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New Team at the Parish Hall

Anyone visiting the Parish Hall recently will have met the new team at the helm. Parish Secretary, Sue Cotillard-Rodrigues, says "We are looking forward to getting to know as many Parishioners as we can and helping them whenever needed." Other members of the team include Sue Baudin, the Parish Hall Caretaker, aka Domestic Goddess and 'The Boss', Kieranne Grimshaw, who you may already have seen running along the cliff paths, and Nick Lane, who has been known to defect to the eastern parishes with his boat.

The website is currently being updated and any suggestions for interesting articles would be welcome. We would like to ensure that our work will be interactive, so feel free to pop in any time during our opening hours to speak with us. We hope that you will find the questionnaire useful and will take the opportunity to put forward any suggestions.

What can you do at the Parish Hall?

We deal with all electoral and rates enquiries and issue driving licences and various other permits. You can also check the notice board to see what events are taking place and feel free to tell us about your own event. The Hall is also available for hire at £35 per session for children's parties, dance events, private receptions or meetings. Functions for registered charities are free of charge.



(rear) Nick Lane, Connétable Phil Rondel,
(front) Sue Baudain, Sue Cotillard-Rodrigues,
Kieranne Grimshaw

Sharing practices

Our new team has had training at St Brelade's Parish Hall and we would like to thank the staff there for all their help, assistance and patience! We look forward to further training on rates in the near future. Many thanks also to staff at the other parish halls who have offered us their advice on specific technicalities and queries over the past few difficult months.

Other recently appointed officers

A new Chef de Police, Jonathon Plunkett, began his duties in October, 2011 and a new Emergency planning officer, Martin Whitley, was appointed in May this year. We wish them well in their new roles.

On a more sombre note, some of you may have known Maurice Richard, who sadly passed away earlier this month. He made a great contribution as an Honorary Officer and Roads Inspector in the Parish for a considerable time, and his death is a great loss to the Municipality. We should also remember David Perrée who passed away in June. The Parish appreciated his work as a former Constable's Officer and Roads Inspector and his passing is another loss to our community.

How can you make a difference?

We would also like to remind our parishioners, whether they be recent students, school leavers or semi-retired, that there is always an opportunity to help in the community. There currently exist vacancies for five Constable's Officers, roles which can be rewarding and never dull!

Did you know?

Our very own Constable Phil Rondel competed in the first Sark to Jersey Rowing Race in 1967. Perhaps this will inspire some of our younger parishioners to have a go?!

Kieranne Gimshaw

Strictly Fun

ST JOHN CHRISTMAS CAKE CHALLENGE 2012

Those of you who enjoyed reading about the 2011 Christmas cake challenge in the April Issue of Star and would like to have a go, and take part in a strictly fun, and amateur Christmas cake competition, please contact either:

Jayne Luce on 861570

or

Julie Renouf on 864905



Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival 2012



Weather-wise June 2012 was memorable, not for the long hot days of early summer, but for all those grey days, long showers and heavy downpours, it was

therefore somewhat of a relief that Saturday 16th June was predominantly dry with only a couple of short, light rain showers.

On this day nearly 2,500 people visited the bay to enjoy the fun of the 2012 festival which included the usual favourites: Bonny Baby won by Charlie Bevan, runner up Eva MacAndrew; Fun Food Challenge (for which, after the whelks, the Rector has insisted that the only seafood he will be eating at future challenges must be battered and served with chips!); Bonne Nuit Strongest Man won by Adam Brindle; and, new for 2012, Rib Rides to Sorel Point.

In 2013 we will bring along the stocks, so do let a member of the planning committee know your wishes as to who you'd like to see in the stocks, and pay a small fee to throw wet sponges at!!

Sponsorship – thanks are expressed to all those who in many varied ways contributed to the success of the event, including our sponsors: The Parish of St John, Giggles Café and Farm Fresh Organics.

Thanks are also due to the donors of the silent auction lots: Nick Romeril, Jersey Aero Club, André's Butchers, St John's Church Bell Ringers, Corkscrew and a private wine cellar, Joanne Chapman from Pure

Being, Blue Badge Guide Remi Couriard, Le Mourier Swim School, Absolute Adventures, Trish Barrette, John and Mary Slack, and Joyce Berry.

Committee – After serving on the planning committee for 2 years we say thank you and farewell to Trevor Le Cornu and Jayne Luce, but also say welcome to two new members: Joyce Berry, and Linda Carter, a founder member of the committee, who is re-joining the team.

Raffle Results – Thanks to all those who supported the event with the purchase of raffle tickets, and congratulations to the seven winners who have all been notified and have received their prizes.

The winning numbers are:-

1st Prize £1,000 - 1775

2nd Prize £750 - 1172

3rd Prize £250 – 5649

X 4 Prize of £100 – 4467; 0017; 0501; 2663.

Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival 2013 – After four successful fun days for all the family in the bay the planning committee is already planning for the 2013 festival, date to be determined.

Please help the event to grow from strength to strength by forwarding your thoughts, reflections and suggestions to the Secretary, by post to the Rectory or by e-mail to: athewlis@jerseymail.co.uk

*Andy Thewlis
Secretary, BNHF*



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St John Recreation Centre Re-opening Ceremony

The official re-opening of the Centre took place on 31st May to mark the completion of the first phase of the building refurbishment and development.

There was an excellent turn-out of approximately 60 guests and, unusually for 2012, we were fortunate enough to be blessed with sunny weather. The ceremony took place on the very smart new patio area. There was a significant amount of media coverage including a number of radio interviews.



Lady Butlin with Angus Spencer-Nairn

The purpose of the event was to thank our supporters and we were absolutely delighted that our main patron, Lady Butlin, was in attendance. Sincere thanks were extended to Lady Butlin and her family for their long-standing and very generous commitment to the Centre.

