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At last! Our own St John's allotments



...through hard work and parish support

La Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean is pleased to announce that the development of allotments in the Parish is completed and the plots are mostly ready for use.

La Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean has for three years worked toward finding a suitable site. The aim was to find a site that could be leased for a long period and allow the establishment of community allotments. A field called Le Clos du Banquet, opposite Maison Le Vesconte, was identified and leased by St John Community Allotments Limited. This newly formed 'non-profit' company has joined the Jersey Allotments Leisure Gardening Association (JALGA) and with their support, site plans (including raised beds for less able Parishioners), terms and conditions, rules and insurances have been established. By developing this relationship with JALGA, St John Allotmenters will benefit from master

classes in vegetable growing and negotiated discounts on seed and other supplies. An Allotment Committee has been established and whilst the poor weather at the beginning of the year prevented an early start to the growing season, we have a number of plots already leased to parishioners.

There is still work to be done in establishing site security and renting all the plots but the site has now got a water supply and eager allotmenters, not least St John's School who were given a plot for which they have lots of plans for the children this year. We look forward to seeing their efforts and produce. Here's what the school has to say about their allotments:

St John's School Allotment

This year, St John's School were lucky enough to secure one of the plots at the new St John's

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EDITORIAL

Rural Life

We are all pleased when a plan comes together, so hats off to those who worked so hard to bring the St John's Allotments to fruition. As a rural Parish, access, for everyone who wants it, to a piece of land to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers seems a basic principle. I am also delighted to hear that a Farrier has now set up business in St John having been very much part of the island horse world for some years.

Contributions

Looking through the copy for this issue, I was struck by the range of articles that have been contributed. The physical and social changes that take place in our Parish and island are important to us all and I particularly enjoyed learning about the history of developments that have taken place in Bonne Nuit Bay. You will also see that we are appealing for information concerning individuals and families whose lives were impacted on

by WWI. We are hoping, in future issues, to bring to life some of the characters and stories that are passed down through families. As long as you live or work in the Parish we would like to hear from you, your relative/story does not necessarily have to have a St John's link. I also hope, like me, you enjoy reading our 'Northern Light' and 'A day in the life of..' features – St John certainly has interesting people with diverse occupations and backgrounds!



Jo Falla
Editor

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Community Allotment Scheme with thanks to initial funding from our wonderful PTA. We are now the proud lease holders of Plot 22, a 120-square-metre patch of fine St John soil. The allotments are located behind the village, just a 3-minute walk for the children from school. The allotment allows us to not only learn all about the importance of growing your own, but also to help us learn some entrepreneurial skills as we hope to sell our own grown veg at school. We're keen for our allotment to become community based and are offering it to all of our families involved in the school. Whether it be to sow some veg, harvest, weed, water, talk or sing to the plants (you never know!) or just to visit, sit and relax – we'd love our families to make best possible use of this facility, especially those families who lack the space to grow their own at home. The schools VLE now has its own 'School Allotment' page and this will be updated monthly with a list of jobs that need doing along with links to instructional websites where necessary. This page is of course aimed at not only the children but also to our parents who wish to learn more about growing their own.

You will be reading this in April but we hope that our plot will have become available in March. Weather permitting; we hope to have held a 'Big Sow' event one day after school at the beginning of March. We will have invited parents and their children to come and choose some seeds, grab some pots, fill them with compost, sow and give them a

label. Parents will then have been asked to take their seeds home and nurture them until they're ready for planting outside at the allotment. Some of the seeds will be able to be kept outside in their own gardens and some will need to stay indoors until it's warmer.

We are currently obtaining some resources. Before we go out and buy anything we thought we'd let you know what we're after, as you never know what people have lying around. We're looking for: a water butt, a compost bin (large garden ones as well as the smaller kitchen ones), an old bench or two, spades, forks, hoes, a wheel barrow, trowels, secateurs, seed packets (in date), clothes. . . Anything you could help us with would be great!

It goes without saying that this would never have happened without the support and help of many people and a former member of La Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean and parishioner, Nigel Jenner, was crucial in helping us get things moving. Of course our Constable, Phil Rondel, has supported the programme from the outset and was instrumental in ensuring the smooth process of leasing the land.

Should you be interested in leasing an allotment please collect an application form from the Parish Hall.

*Martin Whitley,
La Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean
and James Matthews,
St John's School*



Dear Parishioners...

I hope Christmas brought you all that you wished for! For many, it heralded the winter storms which have just abated as I write, after having caused so much havoc and stress to many; not only on island but also across much of the UK and nearby France. Our Honorary Police, Roads' Inspectors/Committee or Civil Emergency teams from across the twelve Parishes have all done sterling work in keeping the island open for business, alongside teams from TTS and the Emergency services. A big "thank-you" must go to all concerned. Let's hope that it's all behind us for at least another year!

Out in the fields, our farmers will soon be planting the potato crop. After a poor start, we can expect to see a rush to put the crops into the ground. Likewise, our allotment holders are eager to get the allotments ready to plant their crops for the coming spring. At the time of writing, the land needs tilling but is still too wet to allow the tractor onto the land. I would like to wish all our growers and budding growers a good, fruitful season.

The loss of a friend and colleague

In February we lost one of our senior rates assessors, Geoff Roscouet, who passed away after a short illness. Geoff was a personal friend of many years

standing. Way back in 1975, he proposed me in that year's Senatorial elections. I came last, but that did not deter him; he proposed me on every election (but one) in which I stood for the States since that time. It gave me great pleasure some years back to propose Geoff to join the St John Rates Assessment Committee, a team of unsung heroes who work diligently in the interest of the Parish. Our condolences go to his wife, Jill, at this sad time. Geoff, may you rest in peace. God Bless.

Moving forward, by the time this article is printed, spring will be with us. The holly berries, cyclamens and other signs of winter will have almost disappeared and spring flowers will be in full bloom. Let's hope that they are a sight for all our sore eyes in your gardens and window boxes, which will signal the true end to the miseries of winter.

Both Wendy and I wish you all the best for spring and summer and may the lighter, brighter, warmer seasons be kind to us all.



*Phil Rondel
Connétable*



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BeachAbility – Where There's a Wheel There's a Way!

