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## Parish of St John

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## Congratulations to our new Deputy and Constable

### Dear Parishioners...

On the 17th September 2014 I was elected, unopposed, as Deputy of St John. It is with great honour that I am able to represent the people of my home parish and I look forward to working with you all over the next three and a half years as your representative.

I have served as a Member of the States of Jersey for a period of six years and prior to entering the States, my work experience consisted of both finance and retail. During my time in the States Assembly I have carried out work as a member of Scrutiny, an Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and President of the Chairman's Committee (Scrutiny).

### St John

Concerns have been raised with me regarding two areas within St John. The first item brought to my attention was the funding request for completion of the Youth Centre at the St John's Recreation Centre. After intervening and taking the details to the Treasurer, I understand that this has now been resolved and the funding will be forthcoming. Secondly, St John's School has had an ongoing battle to obtain a field for their use and this is still yet to find resolution. Steps are being taken via Property Holdings and I will ensure this remains a high priority during my time as your Deputy.

I have had the pleasure of attending my first meeting with La Comité Du Commune Rurale De St Jean, who have been doing a fantastic job with regards to the Village Improvement Scheme in conjunction with Transport and Technical Services. The work that has been completed so far, plus the continuous consultation and interaction to adopt a scheme developed through the wishes of parishioners is a fantastic initiative and I very much look forward to playing a part as an ex-officio member.

It is with great sadness that we have seen Mr Philip Rondel step down as the Constable of



*Deputy Tracey Vallois and Constable Chris Taylor*

St John, he will be missed greatly by all and I would like to personally thank him for his time and dedication to not only the Parish but to the Island as a whole. With this loss we therefore gain a new incumbent into the office of Constable, Mr Christopher Taylor. After many discussions, I believe we will work effectively as a team and offer the support and assistance to parishioners during our term.

### States

At time of writing, we have seen the election results for 2014, the re-appointment of Senator Ian Gorst as our Chief Minister and a new States Assembly emerging to address various issues over the next term of office. The result of the Referendum question on the automatic right of Constables to remain in the States of Jersey has been returned with a resounding YES. My commitment to you, as your Deputy, will be to ensure this vote is reflected in the States Assembly.

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Challenges faced by the States of Jersey throughout the next term are going to require some very difficult decisions. Although the Chief Minister has set out a vision statement, the Strategic Plan will be debated in 2015 to determine the path that will be taken in terms of priorities. We have significant tasks to address such as, Health, Education, Jobs and the Economy at the same time as ensuring a balanced book approach to public finances.

My principles as a States Member have been and will continue to be:

- To work hard for the community and the Island as a whole;
- To encourage greater accountability in the States of Jersey;
- To take a common sense approach and not make promises that are difficult or impossible to keep.
- To carry out my role in the States and the Parish with integrity and honesty;

## Thanks

I would also like to sincerely thank those parishioners who supported me in my nomination for the position of Deputy of St John.

Proposer – Kevin Keen

Seconders – Carlyle Hinault, Ronald Le Herissier, Eileen Barratte, Myrtle Malzard, Anthony Le Brocq, Jason Richards, Terence Le Sueur, Tia Duckworth and Marcel Le Masson.

Finally, at the time of publication we will be in full flow with the wonderful festivities of Christmas. My family and I would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

*Tracey Vallois*



## Hello!

As this is my first newsletter, let me give you a little back ground to myself. My family moved to St John in 1972 and lived at La Ruelle. After finishing my education at The Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester, I returned to Jersey and in 1980 started Heatherbrae Farm. Initially I milked 40 cows which in those days was a big farm! In 1982 I opened the farm to the public during the summer, having as many as 10,000 visitors a year. In 1990 I closed down the visitor side and expanded the milking herd to 140. Finally I gave up farming in 2002, and I am proud to say I had the highest yielding herd on the Island and the top genetic herd as well.



## Parish and other experience

In 1983 I was elected a Constable's Officer, and was the first non-Jersey born person in the St John's Honorary Police. I have served as President of the Jersey Vingteniers and Constable's Officers Association, and also as Centenier. I cannot stress too much the joy and satisfaction I have had serving as an Honorary Police Officer, and would recommend it to every Parishioner. Having retired from the Honorary Police in 2000 I rejoined in 2007 as a Constable's Officer as I was able to Police during the day.

Recently I have been helping the Jersey Sea Cadets, as Chairman of the Parents Association. I cannot praise the Staff of TS *Jersey* enough for the work they do. During the last six years the Unit has won the Trafalgar Cup for the best unit in the Southern Area. This year our Marine Cadets won the Southern Area shooting Trophy. I am also Treasurer of the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society, which for the last seven years has been a major challenge.

## Constable

Enough about me, what about my role as Constable? Reassuringly, the Parish has a number of excellent Committees. The 'Roads Committee', 'Rates Committee', 'Rural Committee' the Honorary Police and many others. I am fortunate that the memberships of these Committees are 'second to none', which will make my job much easier. I would like to thank Phil Rondel for the help and guidance he has given me with what I am sure will be a smooth transfer. Early in the New Year we will have an opportunity to thank Phil Rondel properly for the service he has given the Parish.

I must however appeal, especially to the younger generation in the Parish to come forward and participate in Parish Life. We have vacancies in the Honorary Police and I would hate to hear a child say "Dad/Mum why don't we have the Honorary system any more?" and the parent forced to reply "because I was too busy"! My door at the Parish Hall is always open and I look forward to meeting Parishioners when you are passing, please do not be shy!

*Chris Taylor*





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## St John Community Allotments Ltd

Whilst the St John Community allotments had a late start to the season with a wet winter delaying the opening, it soon became clear that our allotmenters were not fazed and the crops were soon planted and growing fast. The excellent summer that followed not only helped the growth of the numerous varieties of vegetable but also helped the even larger variety of weeds. The summer was a constant battle between watering and weeding.

To any Parishioner that strolled past the entrance to the allotments they will have noticed that marrows and courgettes were freely available at the gate. A true testament to the green fingers that had nurtured so many they had to be given away.

Within four months of opening the site the Committee decided a social event and vegetable competition was the order of the day.



*Allotmenters*

Martin Whitley's garden was commandeered and a marquee erected to shelter from the sun and keep the refreshments cool. Over thirty allotmenters attended with a variety of produce for judging. Many arrived with a selection of salads for consumption and meat for the barbecue and there were no surprises to find that courgette cake was prepared for dessert. The weather was perfect and the refreshment and green-fingered debate stimulating.

As in all competitions there are winners and those that come second. The vegetables were judged by Jeff Hathaway of the Jersey Allotment & Leisure Gardening Association (JALGA), Sarah Whitley and of course our former Connétable Phil Rondel. The judging required much debate and the Connétable was co-opted to the Committee to visit the allotment and hunt down

the heaviest vegetable. The judging complete, the winners were announced and presented with their new gloves and gardening tools.

