Strategy Review changes

Anyone who employs staff earning more than £45,336 per year will need to remember that a change in contribution levels is introduced next year.

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On receipt of an application the Energy Efficiency Service carries out an assessment to identify the specific improvement works suitable for each



property. Once the written agreement of the property owner has been received a contractor is then appointed to carry out the improvements at no cost to the applicant.

Every effort is taken to minimise disruption while the work is being carried out and we've had some very positive feedback from Islanders that have had work done. For example:

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'We are already feeling that the house is much warmer. It will be wonderful when the weather gets cold.'

If you, or someone you know, may be eligible for assistance from the Energy Efficiency Service then give us a call and we'd be happy to explain the scheme and confirm your eligibility.

Don't miss out – call the Energy Efficiency Service on 441611.

Kickboxing comes to St John



Tom and I took up our positions as live-in caretakers of St John's Recreation Centre in July. We both come from sporty backgrounds so being involved in a community project involving lots of user groups was really attractive to us. We were also thrilled to be

joining the Centre at such an exciting time as the redevelopment process was in full swing.

Our position covers various aspects, from keeping the Centre clean and presentable to dealing with any security issues that may arise. Fortunately, the parish is a very peaceful place, though, as prevention is better than cure, we have a CCTV screen in our flat which allows us to see what is going on.

We enjoy living here and being involved in the hustle and bustle of all the activities that go on. We lend our help to many of the user groups when needed, such as setting up apparatus for Jersey Gymnastics Club or assisting Giggles Café when they need an extra pair of hands.

Black Belt

Tom and I met in London where we both trained as kickboxers with the Professional Kickboxing Association. Tom has a vast amount of experience in the martial arts, has trained for most of his life, and is a black-belt kickboxing instructor. I, on the other hand, took up kickboxing after moving to London for work. I wanted to find a hobby that would keep me fit, introduce me to some people in my community and teach me those all important self defence moves! Kickboxing seemed a good idea and I soon became hooked! It's a fantastic sport that anyone can do, regardless of experience. I've never been able to keep myself motivated enough to pound a treadmill at the gym so going to a group class of mixed abilities and ages really suited me. I was inspired by people in the class, like Tom, who had so much ability. After a few years, our head coach offered Tom and me our own kickboxing class in Acton. We loved passing on our knowledge to other students. However, Jersey was calling me home and we decided it might be time to move back.

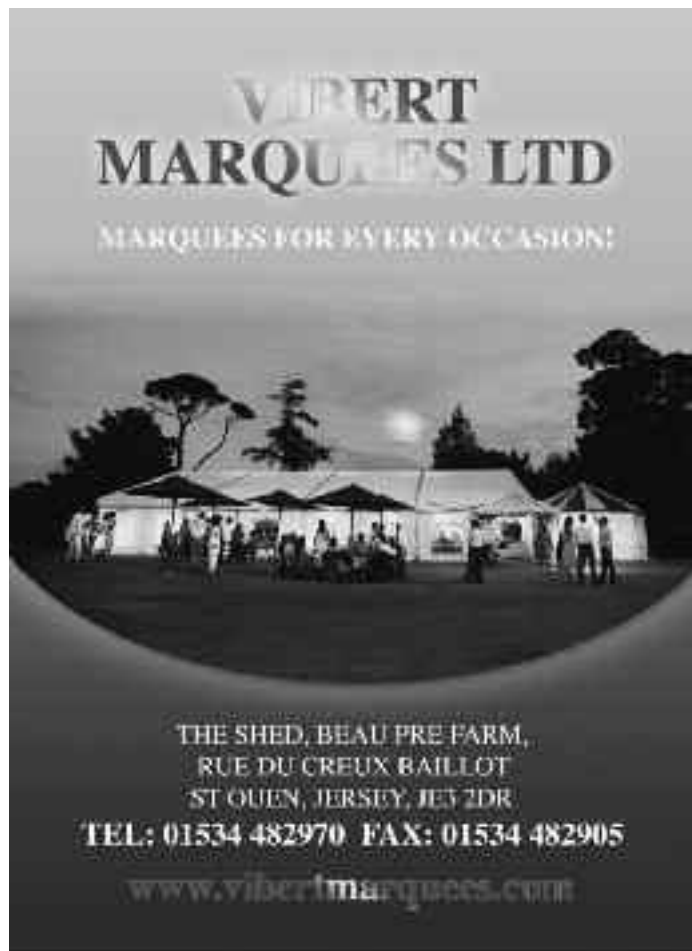
Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club