Imagine living in Jersey and not being able to get onto our beautiful beaches. For many, getting onto beaches poses a huge challenge to people who have any type of difficulty with their mobility.

Now thanks to a new charity BeachAbility, getting onto the beach for many has become possible. BeachAbility supplies beach wheelchairs with big-ballooned wheels that allow the wheelchairs to be pushed over sand and slipways with ease, and are available for locals and visitors to use on a "free to use – donations welcome basis".

How BeachAbility came about

The idea for BeachAbility came from Founder, Sharon Gray, who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2011, and who soon after became wheelchair-bound. One of her greatest pleasures was walking her dog on the beach but much to her frustration she couldn't get onto the beach in a normal wheelchair. Her wish was to establish access to as many of our beaches as possible, so that others with impaired



Sharon and Barry Gray

mobility could benefit from an improved quality of life and enjoy our Island's very special environment with their family and friends. Sadly, Sharon passed away last November but her legacy lives on and the team at BeachAbility are determined to make her dream a reality and ensure that our popular beaches with slipways will eventually have a wheelchair available for use by Jersey residents and visitors.

Our first beach wheelchair was given to us by Sharon and we had another donated soon after. We have just placed an order for a further four bringing our total up to six and we hope to have these in place by Easter. These have come to us by generous donations from two private donors, the Ladies of Variety (a child's chair), the Association of Jersey Charities, and a joint venture with the Jersey Cheshire home. We are presently working with TTS, looking for suitable locations where we can build sheds to house these chairs. St Brelade's Bay, St Aubin's, Havre des Pas and possibly Green Island are our preferred sites.

Who can use the wheelchair?

The first summer in operation saw a variety of clientele with conditions such as a stroke; multiple sclerosis; head injury; motor neurone dis-

ease and cerebral palsy all benefiting from the freedom of moving across the sand and being close to the sea. Clients suffering from effects of cancers and elderly people who normally would never attempt a beach walk also found the outings hugely uplifting.

A couple of particular examples stand out: a pupil of Bel Royal school, who has cerebral palsy was able to participate in a school surfing event and a gent from Hospice came down to St Ouen one August evening with his family to enjoy the sunset. Also, a visitor from the UK had MND, and to quote them it 'just made their holiday' and they hoped to return next year. A local lady hadn't been on the beach in 10 years and found it 'exhilarating'.

Working with Other Charities

As a small charity we have been keen to work with charities that have similar objectives. We have already established links with Maison des Landes, Jersey Cheshire Home, Hospice and Les Amis and we plan to approach Age Concern, Stroke Association, Bel Royal School, and the Parkinson's Society – all of whom have mobility issues.

How you can get involved?

The charity prides itself on giving a personal service to its users and provides a "meet and greet service" to anyone using the chair. The charity needs "supporters" who are able to give up a small amount of their time during the week or weekends (whenever they are free) to meet users and their carers on site to explain how to use the wheelchair and ensure they have an enjoyable experience. This can be as little as a couple of hours in a day. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact the number as shown below.

Do you know someone who would like to use the wheelchair?

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in using a beach wheelchair please call BeachAbility on 07797 935 088, email beachability@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website www.beachability.org for more information.

Users need to be able to get into the wheelchair without the use of any mechanical lifting equipment and need to have a willing helper to push the chair.



The manual ballooned wheelchair

The team of BeachAbility are pictured on the back cover



LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

John Henwood writes about his Jersey childhood, career at Channel Television spanning almost 40 years and the challenges of a busy retirement . . .

Born in Jersey, I lived the first five years of my life in St Saviour before the family moved to St Lawrence where I grew up, attending first St Lawrence School and later Victoria College. After 45 years in the parish, I moved to St John.

How should I describe my childhood? Well, it was in the main wonderful. Home was an old house above St Peter's Valley. The woods and what was in those days called "the German Road", now Route de L'Aleval, was my playground. Of course hindsight is always rose-tinted, but everyday seemed an adventure and, of course, the summers were long, hot and dry.

The headmaster at St Lawrence was Harold Shakespeare Carter who, 55 years on, I still remember with respect and affection; he was the sort of man who shaped character in his young charges. Victoria College is not remembered with quite the same warmth, but with considerable gratitude for managing to inculcate some learning and self discipline. The latter was necessary – though I would not have said so at the time – because I was both lazy and wilful. The thought of higher education did not enter my head; never an academic, study did not come easily. I left school prior to my 17th birthday and before my GCE results were published. Encouraged at school to believe I was not very bright, it came as a surprise to me (and my parents) that the results were quite good. Life is generally too short for regrets, but just occasionally I wonder how things might have turned out had I gone on to win a place at university, which in those days was the exception rather than the expectation.

So, without a job and not in the least worried about it, I enjoyed being part of the 'swinging sixties'. It was a peculiar time. The cold war was becoming ever chillier and, perhaps because we lived in anticipation of nuclear conflict, there was a sense that now, the moment, was all that mattered. We were imbued with the memory of the hardship our parents had endured, but wanted to forget it and enjoy ourselves. And we did so, but felt guilty about it.

A new chapter

Doors open and close and during the summer of 1962 a particularly significant one opened for me. An article appeared in the Evening Post – 'Jersey' did not appear in its title until later – to the effect that independent television was coming to the Islands. At that time Britain was served by a single BBC service. There was also an advertisement for staff to run the new station, including three trainee positions. To my astonishment I got one of them.



*On holiday in Colorado- a remarkable likeness?
(according to John...)*

Why television? Frankly, TV was perceived as entertainment, not work, and it seemed a soft option. That notion soon dissipated as I was thrown in at the deep and dirty end with a spanner in one hand and a soldering iron in the other; occasionally the latter was exchanged for a broom. None of us appreciated it at the time, but we were immensely privileged at Channel Television to be part of building something entirely new; with commercial television in its infancy, it was pioneering stuff. Over the next 15 years I had the opportunity to tackle every job that existed in television in those days. My time as a cameraman was exciting and directing live television programmes an adrenalin pump. It was as a news cameraman that I first got to meet senior figures in public life and became interested in politics. It has been an abiding fascination.