**Nicola Preece:** The smallest vegetable (tomato)

**Sophia Hoblyn:** The prettiest vegetable (red onion)

**Cath and Mick Jones:** The longest vegetable (courgette)

**Edie Hopwood:** The heaviest vegetable – (pumpkin)

**Joe and Karen:** The neatest allotment

The event continued with music and the swapping of ideas of how to convert courgettes into as many recipes as possible.

Fátima Lopes was applauded as our chef of the day and the party ended with unanimous agreement to celebrate every season.



*Sophia Hoblyn the prettiest vegetable winner*



*Fátima Lopes – The Allotment Chef*



*Connétable chasing down a burger*



*Allotmenters*



*Jeff Hathaway and Sarah Whitley – The Judges*

### Appreciation:

Thanks to parishioner Liz Haas the allotments now have a permanent bench on site for the enjoyment of plot holders. Her generosity also extended to a financial contribution towards the start-up costs. Her kind support is in the memory of her late father who was a very keen allotmenteer.

Oh, and the courgette cake, why not try it yourself next season:

<b>Ingredients:</b>	8fl. oz SR flour
2 eggs	2 tsp cinnamon
6oz caster sugar	8fl. oz sunflower oil
6oz grated courgettes	4oz chopped walnuts
<b>Method:</b> Preheat Gas 4, 350F, 180C	
Grease/line 9" square tin.	
Sift dry ingredients.	
Beat oil/eggs, add to dry ingredients.	
Stir in courgettes and walnuts.	
Cook for 1 hr. approx.	

*Martin Whitley*





## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOCAL BIRDS?

The birds in this selection are all quite commonly seen in the Parish in winter time; some in gardens and hedgerows others in fields and meadows. A couple of them are often seen by ponds or streams, and large ones over head are a frequent sight in St John these days.



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Photo: D. Tolman



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This is not a quiz, but merely an indication of the richness of the birdlife still around us despite the continuous encroachment on natural habitats.

The names are on page 26 with a few comments to help you remember them.

*Roger Long*

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## LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

### Phil Rondel talks to Terry and Angela Le Sueur



Phil Rondel, ‘The Plumber from St John’ and recently retired Connétable has had a lifelong involvement with public service. His first ‘political’ involvement was driving a car for Phil Romeril during a Senatorial election in 1962.

After a childhood in St John, Phil’s family moved to St Helier in 1964, and having completed his apprenticeship as a plumber, Phil spent a couple of years in the Merchant Service, before setting up his own plumbing and building business – PJRD Ltd – which eventually employed 39 staff. There’s more to plumbing than taps and pipes: if you go into The Lamplighter take a look at the pewter bar – Phil made it in the 1980s. Lining coffins, making zinc down-pipes and repairing church windows were all part of this varied craft. One day Phil climbed 30 feet down a well to repair a pump when he got stuck! He was alone, so calling for help was useless. Eventually he managed to clamber out at the expense of all his tools which he had to drop. From that point onwards Phil became safety conscious!

#### Town Centenier

In 1969 Phil became a Constable’s Officer in St Helier, and in 1972 he became a Centenier, a post he held until 1980 by which time he had returned to St John.

The job of a Centenier back then was different. Although ‘Paid Police’ had been introduced in the town in the early 1900s the States Police Force was just developing into an Island force, so on duty nights some honorary police were paired with paid CID officers. Gradually the States’ Police jurisdiction extended to all parishes but initially only with the permission of the Constable. Phil remembers how stretched they were the night when Paisnel, the ‘Beast of Jersey’, was arrested at the same time as a body was found on the beach. Whilst serving as Centenier in St Helier, on duty days Phil would be up

at 5.30 in order to prepare paperwork for Court at 10am. He slotted his business around his honorary duties, visiting all plumbing sites each day. In the 1970s between 15 and 20 youngsters were taken to the Juvenile Court each week. Phil felt this was wrong so he and Centenier John Morris devised a system whereby youngsters and their parents could accept voluntary probation for up to four months rather than the young people being taken to Court and perhaps getting a criminal record. Phil is very proud that the system continues to this day and is praised by mainland authorities including the Howard League for Penal Reform

#### Back to St John

Having returned to live in St John, Phil served as Centenier from 1983–86. From 1986–89 Phil worked as a Rates Assessor, becoming Chairman in 1994; the same year he was first elected Deputy of St John. He continued to hold this post until he retired in 2005 in order to devote more time to his gravely ill daughter, Helen, who died on November 11th 2011, leaving a big void in the family.

Having served a final term as Deputy from 2009, Phil became Connétable of St John in 2011. He remembers his early months as Constable as rather eventful because days after he was sworn in the parish secretary took pre-retirement leave and until Christmas there was only a temporary secretary. Phil is grateful to staff from other parishes who gave practical help during those months until the appointment as Parish Secretary of Sue Rodrigues, ‘the girl Cotillard’, who had formerly worked at the Town Hall.

“It’s been very enjoyable being Constable”, says Phil. In the States Chamber he could only influence opinion but as Constable he could ‘make it happen’. So why retire now? The reason is a very painful condition in his leg which also deprives him of sleep. “As Constable one needs to be alert, not pain-consumed when making difficult decisions, such as judging whether to withdraw someone’s driving licence.” As Constable Phil was most proud of being able to help people or get help for them. He cites arranging bus services and moving people to better housing. One great parish asset is Maison Le Vesconte where elderly people enjoy all services, near the shops and bus stop, close to the heart of the community.

#### In the States Chamber

Phil enjoyed his time in the States. “I got such a buzz from the States”, says Phil, “jousting with my colleagues for what I believed in” – very often that concerned the invisible infrastructure – drains – which Phil knew about professionally. He had input into the





new sewerage plant now under construction as well as the drainage tunnels under the north of St Helier.

He loved asking questions in the House – sometimes to test if the relevant minister knew the answer. Phil maintains that asking questions to which you know the answers raises the awareness of the members as a body, and repeating similar questions at intervals 'keeps the pressure on'. During hot days, when States members have to keep their jackets on, Phil has been known to roll up his trouser legs to keep cool!

During his time in the States Phil enjoyed his contact with France – he bemoans the fact that everything now seems to be done via London through civil servants and the French embassy, through interpreters rather than directly. He feels that Jersey has instead become too close to the UK and further afield.

Phil is reasonably pleased with the results of the recent election – especially that the YES campaign succeeded. He feels that having the Bailiff as Speaker and the twelve constables in the States gives stability. 'We haven't lurched too far to the left' is his comment on the result and he is pleased that there is a new doctor in the House for "we need a total mixture of all walks of life in the States."

Looking back on his long political career, Phil is proud of having been elected so many times. He will miss the comradeship of his former colleagues. He praises the staff of the States' Greffe and other officers of the States as 'second to none'; always there to help.