In addition to speeches by our Chairman, Angus Spencer-Nairn, and Constable Rondel, there were also speeches by Simon Bell (Senior Youth Worker for the St John Youth Project) and Nigel Perrée (Chairman of the St John's Football Club) who summarised the remaining work to be done.

The speeches were followed by a number of sporting demonstrations including an excellent demonstration by the Jersey Gymnastics Club in the Billy Butlin Memorial Hall.

We would like to thank Sue Bannister and her team at Giggles for looking after our guests so well.

Into the future

For the present, building works are complete until we can raise the funds necessary to complete the two remaining phases:

- to re-design and modernise the changing rooms, showers and toilets for the St John's Football Club's men's, ladies' and junior teams
- To build the west extension to the Youth Club area, creating a new mezzanine recreational

area, doubling the floor space, and improving the access and natural light.

Whilst we have been delighted to have raised £700,000 of our target of £1m, we now need to raise the remaining £300,000 so that we can complete the job.

Charities, companies and individuals are being approached in our efforts to raise the money and an application is being made to the English Football Association.

If you would like a copy of our fund-raising proposal, then please do not hesitate to contact any one of the following:

Andy Jehan Tel: 864916;
email: andyandjudy@jerseymail.co.uk

Angus Spencer-Nairn Tel: 861716;
email: angus.spencer-nairn@rawlinson-hunter.co.je

Craig Stewart Tel: 866413;
email: cn.stewart@jerseymail.co.uk

In the meanwhile all our user groups are gearing up for a busy winter session. A list of all their contacts is provided in the magazine.

We are proud of what we have achieved and we hope that parishioners feel the same. Do come and visit the Centre to see what is going on and have a bite at Giggles.

Craig Stewart

 An advertisement for 'PS Stone Cleaning & Restoration'. The top part features the company logo 'PS STONE' in a stylized font, with 'CLEANING & RESTORATION' written below it. The background shows a collage of images related to stone cleaning, including a close-up of a stone surface, a person working on a stone wall, and a shower area. Below the images, there is text describing the company's services and contact information.

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- Grout replacement

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News from the Pews

St John's Church strives to be a beacon of faith and focal point in the community where people grow together in God's love.

A warm invitation is extended to all members of the community of St John to consider joining the church family for worship and fun on the following occasions:-



Harvest Celebration

Sunday 30th September 2012 10.30am.

Join us for our traditional harvest celebration as we give thanks to God for all that is good in life. In recognition of the plenty we enjoy, and the struggle of others, we invite you to bring along gifts of dried food, tins or toiletries, which will be distributed by the Friends of Ecce Homo Trust to the poor in Romania.

Do also consider joining us for a harvest supper in the parish hall on the evening of Saturday 6th October.

Sunday Club Open morning

Sunday 7th October 2012 11am

The parish church Sunday Club meets weekly during the 11am service where younger members of the church family learn about God's love for them in an age-related format with interactive games and DVDs. If you have youngsters between 3 - 10 years old bring them along and fulfil your baptism responsibilities in supporting them along their own journey of faith.



Advent Service of Remembrance

Sunday 2nd December 2012 6pm

On Advent Sunday 2011 St John held its first Service of Remembrance to which those who had lost loved ones in the previous couple of years were invited. This well-attended service was, for many, one of the most moving occasions of the year and included prayers and lighting of an individual night light for each one remembered. The service is to be repeated on an annual basis and this year's falls on the evening of Sunday 2nd December to which all are welcome.

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Alan Michel's Memories: Part Two

In our April edition Alan Michel, who has worked at Maugers Garage for 50 years, began the story of his life and the garage in part one. In part two he completes his memories.

In 1973 Joyce and I were married at St Ouen's Methodist Church, and we were fortunate in securing the position of caretakers at Sion Methodist Church which, with rent-free accommodation, allowed us to save enough to buy a plot of land from Joyce's aunt. In 1976, with the help of numerous friends, we began building our house. During this time Joyce worked as telephonist at the old North Exchange, where she remained until it closed. It took four years to build our house, with me doing all the labouring jobs in the evenings and at weekends.

Although there was a lot of work looking after the Church, School Hall and gardens, with the many activities, which included playschool, jumble sales, concerts, Bible studies, Thursday Club, Hostess teas, Harvest suppers and Senior Citizens' Christmas parties etc., it was nevertheless a happy time in my life. In particular I remember the appreciation shown for the slide shows I used to put on for the Senior Citizens' Christmas parties.

Following the sudden death of John Pallot, and with John Mauger recovering from a heart operation, I took over the running of the workshop in 1980, the same year that Joyce and I moved into our new house. In February 1982 John Mauger asked if I would like to become his partner in the business and so a new company was formed – "Maugers Garage Ltd".

Top-selling UK salesman

In 1986 I was approached by a customer enquiring if I could get him a new Subaru car. I contacted Subaru's head office and was asked if we would like to take on the franchise. We decided to take up the offer, and contracts were signed in February 1986. We began importing Subaru cars and vans and they became an instant success. In 1987 we built our first showroom to house the Subaru product and in 1989 I had the honour of receiving the prestigious award of being the top-selling Salesman in the UK for the Subaru Sumo Van. It was in the same year that we took on the Isuzu Franchise.

In 2000 John Mauger retired from the business, and his son Geoff, who had worked for us for a few years prior to this, bought his shares in the Company, and became my partner. However, John continued as our forecourt attendant, where he would like to have a good chat with the customers. I am sure many people saw John walking from home with his basket in hand, carrying his flask and scones for his morning and afternoon tea breaks.

In 2004 we acquired two more franchises, that of Daihatsu and Piaggio. Both proved to be very suc-

cessful, their vehicles being small in size, and very suitable for the Island.