In the late 1970s the chairman, a Guernseyman, decided I could be trusted as Head of News to ensure his Island got a fair share of coverage. Relishing my new responsibilities and anxious to prove myself in a senior post I led a period of expansion in local programmes, most of which, judging by audience figures, were appreciated. The television regulator was astonished that even our local religious programme occasionally figured in the top ten most watched programmes. In fairness, competition for viewers was not as fierce in those days.

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Having apparently made a half decent job of what I'd been asked to do over the years, in 1987 I was appointed chief executive. Late on in my time at Channel I was asked to serve on a panel reviewing the machinery of government – widely known as the Clothier review. It took almost two years, but it was a privilege and an education to work with such brilliant minds as those of Sir Cecil Clothier and Sir Maurice Shock. I left the Channel Television Group at the end of 2000 fully intending to retire, but other doors kept swinging open.

Retirement and new opportunities

An old school friend who was chairman of the IoD was unwell and he asked me if I'd complete his term of office, the Constable invited me to join the Rates Committee; there were offers of consultancies. Staring into the abyss of nothing much to do, it was easy to say yes to all offers. Then I was asked to become chairman of Jersey Telecom, the first States department to be incorporated and at about the same time came the offer to join the board of Jersey Finance, which was about to assume responsibility

for promoting the finance industry. Both were important and interesting challenges that couldn't be refused and soon I was as busy as I had been as chief executive of a public company. How I wished I'd had the patience to say no to some of those early job offers, but when taking something on, you see it through. It took about five years to achieve some sort of acceptable work/life balance.

I enjoyed my time with Jersey Telecom and Jersey Finance enormously and the same goes for a number of other responsibilities accepted later along the way. It was a desire to travel and go horse racing a bit more that led me to close some of those doors. Presently, I'm a non-executive director of a small number of companies and chairman of G4S in Jersey, an interesting portfolio of responsibilities.

So why on earth did I take on the job of chairman of the Tourism Shadow Board? The trite answer is that the door opened and I couldn't resist. I hope it is not too much of a cliché to say the wellbeing of our Island and its people is important to me and perhaps it is one way in which I can make a difference, however small.

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What's Your Street's Story? – St John's Village

On Saturday 17 May there will be a talk at the Jersey Archive about St John's Village. For the past few years local law firm Appleby have sponsored the 'What's your Street's Story?' programme of events run at the Jersey Archive. This involves staff researching areas of the Island chosen by members of the public and delivering an article and talk about the stories discovered.

Jersey Archive holds over a quarter of a million records relating to the Island. Within this collection are parish records, court records, land contracts and departmental correspondence. Previously Archive staff have delved into these records to research different areas and have uncovered murders, tragic tales and happy coincidences. They can also be used to reveal the stories of normal people who have lived, loved and worked in the area.

The talk in May will look at how the Village developed and the important buildings in the area including the Church and the School as well as some of the local shops and houses. In addition it will focus on some of the personalities that lived in the Village in temps passé.

It will also tell the amusing tale found in the St John's Honorary Police registers of one Island resident

in the nineteenth century who went into a field next to the cemetery with a lady for "immoral purposes" and got more than he bargained for when she relieved him of his wallet. A difficult crime to report to the Police.

If you would like to come and hear the talk it will take place at the Jersey Archive on Saturday 17 May at 10am. Places can be booked by ringing 833300 or emailing archives@jerseyheritage.org.



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World War One



All hoped for a swift military victory. No one could have foreseen the horror the next four years would visit on all the nations involved.

Where, is the interest of the parish of St John to be shown in this mayhem? It is to be found in the heart of the parish, bordered by the church, parish hall, school and Village Inn; the war memorial representing the human toll inflicted on the parish by the conflicts of the 20th century. Etched on three sides of the pillar of granite are the names of those who answered their country's call to arms and paid the ultimate price, with their lives. By far the longest list is that of the dead from 1914 to 1918 who are named aloud every year on Remembrance Sunday in a moving ceremony attended by the Constable, municipality, members of the local churches and parishioners. We are now hoping to find out more about the people whose names are engraved on the memorial so that we can bring some of their stories alive in future editions of the Star.

If anyone has a family member named there, or other information about soldiers in World War One, the editorial team would love to hear from you.

Parishioners of St John who died in WW1

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| Clarence G. Minchington | Adolphe P. Urvoy |
| Philip C Le Moignan | Adolphus Le Cornu |

On August 4th this year it will be 100 years since Britain declared war on Germany following the German invasion of Belgium, whose neutrality Britain had sworn to protect. In the days prior to this, Austria, with the backing of Germany, had declared war on Serbia. The Russians had mobilised in order to support their Balkan ally. France in alliance with Russia sought revenge for their defeat in 1871 by Prussia, declared war on Germany, now a united country and ruled by the Prussian Kaiser, Wilhelm II. This, in the briefest terms, is where the European protagonists stood at the beginning of August 1914.

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New Date

Due to a major cycling festival taking place in the Island in mid-June the sixth annual Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival will now take place, from 11.00am - 8.00pm, on Saturday 28th June 2014. As usual there will be a range of food and craft stalls, with music throughout the event, including the St John's school choir singing at 12.20pm, with other acts shortly to be confirmed. The Farmhouse will again be running the festival bar and also hosting a post-festival party in L'Auberge du Nord, for which free transport will be provided.

Carnival parade

This year we delighted to announce that with the support of the St John's School PTA the festival will commence with a fancy dress carnival parade from the bus stop into the arena at 11.00am. It's a Caribbean themed parade so get your thinking caps on and begin planning your brightly colour costumes and hats. Everybody is welcome to join the parade with great prizes for the best dressed!

Competitions

- For those wishing to participate in, or observe, the now traditional Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival competitions here are the times for your diaries and electronic organisers:-
- Fancy Dress Competition – 11.15am
- Bonnie Baby Competition – 12.45pm
- Fun Food Challenge – 2.30pm
- Bonne Nuit's Strongest Man/Lady Competitions – 4.45pm
- Grand Raffle Draw – 5.30pm

Don't forget that at various times during the event well know parishioners will be in the stocks. We're hoping that this summer one of the teachers from St John's school will have the courage to join the Constable, Rector and others as sitting targets for wet sponges.

