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In Diamond Jubilee year, Rosie Bleasby looks back to the Queen's Silver Jubilee visit to St John on 27th June 1978

Twenty-six years after her accession, as part of her Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Queen was in St John. The traditional Jersey farm at Le Petit Câtelet had been chosen to host a country fair to be attended by the Queen and Prince Philip. It was to be a showcase of all the best that Jersey agricultural and dairy farming had to offer. The hosts were to Mr Philip Romeril Jnr and his wife, Daphne. The farm had been in Philip Romeril's family for more than 200 years, passed down from father to son.

When the royal party arrived they were greeted by Constable of St John, Mr Wilfred Tomes, and welcomed to the parish in Jersey-French. They were then presented to their hosts, Philip and Daphne Romeril, and other island dignitaries associated with agriculture. Philip Romeril accompanied the Prince around the site explaining what was on show – wonderful displays of Jersey royals, island-grown

vegetables, honey, flowers, etc. The Horse Driving Society had their animals and carriages on display – no doubt of particular interest to Prince Philip whose hobby this was. Tea was taken by the royal party in an open marquee and they were entertained by the Band of the Island of Jersey.

The Queen watched a parade of the cream of the island's cattle and received a gift of a Jersey cow-in-calf from the herd of Mrs Anne Perchard of St Martin. This cow was chosen from over 1,000 viewed beforehand, for her good looks and high milk yield.

Daphne Romeril, who lent the writer her wonderful scrapbook of the day, remembers the occasion with immense pride and pleasure. Surely few people in the world can have entertained the Queen to tea on their own land, but the Romeril family of St John can be justly proud that they have done just that!



Diamond Jubilee Year 2012

Come and join the celebrations!

In February this year, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, completed sixty years on the throne, only the third British monarch to do so, the others being George III and Queen Victoria.

Much of 2012 will be spent in various activities commemorating the event and these will culminate in the special celebrations of the long weekend of the 2nd-5th of June.

In the UK these will include beacons around the country, firework displays and what promises to be a fantastic pageant on the River Thames including all kinds of craft escorting a specially prepared royal barge.

In Jersey too there will be special events – the most southerly beacon in the British Isles will be lit at St Clement and there will be fireworks in St Aubin's Bay amongst other spectacles.

In St John, at 10.30am on the morning of Sunday 3rd June the St John's Group of churches is hosting a special **SERVICE OF CELEBRATION** in the Parish Church, to which all parishioners are invited.

In the afternoon of Sunday 3rd, from 12.30 –

5.00pm there is to be another **ST JOHN STREET PARTY** in the precinct between the Church and the shops. This will follow a similar pattern to the recent one for the 65th anniversary of the Liberation where there will be food and entertainment. The event is free, but as seats are limited to 500, please do remember to complete and return the enclosed application form to the Parish Hall. During the Street Party the Youth Project will be holding a raffle to raise fund for the on-going works to the youth Club at the Recreation Centre.

In addition, over the weekend there will be a Jubilee themed **FLOWER FESTIVAL** in the Parish Church with Church bell ringers joining others around the country in **RINGING A CELEBRATORY PEAL**.

The dedication shown by the Queen to her royal duties over the past 60 years is rightly a cause for joyful celebration.

Rosie Bleasby



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Deputy Patrick Ryan's Update

I've been asked to write a few words for L'Étaile to let you all know how things have been progressing since the election for Deputy in October. As you may have heard I was also elected to the post of Minister for Education, Sport and Culture shortly after the Parish vote, and so life suddenly became very busy indeed.

However there is some progress to report on Parish matters as well. You may recall that during the election we talked about problems with speeding, especially through some of the residential areas, Sion, Mont Mado etc. We also talked about having a disabled parking space outside the Chemist, and the issues with Sion Village and the roads, drains and public areas there. In the few short months since then I have joined the old 'St John's Working Party' group which is now chaired by Procureur Andy Jehan, Phil Rondel having been promoted somewhat! We've had a meeting with the Roads Committee and it has been agreed that a sub-committee of three members would be set up to look specifically into the speeding, possible traffic calming, possible pedestrian crossings and parking and that is now underway.

More help needed

The biggest problem is policing speed limits and unfortunately our honorary police could do with a few more good people to take some of the strain. They are already freely giving so much of their time that it is difficult to ask for more. Other ideas such as the smiley faces have been felt to have little long-term impact, but I'm sure all suggestions would be welcome. You may have noticed that the States police became much more active on speeding just after the election period, so the message is getting through.

Sion Village

The continuing problems in Sion Village that have delayed the Parish taking over roads and signing off drains and maintenance of public areas are complex. I have had initial discussions with various people concerned and the director of the planning department to see what can be done. The next step is to meet with a planning officer to research history and background and I will be doing this during the next month to see if a possible solution can be found. The setting up of a residents' association with collective responsibility might be one positive step forward.

Enjoyable duties

In addition to the work load I have taken on I also have some very enjoyable duties – although I can hardly call them that because they are so much fun. My wife and I have been invited to, and attended several school Christmas productions but none more special than the St John's Primary School production

of 'Olivia'. It was sparkling – who knew we had so much talent? The children had obviously put in so much hard work under the capable direction of Mrs Fairhead. If you missed it this year I hope you have chance to go next time.

During 2012 we have some exciting events to plan for in our diaries. The Parish will welcome our own Olympic torch in the lead up to this summer's London Olympics and before that we will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with a street party in the village precinct on June 3rd, to which all St John's parishioners are invited (there is a flyer enclosed with details and a slip to apply for your free ticket.) Then later in the summer we have the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival, which just keeps getting bigger and better every year. I hope to see you all there and around and about in the Parish.



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Dear Parishioners

I was elected unopposed on 1st September, but the ten-week waiting period before I could take the oath of office was like a vacuum as I wanted to get on with running the Parish.

Comings and goings

During that time our former Chef de Police, Dave Curtis, decided that he would not seek re-election when his term of office expired as he was moving out of the Parish. I thank him for the excellent service he gave the Parish. He has been replaced as Chef de Police by the Right Honourable Jonathan Plunkett, a well-respected Centenier with a dry sense of humour. In turn Jim Elam has stepped up from Constable's Officer to fill the Centenier vacancy. I should like to wish both officers well in their promotions and thank all of our Honorary Officers for the time they give to the parish in whatever capacity they serve.

Within the same period our Parish secretary, Carol Falle, decided that as her husband was due to retire, she would join him. Given Carol's health problems that was understandable. Carol left us in February and I thank her for her service to St John.

The parish also lost the assistant secretary, Alison Haworth, who decided to look for pastures new. She had joined the office mid-year and was a great help to me in my first few weeks in office; a big thank you to Ali.

As many will recall from the last edition I have been on a diet. Having weighed in at 18st 5lb in mid-August I had to do something about it, so with Wendy's support I set about losing weight. My goal was to drop down to 15st 10lb. Well, I bettered my goal in early December reaching 15st 6lb. Currently I am 15st 10lb after having rather too much festive cheer over Christmas!

Difficult months

The last few months have been difficult as our beloved Helen-Clair passed away at 11 minutes to 11 on the 11th November 2011, leaving a big void in the family. Even as I write my heart is heavy and tears run down my cheeks. Wendy and I would like to express our thanks to Mrs Daphne Hinault for stepping in to run the annual Poppy Appeal Coffee morning and all who helped on that occasion; it was greatly appreciated.

My most difficult time was after Helen's passing but before the funeral when I had to attend the Royal Court to take my Oath of Office, and then attend the first States sitting, followed, on the eve of the funeral, by a Parish Assembly.

I must move on – Christmas Eve was spent with a number of the family at Les Fontaines and was a jovial affair. Christmas Day was low-key with some of the grandchildren, but before the day's festivities began I thought I needed to raise the spirits of all so I texted the younger members of the family and asked

them to join me for a Christmas Swim at Bonne Nuit at 10.30a.m. The reply, in part, was positive with Penny, Bethany, Adam and Amie all agreeing to join me. Off we went, stopping at Uncle Harry's, and Auntie Erica came along with Jim Elam and Alan Le Monnier bringing a camera to record the event. The whole occasion was, to say the least, invigorating!

Parish events

On my first day in office I chaired an Electoral Assembly for our new Centenier, the meeting lasting no more than fifteen minutes. Some two weeks later I had another electoral assembly to re-elect a member of our rates assessors. My old friend, Geoff Roscouet, allowed his name to go forward for a fourth term of office. Thank you, Geoff. That meeting only took six minutes. Both meetings were so short because the candidates were unopposed.

In mid-December the Senior Citizens' lunch was a success and thanks must go to the Jazz Beans and also Trevor De La Mothe for the music. A good time was had by all.

Within the States I have been elected once again to serve on the Environment Scrutiny Panel alongside John Young and Steve Luce. I have also been asked to serve on the Legislation Panel but suggested I be a reserve member given that I have a number of parish issues to resolve over the next few months including reviewing the replacement secretary.