Fifty years completed

January this year saw my completion of 50 years of working at Maugers Garage, where we have always tried to give our customers the personalised care that is now lacking in these supermarket-type businesses, where the customer is merely a number. We still serve our customers with fuel and most are addressed by their Christian names.

Changes at Sion

During my 50 years at Sion, I have seen many changes in the village, from the transition of Sion House from a family residence to flats; Le Vesconte & Coutanche's carpentry and painting business changing to an office for Windowcare, a golf shop, and now a tile shop; a small village development at La Chaumière, and the closure of Sion Methodist Church. We also had Mr



Sion looking north in the '60s

Dupré running a cobbler's shop from Sunny Corner, now named May Cottage; a small grocery business known as Commercial Stores alongside the garage was run by Mrs Hamon and later by Rosel Mauger, and, of course, Mr Trehen's grocery shop, Post Office and bakery, now the Spar. Larger developments included the knocking down of Newcastle House and building Newcastle Close. But by far the biggest development was on Bernard Derrien's land, where Blandin's bulldozers moved soil for over a week, levelled the site, and modern glasshouses were built. However at the end of their useful life they were dismantled to make way for the Sion Village development.

Village characters

I have known many characters in the village over the years, but I think the one I remember the best was Lawrence Thérin who ran the forge just up the road from the garage. He was better known as 'Mac' Thérin, for everyone who entered his forge he would call 'Mac'. If you went first thing in the morning it was



almost impossible to see him through the smoke coming out of the forge as he was lighting up. On many occasions the Fire Service was summoned by passers by who, seeing smoke billowing out of the roof and windows, thought the forge was on fire.

Changes to business

In the past 50 years, the motor trade has changed considerably. Motor mechanics were, in fact, engin-



Sunny Corner; '60s shoe shop

eers in those days, as we had to make replacement parts, recondition engines and transmission units etc, whereas nowadays, because of labour costs, factory replacement units are usually fitted. Also modern vehicles have so many electrical gadgets on board that

technicians need to have a good basic knowledge of electrical circuits and the appropriate diagnostic computers to read fault codes in order to be able to repair vehicles.

As with all businesses, we have seen wealthy people come into the Island, buy up all the small businesses, develop the sites, close all the showrooms and start up car supermarkets. It has become increasingly difficult to compete with these large supermarkets. Another factor that does not help small businesses is the fact that we have become unpaid tax collectors for the States, collecting staff Social Security, staff Income Tax payments and now the Goods and Service Tax. This all takes time to administer; time that is unpaid. These costs cannot be passed on to the customer. The garage will soon be going on sale with the hope that whoever buys it will carry on the garage business with the present franchises.

Once retired, I hope to spend more time with my film-making hobby. I am chairman of the Jersey Camcorder Club, where we not only produce our own personal films but films for various organisations such as the Island Vintage Car Club and the Battle of Britain Air Display. Some of our films are shown in the UK as we compete in numerous competitions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers that I have had pleasure of serving over the past 50 years, and trust the new owners of the business will continue to offer the same service.

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Focus Weeks at St John's School - September 2012 – July 2013

The students at St John's School enjoy learning through different focus weeks throughout the academic year. One focus we particularly enjoyed this year were our 'Media Weeks' when children engaged in many types of learning – from photography, to PowerPoint presentations, to developing forums and web pages, writing, presenting and creating radio debates, preparing poetry for recording, writing newspaper stories and producing a school documentary.

Pupils shared these comments: "We were taught to use different technology, including video cameras, cameras and we had to consider what creates a powerful graphic. We learnt new skills and explored the curriculum using real life, meaningful situations," a pupil from Year 6. Another pupil shared: "Year 6 learnt how to prepare an interview and how to construct debates through persuasive arguments." A pupil in KS1 said, "It was great fun writing our own traditional stories on the computer and seeing them as part of a PowerPoint. The mummies and daddies sat and listened to our stories on our Power Point very quietly."

Comments from feedback sheets stated: "Media Weeks have helped us learn new skills and have fun at the same time." One pupil said, "We had time to really think about our work, plan it, draft it, edit it, and produce a quality news report." Another KS1 pupil declared: "I liked putting my photo on the computer. I did it myself and didn't need any help!" Finally, another pupil was quick to say; "Learning in this way helps us to listen to each other, share ideas, negotiate when making decisions, co-operate and exchange thoughts in order to complete a quality finished product." What wonderful skills for life!

We know that good learning can look very different in a variety of contexts. Exploration of technology through our media focus weeks supports the process of learning. Technology should never be seen as the learning. It is a part of the empowerment process that leads to new thinking and new ideas. We reflected on whether we were encouraging children to leave their interests and technological experiences at the school gate? Then as a school, we planned how to use, and refine children's experiences and technological skills, through these media focus weeks.

At our school, we believe that creativity is fundamental to human intelligence. Creativity enables pupils to consider: "I wonder what I can do with all that I'm discovering? How can I explore this idea? Do

I need to take risks, and try new things? Will I need to hypothesize or evaluate?" even. This is what our media weeks have explored.

Evidence has shown that you learn nothing new from always getting something right. You only ever learn something new from the point of exploration, taking risks, from a mistake or the realization you can't do something. And that is what makes these media focus weeks engaging and powerful.

We have discussed the importance of 'E-safety' and how to use technology in a responsible appropriate way, considered the dangers that exist on the internet and how to avoid putting oneself at risk from these dangers which lurk so readily.

