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#### Battle of Jersey, re-enactment in the Royal Square

- read St John's pupils account of their preparation, performance and school exhibition...



#### Battle of Jersey: Drama at St John's School

In September 2014, a lady named Michelle Smith from Love Theatre came to St John's School, to teach years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) about the great Battle of Jersey. Michelle directed us in re-enacting scenes from the Great Battle. Some of us had sheets to read



Major Peirson commands his soldiers to "fire!"

The triumphant British soldiers

out to explain what was happening in each scene. We were put into groups and given sections to act out to the class. We did this in the school hall.

We each had different roles to play, such as French and Jersey soldiers although the main parts were Major Peirson and Baron De Rullecourt. Everyone enjoyed playing the roles they were given. We all found it really fun to do.

It made us feel like we were in a real life battle! We learned about how the French forces tried to invade our beautiful island of Jersey. We also learned how to do different facial expressions and change our voices to sound like who we were acting.

We will remember the fun of doing it, the acting, how the French invaded Jersey and many more things. Michelle Smith was a great drama teacher. She helped us with our acting and reading skills. We enjoyed it mostly because it was great fun working in groups and sharing ideas.

By Mia Richard and Grace Mason Year 5

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#### Battle of Jersey: Re-enactment at the Royal Square

St John's School re-enacted the historic Battle of Jersey at the Royal Square on the 29th of September 2014. It was a wonderful occasion for St John's School.

Year 3 and Year 4 were the French: they went in coaches to La Roque to re-enact the French troops arriving at the bay. Both classes were really excited and ready for battle!

Year 5 and Year 6 travelled in minibuses to meet at Gallows Hill, Westmount. They were the British soldiers, led by Major Peirson, who was played by Harry Waters in Year 6. The French arrived at the Market Place (now known as The Royal Square). Baron De Rullecourt, the leader of the French, played by James Worboys, told his men to put up their defences ready for battle.



**Above**: British soldiers fall to the ground while more fight on

**Below:** Baron De Rullecourt and Major Peirson fight to the death



The British Soldiers and the Jersey Militia walk from Gallows Hill (Westmount) through People's Park ready for battle.

The British soldiers (Years 5 and 6) marched down to the Royal Square. Everybody was excited. The people walking by held their breath as the first shots took place! The battle had started! Baron De Rullecourt captured Moses Corbet (played by Grace Fairhead) and threatened to kill him! A bullet came from the crowd and shot Baron De Rullecourt in the shoulder. Sadly, Major Peirson died after a gun shot hit him. The British had won, and till this day everybody remembers Major Peirson.









**Left:** Baron De Rullecourt (James Worboys) captures Moses Corbet (Grace Fairhead)

Right: Major Peirson (Harry Waters) is fatally wounded



**Above:** Baron De Rullecourt (James Worboys) is fatally wounded

**Below:** Pompey (Storm Dickson) is interviewed by the press



If you watched the ITV Channel Island News, the crew were filming every moment. It was an amazing feeling to be on TV.

By Liam Cosgrove and Ben McNaney Age 9, Year 5

#### St John's School: Jersey Exhibition!

As a result of re-enacting the Battle of Jersey at the Royal Square, St John's School decided to host an exhibition about Jersey in the school, on the 17th October 2014.

KS2 did a topic on the Battle of Jersey, so all the classes in KS2 made at least one thing about the Battle of Jersey. Year 3 drew a picture of a French soldier and then described their French soldier. They also wrote a diary entry of a French soldier. Henry Alderson said, "I liked learning about the Battle of Jersey because it was really interesting. I liked learning about how the French invaded. That was my favourite bit. I learnt that when you write a diary you have to use the first person." Year 4 wrote a report on the Battle of Jersey from the view point of a French soldier. They also made Les Minguiers, Les Écréhous and harbour posters. Mia Zomparelli said, "I enjoyed making my Minquiers poster because we got to research some interesting facts about the Minquiers and I learnt how some of the harbours changed."

Year 5 wrote a Battle of Jersey newspaper article. They also made St Aubin's Fort posters from their visit to St Aubin's Fort (a week before the Exhibition). They did some drama with Michelle Smith and the teachers took pictures. Year 5 then wrote captions for the pictures. Amelia O'Flaherty said, "I really enjoyed working with my friends and learning about the Battle of Jersey." Mia Murphy said, "I really enjoyed writing our newspapers because we got to pretend we were newspaper reporters and I also liked working together to make our St Aubin's Fort poster."

Year 6 wrote a diary of a Jersey person in the Battle of Jersey. They also wrote a Neolithic report on La Hougue Bie. Pearl Taylor said, "I liked visiting La Hougue Bie and taking notes." Harry Waters said, "In the Exhibition I learnt how to write a report with four different stages. The first stage was note taking and to write our notes we went to La Hougue Bie. The second stage was making a spider gram. When making our spider gram we had to take our notes and plan them into paragraphs. The third stage was to make a draft copy which the Head Teacher, Mrs De La Haye, marked. The fourth and final stage was our neat copy. I enjoyed showing Mrs De La Haye's mum and dad around the school. It took two hours to show them the Exhibition!"