Parish Secretary

There were 52 applicants for the post of Parish Secretary. Mrs Susan Rodrigues, who had been employed on a three-month contract as Parish Secretary, was the successful candidate, with a background of having worked in the Town Hall accounts department. and on short term contracts at both St Lawrence and St John's parish halls over the last two winters. I welcome Sue to the Parish Hall and thank all the applicants who applied for the position. The process of reviewing each applicant was lengthy and of the 51 applicants eight were shortlisted for interview and finally the interview panel came up with Sue as the front runner. I wish all candidates well in finding employment; their expertise in the CV's was wide ranging and varied.

Parish of St John

The Constable invites local tradesmen, who would like to be considered to quote for works undertaken by the parish, to submit business cards to the parish secretary.





Dates for your diary

1st April the New Lieutenant Governor, Sir John, and Lady McColl will pay a visit to the church, followed by a Vin d'Honneur in the Parish Hall – all welcome.

3rd June to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee a street party will be held in the precinct. This will follow the format of the last two street parties held in recent years. Please return the enclosed flyer if you wish to attend.

16th June is the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival; let's hope the weather for all events is favourable

Wendy and I hope to see you at one, or all, of these events and hope all parishioners enjoy a good summer.

Connétable Phil Rondel

Miss St John 2012

On the evening of Saturday 3rd March in St John's Parish Hall, 18-year-old Katie Le Herissier was crowned our 2012 Miss St John in front of a gathering of family and supporters.

Once again this year we only managed to have two entrants, 18-year-old Katie and 20-year-old Gina Pemberton. Our three independent judges, Brian Follain of St Ouen and Maureen and Chummy Porée of St Clement, had an extremely difficult task in deciding to whom the winner's sash should be presented.



Katie Le Herissier and Gina Pemberton

Katie's schooling commenced at St John's Primary, moving on to Grainville Secondary School and she is now at Hautlieu. She tells me that university does not hold any appeal for her and that she would like to stay and work in Jersey doing something in the marketing or Human Resources areas.

She lives at home with mum and dad and brother Aaron and adores her little Jack Russell, Belle. Most of her spare time, when not studying of course, is spent at the beach, walking or socialising with her



The Constable with a beaming Miss St John

many friends. Like most 18-year-olds she enjoys keeping abreast of the up and coming fashion trends which is probably why she has a weekend job at our local M&S food store as this tends to prove quite an expensive hobby! Prior to this she also worked for four years behind the counter at our local Spar shop.

She attended St John's Youth Club from an early age, moving through the ranks so to speak, returning to help out from time to time after she had left and has qualified as one of around twenty people who have been trained to cope with cyber bullying.

Katie has travelled quite a lot with her family but says she would very much like to visit South America sometime in the future but at the moment she is concentrating hard on swatting for her exams which are due this coming June and looking forward to representing the Parish at future events.

Rosemary Dupré





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LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

Our Northern Light, Jean Louis Jouanny, was interviewed
by Rosie Bleasby

Jean ‘Jack’ Jouanny was born in Jersey on the 21st May, 1922. His father had come from Brittany with his own parents when he was thirteen to work on a farm for the potato season and when his parents returned he stayed and never went back. He met his wife in Jersey when she came over from Brittany and they set up home in Bellozanne Valley where five children were born to them. Jack was brought up in a Catholic, French-speaking home and started school where the café at St Thomas' Church is today. By the age of six he had moved on to Vauxhall School because this is where a Catholic education was continued at that time – the Protestants went to New Street School. He remembers in the winter of the late 1920s having to walk home from school alone to Bellozanne Valley in the dark and finding that at the age of six or seven very frightening.

Orphaned

By the age of seven Jack and his siblings were motherless and his eldest sister, Elsie, gave up her place in service to come home and keep house for her father and his young family. When Jack was eleven he was orphaned and he and his younger brother had to go into the Sacré Coeur Orphanage on Rouge Bouillon as there was no money coming into the house. He remembers the nuns there being strict but kind to the children; the back of a hairbrush was felt if there were any misdemeanours! On Saturdays, Jack and the friend he had made there, Jean Blanchet, used to go to St Mary's House in the same complex to help Brother Leon who looked after retired policemen. They cleaned the rooms and the corridors and listened to Brother Leon's tales of the mission field. It was as a result of his influence that these two orphan boys, at the age of thirteen, travelled to an island in the Golfe du Morbihan in Brittany. Here they began their training as lay brothers in the order of the Oblate of Mary Immaculate in 1935.

Wicked sense of humour

The boys enjoyed their time in Brittany but for some reason the Brothers left Morbihan in 1937 and they

all moved to another house belonging to the order in Alsace Lorraine. Jack and Jean had a good training with the Brothers. They were taught the skills of carpentry, plumbing and minor building works which would help to support the Brothers in the mission fields of Africa. Jack and Jean were now late teenagers and Jack in particular had a wicked sense of humour. He used to while away the hours spent in chapel pulling faces at the elderly brothers who had retired there from the mission fields! This unruly behaviour did not go unnoticed and in 1940, just before he took his final vows, he was told he would be better to go out into the world and make a good husband, than remain and become a bad Brother!

Safer in prison

By now France was occupied by the Nazis and movement was restricted. Jean Blanchet, although born in Jersey, was classed as English. The Brothers were told by the local police that it would be safer for him to go into the local prison as the Nazis would transport him to Germany as forced labour. This is when Jack lost touch with his friend who had shared all his teenage years. He did learn later that a local Catholic family used to visit Jean in prison, often taking their daughter with them, and later the two young people were to marry.

Spotty blessing

Jack meanwhile was on his way to Paris. Two Americans with a car had been caught up in the German occupation and they were trying to get to Paris. At this time Jack suffered badly from teenage acne and was very spotty! They took him with them and whenever they were stopped said he had an infectious disease. The Germans, being terrified of illness, always waved them through. This must have been the only time acne was regarded as a blessing!

Jack went to the order's mother house in Paris and eventually they found him a job on a farm on the outskirts of the city. This year in Paris was the most miserable of Jack's life. He hated it there and now was longing to be back in Jersey. Because of his parents, he was regarded as French, and this was



why he had no problems living in France and his papers were in order.

Home to Jersey

In 1941 he made his way to Granville and was sitting on the cliffs looking out to sea towards Jersey. He must have been looking very miserable because a stranger asked him what the matter was. By one of those quirks of fate this was a Jerseyman. He was in charge of the boat searching for food supplies for the island in France. He told Jack that if the Germans refused him permission to travel to Jersey he would somehow smuggle him aboard. However, when Jack went to the Kommandantur in Granville they stamped his papers and told him to run and get the boat to Jersey. This was the 'Spinnel' which did this journey regularly. So after six years away and many adventures, Jack returned to his native island.

He first went to live with his older sister, Elsie, married by now and living on a farm at the top of Mont Cochon. For a while he worked on the farm but then putting the skills he had learned with the Brothers to good use, for the next few years he worked for Ken Potier, a jobbing builder and handyman. He lived for a while with his younger brother at Maison St Louis and finally before his marriage with the younger of his sisters in Waterworks Valley.

He had first met his wife, Barbara, when she was working for his sister, Elsie as a nursery maid and they married in 1949. As they celebrated their Diamond wedding in 2009, readers will have to agree that he was probably encouraged to make the right decision to become a good husband!

His further jobs included working as a handyman for the Royal Hotel, David Place for many years and finally for the last 30 years of his working life for Axon and Harrison, printers, of Rouge Bouillon. He retired from there twenty years ago at the age of seventy.

Foster parents

Jack and his wife Barbara have two children and three grandchildren and there is another story waiting to be told of the more than thirty years they spent as foster parents to dozens of the island's children, some of whom they regard as their own.

When Jack exchanged his black robe, black belt and cross for life in the world and, as he wryly told me, for the noose of marriage he made a good bargain. He and Barbara have enjoyed twenty years of happy retirement next to their daughter and son-in-law in St John and are among the unsung heroes of our island life.

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It won't be long now until we move back the Recreation Centre; possibly after Easter. I know that some of our young people have been going to St Mary's youth club on Friday nights but there's nothing like having your own place!

In the meantime we will continue to park the Youth Service bus next to the skate park on Tuesday evenings between 7 and 9 pm. It's an open session that any young person (year 7 and above) can attend, no admission charge. The bus is equipped with TV, radio, playstation, Wifi, games, tables and chairs; we even have a small tuck shop on board.

The Youth Project will be involved in the parish jubilee street party on Sunday 3rd June where we will be running a raffle to raise money for the club redevelopment. Tickets will be sold on the day only. You can support our efforts by donating a raffle prize; please contact Louise Minier on 860840. We will also be helping out at the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival on June 16th.

We have a Crabbé residential to look forward to on the weekend of May 11th where club members will be taking part in forest school and team-building skills.

We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in working face to face on club nights. We rely on volunteers to provide a wide range of activities and infor-



mal learning opportunities for young people; the more we have the more we can offer! If we could get a pool of around twelve helpers together then it could mean working only one session per month. 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 still help out as a young worker and full training and support are provided.

If there is anything you'd 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.

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Simon Bell

St John's Golden Age Club

One of the upsides for me of Patrick's election to Deputy for St John was the invitation to join the Golden Age Club. As a fairly shy person I was a bit worried to go by myself at first, but I needn't have been, the members and the ladies on the committee have been so welcoming and kind. The reason I'm writing this today is to say that if you are retired and would like



The Grace Trust Park Life Choir at the February meeting

some company occasionally, it might be worth considering. We meet once a month in the Parish Hall, usually the last Wednesday, at 2.30pm. Sometimes we play card games or board games and sometimes there is entertainment. There is always someone to chat with and there is always a cup of tea and biscuits. Oh, and

there is also a raffle every month to help raise funds. Twice a year we venture forth for a lunch outing and twice a year for an afternoon tea outing.