Literacy challenge

During the Spring term, the whole school participated in a Literacy Challenge. The children came into the school hall one day to be confronted with assorted debris, which consisted of a map of Jersey showing St John's School clearly marked, various pieces of broken machinery, gooey slime, a trail, the word 'Listen' written on the floor and a CD with a message. The children were enthralled as we unpicked the scenario. We asked – "What has happened? Why has this happened? Has someone/something been here? Why did they come? How did they get here? What have they left in school? What might they be telling us?" The pupils returned to class to brainstorm and from this exciting scenario descriptive writing emerged. We displayed some of our quality writing in school.

The Olympic and Paralympics

During the last three weeks of the Summer Term, we planned a whole-school topic, based on The Olympics and Paralympics. Each class took a different Olympic Value and researched what these values mean in sport and in life. Children participated in a whole range of activities focusing on the stories of famous Olympians including: Usain Bolt, Eric Liddell, Jesse Owens, Ellie Simmonds, Muhammad Ali, Billy Mills, Cathy Freeman – to mention just a few. Activities included creating a hero wall, trying out Olympic and Paralympic sports, making different clay models with an Olympic theme, role play scenarios, writing poetry, information reports, stories of courage, persuasive arguments, preparing and sharing various types of presentations, planning and sharing debates and designing individual flags. Children were given the opportunity to use their ICT skills to create photo storyboards, PowerPoint presentations, and research information for fact files.



We began the topic with an Opening Ceremony and concluded it with a Closing Ceremony. It was wonderful to see the whole school learning together in a truly powerful and exciting way.

End of year

Our academic year ended with the whole school engaging in a couple of Activity Days, including sailing, kayaking, surfing, beach/rock pool investiga-

tions, designing beach structures, BBQs, orienteering on the sand dunes and visits to Creepy Valley – to name just a few!

This has been a very busy year at St John's School and we look forward to all the exciting learning opportunities in the next academic year.

*Trudie De La Haye,
Head Teacher.*



Olympic rings in the playground

An advertisement for 'crème Ladies Fashion & Jewellery'. The ad is split into three vertical panels. The left panel shows a woman from the waist up, wearing a vibrant, multi-colored floral dress with short sleeves and a white belt. The middle panel features a black line drawing of a woman in a long dress and hat, with the word 'crème' in a large, bold, serif font below it. Underneath the drawing, it says 'Ladies Fashion & Jewellery'. The right panel shows the same woman from the left panel, now shown from the waist down, wearing high-heeled sandals. At the bottom of the middle panel, the following text is listed: 'Rue de L'Eglise', 'St John, JE3 4BH', 'Tel: 01534 862603', 'Open 9:30am-5:30pm', 'Monday - Saturday', and 'Wed. 10am - 5pm'.





Despite the Project not actually being able to use the premises at the Centre due to the building works, our young people have been attending other Projects in various Parishes. Our Youth Project worker, Simon Bell, has been bringing along the Youth Service van on Tuesday nights for the older age groups and when weather permits has organised games out on the field.

Speaking of Simon – as previously mentioned – due to enforced cutbacks his contract with the Youth Service was not going to be renewed at the end of the year. We have just heard, hot from the press so to speak, that although he will not be able to continue with us, he has just secured a post at Le Squez Youth Project. We are all extremely happy for him and his family, being as they are all well and truly settled on the island. We will be sad to lose Simon but it is a well deserved appointment as I hope you will agree.

At our recent Annual General Meeting we were introduced to Nathan Le Mottée who will work at our Project until November or December, when our newly appointed Youth Worker, Nikki Brown, is scheduled to take over.

Desperately seeking

We also agreed to change our title from Management Committee to Advisory Committee in an attempt to try to recruit more bodies. The Committee role has changed now that the Club comes fully under the Jersey Youth Service and we have now more of a fund-raising focus rather than a managerial one and therefore not such an onerous job. We are desperately seeking two to three volunteers who would like to join our little band. If you are interested, please contact either myself or our new Chairperson, Louise Minier, on the numbers below.

Retirement of Chairman

Sadly, Darren retired as our Chairman this year due to various commitments. Darren has been a stalwart of the Youth Project for many, many years having been a Club member himself many moons ago, then vice-chairman and chairman. In a very small way of trying to show our appreciation to him for all his dedication, a voucher was presented along with our good wishes and sincere thanks.

Our youngsters attended the recent Parish Street Party and ran a raffle which raised £600. This, together with their share of the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival profits, will be donated to the Centre's fund for the new extension for our Project.

*Rosemary Dupré (866880)
or Louise Minier (860840)*

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Jubilee Celebrations

Church Service

On Sunday June 3rd, the day designated for the Diamond Jubilee services, St John's Parish Church looked its best for this special occasion. The service was attended by the Constable and the Deputy of St John and the retiring minister of the United Reformed Church at Sion, the Rev. Patrick McManus, read one of the lessons.

The congregation sang many rousing hymns concluding with 'Jerusalem' and left the church to the strains of Land of Hope and Glory.

Church Flower Festival

The ladies of the church and parish had decided to decorate the church with flowers following the Jubilee theme. The church remained open for four days, manned by stewards, for the general public to admire the displays.

Among the first visitors after the service on Sunday, June 3rd was the Lieutenant-Governor Sir John McColl and Lady McColl who were most complimentary about the arrangements. Themes chosen were diamonds and tiaras; the Queen's links with the Commonwealth; tea parties, with flower cup-cakes good enough to eat; and the story of the Queen's accession to the throne.

Two exhibits which gained a lot of interest were connected to the Queen's visit to the Romeril farm in St John in 1978. The Queen's passion for horse-racing was shown in a Derby exhibit, and the type of duty she performs so well in a display of a prize-giving. The Olympic rings were there and the Jubilee colours of red, white and blue in striking ikebana displays on the pillars.