Sponsorship

The planning Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to the following companies who have offered generous financial sponsorship for the 2014 festival, Ronez; Centamin Plc; Farm Fresh Organics and Patterned Paving Limited.

Support

The Harbour Festival is a true community event for St John with numerous individuals and parish groups getting involved, for which the committee extend their thanks. However, at the time of writing we're still looking for volunteer minibuss drivers to drive the shuttle mini-buses from Les Platons to the bay. Please contact the secretary by email to athewlis@jerseymail.co.uk or phone 861677, if you could help in this way for a couple of hours on Saturday 28th June.

Andy Thewlis

Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival Secretary

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St John Youth & Community Trust

All systems GO for the refurbished children's play area

After a concerted fund raising effort on the part of the Trustees of the St John Youth & Community Trust the eagerly awaited refurbished children's playground next to the Church should be in place by the Easter school holidays.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, local businesses and charitable foundations, sufficient funds have been raised to allow for the equipment to be ordered and the existing site cleared.

All being well and provided that we do not endure any more disruption caused by winter storms, site clearance will commence the week beginning 24th March '14 and it is anticipated that the equipment will then be in place by the start of the Easter school holidays. Unfortunately during that two week period, the facility won't be available to use, however we hope that the wait will be worth it and that children will continue to enjoy the area as they have done for many years.

The work of the Trust will not stop there. Other projects being considered are picnic benches along the north coast and a provision for BMX users on the area currently referred to as 'the jumps'. The Trustees are in consultation with Education, Sport & Culture who are very supportive of the work carried out by The Trust.

Andrew Lewis

Chairman, St John Youth & Community Trust



The early days of Bonne Nuit Chalet Hotel and the surrounding area

While Jenny and I were in Australia last winter we met up with Gordon and Ann Stuart who were the previous owners of the Bonne Nuit Chalet Hotel. Gordon is now 90 years of age and although physically rather frail, his brain is as sharp as ever. We asked him how the Bonne Nuit Chalet Hotel came into being and how the other areas of the bay were then developed.



Bonne Nuit Chalet Hotel

Furze Cottage was originally built by the Bailiff as his summer fishing lodge, this in turn was why the hill to Bonne Nuit was rerouted. It is said that the name Bonne Nuit came from the fact that it was such a quiet area because of its religious atmosphere brought about by the monastery in the bay (this information comes from the Société Jersiaise).

The following summary was written by Gordon Stuart:

In the twenties the family lived in the Barracks (now known as the Cheval Roc Hotel). Dad purchased a small plot of land next to Oxenford House on the other side of the bay where he built a summer house.



Undeveloped Bonne Nuit

He intended for all the family to use the house during the summer and live in New Zealand for the winter; my parents' homeland. This never came about because of the New

Zealand earthquake and failure of the wool market in the late twenties /early thirties.

Dad was friendly with Mr Oxendon of the Portelet Holiday camp who suggested to him that he build a camp in Bonne Nuit. To do this Dad purchased extra land from Philip Le Couteur and built a few chalets which he ran for a couple of years as the Bonne Nuit Summer Holiday Camp. This later became the Bonne Nuit Chalet Hotel.

Dad then purchased the remaining land owned by Philip Le Couteur in Bonne Nuit – the boundaries were various rocks on the hillside and three boundary stones in the hotel car park. These stones marked land purchased by the parish in case of landslides on the road to the harbour. The road to Bonne Nuit Harbour was built on Philip Le Couteur's land and when he sold it to the parish he demanded additional land as compensation.

The Barracks at Bonne Nuit were owned by Mrs Payne and were later purchased by the Seymour Group who built the Jersey Holiday Rendezvous. After the war this changed hands again and became the Cheval Roc Hotel.

In the Occupation the Bonne Nuit Chalet Hotel was in the military zone and business was made impossible with a curfew from 8pm to 8am. During the second year of the Occupation the hotel was commandeered by the German forces for ranks that patrolled Bonne Nuit Bay. This lasted for a year when a senior officer, after an inspection, stated it was too comfortable for the men because in the event of an emergency they would all be asleep! They were then moved out of the hotel to the house opposite which was owned by the Huttons, who were in England. For the rest of the Occupation the Hotel was unable to conduct any further business and no payments were received by the hotel from the Germans. We had to rely on what work we could get, doing any jobs – not all of which were considered fully legal!!

If anyone would like further information on this article or has something else of interest concerning the bay please contact Gary by email garyromeril@jersey-mail.co.uk.

Parishioners might also be interested to know that the Cheval Roc Hotel has got a planning application in for lifts and a new entrance as they are proposing to open the old hotel as a care home.

*Lawrence Carter,
Chairman Friends of Bonne Nuit*

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Parish Pétanque

There are now ten parishes taking part in the Parish Pétanque League and we are very keen to attract more people to play for St John. Pétanque is easy to learn, sociable and played in the fresh air. So if you have a couple of hours to spare come along and try the game and enjoy a cup of coffee afterwards. We are happy to teach anyone and boules will be provided. Support your parish and give Ron Le Herissier a call on 862010 to find out more.



News from the Pews



Swimathon teams

An important aspect of the life of the Parish Church is our involvement as individuals in the world around us by showing a practical commitment to helping others.

One expression of this, for the last nineteen years, has been participation in the Swimathon in which each year we enter two teams of swimmers.

This year the boys' teams swam 49 laps and the girls' 42 laps, together contributing sponsorship of £269.50 towards the overall total.

In 2015 we'd like to invite other groups from St John to join us in the pool for the 2pm Sunday afternoon session. Please do get in touch if you wish to join us.

Summer Flower Festival

As part of our St John's Tide Celebration we're holding a Flower Festival over the weekend of Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd June.

The church will be decorated with beautiful floral arrangements depicting big bible stories ranging from Noah and his Ark to Jesus washing his disciple's feet, along with many others. Funds raised will go to the internal refurbishment of church.

Whilst many church flower ladies have decided upon their theme and are beginning planning there are several locations currently vacant and we're looking for talented parishioners, or enthusiastic groups, to join us. Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more.