When the day of the Exhibition finally arrived, everyone came into school excited. Everything was on display waiting for visitors to look at. As the afternoon came, the children were rushing about getting loose pieces of work done that needed to be finished. When late afternoon arrived, the children's parents came to their child's classroom to take them to look around the school with them. In the hall there were tea, cakes and a video of KS2's re-enactment at the Royal Square (Market Place in 1781).

By Mia Murphy and Amelia O'Flaherty, Year 5







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#### Dear Parishioners...



Chris Taylor, Connétable

It's a little late to wish everyone a Happy New Year, but I believe that to have a happy New Year very much depends on what you put in to the year ahead.

In the Parish we have a busy agenda for 2015. The Recreation Centre is now full steam ahead to finish the building works by the middle of May. We are lucky to have such a wonderful facility right on our doorstep. I am proud that our Centre is to be used for

both Pistol Shooting and Ladies Football during the Island Games in late June. My congratulations go to all involved with the Centre.

#### 70th Anniversary of Liberation Day – Old Time Music evening

May 9th is of course the 70th Anniversary of Liberation Day. We here in St John's are going to do something a little different. Something special. We are going to have an Old Time Music evening in the Parish Hall on Friday 8th May. A team of volunteers are working on a Program for the evening and I will publish it as soon as possible. However, if there is anyone in the Parish who has musical or entertainment skills and is willing to make a fool of themselves I would love to hear from them.

On the 19th August the Parish will be entertaining the Royal Court with a Visite Royale. This is an ancient tradition with modern practical advantages. Originally the Court visited Parishes, two Parishes a year, and each Parish every six years. This was to check the Parish accounts, check the state of the roads and any Parish property. Nowadays the Court will tour the Parish and check the roads for any concerns the Parish may have with large overhanging trees or obstructions which the Parish has been unable to resolve with the owners.

With spring in the air, I notice some keen gardeners digging over their allotments behind the village. The Parish is most fortunate to have a dedicated Committee to organise and run the Allotment Association. If anyone wishes to grow their own fresh vegetables, or fresh flowers, then please pick up an application form from the Parish Hall.

#### **Honorary Police required**

I am still looking for Parishioners who would like to join the Honorary Police. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the Parish as well as having a good time. So to finish as I started I wish everyone good health and, above all, enjoy yourself.

Chris Taylor, Connétable

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#### AN ATHLETE WITH SKILL, ART AND ELEGANCE

A young sporting Jersey representative competing at international meetings, Charlotte Pollard tells her story to Roger Long

The feats of gymnasts at high levels of competition can inspire in spectators feelings of awe at what they put their bodies through, and the risks they seem to take – surely they are from a different planet! However, Charlotte Pollard revealed herself to be a charmingly ordinary sixteen-year-old when talking about life in the very demanding sport of Artistic Gymnastics, but her fine achievements show that she is far from ordinary.

Charlotte thinks she was about five when first inspired by girls doing simple 'gymnastics', and quite soon joined the Regent Gymnastics club. She joined

a new club when she came with her coach, Tory de Mond, who left to start her own, the De Mond Gymnastics Academy, based in the hall at Les Frères Chapel, here in



Charlotte Pollard

St John. Tory has been her main coach since then and Charlotte is full of praise for her skill and helpful influence in her sporting career. In addition Charlotte, and a few of an elite group, have benefited from regular intense coaching sessions



In Glasgow with Tory De Mond

with John Pirrie, one of the top UK coaches, who also works with the GB squad, and visits Jersey frequently.

#### **Island and Commonwealth Games**

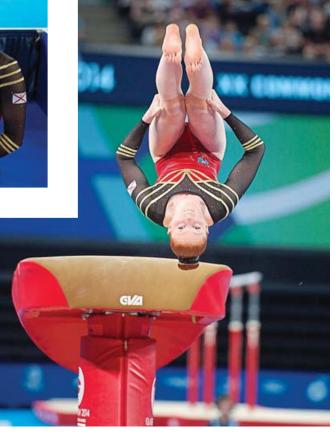
Success was not long in coming, despite a problem with a knee in 2012 which needed surgery and an extended lay-off – she was out of any sport for eight months – and won a place in the Island Games, which were held in Bermuda in July 2013. Charlotte won silver and bronze medals there and one can't help wondering if, but for the injury setback, there might have been a gold.