Two of the younger members of the congregation, Chloe Fosse and Samantha de la Haye, with a bit of help, produced a delightful window display representing the river pageant on the Thames. All the displays were imaginative, colourful and thoughtful and done in honour of a special lady we can all admire.

Jubilee Street Party

St John is famous for its street parties and this Diamond Jubilee event was no exception. What a wonderful team we have who come together under their chairman, Michel Larose, for these events. The same people give of their time and skills to so many of these events and the parishioners do seem to appreciate this – no bother in getting rid of those tickets!

We were blessed with sunshine from noon onwards and soon families with several generations represented were taking their seats for the fun, the food, the music and the chat.

Sir John McColl and his wife joined us for a short time and were thrilled with the atmosphere and

parish spirit on display. They spent quite a time going round the tables.

The food was great as usual – a hog roast, prepared on a spit in the churchyard, burgers, sausages and chicken all accompanied by salads of all kinds. This team of barbeque chefs really know their stuff and many ladies of the parish, headed by Rosemary Dupré, were there to keep the queue moving. The bunting fluttered overhead and the Jubilee colours were seen everywhere.

The entertainment was continuous and of a very high quality. We heard Mim and Claire's Sax Flute ensemble, followed by St John's School choir; then the wonderful girl group, Tre. Later the newly formed swing band, Jersey Bounce, had everyone rocking in their seats and the entertainment was concluded by the Electric Blues Band.

As the event drew to a close it was obvious it had been a success with the last party goers reluctant to part with their chairs. The clean-up was even more impressive with a small band of civic-minded parishioners restoring the precinct to almost normal long before nightfall.

Many thanks to the Constable and the municipality for allowing, funding and organising another St John spectacular.

Rosie Bleasby

Editorial

'Celebrations in difficult times' could be a subtitle of this edition. St John has certainly been in celebratory mood with the Diamond Jubilee festivities, the Harbour Festival and the Olympic Parish Torch event, but this edition is also slimmer than usual as a result of the hard financial times we are living in. Our lives, however, are positively rich in comparison to the conditions described in the Mustard Seed article. The editorial team acknowledges with much gratitude a generous donation to **Star** from one of our readers, and we thank most sincerely those who advertise in our pages.

The team is still looking for a new editor. . .

Rev Andy Thewlis





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LES MATHIONNETTES – 'Northern Lights'

Our Northern Lights, Reverend Patrick and Mrs Gill McManus, were interviewed by Mary Rouillé

Reverend Patrick McManus and his wife Gillian arrived in Jersey in 2005 to take up residence in the house adjacent to the United Reformed Church in Sion, where he was to become Minister. Patrick was born in Portsmouth and attended Buckland Congregational Church, later becoming a Sunday School teacher and lay preacher. In 1965 he attended teacher training college in London, and after qualifying, taught in London and Bromley. In 1972 he returned to Portsmouth to teach at the Northern Grammar School for Girls; the school at which Patrick and Gillian first met.

Gillian was born in Bristol, but moved to Portsmouth as a young child in 1953. Her parents were active Methodists. In 1964 she began a three-year course at Southlands Methodist Teacher Training College in London. Her first post was teaching for two years at a Primary School in London, before returning to Portsmouth to teach Religious Education to O and A level standard at the Northern Grammar School.

In 1974 Gillian left Portsmouth to take up a two-year degree course in Theology at the London Bible College. After graduating, she returned to Portsmouth, teaching Religious Education at a comprehensive school. During this time her friendship with Patrick was renewed, and in 1979 the couple married and set up home. They both continued to teach with Patrick also beginning to train for the URC Ministry. This involved distance learning on weekdays, and attending Mansfield



College in Oxford at weekends. In 1983 Gillian left her job, as Matthew, the first of their 2 sons, was born. Patrick was ordained in October of the same year and became a Non-stipendiary Minister (unpaid) at Fareham URC. In 1985 their second son, Andrew, was born.

Patrick resigned from teaching in 1989 when called to take up his first appointment as a full-time Minister at Hayling Island. During their thirteen years at Hayling, Patrick became Chaplain to the Royal British Legion and the R.N.L.I., and Gillian returned to teaching when both boys were in full-time education. In 2002 Patrick was called to Chichester United Methodist Church, with the additional job as Free Church Chaplain to the Royal Military Police.

Called to Jersey

Three years later Patrick was to be Minister in the Channel Islands. This involved spending three weeks every month in Jersey and one week in Guernsey. As well as their work for the URC, Patrick has been one of the Hospital Chaplains. Gillian has also done some voluntary work at St John's Primary School. They say it has been a real privilege to minister to both islands and that they will greatly miss the friends they have made here. After such a busy and varied life, they are to retire at the end of August, and are now house hunting, going back to their roots in the Portsmouth area.

Mike Sheldrake, Elder at URC, pays tribute to Reverend Patrick

After eight years as minister of the URC in Sion, Reverend Patrick McManus has retired to enjoy a well-earned period of rest. However, knowing Patrick as I do, it will not be long before he is called to spiritual need. I know that he hopes to continue his work as a chaplain.

I first met Patrick on a very sunny day in the summer of 2004 when my wife and I took him and

Gill for a guided tour of the island completed by afternoon tea at St Brelade Bay. I was struck then as I have been since that Patrick is a very gentle man who wants to bring the light of God's love into everyone's lives. Once introduced to the congregation, he was inspired to use his experiences and skills to develop the ministry in the Channel Islands.



Early in his ministry, he was keen to raise the profile of the Jersey church within the island. He established a close working relationship with the staff at BBC Jersey and regularly contributed a spiritual dimension to some of their shows. Similarly, he became a regular contributor to the Faith page in the JEP.