Floral designs



Lifeboat

In addition to the normal rhythm of weekly worship we're planning special services focusing upon different aspects of life, and invite you to consider joining us for the following;

St John's Tide Celebration, 10.30am on Sunday 29th June. We welcome The Dean, Bob Key, as our guest speaker at a service which will include the celebration of the many individuals who contribute, with their time and talents, to the health of the worship and witness of the parish church.

Sea Sunday at Bonne Nuit, 10.30am on Sunday 6th July. This summer the St John's Group of Churches Sea Sunday Service is to be held in the morning with Ian Lawrence, Assistant Harbourmaster, our guest speaker.

Service to commemorate the start of World War One, 10.30am on Sunday 3rd August. On the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War parishioners are invited to gather to reflect and to pray.



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FROM SADDLE TO FOOT – a Jockey's Journey

Richard Hodson Dip WCF (Worshipful Company of Farriers)

Richard Hodson became the first horse-mad person in his Staffordshire family because he did not want to go shopping with his Mum. Instead Dad took him to the bookies where he became hooked on horses and never looked back. Aged 9 he started working at Reg Hollinshed's stables at weekends and in the holidays; thanks to Dad who got up at 5 am each morning to take him.

Aged 16, Richard began life as a jockey at Wolverhampton. He has vivid memories of his first race, riding Bang-in-Tune at 66/1 and finishing in 3rd place. This was something of a triumph as he was the only apprentice jockey in the race. He recalls that, 'it was amazing to be in the changing room with riders like Frankie Dettori, Kieren Fallon and Jamie Spencer.' Professional jockeys usually retire in their mid-forties. Top jockeys have made enough to retire in comfort; some become successful trainers but about three-quarters end up mucking out stables for the minimum wage. Earnings vary considerably. The winning jockey earns 10% of the prize money. Others are paid about £80 a race, but the number of rides can vary from ten a day to one a month!

One day when he was 19 and riding at Newmarket, Richard was approached by Godfrey Amy who invited him to come to Jersey to exercise and ride his horses. At the time Richard didn't even know where Jersey was! He came to work for Joan Le Brocq who trained Godfrey's horses. Richard loved racing, getting 'a really good buzz from it', but he struggled with his weight. The lighter the jockey, the more races he gets. Richard remembers losing a stone in twenty-four hours to prepare for a race in



The new St John farrier

Guernsey – and the horse refused to start! A jockey's life is hard. Sometimes Richard would not eat for days at a time, going to bed with hot-water bottles, wearing layers of clothes and even plastic bags in order to sweat off weight. In Richard's words, 'horses get the best of everything but jockeys sometimes collapse in the weighing room.'

Quirky horses

During his years as a jockey, Richard was recognised as being good with 'quirky' horses which he trained to become well-behaved with better performance – at which point the horse was given to a better-known rider until it regressed and needed Richard's care once more. Although this was somewhat depressing, it led Richard to consider changing tack and working with horses in order to improve their movement. Although most jockeys don't look at horses' feet, Richard did – and decided to become a farrier.

Richard competing



By now Richard had spent four years in Jersey, having come initially for six months only! He returned to England to Moreton Morrell College, Warwickshire, for a twelve-month Farrier's Access Course, the first step to becoming a qualified farrier. Seeking an apprenticeship with a qualified farrier was the next step, so Richard returned to Jersey and during the following five months sent 250 letters of application – all of which had to be hand-written! The writing paid off for he was accepted by Mr Oliver Gregory of Banbury for the four-and-a-half year apprenticeship. Mr Gregory, an Associate of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, specialises in lame horses and is an expert in the hundreds of horse-shoes needed for different conditions – exactly the expertise Richard wished to acquire.

Extreme determination

Every six months during his apprenticeship Richard returned to college for two or three weeks at a time to take exams in equine physiology and anatomy. Exams were the real challenge, for severely dyslexic Richard had great trouble with reading and writing. Extreme determination was needed, as well as imaginative strategies such as drawing a diagram in response to an exam question instead of writing the answer.

Richard is grateful for Moreton Morrell College's positive approach to oral exams which 'saved me from mistakes in my written papers'. He feels very strongly that such oral exams should be available in all subjects for those suffering from dyslexia. He recalls that at school he always tried to be sent out of class so that he would not be asked to read aloud. Teachers did not understand his problem and just thought he was naughty.

Richard returned to Jersey early this year to live in St John with his wife, Lydia, and baby Annabelle who had just been born on New Year's Eve. He is now in the early stages of setting up business as one of the few professionally trained farriers in Jersey, specialising in horses' gait and movement in order to improve their performance. Although feet are the most important part of a horse, Richard sees the whole horse, specialising in fitting the correct shoes and trimming the feet appropriately for whichever condition. Apparently horses' feet never stop growing! He prepares a shoe plan for every horse so that improvement can be checked and this allows him 'to walk away from a job feeling happy because of the progress made.'

Richard has not given up riding: he will be racing at Les Landes this year. Each morning he exercises Tony Le Brocq's three race horses with Grace, who runs the yard, and Tara, the work rider. Tony's stables are, of course, in St John so you may meet Richard in your travels.

Angela Le Sueur



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A day in the life of... MICK RONDEL recounts it to Jayne Luce

Mick initially suggested that our interview take place out at sea on his fishing boat, the "Peter Michael". However, bearing in mind the wild weather we experienced during January, readers will not be surprised that I declined, and instead, we met over a tasty coffee at the St John's Village Café. There we were joined by his employee of two years, Shetty Cavan (more on Shetty a bit later on!).



The 'Peter Michael'

Many St John's will know Mick Rondel, or if they don't, they may recognise him as the fisherman with the lovely red fishing boat "The Peter Michael", which operates from Bonne Nuit all year round. Mick is married to Lorraine, and they have two children, Heather, age 25 and Peter (after whom the boat is named) aged 19.

Background

Mick's career in fishing started when he was 18 years old, and I have listed a summary of his career to give readers an idea of the diversity of fishing which Mick has done over the years. We have all been on the receiving end of this winter's harsh winds and rain, and in particular been amazed and awestruck at the power of the sea. Think of this when you read where Mick has worked: Jersey coastal waters, English Channel, Grimsby and Northern Scotland (a challenging and risky occupation!).