As for his Parish – "I want the best for St John" says Phil, pleased that there has been a 'clean fight' in every election in his time, as one of his main aims has been to unite the Parish.

### Retirement

And as for the future? Happy to support the new Connétable if needed, Phil will probably get involved once again with some charity work. He still loves to be on the sea so he also has plans to teach his grandchildren boating 'from the bottom up'.

Finally, Phil pays tribute to his wife, Wendy, without whose support his public service would not have been possible and who has thoroughly enjoyed her supporting and supportive role.



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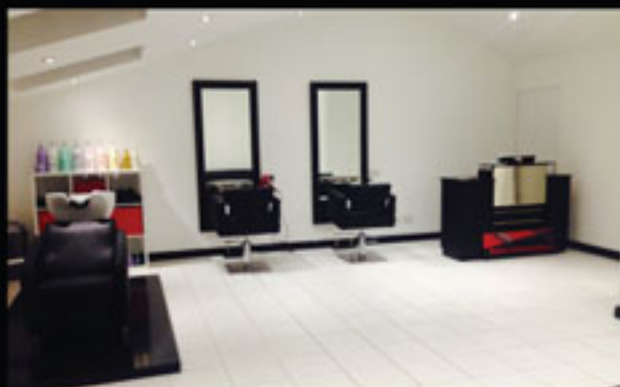


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## An Election Day in the life of an...Adjoint – run up to Jersey's First General Election

October 15th was a red letter day for Jersey. It was the first instance in the Island of a 'General Election'. On that day – for the first time – Senators, Deputies and Constables – all the elected members of the States of Jersey, were to be voted for on the same day. As well as the candidate voting there was to be a referendum on whether the Constables, by virtue of their office, should be allowed to remain in the States.

Of course, being Jersey, it didn't happen quite like that. All the parishes bar one, re-elected their Constable or he or she was unopposed at the nomination meetings so there was no need for their names to go forward on to a ballot paper and they could sleep easily in their beds on October 14th.

This was the case in St John with our new Constable-elect Chris Taylor and new Deputy-elect Tracey Vallois being elected unopposed on September 17th. Never mind, we Adjoints of St John had been on notice since February for our big moment in the Parish Hall and we still had 18 candidates for eight Senatorial seats and a referendum to deal with.

### Very efficient administration and food!...

On these occasions, St John is a spectacularly well run parish especially regarding food! Those of us not starting our duties until 10am were gutted to see that we could have foregone breakfast at home as there was a super spread including croissants temptingly displayed. Great for those parish officials such as Constable Phil Rondel and Parish Secretary Sue Rodrigues and team who had been there soon after 6am to make sure everything went smoothly.

Jobs as Adjoints are varied, some people man the doors, oversee the actual polling booths and ballot boxes or work in teams of two checking off parishioners' names on the voting register and giving them their all-important ballot papers – two in the case of St John, one white (Senatorial) one pink (referendum). Finding the correct name is often a challenge, mishearing, many Le ?s and worst of all not there!! Thank you to all those people who put their driving licence/passport in front of the Adjoint! Missing names require appeals to the secretary or Returning Officer in charge and a search of parish records and or people's memories as to whether they really did fill in that form?!

It was a long wet day for some people but we Adjoints were well looked after with cups of tea, lunch and much, much later sandwiches.

At 8.00pm the doors were finally closed and the real serious stuff begins – the count. Actually it does not begin right away as numbers on voting registers have to be totted up first and various sums done before the big moment of the Returning Officer

unsealing the ballot boxes and upending them on the table begins. We first had to ensure that no pink papers had ended up in the white box (three) but at least two known about and no white ones in the pink box (none). We counted the white (Senatorial) papers first into groups of 25. Working in pairs we each checked each other's piles. This then gave us the number of voters and fortunately this tallied with the number recorded on the voting registers. We could then begin to transcribe the votes on to the tally sheets, again working in pairs and double checking everything. These were then handed to the secretaries who were keeping a running total of the votes cast. The way the count is conducted leaves very little margin for error. There were at least 40 of us counting in St John, in pairs, and several overseeing. Amazingly very few spoilt papers i.e. people voting for more than eight candidates (three or four) at most. For those people who express the view that the voting or counting is corrupt – I must beg to differ.

The referendum was much quicker to count being either yes or no and soon the pink piles of 25 grew very quickly – already sorted into yes or no so the final result could be ascertained very easily.

### Results at last

Then the long wait for the result to be declared in St John – a computer glitch being the cause – seven minutes to midnight in the end when the Returning Officer, Jurat Olsen, gave the result. So a very long day for some who had been there since 6am and most from at least 10am. Special tribute should be paid to Constable Phil Rondel who kept everyone cheerful, Sue Rodrigues and her team for whom this was but the climax of months of work and Sue Baudains, Parish Caretaker who catered for us all at breakfast and supper and was on hand all day with cups of tea and coffee.

And, dear reader, again for the first time ever, we did it all again at the Town Hall in St Helier for a whole Island recount of the Senatorial vote, but that is another story!

*Rosie Bleasby*





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# A day in the life of... IAN AVERTY

## Background

Ian has been involved in tree surgery since the age of sixteen, and after leaving school he became an apprentice with the States of Jersey. As part of his training he attended Trinity Horticultural College, which involved day release for the next two years. This building, although not in operation today, was used to train school leavers and gardeners in all aspects of horticulture. Ian's training progressed to two days a week with the forestry gang of the States of Jersey. It was at this time he realised he did not want to do basic horticulture but the more exciting business of arboriculture, which involved tree climbing and using chain saws. As a consequence he applied to go to Merristwood Agricultural College in Guildford but the course was full, and so for the next year he stayed on at Howard Davis Farm working full time for the States. The following year he applied again and was accepted onto their three-year course. The first year of the course covered all the theory and practical aspects of tree care followed by a year of work experience. Ian chose to work in Hamburg, Germany, at a large landscaping company which specialised in trees. After finishing his third and final year at college, and passing his exams, he worked for a further year with a Tree Surgery Company in the suburban areas of Washington DC, USA. He returned to Jersey in October 1987, a month before the infamous 'hurricane', and set up his own business, Channel Island Tree Services, at Beechvale Farm in Sion.

## A Typical Day

Ian's day begins at 6.30am, and after getting the family out of bed, he is in the office by 7.00am dealing with emails, calls on the answer phone from the night before and paperwork. Every job undertaken requires a job sheet and risk assessment; this helps the Foreman with all the information needed for the specific job. This includes client details, job description, equipment needed and any site hazards.