Ecumenist

Patrick is also an avid ecumenist. His experiences at previous churches had nurtured a wish to establish closer links between the denominations. He became President of Jersey Christians Together and encouraged the use of URC to host their events. Patrick's most significant contribution to the development of ecumenism in our church was the increase in links with Sion Methodists which eased a number of Methodists into moving to URC when Sion closed. On a number of occasions he has ensured that there is a Methodist slant to worship so that we show respect for their culture. He has also been a keen supporter of St John's Group of Churches and has given addresses at the ecumenical Remembrance Service and also at Sea Sunday. He has always encouraged URC members to fully participate in parochial events.

During Patrick's ministry, he has sought to develop outreach to the wider community. When he learnt that the only non-conformist hospital chaplain was retiring, he offered his services. He was even

prepared to use his day-off to undertake this work so that his ministry to the church would not be affected. I know from many who have experienced his caring and supportive words that his gentle touch has helped them through difficult times.

Bicentenary

For many the highlight of his ministry was the year 2009 when the church celebrated its bicentenary. A number of events were organised to show the church in its finest light. There was the glorious flower festival, the exhibition of young people's art and the concert at the end of the year. The success of these events, culminating with the bicentenary service attended by a number of local dignitaries and URC officials, clearly moved Patrick.

The last few years regrettably have been difficult for Patrick due to recurring illnesses. I have admired his dogged determination, and there have been a number of occasions when he has led worship whilst clearly unwell because he felt his duty was to provide spiritual leadership. Whenever he was unable to lead he felt that he had let the church down.

However, now that he has retired, I hope that Patrick realises the areas in his ministry which have been successful and, above all, the many lives he has touched. As a church, we thank Patrick and Gill for all they have done and wish them a comfortable and restful retirement.

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Women's Institute in St John

In March we had the pleasure of the company of Mr Tommy A'Court who recollected stories of his auctioneer days when he did many farm dispersant sales and the many auction sales at Glencoe with their funny and serious occasions.

Astra Denton entertained us in April with her knowledge of jam and chutney making and we were able to purchase many varieties at the end of the evening. She also displayed and explained her other talents and showed us some of the beautiful quilts she had made.

May is the month when the W.I. Resolutions are voted on. This year the choice was the employment of more midwives. The vote was taken at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Karen Cotilliard and Myrtle Malzard went from the St John W.I. as observers to London with the Jersey Party. They spent three wonderful days in London.

On June 12th we had a day trip to Guernsey. We left Jersey at 9am and upon arrival in Guernsey a coach was waiting for the party of fifteen people and took us to the Guernsey Freesia Centre and to the Oatlands which is a visitor centre with craft and tourist attractions. Lunch was at Le Fliquet Garden Centre where we were able to browse around after we had eaten. The coach then took us for a drive for a further hour and dropped us in St Peter Port to spend a couple of hours before our departure at 5.00 pm, after spending a very enjoyable day in glorious conditions.

In July we are looking forward to an Island Tour on a lorry just like many of us did not so many years ago in our childhood when taking part in the Sunday school outings. The evening will be concluded with a meal at a local restaurant in the east of the island.

In September we are looking forward to having Vicky Coupland, a forensic expert, to give us a talk on her knowledge on the subject.

Then in October we are having a flower demonstration by members of our group to show us some of



W.I. party in Guernsey

their talents.

Please come along and try the W.I. as there is always something new to learn and a very friendly group to welcome you. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Parish Hall.

*Myrtle Malzard
President*



Summer update on Andy's 2,012 mile challenge for 2012

Well, despite the continuous rain, wind and generally dismal summer weather, our intrepid seeker of mileage, (aka Reverend Andy Thewlis) is steadily eating up the distance.

I am sure that at some time, you must have spotted Andy, either pedalling on his trusty bike, walking with the lovely Lily, pounding the treadmill at Club Carrefour, or streaking through the waters of Les Quennevais Swimming Pool. Oh, and he's also



fitted in a bit of paddling! (I hear it was in a double canoe, with a friend, on a boating Lake in South Devon!)

I am Andy's swimming companion, and if it seems as if the mileage for swimming is low, bear in mind that a mile equates to 64 lengths of Les Quennevais swimming pool with a length being 25 metres. We usually swim on a Wednesday morning, but admit to a gap in May and June (busy times in the Parish!).

Andy keeps a schedule of his mileage which for the first six months reads as follows, with some other possibly interesting statistics you might like to know:

• Bike	989
• Walking	213
• Running	47
• Rowing	51
• Swimming	7.34
• Paddling	0.66
• Monthly average	218
• Most miles on a single day	25.25

Total mileage to 30th June was 1,308 miles, leaving just 704 to go!

Sponsorship

Sponsorship raised so far is a generous £5,924, and we hope that this amount will continue to grow as Andy clocks up the miles. To remind you all, St John's Parish Church has a special relationship with the Diocese of the Bukavu, in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and some of you will have met the Bishop Bahati on one of his visits to our Parish. The particular projects to be supported will be determined in consultation with Bishop Bahati towards the end of the year when we will have a clearer idea of the amount of money raised.

Join him

So, fellow parishioners, when you see Andy, do give him some encouragement, or, even better, join him on **SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER** when he visits all the Parish Churches on his **TWELVE PARISH WALK**, which Andy hopes will be the grand finale to his challenge. All will be welcome; you can choose either to walk the entire distance, or just part of it, whichever you feel comfortable with. We hope to make it a real community event, with a chance to catch up with friends for a chat and generally enjoy each other's company.

Details will be posted around the Parish nearer the time, and if you would like any further information contact Andy.

Jayne Luce

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ST JOHN'S PARISH RIFLE CLUB

The Parish shoot is held once a year

The 2012 meeting is on Sunday 14th October at Crabbé

All parishioners are welcome to attend this fun day out. If you have no experience of rifle shooting, don't worry, as this is the traditional event where most of the now established rifle shooters in the parish had their first introduction to the sport.