Boat owner

Around 5 years ago after years of fishing and having long periods away from his family, Mick and Lorraine decided that he should base himself in Jersey. They purchased the "Peter Michael", mooring it at Bonne Nuit; close to the family home in St John.

After fishing alone for a couple of years Mick gained a "crew", namely Shetty, and together they make a good team. Shetty's homeland is Goa, where he had been fishing since he was 13. He came to Jersey in 2008 with his wife Laura. They live on Bonne Nuit hill, with stunning views of the bay, and close to the sea which Shetty loves.

The workings of the day

Mick and Shetty meet at Bonne Nuit at 5 or 6am depending on the season, tides and weather. Each has a packed lunch/snacks. Shetty will have already eaten a big breakfast; he says his wife Laura makes him a wonderful lunch fresh each morning, which includes a curry! Mick settles for a coffee first thing and does his own lunch (correct me if I am wrong on this Lorraine!).

The boat is either kept in the harbour or just outside, depending on the tides. Once they are aboard

they leave, with Mick driving (if it's dark they use navigation lights and radar) and Shetty preparing the boat and organising the deck ready for the pots. They fish up to 34 strings of pots in total, with each string having between 25 to 40 pots attached. Each day they try to do up to 14 strings.

Arriving at a string of pots, Mick moves to the outside controls to steer the boat and operate the hydraulic winch which they use to lift the pots. Years ago this was done by hand and was not for the faint hearted! Once the pots are aboard they have a system where Mick sorts out the lobsters, measuring them for size, whilst Shetty deals with the crabs, (not sure if hierarchy plays a part in this??!) They then decide, depending on the success of the catch in the area, whether to re-set the pots in the same place or move to another location. In this respect I asked Mick if he has a little black book of "good spots" for lobsters. He explained that everything is computerised – and good spots are logged. He also records all his catches so he can see if there are any particular cycles of good or bad times to visit these places.

Shooting the pots back into the sea can be dangerous, even though it is automated, and you need to be organised. They go out from the back of the boat (the stern). This process is repeated between twelve and fourteen times during the trip, and in between, Mick and Shetty manage to eat, and keep the boat organised to ensure all their work can be done in an efficient and orderly manner.

The "Peter Michael" usually returns to Bonne Nuit between 3 and 4pm, the boat will have been cleaned on the return journey. It is then time to moor up and unload and deliver the days catch (hopefully a good one!) to the fish market. It is then time to prepare the bait for the next day and do any repairs and maintenance. And so ends a typical day in the life of...Mick Rondel. Interestingly both Mick and Shetty prefer to eat crab rather than lobster!

After describing their typical day Mick and Shetty gave me a few facts:

- There are more lobsters now than when Mick was 18. One of the main reasons for this is due to a requirement by law that all pots have an escape hatch. This enables young lobsters to enter the pot, feed on the bait and escape out of the hatch.
- Lobster do not like the sea to be too cold; lower than 7 or 8 degrees is too cold, and at the other end of the scale, over 20 degrees is too warm.

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- For any sea swimmers out there, apparently it is always a degree colder in the harbour than out at sea!
- Not many conger eels around, these used to be a very popular fish. Were they over fished?
- Octopus are also very rare these days which could be another reason for the plentiful lobsters.
- A lobster can live to 40 or 50 years old. They wander around the sea bed looking for food and shelter.
- Mick and Shetty have recently been finding a lot of sea horses. These beautiful creatures are very territorial and mate for life. When any are found in the pots, they are immediately put back into the sea in the same place to re-join their families.



*Fisherman Mick and
a (tiny!) seahorse*

St John's Golden Age Club



Dates of meetings 2014

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| April 30th | 2.30pm | PARISH HALL |
| May 28th | 2.00pm | AFTERNOON TEA leave from PARISH HALL |
| June 25th | 2.30pm | PARISH HALL |
| July 30th | 2.00pm | AFTERNOON TEA leave from PARISH HALL |
| August 27th | 2.30pm | PARISH HALL |
| September 24th | 12.00pm | LUNCH leave from PARISH HALL |
| October 29th | 2.30pm | PARISH HALL |
| November 26th | 2.30pm | A.G.M PARISH HALL |

Parish Hall fund raising – dates to be arranged



EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, SION

By the time you read this we shall be well into Lent and I hope you will have been enjoying the fellowship provided by the Saturday Lent Lunches around the Parish. We often refer to our Church as a Fellowship – “a company of people that share the same interest or aim” and of course in a wider sense it also means ‘companionship’ and ‘friendship’ which is something many seek and which our churches can and do offer in abundance.

If you are not connected to a Church you would be made most welcome. We meet every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. (except on those special occasions when it is our joy to share in Worship at the Parish Church) and we would love to see you. For those of you in the southern reaches of St. John we are your neighbourhood church and we are keen to make our resources available to you. Easter is a very special time. Please let us share it with you.

*Michael Ruskin
Church Secretary*

Splendid New Entrance

This time last year we had to walk through deep puddles in the car parks before we could enter the church which was very difficult and messy for all of us. Not only was it wet it was also becoming unsafe with deep uneven patches left from the wear of many years. Now, with advice and help from Pallot Tarmac and Ronez the church has a superb new aspect from both the south and north car parks. Heavy rain in the past few months just glistens before it easily drains off the asphalt surface leaving it clear and so easy to walk on. It is even resistant to cars making grooves as they steer to park; so no marks left to make puddles for the future!

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St John's Women's Institute: in, out and about

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New President and busy schedule

In November St John's WI elected a new president, Karen Cotillard. After a most enjoyable Christmas meal at St Helier Yacht Club in December, we began the New Year with a most informative talk on photography by Sheila Baudains. She gave us many tips on how to get the most out of our cameras and subjects, with lots of examples of her work to illustrate points. In February we had to perfect our shimmy and hand movements as, after a beautiful display of Bollywood dancing by a group of island ladies who have been taught by Anne Dove, we got to our feet to try and emulate their graceful moves! We even wore partial costumes to help us get in the mood. It was a lovely fun evening. By the time you read this, we will have had a talk by Winston Le Brun on the Jersey cow in March and in April, Richard and Dawn Woodhouse are coming to speak about their charity; Holidays for Heroes.