Ian employs seven staff who are split into two gangs comprising a climber, a grounds man and



*Ian and Inca*

a labourer. At 7.15am his employees arrive to pick up the job sheets and equipment required for that day; but if the job is for a new customer Ian will go with the gang and walk around the area with them. If not needed on site he will go back to the office, check emails, make appointments for site visits and produce estimates before setting off to visit clients with appointments for that day. Ian is also involved with tree surveys for large estates, public parks and gardens which are required by law to be inspected on a regular basis to prevent accidents happening. A report has to be produced itemising the location and species of each tree, and the work needed to make them safe.

Providing there have been no problems during the day Ian's employees arrive back at Beechvale around 4.00pm to update him as to how the jobs went, and if there are any issues which need to be dealt with. After contacting clients to inform them to expect his workers the following day he will normally finish work around 5.00 or 6.00pm, unless of course he has to visit or call clients who are not available during working hours...

*Mary Rouillé*






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& Happy New Year

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## Our Village Butcher – André Vitel

"This time last year I never would have thought I'd be running my own business," André Vitel exclaimed during our interview. In December 2013 he happened to call at St John's Post Office when he saw that the butcher's shop was to let – and that was the beginning of this new chapter in André's life. He is now looking forward to his first Christmas as Village Butcher.

André's paternal grandfather came from Normandy to settle in Jersey; his sons, Raymond and Bernard, were born here and were children during the Occupation. These brothers were known as the 'Hill Street Terrors' because they stole from the Germans – André still has some German wire-cutters in a leather pouch which was one of their spoils – along with bayonets! André's mother was a Londoner who came here on holiday and returned to marry Raymond....a familiar story.

The Vitels' family home was at Clos des Sables, 'a handy place to live' for a surfing enthusiast and André attended La Moye and Les Quennevais schools. In the 80s he had a Saturday job at Prime Cut in Quennevais Parade and on leaving school he was apprenticed to S. R. Lidster in the Central Market. From there he moved to the Co-op where, in the days before pre-packed imports, all the meat was butchered on the premises and André learned how to carve whole carcasses. Today he still butchers whole lambs and pigs. Since the BSE scare, however, the entire spine is removed from beef carcasses before delivery to the butcher.

### Career change and back again

In 1997 André fancied a career change and moved to Jersey Telecoms. As a network cabling designer he planned large areas of the fibre-optic network which is currently being laid.

In 2013 he returned to his old trade at the Village Butcher in Gorey and whilst working there André made that fateful visit to St John's Post Office. On first moving in he noticed that the sun shone on the counter, so he drew a floor plan and a couple of friends came to help him move everything around to the position we see today.

### His own boss

André makes his own sausages and carves the carcasses on the block behind the counter so that cus-



Sam and André at work

tomers can see that the products are not pre-packed. He is encouraged by the positive comments he receives – mine complimented the crunchy crackling on the tasty pork we had eaten the previous weekend.

Becoming his own boss has been a steep learning curve, for in addition to practising his trade, and ordering supplies, André does the accounts, Social Security and Income Tax returns as well as being the cleaner! The expense of setting up is the downside of the new venture, but that is all part of building up the business. He now employs Sam Coutanche.

There are many positives – meeting interesting people is one that he mentions. Whilst I was there several customers enjoyed a chat. The daily delivery of Genuine Jersey pork pies and Scotch eggs was brought in by John Hackett of Brooklands Farm, who introduced himself to me as 'the piggy farmer from St Brelade'. Nina Blake delivered tomatoes and beans from Three Oaks Vineries, and Charlene, who does artwork for the shop, dropped by. These encounters (frequently mentioning the surfing conditions at St Ouen) showed the truth of André's comment that he often talks too much and gets behind with the work!

André, married with two children, works more than 60 hours a week, arriving each morning before 7am. The shop is open between 8.30am and 5.30pm from Tuesday to Saturday. (See his advert on the previous page for Christmas opening times.) And where is he in his spare time? Probably 'Gone Surfing!'

Angela Le Sueur



## Athena gets in the festive spirit...

Step out of the cold into the blissful surroundings of one of St John's newest additions to this perfect little parish we call home.

Athena Hair and Beauty is enthused and at hand to help customers both old and new make their Christmas style everything they hope for. As the festive season creeps upon us in what seems like the blink of an eye, the team is excited to showcase the services available in this blossoming salon.

Stephanie, Mellissa, Breedra, Luiza, Alex and Lisa make up the vibrant team that enables Athena to offer such a wide range of services. All of this from a salon that may well be tucked away in the beautiful parish of St John but more than makes up for its quaintness in expertise and experience.

Away from the madness that is pre-Christmas St Helier, the Athena team is ready with hairdressers specialising in colouring, cutting, styling, special occasion hair and much more. Without the worries of finding a parking space and trudging through crowds of festive shoppers, getting that salon fresh feeling has never been more stress free. With little touches like calming lavender hot towel treatments adding to the relaxing environment in a salon that is growing into a gem of a find.



*The team at Athena*

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You only need to visit the Athena Facebook page to see the daily updates showcasing the creative flair they have for nails. Mellissa and Stephanie are both qualified in Gelish nails and can create anything from that perfect simple winter tone to themed patterns and nail art to suit any occasion.

In order to offer customers the most extensive range of services Athena has teamed up with Karma Holistic Therapies to bring you a beautiful array of treatments, reiki, aromatherapy, reflexology, massage and facials. Karma is the perfect pairing for the salon with their 'health is wealth' philosophy that is perfectly in keeping with Athena's ethos to 'reveal your inner goddess'.

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## Welcome back to Jim Carr at St John's Pharmacy



*Jim Carr and Lynn, one of his assistants*

The pharmacy in St John's village has now reopened with a familiar face behind the dispensary bench. Jim Carr who previously worked as pharmacy manager at the same premises for nearly twenty years has now taken on the lease of the pharmacy at Temple Court. The pharmacy is now back in independent hands, owned and run by a resident of St John, and trading as 'St John's Pharmacy' as it used to be many years ago.

Lynn and Jane, two members of staff who between them have many years of experience at the pharmacy, have both stayed on too, so it is very much business as usual and patients can be guaranteed a warm welcome, helpful service and the efficient dispensing of prescriptions. The good luck cards on display in the pharmacy are testament as to how pleased the locals are to have their long standing pharmacist back and Jim and staff have been overwhelmed by the support they have received since opening.

During the period just prior to taking over the business, Jim worked at a number of pharmacies around the island and was pleased to discover the loyalty shown by

parishioners towards their local pharmacy. Many doctors' surgeries now have pharmacies on the premises and it is only too easy for patients to walk straight into these pharmacies to have their prescriptions dispensed. What a lot of people don't realise however is that it is the small dispensing fee that each prescription attracts that helps keep the smaller independent pharmacies profitable and that if more people were to use these surgery pharmacies it would inevitably result in the closure of the few remaining village pharmacies. Other pharmacy companies are trying to arrange a prescription collection and delivery service which also threatens the smaller independent businesses who just don't have the manpower to compete. It also cuts down on contact between pharmacist and patient which is where Jim believes the service falls down. To him a village pharmacy shouldn't just be about commercial interests but should be a hub in the community, like the church and the pub, where people can feel free just to enter for a chat with a friendly face.