At Christmas we had a festive tea party with entertainment from the school choir, who sang a few lovely favourites and performed a song or two from their Christmas show. They were wonderful. We also had some celebratory singing (and I'm sure I saw a few people joining in!) performed by Trevor, lots of favourite tunes. We played bingo, which I haven't done for years, so I got a bit lost!

If you are at a loose end for a few hours on Wednesday 25th April at 2.30, why not join us? If you would like to find out more or if you feel nervous about it and would like someone to accompany you for the first visit, please telephone Wendy Rondel on 863667 or Daphne Hinault on 861467. We can also arrange transport if getting there is difficult. We all look out for each other and it's great to keep in touch.

Wendy and the committee work very hard behind the scenes to ensure that there is always a lovely raffle, tea and biscuits and entertainment.

We do hope you will come. It would be lovely to welcome some new faces.

Wendy Ryan (the Deputy's Mrs)



Saturday 16th June 2012

11.00am – 10.00pm

The fourth annual Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival takes place on Saturday 16th June, with entrance remaining at just £3.00 for adults and free entry for children under twelve. There will, as always, be a free bus service operating from the parking field at Les Platons, augmented this year, by additional minibuses at peak times.

Once again we're looking forward to a great family time in the bay with the usual food and craft stalls, a wide range of musical sets with the grand raffle draw at 5.30pm. We're also hosting Morris Dancing, from 12.20pm, Morris dancing with the Jersey Lilies, the Plymouth Maids, the Magog Ladies and Guernsey Belles and Broomsticks.

For the children, there will be games on the beach, from 12.00–3.00pm, and a pre-school area for the under-3s. Then there's the Hay Bale course, the coconut shy; Jersey bungee, a bouncy castle on the pier, the return of the kayaks and new for 2012 Rib Rides to Sorel.

In the afternoon, competitions and entertainment will include the traditional 'Bonnie Baby,' the return of 'Bonne Nuit's Strongest Man' and the popular 'Tucker Trial style challenge.' Also for 2012, there will be The Stocks, in which various parishioners will be held, allowing others to hurl soaking sponges at. Who would you like to see in the stocks?

The 2012 Silent Auction lots include:- a Jersey Cow picture by local artist Nic Romeril; a Blue Badge guided walk, from the Parish church, with Remi Couriard; a boat trip to Les Minquiers; and a 45-minute Quarter Peal on the church bells rung on a celebration of your choice. We're looking to have 20 unusual lots this summer up for sale, so please contact Andy Thewlis, on 861677, if you are able to support this community event with the offer an interesting lot.

Raffle tickets will be available from mid-May, with 6,000 tickets at £1 each giving a first prize of £1,000. Please contact Jayne Luce, on 861570, if you can help by selling a few raffle tickets

After making donations in the first three years of the festival of £11,500 to local organisations, proceeds from 2012 will support the Parish Church; Bonne Nuit Boat Owners; and the St John Youth Project, towards the redevelopment of the Youth Club, at the Recreation Centre.

The festival day, for all the family, will build upon the strengths of previous years, where attendance has increased gradually year on year, with over 2,500 people enjoying the festival in 2011, including an increasing number of visitors. So we hope you'll not only join us for an enjoyable day down at the bay in warm and sunny weather, but also to help spread the word about this fantastic event.

Watch out for the arrival of the Hay Bale Sculpture – arriving shortly in the field opposite the

parish church.

But what will it be this year, a man, a teddy, an animal or something completely different!



Andy Thewlis

Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival secretary

Festival Announcement

Padraig Lalor, described by the Irish Post as 'set to become one of the foremost folk singer/songwriters of his generation', is to headline the 2012 Festival.

On the hundredth anniversary of the Titanic tragedy, Padraig is touring the UK, France, Ireland, USA and now Bonne Nuit with 'Ismy Dream', his epic tales of music, songs and stories relating to the Titanic, from its construction to the aftermath of the tragedy.

In the evening, the festival concludes with a two hour set from Padraig's band 'Henry Marten's Ghost' playing traditional Irish songs and tunes.

For a taster check out the following two websites www.padraiglalor.com and www.traditionalirishband.com

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Jersey Aquatic Rescue Club

In November 2001 a dozen Jersey Lifesavers got together and formed a new life-saving club which the young members now affectionately and proudly call JARC. Since then we have grown from a handful of members to just shy of 100, over 60 of whom are under 18. From youngsters of 8 years old the Club offers the Royal Life Saving Society Survive and Save programmed, Pool Lifeguard and Beach Lifeguard as well as Surf Life Saving, Great Britain's excellent Surf Life Saving and Still Water Sport programme.

During 2011 our members were involved in 27 incidents. Most involved rescuing people from the rips in St Ouen's Bay. Some of our youth members also dealt with first aid and water based rescues and dealt with sudden collapses.

Aims of the club:

- To teach and train lifesaving and lifeguard skills to all members of the community.
- To provide safety cover for community events in the form of safety supervision, rescue, and emergency response to life threatening situations.
- To train and compete in lifesaving and lifeguard competitions at local, national and international level with the aim of developing and honing the essential skills needed during emergency situations.
- Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival

The Club has to date supported a number of community events with lifeguard and safety cover.

The biggest event we provide safety cover for is the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival which attracts thousands of visitors. The JARC Life Guard Team patrols the beach in two zones and provides a lifeguard at the end of the pier to oversee the beach and water activities until dark. Life guarding is a preventative exercise; so far the only rescues the team has had to undertake have been ferrying youngsters back to the beach from the rocks. The Life Guard team is looking forward to another equally safe festival again this year.

With a captive audience at the Harbour Festival the club takes the opportunity to show off some of the skills of the youngsters, putting on a demonstration of lifeguarding and sport lifesaving skills, using rescue tubes and rescue and racing boards, as well as training in the club's rescue boat 'Bosdet'.

Open Water Swims

We have been covering all the Jersey Swimming Club Sea Swims: Castle to Harbour; Green Island to

Havre des Pas; and the round St Aubin's Fort for the last five years. JARC has increased its level of cover year on year to the point where we provide over 90% of the cover for human-powered craft.

For two years we have provided lifeguard cover for the swimming activities at the Jersey Youth Keswick Convention. The Club's instructors also run Ocean Awareness sessions for children every summer on the beach at St Ouen, in conjunction with the States of Jersey, Education, Sport and Culture department and the Beach Lifeguard Service.

Bathtub

The Club also runs the Bathtub Challenge held each year at Havre des Pas bathing pool, a free-to-enter community event that requires entrants to recycle an old plastic bathtub into a suitable craft and race it around a course in Havre des Pas bathing pool.

RNLI training with JARC

Last summer the RNLI took over lifeguarding at Jersey's most popular beaches. Once the lifeguards had settled in they started training with our Club. The RNLI is very keen to work with us as we train young lifeguards who will, as they gain experience themselves, become employed by the RNLI and work on Jersey's beaches. We have been asked to help the RNLI cover St Brelade's Bay on Sunday afternoons in peak season.

We are very proud that last summer one of the first locals to be employed by the RNLI was our own twenty year old Robert Connor who has been a member of JARC since he was twelve. Robert worked at St Ouen, St Brelade, Grève de Lecq, and Plémont bays. Robert has been offered his job back again for this summer, with a view to joining his Australian lifeguard friends on the southern hemisphere beaches for their summer. With our current youth members we will have the potential to train 30 qualified pool and beach lifeguards by the end of 2012. This will enable the club to provide extensive safety cover for community events and to have the potential to support the emergency services in the event of a major incident.

National Champions

The Club has been entering National and International lifesaving competitions since its inception. JARC has had members in three Jersey Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships teams. The Club has competed at the World Club Championships twice, as well as the RLSS National Speed Cham-





National Champions

pionships and the National Lifesaving Championships. We are also looking forward to resurrecting the Inter-insular Lifesaving Championships by taking on Guernsey at the end of March. And also at the end of March JARC will be hosting and organizing the Branch Heats (round one) of the RLSS National Lifesaving Championships.

Last November five Jersey competitive lifesavers, all members of the Jersey Aquatic Rescue Club competed at the Royal Life Saving Society UK National

Life Saving Championship finals at the Ponds Forge Olympic pool in Sheffield. Liam de Sousa and Dominic Samson won three of their four events to become National Champions.

The small squad had trained hard for this event and it is fantastic to have returned with five podium finishes and two gold medals. JARC Chairman added: 'Our club juniors are a credit to the Island, the Club, and the Region with their excellent performances.'

Sponsorship

We are always looking for sponsorship to defray travel costs to competitions. The maintenance and replacement of the equipment required for lifeguard cover at community events is also very high. If any individuals or companies would like to be associated with Jersey's

premier lifesaving club, please get in touch with the Chairman or Secretary.