Full tuition and equipment will be provided to anybody who requires it, both to natives and residents of St John, and any guests you wish to bring. We will be shooting fullbore 7.62mm rifles at 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards, with individual competitions throughout.

For many years, Jersey has been holding Super Shot Competitions annually at Crabbé, which involves many different shooting disciplines, and fullbore has been one of the favourite events for the

competitors taking part. Now is your chance to have a go, in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. All those attending the day's shooting are also invited to a dinner in the evening, where the trophies will be presented.

Oldest club

Looking at what we believe is the first minute book of the club, the first Parish Shoot took place on 12th September 1892. The Club's President at that time was a Mr James Falla, a name still synonymous within the parish.

For further details, please contact either:
Michael Cotillard, President, 863296 or
John Renouf, Treasurer, 861908

A challenging and successful year for ST JOHN'S SHOOTING CLUB

This year has been very challenging as refurbishment at the Centre has caused our club much disruption due to the builders taking over some of the range as a workshop, and creating a lot of nuisance with dust, noise and water ingress.

We are fortunate that most of our members are very resilient and tolerant which is why we have had a good winter season with two senior and one junior teams in the JSSA Smallbore Rifle leagues performing well but not winning any trophies. We have one team in the JSSA Airgun League and all the members of the team have shot very well to win the league. The league was only decided at the last match but our shooters were not to be denied and performed extremely well to beat all the other clubs.

St John won the inter-parish airgun match again this year with Barry Le Cheminant, Jennie Ward, David Ward and John Renouf snr all in superb form winning by a good margin.

In the spring the club was well represented in Alençon, Normandy at the ATPA open which attracts competitors from the U.K, Belgium, the Isle of Man and all over France as well as from Jersey and Guernsey. About a dozen members travelled to France to take part in all types of rifle and pistol shooting, including black powder and military style, and were most successful on the very good facilities which have recently had over half a million Euros upgrade.

Winners and honours

Particularly successful were:

George Winstanley won centre fire pistol and standard pistol in the junior class

Chris Aubin won air pistol and free pistol in class S1



*David Ward receives trophy from M. Jacques Roullée,
President of the French Club*

David Ward won free pistol, centre fire pistol and sport pistol in S3, beating **Alan Wilkins** who is a team GB shooter in the sport pistol.

Mick Radcliffe won sport pistol and standard in S2.

David Mills was outstanding winning the 50 metre rifle in S2 class but was the top shot overall in smallbore rifle!!

Team Jersey, consisting of George Winstanley, Gerry Weir and John Renouf snr, took the team trophy at Black Powder and Chris Aubin won the free pistol team event.

*John Renouf,
President*



Sausage-making at Andre's

Every year at the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival, we host a silent auction which offers a great variety of things to bid for, ranging from paintings, trips to France, bell ringing, and . . . my successful bid at the 2011 festival, a session of sausage making with André, our local Parish butcher.

A year later, and at very short notice, I finally agreed a date with André, and decided to make



up my sausage making team with mainly BNHF committee members, including Andy Thewliss, Neil Cotillard, Trevor Le Cornu, Phil Graham, Sue Ban-

nister and their daughter Daisy. Also with us were my brother Martin, his wife Jeanette and son Alex.

Hands washed and ready, we watched whilst André demonstrated the art of sausage making, and also explained the different skins and fillings used. Our local butcher uses only the finest ingredients for his sausages and skins, and it is evident from the way he spoke that he is passionate about his business.

After dressing in my butcher's attire of white coat and apron I stepped up to the sausage machine, and amid much banter and laughter, proceeded to make the longest sausage I had ever seen! Not as easy as it looks, believe me. We all took turns, apart from Trevor!, and it could have been likened to a challenge from programmes like The Generation Game. So much fun!!

After all our sausages were made and strung, André kindly provided a BBQ and we enjoyed wonderful fresh hot dogs. Amazingly the sun made a rare early evening appearance, and we all agreed that it was a very successful event.

Many thanks to André.

Jayne Luce

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Mustard Seed Jersey

"I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE SO GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING" was the comment of one of the Beaulieu students in Oradea, Romania last December as she handed out Mustard Seed Jersey Christmas shoeboxes. Every year people in St John pack Christmas shoeboxes but very few are privileged to

each Christmas continues to be the highlight of the charity's year.

The team from Beaulieu was moved and stunned by some of what they saw. The girls saw families living in cramped living conditions without running water and where the only heating was a smokey wood-burning stove. They distributed bread and food parcels to families who could not afford to feed their children, and were amazed that they queued for two hours in the cold before the baker's van arrived. They saw the homeless living on the streets, sleeping near the central heating pipes for warmth as the temperatures plummeted a number of degrees below freezing. They handed out hot tea and sandwiches which would encourage the families and help them survive till morning.

On the last day of their visit, the girls saw the evidence that sustained help from Jersey is making a big difference for good as they visited Mustard Seed's kindergarten, which has been established for more than five years. They went to the pensioners' home built and funded from Jersey for over two years and saw the comparative luxury



Rebecca Faulkner, Charlotte Luce, Rachel Grant and Mustard Seed Jersey Co-ordinator Rose Hélie

see the end result and the gratitude of the recipients when they receive gifts from Jersey.

But the people receiving Christmas shoeboxes are in need 52 weeks of the year and not just at Christmas. It was that realisation that caused Mustard Seed Jersey to change course about 10 years ago and stop placing so much emphasis on the Christmas shoebox appeal, and instead seek to raise more support for funding for the essentials of food, fuel and medication. However, the shoebox appeal

that these pensioners live in. Again they saw the gratitude, especially in the older people, who realised how much help is being given.