This year the pharmacy will open for an hour on Christmas Day, between 10 and 11am, for the first time in decades. In previous years all the pharmacies on the island have been closed on this one day of the year but unfortunately people still may need to call out a doctor or purchase some over the counter emergency medication and St John's Pharmacy will be open to assist. Please feel free just to pop in for a mince pie and a chunk of Wensleydale (Yorkshire style) on the way to or from the church or the pub!

*Jim Carr was speaking to Andy Thewlis*



*Open for business*





## St John's Village Improvement Project

### ...A Walkable Village

St John's Village has existed in some shape or form for the last 1,000 years, growing slowly but steadily to provide a focal point for the people living within the Parish boundaries. Today, we have a vibrant village with a Parish Church, Parish Hall, two local inns with restaurants, and a shopping precinct with a selection of shops, doctors/dentists surgery and a post office. It now supports approximately 2,900 parish residents. However, as a consequence of this growth, there has been a noticeable increase in the levels of both footfall and traffic in the village and on its main roads. A traffic survey showed 7,400 vehicle movements per day near the Parish Hall; so walking around the village can be challenging.

However help is at hand! The States of Jersey have recognised the need to manage through flows of traffic in the country villages and have instigated improvement projects to tackle the issues. St Mary's Village has in the last two years undergone periods of consultation, together with planning, and work will start this winter to develop its village.

St John is bidding for funding alongside other Parishes to deal with village layout challenges. A Board has been formed, consisting of the Connétable, members of the Roads Committee with representation from the Municipality and the Committee Rurale, supported by a Technical Team.

An initial consultation process, including talking to organisations and businesses began with flyers being delivered to all households in the village boundary, inviting people to drop in to meet representatives of the Technical Team and Board on the 12th June. Feedback was received from 63 Questionnaires completed at the drop-in or handed in shortly afterwards. The main concerns were speed and size of vehicles, safer pedestrian routes; including foot-path access to Marks and Spencer, and adequate crossing points within the village.

#### What next?

The Board have met again and some ideas are developing. However, with the change of administration, the new Connétable will take over the committee in November and will be briefed on the findings, thoughts and ideas so far. The next stage is likely to be consultation with the business stakeholders in the village and for a broader community consultation, to discuss the various options and ideas early in 2015. These may include better crossing points, improved walking routes and character improvements of the public realm.

Parishioners will be kept up to date either through further Parish Assemblies or in the next L'Étaile Du Nord.

*Nick Lane*



Following six successful Harbour Festivals the planning committee have decided, due to the NatWest Island Games being held in Jersey next June, that we shall take a break in 2015.

The Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival will return in 2016 at which time consideration will be given to it becoming a bi-annual event.

In the meantime the Planning Group of Neil Cotillard (chairman), Andy Thewlis (secretary) Yvonne Le Cornu, (Treasurer) and committee members Linda Carter, Viv Day, Phil Graham, Michel Larose and Jayne Luce offer our sincere thanks to the many Parish organisations and individuals who have given their time in recent years to make the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival the fantastic community family event that it has become.

*Andy Thewlis*

*Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival Secretary*

## EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE – *let us know if you would like assistance in the event of bad weather*

The St John Emergency Planning Committee would like to know if you wish your details to be held on file in the event of an emergency. Two years ago when we had significant snowfall the Committee were concerned that they did not know whose welfare should be checked on if they were cut off or in difficulty. Whilst no severe weather is forecast at the moment you may choose to let the Parish Hall know if you would wish to be contacted, if there was such an emergency. This applies to community emergencies only and your details should be sent to the Parish Hall for the attention of the Emergency Planning Officer indicating that you allow this information to be shared with emergency volunteers.







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## Starting School

# First Days at St John's School

The start of school for children in the Reception class is always a very exciting time. That first photograph in their school uniform which soon collate with others and fill up people's timelines along with proud comments from parents, families and friends. Seeing our friends from Nursery again is also very exciting as even at that age, solid friendships are formed. Those first few weeks aren't of course without their anxieties. Lining up in the playground with the 'big children' and coming in on our own, a new classroom environment, new adult faces, playtimes and whole school assemblies all make for large changes in a child's daily routine. Luckily we are aware of this and do all we can to prepare the children for this new and exciting journey in their lives. Transition starts in Nursery and children spend time visiting their new classroom environment and the adults they will soon be spending their days with. Despite all of these changes, Reception is still the Foundation Stage and it doesn't take too long for the children to realise that actually, their day is very sim-



ilar to how it was before. Any changes to the daily routine are slowly drip-fed over the course of the year which in turn acts as transition for Year 1.

Our topics this term have been planned to allow for an easy transition. Reception this half-term are learning all about Meerkats, whom they have discovered are a lot like us! They live together as a family, look out for each other and play together. We went to visit them at Durrell and have even adopted Kate the Meerkat! Our motto at St John's School is 'Thinking, Learning, Caring'. We apply this to everything we do. Before we visited Durrell we had to think of questions that we were going to ask our Meerkat expert. We then learnt lots of new Meerkat facts whilst we were there and are now caring for Meerkats by adopting one. We had the idea of raising some money for Durrell too. Perhaps when we go back we'll see Kate?

*James Matthews*

*Foundation Stage/KS1 Co-ordinator*

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# News from the Pews

As individuals and as a church family the New Year offers an invitation for Christian people to reflect upon life. To look back at the past, identifying and giving thanks to God for the good times; to acknowledge his comforting presence and constancy in the challenging times and to look to the future with renewed hope and commitment.

At the end of September we celebrated Harvest by inviting friends to join us for the traditional Harvest Festival Service and afterwards to stay awhile and enjoy beautiful homemade cakes, all donated by members of the church family.



Mary Berry and Paul Hollingwood, The Great British Bake Off judges, would not have been disappointed in either their texture or taste.

It was a joyful occasion, so look out for your invitation, in 2015, to join us for worship and some amazing refreshments.

Looking as a church family to 2015, we remain committed to offering worship that is both welcoming and accessible. As individuals have varying preferences in terms of worship style we shall continue to offer, as our general pattern, three Sunday morning services.



**8.00am** – A quiet spoken service of Holy Communion, following the Book of Common Prayer.

**9.30am** – A tradition service of Holy Communion with familiar hymns.

**11.00am** – A relaxed contemporary service, for all ages, with songs and images on the big screen.

Looking towards 2015 we're again planning special services focusing upon different aspects of life, including in the next few months the following:

**Christingle**, 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, with a congregation of hundreds ranging in age from babes in arms to grandparents, many of whom are with us every year and for which the service provides a few moments to remember what the season is all about.