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THE BOATHOUSE GROUP: sponsors of St John FC 1st team

At a recent first team match St John FC President, Nigel Perrée, presented Nigel Godfray, Managing Director of The Boathouse Group, with a framed St John FC first team football shirt as a thank you for their support of first team over the last few seasons.

The Boathouse Group who own The Farmhouse restaurant and L'Auberge pub in St John have now sponsored the first team for the past two seasons, providing kits and equipment which allow the club to run such a large senior set up. Both the President and Committee are grateful to the Boathouse and Nigel Godfray for their continued support.

Trophy for St John Ladies

St John Ladies win their fifth trophy in a row In October, St John ladies retained the Zenith Cup in dramatic fashion at Springfield.



*Nigel Perrée and Martin Le Blancq
with Nigel Godfray of The
Boathouse Group*

Jodie Botterill scored the opening goal just before half time. St Paul's equalised soon after the restart, only for Tara Marie to put St John's ahead with a sweet strike into the top corner from outside the box. St Paul's equalised again with virtually the last kick of the game, taking the match into extra time.

St John's looked tired as St Paul's raced into 4-2 lead. Fiona McKinnon pulled a goal back from the penalty spot to make it 4-3.

Then, with five minutes left, Jodie Botterill, Jersey's first female professional footballer, scored a solo goal to level the score.

Just as penalties seemed inevitable, Jess Vieira put Jodie clear again for St John's, and the game was won in the dying minutes. A fitting end to an amazing match and a battling team performance with four new players also making their debut at Springfield!

St John Lady to turn Professional

As mentioned above, Jodie Botterill of St John FC has become the first Island lady footballer to turn professional. Jodie was spotted while playing for Jersey at the Island Games. She will leave Jersey to join her new club, Aland United, who play in the Finland Premier League.

Ronez Sponsorship

At a recent Under-16 match Nigel Perrée presented Mike Osbourne, Managing Director of Ronez Ltd, with a framed St John FC football shirt as a thank you for their support of the club over the last few seasons.

During the presentation Nigel commented that the coaching and development of young players was

paramount to both the club and the community and that the support that Ronez has afforded has allowed the club to offer further development opportunity to the youths.



Nigel Perrée with Mike Osbourne of Ronez

In return, Mike Osbourne commented that as a major business in St John, Ronez was proud to be able to invest in the youth of the community. He is glad to see the club developing and wishes them every success in the future.

Both the President and Committee are grateful to the Ronez and Mike Osbourne for their continued support of the juniors.

Jayson Lee Memorial Shield

St John FC has won the 2012 Jayson Lee Memorial Shield by beating the Police 4-1. Jayson Lee was a player and coach for St John, winning many trophies, particularly with the Ladies team.



The winning team with Jayson's parents and brother 'Bomber'

Three years ago Jayson collapsed and died while playing for St John in the first Over-40's match at the FB Fields. In memory of Jayson an annual match is played between the Police and St John Over-40 team. The Police won the Shield in the first two matches; this year St John's had the better of exchanges.

Nigel Perrée



Spring Term at St John's School



At St John's School we are committed to the idea that both adults and children learn new things every day. We maintain that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone. Through our teaching, we enable children to make

informed choices about the important things, to help them lead happy and rewarding lives.

Exciting experiences

We recognise that children learn in a variety of ways so we provide a rich, stimulating and varied learning environment which allows children to develop their skills and abilities to their full potential.

We have engaged in many exciting learning experiences, planned to support each child's individual learning journey. Literacy and maths skills remain the focus of our morning curriculum and these skills are interlinked throughout our topic work, where other learning opportunities also occur, for example, independence, questioning, decision making, inquiry, co-operation, autonomy and confidence.

Topics that have been taught this term include a bird investigation in Nursery, which involved the careful observation of birds and their habits, as well as recognising different bird species from the "bird hide". A "Squidge and Squash" topic in Reception, focused on children exploring Language for Life, thinking skills, investigations in science, pottery skills, active phonics, painting, collage and "Printing in Action Art".

Books and traditional tales have been the vehicle for exploring learning, speaking and listening skills and history skills in Year 1, alongside cooking, sewing, puppets and card making. Exciting projects have been developed in Year 2 based on The Fire of London, the amazing "Incredible Edible" project (a sustainable growing project) which involved Science and geography skills and "The Quest" which incorporated history, videography/photography, email, Design and Technology and textiles. In Year 3, Ancient Egypt has been an exciting vehicle to investigate many historical and literacy skills and has fired imaginative and creative art work. Year 4 pupils have explored life in medieval times, mountain adventures looking at Everest and mountain ranges in Austria, as well as investigating materials and their properties in Science. In Year 5 exploring the "great unknown" has been a major focus through the lively, explorative Space Project. Planet mobiles, investigating rocket trajectories, silhouettes in art and a powerful literacy focus has driven this project.

Have you ever wondered how chocolate was discovered and where it comes from? These were the questions Year 6 were considering in their Rainforest Topic, as well as looking at interdependence and adaptation in nature. Media Week has been at the

forefront of our minds too, as we have built upon last term's exciting opportunities with our first whole-school review of different types of media. This term we developed skills using digital cameras, video cameras, I pads, enhanced word processing skills, radio broadcasting, recording, instructional writing, persuasive writing, evaluative reviews, scripts and poetry.

We encourage children to develop strategies for their own learning, be involved in reviewing the way they learn, and to reflect on how they learn, what helps them learn and what makes it difficult for them to learn. During the day, there will be planned feedback opportunities to share their knowledge and understanding with each other. This is a wonderful assessment tool for teachers as they review the learning that is taking place and formatively plan how to move forward.

When teaching, we focus on motivating the children and building on their skills, knowledge and understanding of the curriculum. We use the Jersey Curriculum which sets out the objectives and details to be taught to Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We plan our lessons with clear learning intentions and success criteria. Our lesson plans contain information about the tasks to be set, the resources needed, and relevant assessment of children's work. We evaluate all lessons so that we can modify and improve our teaching in the future.

At St John, we believe that a stimulating environment sets the climate for learning, and a well-organised and managed classroom promotes independent use of resources and high-quality thinking and learning by the children. We believe that in an atmosphere of trust and respect for all, positive achievements can be made and that learners need to be in a "State for Learning" in order to learn best. Therefore we take time in the morning to prepare the learners for the day. They are greeted with a smile, music may be played in the classroom and often, a thinking- skills activity is prepared, to involve learners in a task to help them settle for the day. The class teacher gives a few children specific attention.

At the end of the day, children and staff review the day and celebrate success. Less positive events are dealt with and closed to ensure the children have a positive attitude when they return to school the following day.

We hope that by sharing how children learn in this Parish School, you will have an understanding of the breadth and depth of the children's learning opportunities each day. St John's pupils engage in challenging learning that makes them think and supports them in life.

*Trudie De La Haye,
Head Teacher at St John's School*



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ST JOHN'S WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The President recounts some of the Institute's recent activities and hopes that they will attract other parishioners to become members.

November was the month of our Annual Meeting and the election of officers took place. Myrtle Malzard was re-elected as President, Karen Cotilliard was re-elected as Secretary and Pat Donne Davis as Treasurer.

There was a vote of thanks to all the officers and also to the many members who contribute in one way or the other to the smooth running of our W.I.

In December we held our Christmas Party and were joined by some of our men folk. We were entertained by John Vibert and two other fellow accordionists. We had a good old sing song of well known songs and seasonal carols. After exercising our lungs we then tucked into an excellent supper supplied by all members. A good evening was had by all.

We started the New Year in January with Lucy Kerr demonstrating Zumba Dancing and most of us took part and tried the exercise regime. A good beginning to the New Year!

In February we had a demonstration on First Aid by a St John Ambulance member Mrs Mandy Hussey

and two of the cadets, Sophie (Cadet of the Year) and Emily. They taught us many useful tech-niques to use in an emergency. Hopefully we will never have to use them but should the occasion arise we would hopefully be more confident and remember what to do. *[Readers can judge some of their first aid skills from the photo on the back page! – editor].*

In March we are looking forward to a talk by Mr Tommy A'Court (auctioneer) recounting some of his favourite tales and experiences from the many auctions he has held.

Joining the W.I. gives you the opportunity of learning many different things in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. New members are always welcome so please do come and join us on any second Wednesday of the month at St John's Parish Hall at 7.30 pm where you will be warmly welcomed.

*Myrtle Malzard
President*



Retirement of STAR personnel

Three valuable people involved with the STAR OF THE NORTH have departed from its production for different reasons. Roger Long explains and pays tribute

Pure coincidence has brought together the resignations at the same time of three people who have taken important roles in bringing out Star of the North to parishioners and enabling it to maintain its creditable standard.

Editor

Most important for any publication is the Editor, an honorary position filled with enthusiasm and industry by ANGELA LE SUEUR for 25 issues. It may have



Angela Le Sueur

been the childhood experience of her father's printing business which led the people who got together to produce a regular magazine to persuade her to take it on. Although having little previous experience the results show the wisdom of their decision.

Editing requires initiative and industry to devise such a wide variety of content and then

extract it all, on time, from some-times reluctant authors. Angela's charm and powers of persuasion have always succeeded, but for several weeks before each issue the approach-ing deadline can be a great strain on the editor's stamina and patience.