After settling into the Centre, we opened Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club, keeping our affiliation with the PKA. We have had a brilliant response and currently have about 20 students training with us either once or twice a week, some with knowledge of martial arts but mainly people new to the sport who want to get fit and have fun. On Tuesdays between 7 and 8.30pm and Saturdays between 12 and 1.30pm we transform the shooting range into a kickboxing gym with various punch bags, floor mats, kick shields and other equipment. We intend to open more classes in the New Year once the building work has been completed and the facilities will meet the needs of everyone attending. Eventually we would like to build a squad of kickboxers who might like to compete in the future, both on the island and overseas. Tom also has had a great response to his offer of private tuition from people who either don't fancy the group sessions or whose schedules mean that they need to train at different times.

We look forward to being a part of the Centre as it goes from strength to strength and would like to thank the committee for welcoming us to the Centre and local community.

For more information on Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club, please visit:
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Elisa Canas



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The Horse's Mouth

Anyone walking past Chase Stables recently will have noticed the sharp increase in activity around the yard – and while we're always proud to have more mouths to feed, the addition of two new charges has left us rushed off our feet. For this reason our most experienced guest, Romy, has been asked to pull his (considerable) weight and come up with a few words himself. Preferably something about his background and daily routine but, to be honest, he usually does what he wants.

Will Mawdsley

What my rider hasn't pointed out when mentioning my weight, is that I was competing at the 2000 Sydney Olympics at around about the same time as he was enjoying the thrills of pony club camp! That's right, I've certainly had an interesting life but my proudest moment was competing right at the top of my profession – Grand Prix dressage.

I first took to the sport over twenty years ago in the Russian Republic, my birthplace, where I was called not Romy but the far more impressive Romanoff! It may have taken me a few years but all my trainers said I was a natural. So after an exhausting training regime



Romy from Russia at Chase Stables

it was off to Australia.

Since representing my native country in the Olympics I have spent the last seven years in England, passing on my skills at Winchfield stables. Though life as a school master has been fun, since being given my first taste of sunshine all those years ago, I've always fancied moving down south. That's why, when given the opportunity for a change of pace at Chase Stables in Jersey, I reared at the chance. I feel I may have been slightly misled over the weather; St Helier is no Sydney, but all in all my new life at the stables is very fulfilling.

So, enough about me, as I've also been asked to explain the daily life at our stable I thought I would write a little diary for our readers.

A little diary

6:30 am. I am woken bright and early from my slumber. Being a semi-retired horse I like to spend most of my days out in the field, so that's where I go, though in the last few weeks I've taken to wearing a stylish blue number to keep off the chill.

1.30 pm. After six hours in the paddock I can usually take it or leave it – so about three days out of seven I'll take someone out on the roads and lanes of St John. This usually involves quite a lot of fuss; first

I'm escorted back to my stable, where I'm pleased to note the bed has been cleaned, then I'm solidly pampered for half an hour; groomed, moisturised, my hooves picked and my tail combed, before I'm tacked up and it's off we go.

2.15 pm. It's a lovely day and the roads are quiet; not that cars bother me much at my age. We've gone on a couple of little trots and could even try a canter if we find a path. I don't mind, today I feel I could carry my rider for miles and miles.

2.45 pm I'm tired and my hooves are sore. And why haven't I been fed yet?

3.00 pm There it is, my stable. It's good to be back on my bed after such a long walk. More importantly we can all get some food and hay now, as well as another quick groom and a nice soft rug.

6.30 pm. The sun's nearly gone and it's my bed time, but not before I make sure my stable is cleaned until its spick and span. Then I get a treat. For being so good.

7.00 pm. Lights out.

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PARISH DIARY - December 2011 to May 2012

DECEMBER

Fri 9th	7.00pm	KS2 Christmas Production – "Olivia" at School
Tues 13th	12.00pm	Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
Tues 13th	7.30pm	WI Christmas party in the Parish Hall
Thurs 15th		Last day of school term
Sun 18th	10.30 am	Service of Lessons and Carols at the URC
Sun 18th	6.00pm	St John's Group of Churches Candlelit Carol Service, at the Parish Church
Sat 24th	5.30pm	Christingle Service at the Parish Church
Sat 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at the Parish Church
Sun 25th	8.00am	Christmas Day Communion at the Parish Church
Sun 25th	10.00 am	Christmas Morning Worship at the URC
Sun 25th	10.30am	All-Age Christmas Day Celebration at the Parish Church