We in Mustard Seed Jersey very much welcome this opportunity to share with you that your help is making a difference and that you are very much appreciated.

Hilary Lambert



Fatima from the Village Café (see opposite) is doing a skydive in aid of the HOPE FOR JOHN Charity – against Lafora body disease.

Fatima has a collection jar in the Café for anyone who would like to contribute



Charlotte Luce of Beaulieu Convent School, writes of her experience.

Four 17-year-olds volunteered for the trip, however only three of us could go as one had a bad car accident beforehand. Charlotte Luce, Rebecca Faulkner, and Rachel Grant, accompanied by Beaulieu School Chaplain, Marta Pugsley, and teachers Claire Scott, Debbie Thompson, and Michaela Graham made up the party.

It was a five-day trip, and quite a long journey. We flew to Budapest then had to travel for nearly four hours by minibus to Romania where we stayed at Cefa in accommodation run by the Smile Foundation which accommodates those who come to Romania on Aid trips. Alex Stroeie, who works for Mustard Seed in Romania, was our contact and help.

To prepare for the trip we had raised about £4,000 through school fundraising. We also had shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for all ages which we distributed in a village school. I was very moved by one little boy in particular, who just hugged his box, peeked inside it then kissed it.

Using the money we had raised, we did a large shop in the local supermarket for food to pack into food parcels. This meant the people would get food they were used to, and also buying it in Romania puts the money back into their economy.

We distributed the food parcels, and also met

many very poor people, some of whom live in very basic houses, and others who live on the streets, or old factories. We also saw the 'People of the pipes' who live outside in harsh conditions, near big central heating water pipes to keep themselves warm.

The smell of poverty

What struck all of us was the smell of poverty, but even in these conditions, the families were so welcoming to us and wanted to share what little they had.

We met a social worker who helps women who have been trafficked and sold into prostitution. Help is also given to abandoned and orphaned young women.

We visited Casa Mabel, a home built by the Mustard Seed charity for pensioners. This home makes such a difference to the elderly people who have had terrible lives, and walking aids had been purchased for them.

So close to home

The trip was quite life changing, as to see such poverty so close to home is quite shocking, and also to be able to meet and work with the aid team in Romania makes you realise that charities such as Mustard Seed can make such a difference.

At Beaulieu we are continuing to raise money for Romania. We are collecting loose change for the 'People of the pipes'. We are hiring out DVDs to the staff and squares for blankets are being knitted.

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Words of Welcome for the Olympic Parish Torch relay



As the Parish Church came into view the walkers were moved by the sight of around fifty Parishioners and well-wishers who had gathered and applauded the Torch to its new home.

A short ceremony in the church grounds was held, in which the St John Parish Torch was welcomed as a local symbol of the Cultural Olympiad of the London 2012 Games. The Olympic values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence and the Paralympic values of Determination, Courage, Equality and Inspiration were affirmed.

After a prayer for the 2012 Olympics, walkers and supporters alike enjoyed refreshments in the Parish Church.

Reverend Andy Thewlis

On Sunday 15th July, after the Olympic Torch had left Jersey, twelve parish torches were dedicated at a short ceremony at Weighbridge Place before heading by different modes of transport to the ancient parishes.

The St John Parish Torch was carried in relay by a group of forty walkers, accompanied by Sam Coutanche, the Parish Flag-bearer. In just over two hours they walked the five and a half miles to the Parish Church, passing the centre stone in Sion on route. The parishioners and friends walking included members of the Women's Institute and the Granville School Phoenix Adventure 1 Walking Group.



Top: Setting off from Town

Centre: Half-way pause at Centre Stone, Sion

Bottom: Journey's End





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Sun 5th	10.30am	Revd Patrick McManus's final service at the URC
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 meets at the Parish Hall

SEPTEMBER

Wed 5th		Back to School
Wed 12th	7.30pm	WI talk by Forensic Officer in the Parish Hall
Thurs 13th		Battle of Britain Air Display – School closed
Sat 22nd	8.00am	Rector's Twelve Parish Church Challenge Walk
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
Sun 30th	10.30am	Harvest Festival at the URC

OCTOBER

Wed 10th	7.30pm	WI Christmas Flower arranging demonstration in the Parish Hall
Sun 14th		Parish Shoot, Crabbé
Fri 26th		End of half-term
Tues 30th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 31st	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meets at the Parish Hall

NOVEMBER

Mon 5th		Back to School
Sun 11th	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Wed 14th	7.30pm	WI AGM & Baby Photo quiz in the Parish Hall
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 28th	12.30pm	Golden Age Club AGM at the Parish Hall

DECEMBER

Sun 2nd	6.00pm	Advent Sunday Service of Remembrance in the Parish Church
Tues 11th	7.30pm	Muriel's Christmas Bingo
Wed 12th	7.30pm	WI Christmas Party with Hand Bell Ringers in the Parish Hall
Thurs 13th	tbc	Parish Senior Citizens Lunch
Thurs 13th	1.15 & 7pm	KS2 Christmas Production at St John's School
Fri 14th	1.15 & 7pm	KS2 Christmas Production at St John's School
Sun 16th	6.00pm	St John's Group of Churches Candlelit Carol Service in the Parish Church
Wed 19th		Last day of school Term
Mon 24th	5.30pm	Christingle in the Parish Church
Mon 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion in the Parish Church
Tues 25th	8.00am	Christmas Day Communion in the Parish Church
Tues 25th	10.30am	All-age Christmas Day Celebration in the Parish Church

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 School – 861692
 Shooting Club – John Renouf – 861908
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 Youth & Community Trust – Andrew Lewis – 862663
 Tennis – Tina Spencer-Nairn – 861716
 Twinning Association – Ron Le Herissier – 862010
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