Now that her husband, Terry, has retired from politics, latterly at the highest level, they are able to relax from the pressures of meetings and commitments and Angela is laying down Star's editorial pen for someone else to pick up.

Advertising manager

The magazine's managing group is delighted that their hopes of funding it solely from advertising have been fulfilled, and is grateful for the persuasive skill of CARL HINAULT in obtaining the custom of the many regular businesses and organisations who are pleased



Carl Hinault

to use Star's pages. He has been our advertising salesman almost from the magazine's launch and its increased size and spread of colour pages, while retaining a very modest ratio of advertisements to articles, underline his success and efficiency in a job which would not be to everyone's liking.

A recent health problem has forced Carl to reassess his commitments and he is having to withdraw from the work of mag-azine editorial group.

Regular contributor

The residence in the parish of an experienced and well-respected journalist was seized upon by the editor early in the life of the magazine. ALASDAIR CROSBY, a name familiar to all readers of the JEP for many years, responded immediately to requests for him to interview the personality on most of Star's front pages, and he generously gave his time and talents for many contributions to the magazine, for which the editorial group is extremely grateful.

Now that Alasdair has extended his career in writing by taking on editorship of Jersey Life he finds the responsibility is very demanding leaving little time for other writing.



Alasdair Crosby

Situations vacant!

This issue has been produced by the team with Andy Thewlis as acting editor and Richard Dupré going out and selling the advertising. We are looking for permanent replacements and we would be pleased to know of anyone willing to try a new line. The work all comes in three short periods during the year and the editorial group will give all necessary help, especially to start with.

Contributions from parishioners are always needed so, if you or anyone you know can help please contact us at the addresses on page 34.



Editorial

As acting custodian of the Parish Magazine I express my sincere thanks to members of the editorial team for their extra efforts in producing this April 2012 issue of STAR OF THE NORTH, in which we pay tribute and give thanks to three parishioners who have contributed so much to Star over the years: former editor Angela Le Sueur; former treasurer and advertising manager, Carl Hinault and regular contributor Alasdair Crosby. On behalf of the Editorial committee and all readers, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for their contributions to past issues; along with our thanks for their wise guidance as consultants on this 26th issue.

Please do get in touch, if you can help as future editor or advertising manager.

Our thanks, as always, to our many contributors without whom the magazine would be considerably thinner and far less enjoyable to read.

For a small parish St John, as the diary and parish contacts page reveal, is a busy place with lots to get involved with, especially in June and July, which begin with the Diamond Jubilee Street celebrations on Sunday 3rd; followed by the Bonne

Nuit Harbour Festival on Saturday 16th; an Olympic themed fete at the school on Saturday 30th and concluding with an opportunity to be involved in an Olympic Torch Relay from St Helier to St John, on Sunday 15th July, where you are invited to join others in carrying our own replica Olympic torch bearing the Parish Crest.

On a more serious note, the recession is biting deeper and deeper and for the third issue in succession advertising revenue has fallen short of production costs for Star, which has been subsidised from reserves built up in the past. However, the editorial committee make the following appeal for your financial assistance to sustain 'Star of the North', which many appreciate to be an important component of community life.

You can support us by getting in touch: if you'd like to advertise your company in future issues; if you'd like to make a one-off donation to Star, or help to offset costs by becoming a subscriber and making an annual contribution of just £6.00.

*Rev Andy Thewlis
Acting Editor*

More than Gold – St John's own replica Olympic Torch

The London 2012 Olympics are sure to be a fantastic occasion when the world's best, after years of preparation, face one another in a variety of sporting disciplines, all with the hope of securing a bronze, silver or – even better – the gold medal.

As the countdown continues, the Olympic Torch Relay, which starts on May 18th and travels around the country and islands, will ensure that the excitement builds, including here in Jersey, as we welcome the torch for a few hours on Sunday 15th July.

At the conclusion of the Island event in St Helier, twelve replica torches bearing individual Parish crests, will be presented to representatives of each Parish. We'll be carrying the torch, by hand, walking in relay from town to the heart of St John for a short Olympic-themed service in the Parish Church.

If you'd like to join in the walk from St Helier to St John on the afternoon of Sunday 15th July and take a turn in carrying our parish torch, then please contact the Rev Andy Thewlis, on 861677.

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Maugers Garage



Alan Michel

Alan Michel, who has worked at Maugers Garage for 50 years, shares his memories with us in a two-part story.

PART ONE

I was born at South View, a house just below Le Couvent on the Mont Cochon main road, in the same year as the German occupation ended. My first school at the age of four, was Mrs Le Bas's in Bellozanne Road where my mother would cycle down Mont Cochon every day, taking me to school on her bicycle which had a specially adapted child seat attached at the rear. From there I went to First Tower School and then on to Hautlieu.

At weekends I would cycle to Sion to Mr Trehen, who owned the shop and bakery where the Spar is now, and would go with him in his van, delivering bread and groceries around the Parish.

From an early age I became fascinated with anything mechanical. I think it all started with my older brother's hand-me-down Meccano set, which had a clockwork motor. I used to spend hours making things out of Meccano pieces; tightening up all the small screws and nuts, fitting wheels and a motor to my creation, which would allow it to be self propelled along the floor.

Reborn bicycles

During my secondary school days, weekends would be taken up by first going to the old Mont Mado Quarry tip, salvaging as many dumped bicycles or

parts as possible, and taking them home. The frames would be rubbed down and painted, the moving parts stripped and lubricated, and a bicycle made up of second hand parts would be reborn. Together with my friend, Bobby Pike, we would sell these bicycles from his father's second hand business, to the French farm labourers for between one and two pounds each.

On turning sixteen, the teachers at Hautlieu School wanted me to stay on for another year. However, I had other ideas. I had set my sights on being a motor mechanic and did not feel further education would be beneficial, and it would have meant I would have missed one year's apprenticeship. Following consultation between the school, my parents and myself, it was agreed I could leave.

Speeding hearse

The next week I had my first job working as my brother's apprentice at Urquharts Hire Cars at Cheapside, where Portelet Garage now trade from. We maintained a fleet of over fifty hire cars as well as the fleet of Rolls Royce funeral taxis and hearses operated by Pitchers Funeral Directors. I was paid two pounds and ten shillings for a fifty-hour week –



Maugers - looking South with shop (Commercial Stores) on the right



Same angle as above - today



or two pounds fifty pence in today's money.

One day the hearse came in for repair, as it lacked power due to a misfire in the engine. Because the hearse travelled so slowly, it would constantly oil up its sparkplugs. I was given the job to clean the plugs, when my boss said, 'What this needs is a good blow out!' He told me to jump in and we travelled up Queen's Road, going faster and faster, passing the Union Inn at speeds approaching seventy miles per hour! I still recall to this day, the faces on three French farm workers sitting on the low wall near the road, enjoying their pint of beer. I am sure they had never seen a hearse travel so fast. I don't think there was a speed limit in those days!

Maugers Garage

With the cessation of the business at Cheapside at the end of December 1961, I was made redundant. However, it didn't take me long to find another job, and I started work at Maugers Garage in the first week of January 1962. Owned by Jack Mauger, and run by Jack with the help of his son, John Mauger, and son-in-law, John Pallot, Maugers' customers were predominantly farmers from all over the Island. About 80% of our work was agricultural, repairing Ransome and Coleby cultivators, farmers' lorries and tractors. Jack Mauger would undertake any job brought to him. In particular he would specialise in repairing lawnmowers and motorised sprayers, between serving customers with petrol. Jack always used to smoke a pipe, and was always having to buy new ones as he would often put his pipe down on the back of a lorry parked in the yard before going to serve petrol, forget about it, and the lorry would be driven away with pipe on board. Jack's reputation for repairing anything took a knock, when he had to explain to a customer that sticking back the broken spout on her china teapot was not possible from a safety point of view!

Life was so different

Before the farmers started their potato planting season, John Pallot and myself would load our tools into the back of the tow truck, and spend whole days going to farms, repairing planting machinery on site. If we were still working on machinery at lunchtime we would be beckoned into the farmer's kitchen, and invited to take lunch with them. Any machinery that could not be repaired on site was craned up on to the tow truck and brought back to the garage for repair. Life was so different in those days. Two months before the potato digging season, farmers would bring their lorries in for a service or sometimes for a complete overhaul and repaint. Most of these lorries had been stored up in barns since the last potato season. This generated a large amount of work, and in order to satisfy every customer, we would have to work most evenings till 10 o'clock.

In 1962 I bought my first car, a Ford Anglia for £200 from Linton Cars on Victoria Avenue. I spotted this car on a Saturday afternoon, but with the banks



closed I was unable to raise the cash to buy it. I told Jack Mauger about it, and although I had only been working for him a few months, he put his trust in me and loaned me the money till I could get to the bank to repay him.

The big freeze

1963, the year of the big freeze, saw us inundated with work. In those days people did not put antifreeze in their vehicles as they do today, but instead would simply drain the water out of their vehicles and leave them in the barn. It is virtually impossible to drain all the water out of the cooling system as small pockets of water remain. Due to the severity of the frost these pockets froze, and when the big thaw began, radiators and engines cracked. That year we replaced five Renault Dauphine engines and countless radiators and water pumps. We were still repairing frost-damaged vehicles in September.