**Pulpit exchange**. On Sunday 18th January, as a local expression for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Andy will be preaching at the URC, whilst Revd Phil Osborn, newly appointed minister at the URC, visits the Parish Church to preach at the 9.30am and 11am services.

**Celebration of Marriage**, 11.00am on Sunday 15th February. If you were you married at the Parish Church then do join us to renew your marriage vows and see how you compare in your knowledge of each other to the participants in our very own St John's Mr & Mrs Competition.

As you yourself look back upon 2014 what are your strongest memories? Has it been a year of new experiences, journeys to new places, the beginning of a new phase in your life? That is certainly true for me and I offer the people of St John my heartfelt thanks for your warm congratulations upon my engagement to Sarah-Jane and for your prayers and good wishes as we journey towards marriage in May.



## *A service for everyone*

*8.00am – Book of Common Prayer Communion*

*9.30am – Holy Communion with Traditional Hymns*

*11.00am – Contemporary Worship*





# ST JOHN'S RECREATION CENTRE

*Andy Jéhan writes about the latest news*

Exciting times lie ahead for the St John's Recreation Centre and its three oldest user groups, St John's Football Club, St John Youth Project and St John's Shooting Club. This is due to over £300,000 in funding being secured that will enable the final phases of the building works to be completed.

To date there has been £850,000 invested into the Centre during the refurbishment process. Work started three years ago and if you haven't visited the Centre for a long time, you really should go and have a look. The bulk of the money has been spent on infrastructure with modern toilets and showers. A new extension has been built for the Youth Club and the Shooting Club now has facilities for disabled users as well as a new armoury and extended storage space. The creation of a caretaker's flat early in the development has paid dividends. This is because we now have someone living on the premises and security has been dramatically improved.

The creation of additional car parking space has proved its worth with the usage of the Centre continuing to increase.

Feedback from a parish survey included requests for Yoga classes to be run at the Centre. As a result we created a studio that is being used by a number of people who are providing various yoga classes including Bikram Yoga. There are also classes for mums, youngsters and toddlers. This area is also available for hire and has been used for some fitness training as well as some dance groups.

## Acknowledgements

The work completed to date could not have been done without the continued support of Lady Butlin and her family. They have supported the Centre for many years and their generosity was a real enabler for the major refurbishment works. In addition, we are also indebted to those Parishioners who have supported the Centre with funding and a number of organisations who have also assisted our work.

We are pleased to have had the help of our new Deputy Tracey Vallois, as well as the backing of both Senator Philip Ozouf and Deputy Eddie Noel to secure the funding from the States.

## Youth Project

The States of Jersey have agreed to fund the extension for the Youth Project. Part of this agreement has seen a twenty-five-year licence agreement signed between the Centre and the States of Jersey to provide space and facilities for the youngsters of the parish.

The extension will double the floor space available and also provide a dedicated area for the youth of the parish. The front of the building will mainly be



*New extension*

glazed and this will provide much needed natural lighting into to what was previously a fairly dark area. Once this work is complete the Youth Project will be able to make full use of the infrastructure that is already in place including the kitchen area that has been designed for teaching home life skills and an office for the Youth Worker that will also double up as a counselling room.

The work that is going to be carried out in this area will also benefit the Shooting Club who use the facility. When these two groups aren't using the area it is hoped it will be used to host meetings and functions, in what will be a bright and modern space, that has its own entrance, a large kitchen and its own toilet facilities.

## Football Club

Following several years of discussion with the Football Foundation and the Jersey Football Association we have been able to secure the much needed funding to redevelop the football changing rooms.

The design of the changing rooms – including provision for Officials – meets the latest Football Association design standards. The changing area will be much larger than the previous rooms and a dedicated storage space has been provided for the Football Club.

## Island Games

The Centre is due to host both football and shooting during next year's Island Games and work is scheduled to be completed well in time for us to see both events return to St John (both events being held in St John during the 1997 Island Games).

## The Future

In conclusion, the team at the Centre would like to encourage Parishioners to use the Centre and its facilities. We are interested in speaking to individuals and groups about what else we could do. In summary, the Centre is open and continuing to serve our community and we want you and your families to benefit from these facilities.







The Youth Project has been feeling a little neglected recently, particularly as the building work at the Recreation Centre for the Youth Project area is incomplete and we recently lost the Northern Parishes' Senior Youth Worker, Nicky Brown to the Prince's Trust. Finally, we have some good news: Bill Moore has been appointed as our new dedicated Youth Worker for St John.



Bill Moore

### Here is a brief introduction from Bill:

"I've worked for the Youth Service for seven years. Starting out as a volunteer then a sessional worker, I have worked at La Motte Street youth club and have extensive experience as part of the Street Based Youth work team in St Helier. I am currently half way through my Youth Work Degree and before moving to St John I was an Assistant Youth Worker running Oak Tree Gardens Youth Club.

I believe that the power of new experiences, especially outdoor activities, provides a vital piece of learning for young people. I hope that working in partnership with other members of the Parish of St John we can build some brilliant youth work opportunities. I would like to see the Youth Project become part of the fabric of the St John's community.

We are always on the lookout for new members and will extend our opening times in the New Year. Look out for flyers and check the Jersey Youth Service Facebook page for updates."

The Youth Project has had fantastic support from two support workers who have been the stalwarts for the limited service we have been able to provide: Tina Le Jehan and Kerry Fisher have continued to attend through thick and thin and at a recent meeting, the Advisory Committee said a huge thank you to these two fantastic ladies.

### Volunteers needed

With the increase of services planned in the New Year we will be looking for new volunteers to join the team either as youth workers or as a member of the advisory committee.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for St John's Youth Project or would like more information please call Bill Moore on 07797819958 or email. billmoore@youthservice.yc.je

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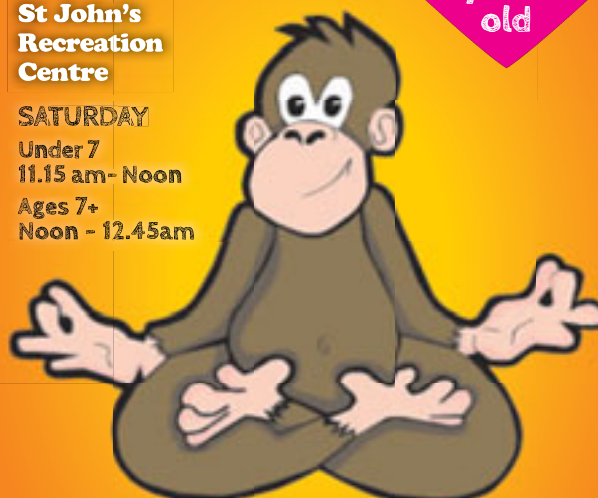
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## THE ISLAND PEACE CROSS

**Remembrance** time in November is always poignant, especially this year as we commemorate 100 years since the First World War.