Practicing Shimmy – Bollywood style



Photo opportunity

Outings

We have formed a separate social outings group and to date some members have enjoyed a trip to a pantomime, a tea dance at the Good Companions Club and a Chinese meal at Jambo's in St Brelade. Future events may include a play at the Art Centre, the WI Annual Dinner and a make-up demonstration at Voisins. Up to 35 ladies enjoy their time at the WI which meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. We would love to welcome new members.

*Karen Cotillard,
President*

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St John's School News

Spring Term 2014

I am privileged in leading a vibrant learning community, where staff are committed to meeting the needs of every child, through making our school experience meaningful, challenging, stimulating and fun. The children are enthusiastic learners, who are continually "buzzing" with new ideas and experiences.



Two areas we are deeply committed to are creative thinking and learning, as well as outdoor educational experiences. We believe that creativity is a process, which involves the discovery of new

Book Week in March will provide opportunities to explore different ways of communication, as presenters from ITV, BBC and reporters from the JEP will come and explain the different skills required for producing news and media events. Pupils will write about this experience in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

Outdoor experiences can play a key role in pupils' engagement and their motivation to succeed. Activity based learning in the outdoor classroom is a highly powerful tool; it is not only crucial to a

child's emotional and social development, but presents a completely new educational experience. Children love taking part in imaginative and inventive roles where they can learn the importance of taking risks and overcoming challenges and obstacles. This year, all classes at St John's School have been involved in the Forest School initiative. This has enabled our students to engage in "hands on learning experiences" that embed their knowledge, skills and understanding. Forest School provides the freedom to develop different learning styles at the children's own pace, by working through achievable



Forest school

ideas. As teachers at St John's School, we are always considering different ways of delivering learning experiences within varied learning environments. We want our pupils to engage in new and exciting discoveries, as well as create opportunities to consolidate knowledge and build upon existing ideas for future success in life.

During the Spring Term, we extended our reading skills through a whole school focus on two very different stories – "How to lose a Lemur" and "Magpies and Mischief", a book about two twins who live in Jersey. During these book studies, we invited story tellers to tell the tale, actors to perform the story and a magician to work with motivated pupils. These pupils went on to develop different aspects of learning with their teachers, inspired by the impact of the shared stories.



Building a shelter



tasks and promotes a range of skills necessary in becoming independent, lifelong learners. Taking children to work outside helps them to understand the environment and enjoy activities and tasks which develop co-operation, independence and decision making. Children also benefit from improved confidence and enhance their risk taking skills and their speaking and listening abilities. We have created displays in school that use photography, art work and exciting pieces of writing, to illustrate the high level of learning that takes place on returning to school, after a Forest School visit.

As the Summer Term approaches, we will be looking to explore and experience many different educational opportunities through visits and trips around the Island, in order to understand our rich heritage and consider how Jersey began, developed and prospered.

*Trudie de La Haye
Head Teacher*



Cooking a delicious lunch

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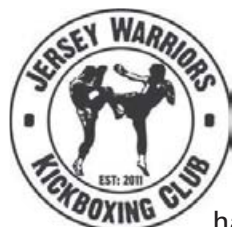
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Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club

Jersey Warriors Kickboxing Club has grown from a small club training local youngsters and adults to a club making waves in the UK and Europe as their members went on to collect more and more accolades last year, including two places in the WAKO (World Association of Kickboxing Organisations) British Squad. As Tom, the founder and Head Coach continues to train people at the highest level of the sport, he himself understands the importance of training under the best. Last month he flew to Almere in the Netherlands to train under the watchful eye of Remi Bonjaski, arguably one of the best fighters of all time, being four times World K1/Kickboxing Champion.

The training camp was tough and challenging with two training sessions per day for seven days straight but was extremely insightful and gave Tom many ideas which he has brought back to the Island to pass on to his students, some of which are preparing for Rumble on the Rock at Fort Regent, the biggest fight show in the Channel Islands. This event which is covered by media from around the world and broadcast on Sky TV takes place on

Saturday April 26th and, due to its prestigious reputation, demands the best from coach and student alike as they step into the cage to represent Jersey and their club on an International stage.

Elisa Cañas



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ST JOHN'S RECREATION CENTRE

Fund-raising and re-developments

Raising the funds necessary to complete the redevelopment work in these days of financial constraints is still proving challenging; we are, however, quietly confident that we will achieve our ambitious plans:

to complete the west extension for the Youth Club and

to re-develop the changing rooms, showers and toilets for the St John's Football Club (men's, ladies and juniors)

The redevelopments already completed are certainly being well used not only by our long-term users but also by our new user groups. The Bobby Butlin Studio is proving very popular with our two Yoga groups taking place there on different evenings and several weekday and weekend mornings too.

Island Games 2015

We are being considered as a location to host Island Games football matches. This is an exciting prospect which we hope will be a great attraction not only for the Centre but for the Parish too. First, we have to get those changing rooms finished!

Caretakers

We continue to be delighted with the way in which Elisa Cañas and Tom Pieprzowski manage security at the Centre and are very grateful to them for the enormous contribution they make. Please remember that the Skate Board Park is closed from 9pm and all users should be off it by then.

What's on at the Centre?

There are now so many activities going on at the Centre that it is quite difficult to keep up with everything happening. I list below our user groups who run activities at the Centre.

If you want to get involved with any of them, please contact the persons shown or visit their websites which can be accessed through links from our web-site: www.stjohnsrecreationcentre.co.uk and www.facebook.com/StJohnsRecreationCentre.

Thanks go to Elisa for maintaining them for us.

Assistance

If you are interested in helping the Centre in any way then please do not hesitate to contact me (tel. 861716).

Angus Spencer-Nairn
Chairman

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ST JOHN EMERGENCY PLANNING



The importance of Community Emergency Planning

As an island we are fortunate that our Emergency Services are able to respond quickly throughout the island but there may be occasion where that may become difficult. Last year we experienced heavy snow and some of

our vulnerable Parishioners were reliant on our Honorary Police ferrying community nurses around the Parish. Urgent medical supplies were needed and eventually delivered by tractor. The welfare of our less able Parishioners was checked on.