The winter months were particularly cold at Maugers as the only form of heating was a three-legged paraffin stove, placed in the centre of the workshop for warmth. When Jack Mauger retired in the early 1970s, his son, John, and son-in-law, John Pallot, took over the business and decided to expand the workshop. A new building was erected on the site with a new waste oil heating system installed, together with more car ramps. This was a far cry from working out of a corrugated steel covered shed!

Part Two to follow in our next issue.



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Acorn Enterprises

Acorn Enterprises in Trinity is now in its 21st year and to celebrate its coming of age has undergone an extensive renovation project. Construction of this modern, purpose-built building began last year and the new premises include a large retail outlet as well as state-of-the-art workshops, training rooms, and offices for staff.

Along with this building, new growing tunnels have also been constructed to allow for the increase in bedding plant production. Acorn has recently won the contract to grow all the bedding plants for the States Transport and Technical Services department which will mean a three-fold increase in the quantities of both summer and winter bedding plants produced and grown on the site.



Bedding plants in the greenhouse at Oakfield

Official opening

The main build was finished at the end of February this year and an official opening by the Lieutenant-Governor General Sir John McCall, KCB, CBE, DSO will take place on 27th April and we will then be open for business as usual from Saturday 28th.

Opening times are 8.00-4.30pm Monday-Friday and also Saturdays 8-4.30pm and Sundays 9-12pm during the bedding season which runs from 28th April to Mid-June.

Acorn has, over the years, developed a loyal and satisfied customer base built on a reputation for competitively priced, premium quality bedding and nursery plants. This season it will again be offering one of the widest ranges of summer bedding plants in the island and is introducing a new range of plant trays in order to give customers greater flexibility of choice. Its award winning hanging baskets and planters will also be on sale and can be made to order or customers can buy containers, liners and plants and create their own. All this is seen as a big step forward for Acorn, with the modernisation of the facilities providing the platform necessary to expand on the range of options it offers trainees who attend daily.

Assisting people into employment

Acorn comes under the auspices of the Jersey Employment Trust (JET). JET is a charitable organisation whose primary aim is to assist people with a disability and/or long-term health issue to find and sustain open employment through training,

education and on-going support. JET is spread over two sites: Oakfield on the Highlands campus and Acorn at Howard Davies Farm, Trinity. Through access to JET, people who attend Acorn have the opportunity to gain practical experience in a realistic work environment and the potential to acquire accredited qualifications in horticulture and garden machinery.

Acorn was last year awarded Genuine Jersey status for its home-grown bedding and nursery plants and is proud to be recognised for the work its clients and staff do to produce such quality products.

Acorn staff and trainees will also be running a stall throughout the bedding season at the Genuine

Jersey Farm and Craft Market in St Aubin.

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AND OUR REVEREND WILL TRAVEL..... Have you heard the rumour going round the parish?

Well, I can report that it's true; our very own Reverend Andy Thewlis has set himself a daunting, if not mad Charity Challenge for 2012. Yes folks, Andy intends to walk, run, cycle, swim, row, paddle or whichever way the body can physically move, an astounding 2,012 miles during 2012!

Help for Bukavu

The motivation to keep going on this challenge is St John's Parish Church's twinning with the Diocese of Bukavu, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Bishop Bahati has visited Jersey a couple of times, and it would be Andy's wish to raise as much sponsorship during the year to help the poor people who live in this part of the East of the Congo which has been blighted by a bloody civil war, particularly with cruelty directed towards the women. Another possibility is also that Andy, accompanied by other parishioners from St John, could visit the Congo and see for themselves first-hand the hardships faced daily by these people.

Andy outlined his plans to me and several others at a 50th birthday celebratory party over the Christmas break, and I must say that most of us who attended, were of the opinion that this would surely be one of those New Year's Eve resolutions that definitely gets broken. However as I write this we are just into March,

and so far, so good, and Andy tells me he is even ahead of schedule!

Distances

Just to clarify the sort of distance we are talking about, 64 lengths of Les Quennevais swimming pool equates to one mile so, as I told Andy, he can do that every day this year, and clock up 366 (it is a Leap Year!) miles, leaving only 1,646 miles to go; a breeze! Another idea discussed is a round island walk visiting all twelve Parish Churches; is there anyone out there who would wish to join Andy? And please remember, folks, that (and no offence is implied here, honest!) Andy is no athlete, just your average, moderately fit male, approaching middle age, if he isn't already there!

We plan to provide you all with a regular update in the Parish magazine and we hope that you enjoy following Andy's progress, and maybe will kindly sponsor Andy, either by the mile or a donation.

Thanks are expressed to those who have already offered sponsorship and in particular to Club Carrefour and Mark Pickford's Cycles for their support of Andy in his challenge.

Progress

So to summarise Andy's progress to date:

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 Place the lamb shoulder on top of this—skin side up, and pour over a glug of red wine—
 whatever you will drink with the meal will be fine.
 Oven roast for a 10 minute burst in a hot oven.
 Bring the heat right down 160-170 degrees and roast for a further 2.5-3 hours until meat is
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Jayne Luce

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Here are the footballing belles pictured in the December 2011 issue (page 27) in colour this time. Richard Dupré has managed to put names to all but one of them. Can anyone supply the missing name?

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St John's Recreation Centre Rejuvenation Project

As mentioned in the last issue of the Star, the re-development project has taken the form of a number of distinct phases. These can be summarized as follows:

- Phase 1 One bedroom caretakers' flat
100% funded and completed
- Phase 2 Changing rooms and toilets re-designed and modernised
100% funded and completed

This stage of the redevelopment took longer than anticipated due to a number of technical matters; however we are absolutely delighted with the final result and pleased that it has been so well received by our user groups.

- Phase 3 New meeting room
100% funded and almost complete
- Phase 4 Car park enlarged and new storage areas
100% funded and almost complete
- Phase 5 Demolition of the old Youth Club kitchen and the building of the new kitchen, toilets and Youth Service office.
100% funded; this work is well advanced and should be complete by the end of March.
- Phase 6 West extension to Youth Club, improving the access and natural light in the area and building the new mezzanine recreational area.
- Phase 7 New Football Club changing rooms and showers. (Men's, ladies' and juniors')

Other important maintenance and developments completed have been as follows:

- completion of new drains inside and outside the building
- installation of a new central heating boiler
- installation of a toilet with direct access from the sports hall
- removal of grass bank and installation of new steps to the terrace
- extension to the Shooting Club office and construction of a new armoury
- re-decoration and lighting of the main passageway
- re-opening of the squash court.

New artificial timber decking is currently being laid on the patio to replace the old paving that was degrading. The railings round the patio have been refurbished and new ones fitted on the steps. The landscaping of the area in front of the building is also progressing and should be in use by the time you read this article!

Now that we have finished with the heavy lorries and diggers we will be resurfacing those parts of the

car park that require attention and we will repaint the parking bay lines.

Special thanks

We are enormously grateful to Lady Butlin and our other sponsors for have allowed this to happen and to all our users for their patience while the works have been taking place.

We would particularly like to thank Joao Pita who has been managing the project and who has achieved a vast amount during the past year.

We are also very grateful to Deputy Ryan whose



company has generously offered to provide landscape gardening services, and to the Probation After-Care Service team for their tremendous assistance with painting and external work.

Fund-raising for Phases 6 and 7

The fund-raising team is continuing to work on initiatives in order to raise more money for phases 6 and 7.

Patrons are being attracted for the following reasons:

- management team have a proven track-record and are focused on spending money carefully
- highly competitive quotations have been obtained to date
- emphasis on durability and high quality workmanship to ensure a lasting long-term benefit
- project manager is an expert consultant who is working unpaid
- GST exemption in place.

The benefits of donating include the following:

- attractive proposition for wealthy residents' philanthropic initiatives and businesses' Corporate Social Responsibility programmes

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Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club has been up and running for six months now and with each passing month as the club grows,

more equipment is appearing and more classes are being added.

The shooting range at St John's Recreation Centre is now fully equipped with punch bags, floor-to-ceiling balls and a speedball platform. We also have floor mats and many other pieces of equipment which we use on an alternate basis to keep classes interesting and enjoyable whilst always striving to help train our members to get better, fitter and faster.

We have a core group of members who joined the club when we opened who are keen to progress up to competition level. They are training hard in both kickboxing and strength and conditioning sessions in the hope that they might be selected to represent the club at a White Collar Kickboxing event scheduled for later this year.

Tom Pieprzowski has been busy with personal coaching sessions which are becoming very popular

and which he really enjoys. He is working with both absolute beginners who feel one-one coaching suits them best as well as with competition level kickboxers who are training for fights.

Ladies only class

After speaking to current members and friends of the club, we decided to introduce a ladies only class to our syllabus which Elisa and Tom take together. The emphasis is on fun and fitness as well as good kickboxing technique and we now have a group of ladies training with us on a weekly basis. We will be adding another ladies' class soon.

The club now has a mixed abilities' class on Tuesdays between 7pm-9pm, a ladies' class on Saturdays from 12pm-1.30pm and an intermediate class on Saturdays between 3pm-5pm.

If you would like to know more about the club, please check out www.jerseywarriors.com where we have uploaded photos of some of our sessions and where you can find out more information.

We hope to welcome you to Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club soon!