The Parish churches gather together around the cross of the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and we pray for all service men and women who have given their lives for their country in the many conflicts since then.

Less noticed is another cross in our parish, not far from the Island Centre Stone in Sion, in the grounds of the **United Reformed Church**. Established for over 30 years, this **Cross for Peace** sits in the Peace Garden next to the main road. Easily accessible, all are welcome to stop by as they walk or drive up the road. Stand or sit awhile before the **Cross**, read the inscription and pray the prayer there. Perhaps even add a stone to the cairn as you pray for peace in the world.



To all who read this article please accept it as your personal invitation to visit and add your prayer.

Christians Together in Jersey are now Guardians of the **Island Peace Cross** and undertake its annual rededication on behalf of all Islanders.

*Rev. Philip Osborn  
United Reformed Church*

## THE JERSEY HAEMOPHILIA GROUP

The Group was founded on 1st March 1973 by the late John and Beryl Picot to provide support to local sufferers and their families, education about the condition and its effect, and to raise funds for research. The Group is registered in the Royal Court of Jersey with the Earl of Jersey as its Patron. We raise our funds by donations, the sale of stamps, sponsored activities and a monthly '100 Club' supported by friends and family of sufferers in Jersey. We are a fairly small Group with a Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and five committee members.

Haemophilia is an inherited blood disorder affecting the ability of the blood to clot. This in turn leads to problems of joint mobility and other health problems. Most people will also be aware that contaminated haemophilia blood products were a serious public health problem in the late 1970s through to 1985. These products caused large numbers of haemophiliacs to become infected with HIV and hepatitis C.

In addition to providing financial and general support to local sufferers and their families, the Group has over the years donated specialist equipment to the General Hospital and supported the Katherine Dormandy Trust for research into Haemophilia and allied blood disorders, at the Royal Free Hospital in London. We have more recently supported a haemophilia research project into gene therapy which is very exciting as this could provide a potential cure.

Over the last few years the Group has supported a home treatment project in Jersey. The aim of the

project was to assist the transition of local youngsters to self-sufficient home treatment. The Group provided funding for an artificial arm for practice injections and the cost of additional Jersey nursing hours required to devote to the youngsters during treatment transition. All the youngsters moved to home treatment and greater independence.

The Group has also provided funding to assist with any travel or accommodation costs of visiting specialists not met by the local authorities when blood disorder clinics were being held in Jersey for adults. Unfortunately these clinics are no longer held in Jersey and if local sufferers require specialist medical treatment, they have to visit Haemophilia Centres in the UK and the Group can provide financial support in this respect if required.

The Group hold an annual sponsored walk and as a change from the normal format the last three walks have been accompanied by a blue badge guide making them interesting, informative and fun.

For further information, or for any sufferers or family members who are not members of the Group and who would like to become members, please contact Sandra Hingston, Honorary Secretary, on 721205 or email [norwood@localdial.com](mailto:norwood@localdial.com).

We are always grateful for donations which can be made through our website [www.jhg.org.je](http://www.jhg.org.je) or by cheque payable to The Jersey Haemophilia Group at 41 Dorset Street, St Helier, JE2 3YH. Our general contact number is 07829 781212.







25th St John's Brownies and their leaders have been very busy since the start of the Autumn term and they would like to share their latest news.

Seven Girls joined the Brownie pack in September, four of them have already made their Promise at a 'Spookie Party' and the remaining three girls will be making their Promise in November.

In October we invited St Mary's Beavers for an evening of fun and games. It was great to see how the two organisations gelled with each other and the Beavers have invited us back in the Spring time. The evening ended with drinks and snacks followed by forming a giant friendship circle before saying goodbye.



All the Brownies and Leaders are going to Durrell hostel for a sleepover in November. The girls will be participating in workshops and taking part in the Scavenger Hunt in the Durrell Wildlife Park. This will contribute to their 'Friends to Animals' badge.



Brownie Leader, Donna Tupper, who has been with the Unit for 15 years, was awarded the Compass Award from Girlguiding South West England in September. Donna was given this award for 'showing dedication locally in her week to week meetings with her unit and also within the community and local Guiding'.



Donna was given this award along with two other leaders: Jackie Fromage and Michele Peace, they are the first leaders from Jersey to receive this award.

The 25th St John Brownie Pack, also have two newly qualified Unit Leaders they are Louise Read and Wendy Collins. Both leaders will be presented with their badges and certificates at Durrell in November.



If your daughter or you would like to know more about joining or helping please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested)

*Wendy Collins, Brownie Leader*

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## St John's Parish Shoot 2014



*Perfect conditions*

Sunday 6th September began as a beautiful late summer's day, sunny and hot, at around 23°C with a light S/SE wind force 2 to 3.

St John's Full-bore Rifle Club, one of the Parish's oldest clubs hosted its annual Open Rifle Shoot for people born in the parish and those currently living here. Of course being the friendly parish that we are, we welcome friends and family of members who are living/born in other parishes. Thirteen residents and five guests attended the day and shot under competition rules, with allowances being made for less experienced shots.



*Competitors in action*

The order of the day was for all competitors to fire two sighting shots and seven shots to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards. A score of 35 with seven V Bulls (dead central bulls) at the three ranges with a total of 105, with 21 V Bulls was on offer for eight trophies. Each trophy was for a different range or class of shot.

After the 300-yard shoot, David Mills and Neil Cotillard scored 35, 5 and 2 V Bulls respectively. There were some other good shoots at that range,

Steven Morin scoring 34.2 and Hayden Lister scoring 30.0, a good shoot for someone not used to 7.62 mm shooting. A tie shoot ensued between David and Neil for the 300-yard cup, which David won handsomely.

The competition moved to 500 yards and shooting standards improved. Chris Cotilliard, Mick Cotilliard and Peter Quimby had excellent 34.4, 34.3 and 34.1 respectively. Chris Cotilliard won the 500-yard cup after a tie shoot. There were other creditable shoots as well, Neil Cotilliard's 33.1, Karen Cotilliard's 32.2 and Helier Lucas scoring a very good 30.0 as a guest.

600 yards was next at around 4.15pm, when the heat mirage was moving around considerably, causing some of the less experienced shooters to struggle. However, David Mills, 35.6 and Chris Cotilliard, 35.5 had no such problems, nor did Peter Quimby or Steven Morin with 34.4 and 33.2. Of the lesser shooters, John Lane had his top score ever at a full-bore range with 31.2. David Mills won the 600-yard shoot.