St John Emergency Planning Representative

The States of Jersey have recently reinstated the concept of Parish Emergency Planning and our Connétable, Phil Rondel, appointed Martin Whitley as the St John Emergency Planning Representative. Martin has now gathered a Committee, a group of willing volunteers and some emergency equipment (first aid, torches, blankets etc.)

The Emergency Management Team

Chair Martin Whitley

Members Paul Vautier
Ian Averty
Claire Farley
Will Simpson
Melvyn Le Feuvre
Connétable Phil Rondel supported by
Sue Rodrigues (secretary)



St John's Emergency Plan

In the event of an emergency, the Parish may be able to provide vital information and direct support if official responders are delayed. Local self-help action may save lives and help alleviate distress. The Emergency Plan for St John follows guidelines agreed by the Constable and Emergency Planning Officer and the objectives are as follows:

- Identifies the Parish Emergency Management Team (EMT).
- Identifies a primary Parish Emergency Rest Centre (ERC) and alternatives.
- Sets out the procedures for activating the plan.
- Provides local information to assist the Emergency Services.
- Provides a list of useful contact numbers and addresses.
- Provides basic information to assist the Parish during a period of temporary isolation.
- Identifies the following personnel and resources:
 - Individuals with special needs
 - Individuals with special skills
 - Hazards within the Parish
 - Supplies of vehicles, equipment, material

Volunteer Support

We would like more volunteers. Whilst our role in an emergency may just be to keep people warm and sheltered, it is important that we know in advance who we can call on to join with us to support our fellow Parishioners. Let us know the type of skills and equipment that you have which we could make use of at short notice.

It would be useful for us to know if:

You would be prepared to provide transport to vulnerable Parishioners in your vehicle, as well as deliver supplies to outlying areas of the Parish? Y/N

Are you physically fit and willing to help with manual tasks? Y/N

Would you be willing to help set up and operate a shelter facility, which might include preparing/serving food to evacuated Parishioners? Y/N

Please send your name, address and contact details to one of the Emergency Management Team or the Parish Hall.



How did you get on with the Christmas quiz?

We hope you had an opportunity to try finding all of these – we suggested '... the lazy afternoons after Christmas' but there could hardly have been any worse weather conditions about then – certainly not conducive to strolling, or even driving, around the Parish. We'll think of something similar for the December issue and hope the weather will be kinder this year.



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*Gates of La Chesnaie,
Rue de la Chesnaie*



2

*Le Douet drainage pump kiosk,
Le Canibut*



3

*Drainage pump-house vent,
Handois, Le Huchet*



4

*Gatepost of Les Peupliers,
Rue des Peupliers*



5

*Stream in front of Grand Mourier
Cottage, Rue de L'Étocquet*



6

*National Trust stone,
at bottom of Bonne Nuit hill*



7

*Gable wall of Rotherwood,
Rue de L'Église*



8

*Gatepost of Héruppe Farm,
Les Chenolles*



9

*Letterbox at St Blaize,
Rue de Frémont*



10

*Plaque by the Millennium Stone
at Sorel*



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*Mounting block at Les Ruettes,
Rue de la Scelleterie*



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*Garden fence of Les Fougères,
Les Chenolles*



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Wednesday
9.00am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 7.00pm
CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAY



PARISH DIARY – April to August 2014

APRIL

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| Tues 8th | 7.30pm | WI in the Parish Hall. Easter Eggs decorating. |
| Fri 11th | | Last day of term |
| Sat 12th | 12–2pm | Lent lunch at URC |
| Fri 18th | 10.30am | Good Friday Worship at the Parish Church |
| Sun 20th | | Easter Day |
| Fri 25th | 7.00pm | Assemblée Jerreais Annual Service at the Parish Church |
| Tues 29th | | Back to School |
| Tues 29th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 30th | 2.30pm | Golden Age Club AGM in the Parish Hall |

MAY

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| Thurs 1st | 7.30pm | Annual Ecclesiastical Assembly in the Parish Hall |
| Sun 4th | 10.30am | United Service for Liberation at the Parish Church |
| Mon 5th | | Bank Holiday – no school |
| Thurs 8th | | St John's School St Juff's Walk |
| Fri 9th | | Liberation Day – no school |
| Tues 13th | 7.30pm | WI in the Parish Hall. The Resolutions and quiz. |
| Fri 23rd | | Brownies wear uniforms to school to celebrate their 100th Anniversary |
| Fri 24th | | Last day of half-term |
| Tues 27th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 28th | 2.00pm | Golden Age Club Afternoon Tea, meet at the Parish Hall |

JUNE

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| Mon 2nd | | Back to school |
| Sun 8th | | Community Police Event at St Mary's School |
| Tues 10th | 7.30pm | WI in the Parish Hall. Talk by Linda Romeril from Jersey Archive |
| Fri 20th | 1.00pm | St John's School Sports Day at the Recreation Centre |
| Fri 20th | 10am–4pm | Flower Festival in the Parish Church |
| Sat 21st | 10am–4pm | Flower Festival in the Parish Church |
| Sun 22nd | 1pm–6pm | Flower Festival in the Parish Church |
| Thur 26th | | St John's School Pop in afternoon |
| Sat 28th | 11am–8pm | Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival |
| Sun 29th | 10.30am | St John Tide Service in the Parish Church |
| Tues 24th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 25th | 2.30pm | Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall |

JULY

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| Sun 6th | 10.30am | Sea Service at Bonne Nuit Bay |
| Tues 8th | tbc | WI Summer Outing |
| Sun 13th | 8.00pm | Football World Cup Final |
| Thur 17th | 1.15pm | St John's School Leavers' Assembly |

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| Fri 18th | | Last Day of Term |
| Tues 29th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 30th | 2.00pm | Golden Age Club Afternoon Tea, meet at the Parish Hall |

AUGUST

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| Sun 3rd | 10.30am | Service to Commemorate the start of World War One |
| Sun 10th | 10.30am | Beach Service at Bonne Nuit |
| Tues 26th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 27th | 2.30pm | Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall |

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN ST JOHN

THE PARISH CHURCH Every Sunday

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

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Sundays at 10.30am Family Worship
Holy Communion, monthly, as advertised

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