Elisa Canas

- Youth Club and Football Club are both long-standing users of the centre and very deserving causes that support our Parish youngsters
- money can be ring-fenced and invested in a specific aspect of the project which is of special interest
- media exposure and publicity
- scope to name area after a major patron
- due to the charitable status of the Centre, Jersey tax at 20% can be reclaimed on all donations over £100 received from Jersey resident taxpayers.

Caretaker

We are delighted with the way in which Elisa Canas and Tom Pieprzowski have settled in and are grateful to them for the very positive contribution they make to the Centre.

General usage

We are pleased to report that the use of the Centre's facilities is now at an all-time high.

Assistance

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Sunday Club at St John

This summer, to coincide with the London 2012 Olympics, the church Sunday Club are taking a sporting theme, discovering what it was like to follow Jesus and be on his team.

So if you, or your children, are aged between 3 - 11, come along at 11.00am, any Sunday morning and join in the fun that is Sunday Club.

But don't just take the Rector's word for it, here's what some of the leaders and members say:-

At Sunday Club we offer Christian teaching in a format that is relevant to today. We do this in a relaxed and friendly way by means of storytelling, arts & crafts, games and puzzles. We aim to make Sunday Club fun and we would urge children to come along and try it particularly as the more children we welcome, the greater range of activities we can enjoy. The Sunday Club youngsters are important members of the wider church and are actively encouraged to join in the varied range of social activities on offer, such as swimming in the Swimathon team, Parish Clean, the very competitive annual sand castle competition and the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival. We must not forget the Summer Celebration which starts as a barbeque, but usually culminates in a water fight whereby adults and children alike get very wet. I would encourage you to give it a go by 'dipping your toe' - I can't promise you won't get wet, but you will have fun trying it out!

Kate Lewis - Sunday Club Co-ordinator



I like coming to Sunday Club because we learn about different stories in the bible and we learn by having fun like doing craft and playing games. I also make new friends that are kind and nice to me. It is also a fun place to chill out with your friends. It is so fun!

Chloé Fosse (10)

I like Sunday Club because I can do imaginative creative activities I can't do at home.

I also make good, kind and caring friends.

Samantha De La Haye (11)

I think that Sunday club is so special because I watch the children having so much fun and laughter learning about God together as a group and making new friends along the way.

Liz de la Haye - Sunday Club leader

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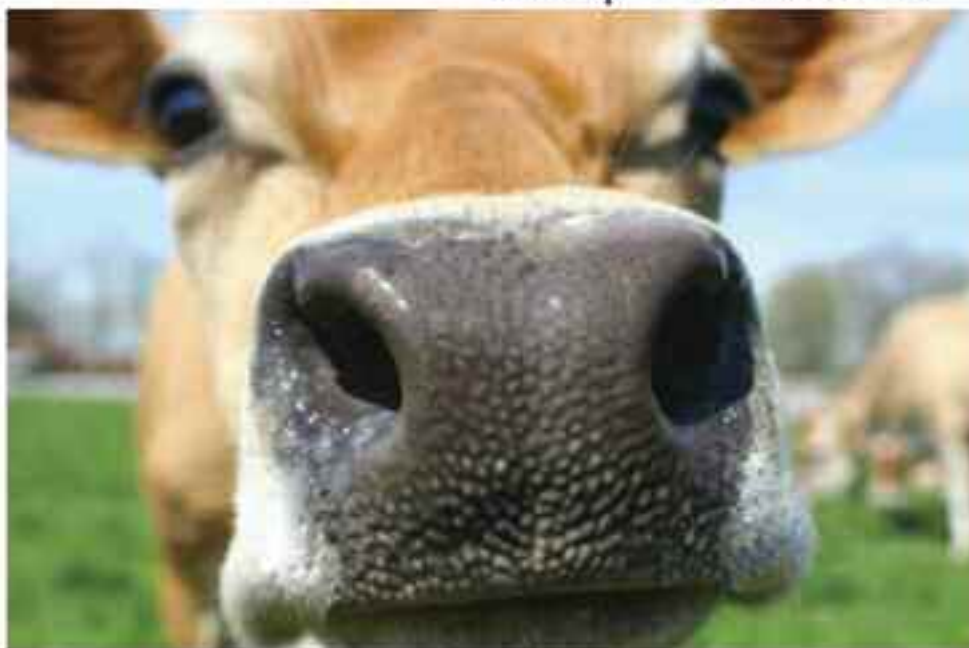
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The St John's Parish Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch

Now that the daffodils are out in bloom and spring sunshine is breaking through to clear the fog, Christmas is beginning to seem a long time ago. It's nice to bring back memories of a happy occasion though and everyone had such a lovely time we thought it would be a good idea to give it a mention in L'Étaile.

The annual gathering took place at The Farmhouse Restaurant (L'Auberge) on December 13th. The weather was wet, wild and windy but inside the atmosphere was warm and festive. Everyone was smiling and dressed up looking very smart.

After a superb three course lunch with wine,

prepared by David, the head chef of the restaurant group, we were visited by a choir from Highlands College singing group with a vivacious choirmaster who kept us giggling. They sang songs we all knew, some Christmas Carols and seasonal tunes and a few toe-tapping Broadway musical favourites. There was a raffle with some stunning prizes and finally Trevor Le Mottée performed a collection of favourite tunes. This was followed by dancing, singing-along and lots of laughter. Many thanks to Constable Phil and Wendy Rondel for organising such a brilliant Parish event.

Wendy Ryan

The St John's Christmas Cake Challenge!

Unknown to most parishioners, just days before Christmas, for the second year running, a highly charged Christmas Cake Challenge took place at Clos de L'École, home of Julie and John Renouf.

The 2010 challenge happened by accident and, after much tasting and hilarity; it was decided to hold the event again. We had four entrants in 2011, double from 2010, and this year's is already being talked about in hushed voices, as well as amusing quotes on Facebook!

Parishioners may have smelt dried fruits soaking lusciously in brandy from October onwards and then the aroma of cakes cooking.

The entrants this year were Julie Renouf, Jayne Luce, Caroline Hopkinson and icing expert Charmaine Arthurs! Last year's runner up, Jayne Bayliss (tee hee), opted for the Marks & Spencer option. Time will tell whether she will have the courage to enter in 2012.

The judges this year were international cousin of John Renouf, Stuart Rowe all the way from Guernsey; last year's runner up, Jayne Bayliss (tee hee); and the controversial Yvonne Le Cornu. After a warm up with Julie's mulled wine, it was into the kitchen for the judges, with no clues given as to whose cake belonged to who.

After much slicing (some not so easily, you know who you are!), munching and deliberation, a decision (did I mention the controversial Yvonne Le Cornu?) was made and Caroline Hopkinson was declared 2011 champion, and was awarded the impressive golden trophy which no doubt will be taking pride of place in the Hopkinson cabinet.

Special mention must be given to Caroline's



excellent snow scene and moist cake, (see, I can say nice things about Caroline's cake!), Charmaine's excellent icing skills, Julie's glitter snow and big bow, and, as for my cake, well, say no more, it just didn't cut the mustard!

So with the remaining three entrants accepting graceful defeat (??), we look ahead to another competition next Christmas, and it just remains to say that a lovely fun-filled few hours was spent enjoying each other's company and cakes.

Watch this space, in the August issue, for details of the 2012 competition.

Jayne Luce



Jersey Kart and Motor Club

The Jersey Kart and Motor Club's 2012 season starts on the 31st March at the Loop Road, Sorel. We have pushed the season back by a couple of weeks due to the problems that we have had with the weather in early March. For the last two seasons we have had to cancel the first weekend races due to bad weather. In high winds we are unable to put out the safety fences, without which we cannot race.

This year, 2012, is going to be an exciting one for the Club, with a lot of interest from new and old members. We are looking forward to a programme orientated towards training and being able to extend the appeal of karting to a wider audience.

Regulated

One of the issues that often arises for parents with a keen youngster is anxiousness about their child getting involved in karting, but the Club assures parents that safety is always of paramount importance. The Club is regulated by the Motor Sport Association in the UK. Anyone interested in getting involved has to follow strict safety procedures and go through a series of on track testing, and then both written and oral exams. They do not get their Kart National B Licence until they are safe and have shown that they have an understanding of rules and regulations.

In April 2012, the National ARKS (Association of Racing Karts) national examiner is coming to Jersey. One of the reasons for his visit is to examine me and hopefully pass me as a kart instructor. I have been in training for the past 18 months and if I pass, I will then become the Club's new instructor. As an ARKS instructor you can also be asked to travel to the UK if they were short of instructors at a particular circuit.

Family orientated

There has been a lot of publicity recently in the JEP with comments about the lack of updated sports facilities in the island. The Club is very keen to get more youngsters involved in the sport of karting and even start up a youth academy.

We are hoping that we will be able to upgrade some of our facilities and offer this. This sport teaches youngsters, discipline, how to keep a cool head, the basics of mechanics and maintenance of a kart.

The Jersey Kart and Motor Club is very family orientated and a race day gives families great quality time together, fun but also great competitive racing. It does have its moments and tempers can get frayed, but that's where the Clerk of the Course will always step in, and at the end the drivers are shaking hands.