The other trophies were won as follows:

Grand Aggregate ..... **Chris Cotilliard** ..... 103.14

Junior Trophy ..... **Miss Caitlan Mills** ..... 84.3

Cotilliard Trophy For the Highest scoring  
non Jersey Rifle Association Member  
..... **Peter Quimby** ..... 99.11

Veterans' Trophy ..... **J. M. Renouf** ..... 85.6

Ladies Trophy ..... **Mrs K. Cotilliard** ..... 89.4

During the evening, a dinner for 15 guests was held at Les Fontaines Tavern, and a great night and meal were had by all. The Constable of St John presented the trophies to the various winners before everyone headed home at around 10.00pm; late enough after a long day on the range!



*Relaxing in Les Fontaines Tavern*







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Monday, Tuesday and Friday  
9.00am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
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#### December 2014

Monday 22nd December	–	Normal
Tuesday 23rd December	–	Normal
Monday 29th December	–	Normal
Tuesday 30th December	–	Normal

#### January 2015

Monday 5th January	–	Normal
Tuesday 6th January	–	Normal

Thereafter as normal

**All refuse out before 6.00am please**

### Parish of St John Glass and Recycling Collections 2014/2015

#### Thurs – Fri

December 2014 .....	4th – 5th
January 2015 .....	2nd – 3rd (Fri/Sat)
February 2015.....	5th – 6th
March 2015 .....	5th – 6th
April 2015.....	2nd – 3rd
May 2015 .....	7th – 8th
June 2015 .....	4th – 5th
July 2015 .....	2nd – 3rd
August 2015 .....	6th – 7th
September 2015.....	3rd – 4th
October 2015.....	1st – 2nd
November 2015.....	5th – 6th
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#### THESE ARE BIRDS PICTURED ON PAGE 5

**1: Marsh Harrier** This magnificent raptor is now a fairly common sight flying low over fields and heathland across the whole parish.

**2: Redwing** Arrives with the winter. In really cold weather can be seen in flocks in fields with cattle. Redwing are related to the larger Song Thrushes.

**3: Hedge Sparrow or Dunnock** Very common garden bird, often seen scavenging on the ground below bird trays.

**4: Jay** Once the leaves fall from the trees this large, noisy bird is frequently seen and heard in woods and tall hedges.

**5: Great Tit** One of the commonest birds in winter on nut feeders and bird trays from which they obtain much of their food.

**6: Moorhen** Most substantial areas of water will have their Moorhens which will probably have bred there in the summer.

**7: Goldfinch** Breeds mostly on heathland and areas of gorse and shrub, but comes to gardens in winter for food.

**8: Blackcap** A common breeding bird which now stays in considerable numbers throughout the winter, often feeding in gardens. This one is a female and has a brown cap.







# PARISH DIARY – December to April 2015

## DECEMBER

Wed 3rd	1.15pm	The Wiggly Worm. Reception/KS1 Christmas production in school
Thurs 4th	1.15pm	The Wiggly Worm. Reception/KS1 Christmas production in school
Fri 5th	Afternoon	St John's School Nursery Christmas Production, in the Parish Church
Tues 9th	7.30pm	WI Christmas Party in the Parish Hall, with Park Life Choir.
Wed 10th	1.15pm	Robin Hood. KS2 Production in school
Wed 10th	7.00pm	Robin Hood. KS2 Production in school
Thurs 11th	1.15pm	Robin Hood. KS2 Production in school
Thurs 11th	7.00pm	Robin Hood. KS2 Production in school
Sun 14th	6.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service at the Parish Church, organised by the St John's Group of Churches
Mon 15th		Christmas Parties at St John's School
Tues 16th		Last day of term
Wed 17th	12.30pm	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner at The Farmhouse
Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Harmony Men Christmas Concert, in the Parish Church
Sun 21st	10.30am	Service of Lessons and Carols at the URC
Wed 24th	5.30pm	Christingle at the Parish Church
Wed 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at the Parish Church
Thurs 25th	8.00am	Christmas Day Communion at the Parish Church
Thurs 25th	10.00am	Family Service at the URC
Thurs 25th	10.30am	All-age Christmas Day Celebration at the Parish Church
Sun 28th	10.30am	Morning Worship at the URC
Sun 28th	11.00am	New Year Celebration at the Parish Church

## JANUARY

Mon 5th		Back to school
Sun 11th	9.30am	Plough Sunday Service in the Parish Church
Tues 13th	7.30pm	WI Reiki Demonstration in the Parish Hall
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 28th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

## FEBRUARY

Tues 10th	7.30pm	WI talk on Denman College in the Parish Hall
Fri 13th		Last day of half-term

Sun 15th	11.00am	Celebration of Marriage at the Parish Church
Wed 18th	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at the Parish Church
Sat 21st	12 – 2pm	Lent lunch in the Parish Hall
Mon 23rd		Back to school
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall
Sat 28th	12 – 2pm	Lent lunch at the URC

## MARCH

Sat 7th	12 – 2pm	Lent lunch in the Parish Hall
Sun 8th	11.00am	Celebration of Education Service with School at the Parish Church
Tues 10th	7.30pm	WI Holidays for Heroes talk in the Parish Hall
Sat 14th	12 – 2pm	Lent lunch at the URC
Sun 15th	10.30am	All-age Mothering Sunday Celebration
Sat 21st	12 – 2pm	Lent lunch in the Parish Hall
Fri 27th	9.30am	School Easter Service in the Parish Church
Sat 28th	12 – 2pm	Lent lunch at the URC
Wed 25th	12.00pm	Golden Age Club lunch outing. Meet at the Parish Hall
Fri 27th		Last day of term
Tues 31st	7.30pm	Muriel's Easter Bingo in the Parish Hall

## APRIL

Fri 3rd	10.30am	Good Friday Worship at the Parish Church
Sun 5th		Easter Day
Tues 14th	7.30pm	WI Crème Fashion Show in the Parish Hall
Tues 14th		Back to school
Sun 19th	11.00am	Celebration of Baptism Service at the Parish Church
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall
Wed 29th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall

## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN ST JOHN

### THE PARISH CHURCH Every Sunday

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

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Sundays at 10.30am	Family Worship Holy Communion, monthly, as advertised
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Telephone 864690



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## STARTERS

Homemade soup of the day  
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cheese with balsamic glaze

Classic Coquilles St. Jacques  
cheese sauce & duchese potato

Fillet of pork marinated in honey  
& mustard - with apple sauce

## MAIN COURSES

Traditional Roast Turkey with sausage-meat  
& chestnut & sage stuffing with the trimmings

Fillet of Sea Bass with Tapanade crust with our  
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Fillet of Pork stuffed with woodland mushrooms  
smoked bacon with chive sauce & sauté potatoes

Chestnut fennel and sweet potato crumble  
served with fresh salad

## DESSERTS

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with brandy sauce

Profiteroles with a  
warm chocolate sauce

Mango, lime and coconut  
pannacotta with berry compote

Selection of Jersey ice-cream

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