JANUARY

Sun 1st	10.30am	All-Age New Year's Day Songs of Praise at the Parish Church
Wed 4th		Back to School
Sun 8th	10.30am	All-Age Plough Sunday Service at the Parish Church
Wed 11th	7.30pm	WI Zoomba Dance in the Parish Hall
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall
Tues 31st	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall

FEBRUARY

Mon 6th	2.30 pm	Monday Monthly Meeting at the URC
Wed 8th	7.30pm	WI First Aid talk & demonstration
Fri 10th		Last day of school half term
Sun 12th	11.00am	Celebration of Marriage at the Parish Church
Mon 20th		Back to school
Wed 22nd	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at the Parish Church
Sat 25th	12.00-2.00pm	Lent lunch in Parish Hall hosted by the Parish Church
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 29th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall
Wed 29th	3.00-3.45pm	Pop-in-afternoon at School

MARCH

Sat 3rd	12.00-2.00pm	Lent lunch at Les Frères
Mon 5th	2.30pm	Monthly Monday Meeting at the URC
Sat 10th	12.00-2.00pm	Lent lunch at the URC
Wed 14th	7.30pm	WI talk by Tommy A'Court 'Life as an Auctioneer'
Sat 17th	12.00-2.00pm	Lent lunch in Parish Hall hosted by the Parish Church
Sun 18th	10.30am	All-Age Mothering Sunday Celebration at the Parish Church
Sat 24th	9.30am	Parish Clean – meet at the Parish Church
Sat 24th	12.00-2.00pm	Lent lunch at Les Frères
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Muriel's Easter Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 28th	12.00pm	Golden Age Club lunch, meet at the Parish Hall
Fri 30th		Last day of school term
Fri 30th	11.00am	End of term school service at the Parish Church
Sat 31st	12.00-2.00pm	Lent lunch at the URC

APRIL

Thurs 5th	8.00pm	Tenebrae Service at URC
Fri 6th	10.30am	Good Friday Worship at the Parish Church

Sun 8th		Easter Day
Wed 11th	7.30pm	WI – talk and tips on jam and preserve making
Tues 17th		Back to school
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meets in the Parish Hall
Sun 29th	11.00am	Celebration of Education Service at the Parish Church

MAY

Sun 6th	10.30am	United Liberation Day service at the Parish Church
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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.

St John's Parish Contacts

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 Bell ringing – Justin Read – 888484
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 Bonne Nuit Boat Owners – Linda Carter – 864828
 Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival – Neil Cotillard – 077977 97834
 Brownies – Donna Tupper – 865728
 Carpet Bowls – Shirley Caurel – 863825
 Caesarean Handbell Ringers – Diane Nelson – 481898
 Constable – Phil Rondel – 861455
 Deputy – Patrick Ryan – 851934
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 Les Frères Mother, Toddler and Baby Group – Sharon Day – 725224
 Parish Hall – 861999
 Rector – Rev Andy Thewlis – 861677
 School – 861692
 Shooting Club – John Renouf – 861908
 Skateboard Association – Claudine Thébault-Tobin – 486999
 Youth & Community Trust – Andrew Lewis – 862663
 Tennis – Tina Spencer-Nairn – 861716
 Twinning Association – Ron Le Herissier – 862010
 Women's Institute – Myrtle Malzard – 862931
 United Reformed Church – Rev Patrick McManus – 861386
 Youth Project – Rosemary Dupré – 866880
 Youth Worker – Simon Bell – 07797727031



St John's Village Inn

Telephone 864690



George & staff wish all their customers the Seasons Greetings - Christmas menu @ £15.95 per person:-

STARTERS

Soup of the day with crusty bread

Baked Figs stuffed with Jersey blue

Smoked duck breast dressed in passion fruit

Spicy homemade fish cakes with sweet Chilli dip



MAIN COURSES

Traditional roast Turkey with sausage meat chestnut & sage stuffing & roast gravy

Pan fried fillet of Sea Bass on Seafood Risotto with lime and chive creamy sauce

Sweet potato and chestnut crumble served with freshly made salad

Slow cooked tender Beef Ale Pie with mushroom, pear onion, minted potatoes & veg.



DESSERTS

Hot raspberries with Jersey vanilla ice cream

Christmas pudding with warm brandy sauce

Crème Brûlée

Jersey Ice Cream with brandy snap basket

Christmas opening hours - Christmas Eve - normal hours restaurant open
Christmas Day 11am-1pm and Boxing Day 11am - 5pm (bar only)

Opening hours: - Tues to Sat from 12 to 2:30 pm and 6 to 8:45 pm. Sun: 12 to 4 pm

We are normally closed on Mondays call us on 864690 to book a table now?

BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING



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