Sharing race dates

This year, and looking forward to 2013, the club is working closely with Constable Phil Rondel as well as the JMCLCC club and St John's Ambulance to look at sharing race dates. This is an effort to reduce race days for the residents of the Sorel area. This can prove

difficult sometimes, especially when it comes to medical and paramedic cover which is essential to both clubs. With the great assistance that we get from our medical services, we are sure that both clubs will do their best to achieve shared race days as far as possible.

With a shorter season this year many of the club members are once more heading for the kart track of French Kart Champion Guy Pansart in Lamballe, for a pre-season set up weekend in early March. Club President, Robin Troy says, 'Monsieur Pansart and his team have always given us a warm welcome and his support and knowledge are invaluable, not just to the less experienced Club members but also to seasoned veterans.'

Ladies only!

Karting is clearly grouped into four main classes: Cadets (age 8-13), Juniors (age 11-16), Seniors (age 16 upwards), and Gearbox (age 16 upwards or Junior Gearbox age 13-16). The Club will also continue to run the Bambino Class which is for 6 to 8-year-olds. The Bambino class is the training ground for when they can move up to Cadets class. 2012 will also see an introduction of a Ladies only class. At the moment there are three lady racers who are gearing up for their inaugural season!

The biggest class for this year is the Senior Class which will have its ranks swelled by some of the juniors moving up from last season. Both the 2010 and



2011 Junior Champions, Michael Gibaut and Jack Butel, move up to Seniors to take on their 'elders'.

'I'm looking forward to racing in a much bigger class for this season with the young blood that has moved up into seniors. Our Championship season is also shorter for 2012, so there's the pressure of not being able to make any mistakes,' says Greg Harris the current 2011 Senior Champion.

The Club always welcomes spectators and it would be great to see parishioners up at the Loop Road when racing is on. For race dates and any questions you may have, take a look at the Clubs web site, www.jerseykartclub.com.

Andy Gibaut



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The 25th St John's Brownies would like to share with you some of the events of the past few months. Firstly, we are grateful to Louise Reed, a Unit helper and Rebecca Moyse, a Guide from St Saviours who have both come to help at our unit.

Eloise Hamon – our young leader gave a slide show about her International Guiding trip to Nova Scotia. We finished off the evening eating pancakes with maple syrup and playing new games from Canada.

For the second year running, 25th St John's Brownies came first in the East District Brownie Quiz – well done to Lucie, Emily, Abigail, Charlotte and Hannah.

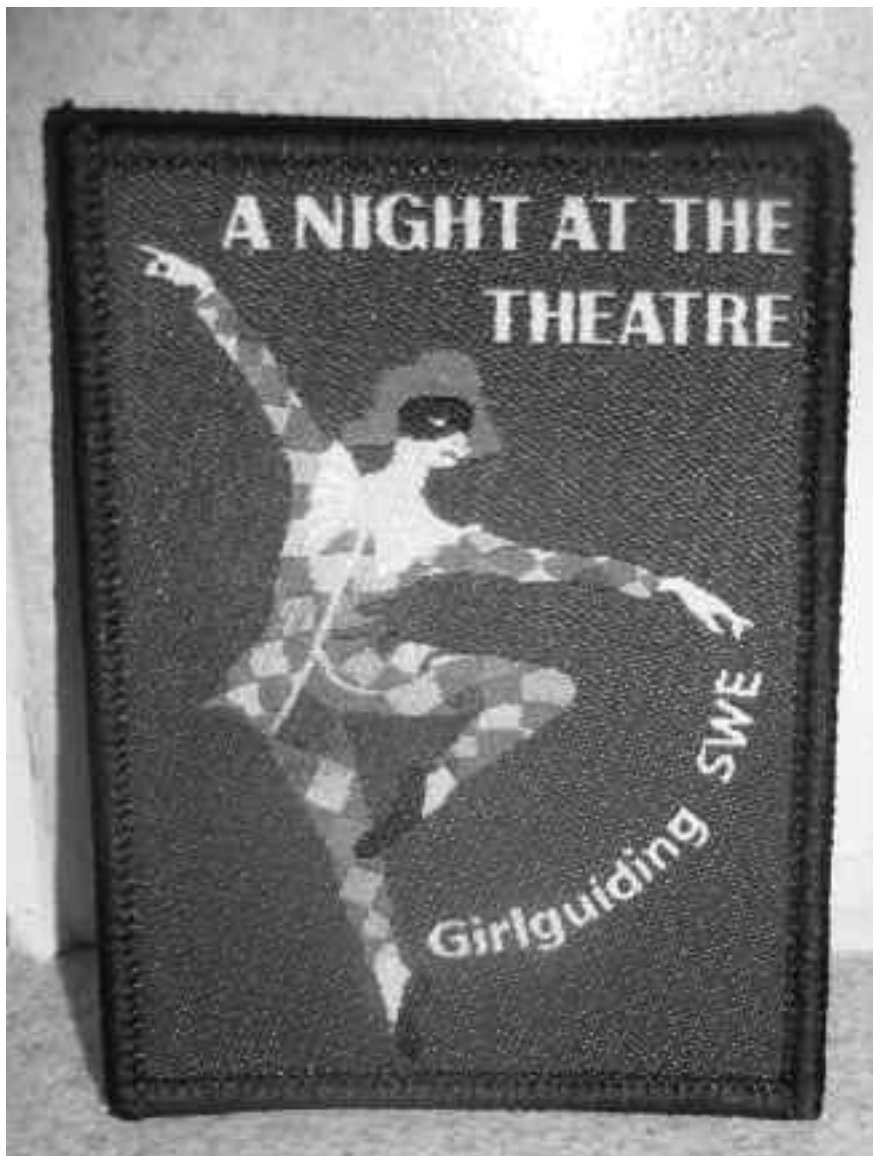
The pack joined up with 7th St Luke's Brownies to celebrate St Andrew's night.

Brenda Gale taught us Scottish Country dancing which all the girls enjoyed even though they were exhausted!

We went to Jersey Bowl for our Christmas treat – competitive Brownies winning strikes and all rewarded with party food.



Trying on stage make-up



"A Night at the Theatre" badge

"A Night at the Theatre" badge has been created by Girl Guiding Jersey and we are near to completion. The girls already have made puppets, produced a show, tried on stage make-up and had a go at various musical instruments. The final activity is a visit to the Opera House for a tour of the auditorium, the studio theatre and backstage. We are all very excited about this.

We celebrated Valentine's at Les Creux by having a sleepover with lots of fun and less of the sleep!

We celebrated World Thinking Day at an Island event opened to all sections of Girl guiding at JCG. Girls took part in various international activities, learning new skills and meeting new friends.

We are all looking forward to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, along with the 2012 Olympics this year. It will be a fun and eventful year ahead for all in Girl guiding Jersey.

The Brownie pack is full at present and we do have a waiting list. If you would like to add your name to the list, please email donnamcrobbe@hotmail.com

Donna Tupper



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Sun 1st	11.30am	Vin D'Honneur in the Parish Hall
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
Sat 21st	7.00pm	Beetle Drive in the Parish Hall, organised by the Parish Church
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet in the Parish Hall
Sun 29th	11.00am	Celebration of Education Service at the Parish Church
Sun 29th	1.00pm	Cpl Colin Clifford Thirtieth Anniversary Service in the Parish church

MAY

Fri 4th	8.45am	Cardwell group photos in St John's School
Sun 6th	10.30am	United Liberation Day service at the Parish Church
Tues 8th	8.45am	St John School Fundraiser Walk
Thurs 10th	7.30pm	WI Resolutions & Beetle Drive in the Parish Hall
Mon 21st	8.45am	St John 'School Walk to School' fortnight begins
Tues 29th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 30th	2.00pm	Golden Age Club afternoon tea outing Meet at the Parish Hall

JUNE

Fri 1st		Last Day of School Half-term
Sun 3rd	10.30am	United Diamond Jubilee Service in the Parish Church
Sun 3rd	12.30 – 5pm	Parish Diamond Jubilee Street Party
Mon 11th		Back to School
Wed 13th	3.15pm	St John School pop-in afternoon
Tbc	tbc	WI Day Trip to Guernsey
Sat 16th	11am – 10pm	Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival
Fri 22nd	9.30am	St John School Whole School Photo
Sun 24th	10.30am	St John's Day Service in the Parish Church
Tues 26th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall
Fri 29th		St John's School Olympic Themed Sports Day
Sat 30th	12 – 4pm	St John's School Olympic themed Fete
Sat 30th	tbc	Sark to Jersey Rowing race

JULY

Sun 1st	3.00pm	Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit
Wed 11th	5.30pm	WI Lorry drive and meal
Sun 15th	tbc	St John's Olympic Torch Relay
Wed 25th	2.00pm	Golden Age Club afternoon tea outing Meet at the Parish Hall
Tues 31st	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Fri 20th		Last Day of School term

AUGUST

Sun 12th	11.00am	Beach Service at Bonne Nuit, organised by the Parish Church
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 29th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

SEPTEMBER

Wed 5th		Back to School
Wed 12th	7.30pm	WI talk by Forensic Officer in the Parish Hall
Tues 25th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 26th	12.00pm	Golden Age Club Lunch outing. Meet at the Parish Hall
Sun 30th	10.30am	Harvest Celebration in the Parish Church

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