Selection for a Commonwealth Games team is a wonderful achievement which Charlotte won in 2014 for the Games in Glasgow. She recalls the thrill and excitement of the spectacular ceremonies as well as the 'nerve-wracking' – as she put it – challenge of competing at that high level in front of thousands of spectators. She was the only gymnast from the Channel Islands qualified to be invited. Of the sixty-five competitors in her class she surprised herself by finishing a creditable thirty-fifth. As Charlotte pointed out, the Commonwealth games demand a very high standard and, but for the absence of the Russians and Americans, the games were almost world championships.

#### County and UK Southern Region championships

Apart from those two highlights Charlotte travels to England to compete in county and the UK Southern

Region championships, with considerable success, as this display of trophies shows. In addition to having definitely affected her performances at the



Charlotte in action







An abundance of trophies

games, her knee injury halted the advance of aspects of her technique and artistic development. Although female gymnasts peak at a remarkably early age, usually between 16 and 18, and anyone over 20 can be considered a veteran! So, at a very youthful 16 years of age Charlotte is reluctantly having to withdraw from competitive gymnastics sooner than she expected, but is taking up coaching in order to keep in contact with all her many friends in the sport. She greatly enjoys coaching and looks forward to joining the ranks of her friend and mentor Tory de Mond.

#### School work must go on!

Despite spending from 16 to 18 hours a week practising for months in advance of important competitions Charlotte was determined to maintain her academic schoolwork, at the College for Girls where she is in year 11, fairly confidently preparing for the approaching A-levels. She was reluctant to forecast the direction of a career in the future, other than thinking it would be towards the scientific side rather than the humanities and, somewhat ruefully it seemed, wonders if having two dentists for parents might be influential on her decision!

Gymnastics was not her only sport. At St Mary's school, and at College Prep before going to J.C.G., she played netball and football in competitive School matches. Perhaps surprisingly she did not take up, and is not at all keen on swimming, which is where her twin sister, Olivia, is making waves, and is promising to take her sister's place in representing Jersey in sporting competition and – who knows – perhaps in the headlines too.

A talented pair of which the island can be proud.

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#### Record breaking, mountain climbing, St John resident Oisin Devitt



Twelve-year-old St John lad Oisin Devitt is no regular schoolboy given the number of records he has broken for conquering some of the world's monstrous mountains. Oisin broke another record on 24th October, 2014 – this time for the speed he got to the top of one in the Himalayas. He next climbed 6,200 metres to the top of Island Peak on the flanks of Everest in just four and a half days, something very few adults have managed to achieve.

Himalayan Glacier organized the overall trip which was spearheaded by Chhewang Sherpa, one of the finest climbing leaders from Himalayan Glacier. Oisin was accompanied by his father and an acquaintance during the expedition.

The Himalayan hike was the highest he'd ever attempted and the conditions were a lot tougher for Oisin and his climbing buddy and dad Fergus. They had trained on the Island's cliff paths weighed down with heavy bags but nothing could prepare them for the 20-hour non-stop climb they had to do to avoid some cyclonic winds heading their way or the near vertical ice face they had to tackle to reach the summit.

#### Youngest Briton to climb Kilimanjaro

Two years ago he became the youngest Brit (then aged 10) to climb Kilimanjaro via the most treacherous trekking route and then scaled Mount Elbrus – making him the youngest European to stand on the top of

two continents. Oisin said this trip was a good head start for the more technical mountaineering he plans to do in the future. In the next couple of years he wants to tackle another of the Seven Summits – Argentina's Aconcagua and that will be no mean feat. At 6,980 metres it's the highest mountain in South America, and he also hopes to scale Ama Dablam in the Himalayan range of eastern Nepal with a main peak that is almost as high and only for competent climbers.

Oisin is also a member of the Jersey Rugby Club and regularly plays in the under-13s team.

Himalayan Glacier website and Richard Dupré



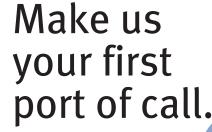


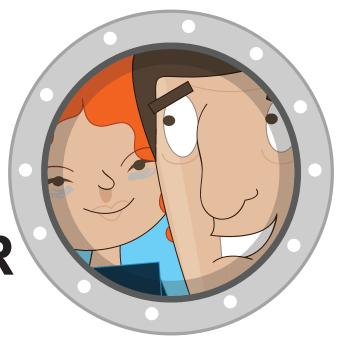
Main picture: Oisin and his Dad

Above: At the summit



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#### My Madagascar volunteering experience



Sam and friends

My name is Sam Coutanche and I have recently been on an Azafardy charity volunteering scheme to Madagascar. Azafardy is a charity that works with rural communities in Madagascar to address their health and educational needs. The majority of people who live in Madagascar live on less than \$1.25 a day. Azafardy is a well-known charity that is based in the south-east of Madagascar. One of the aims of the charity is to improve living conditions and educate the locals to have a clean and safe environment. Azafardy have many different projects that run from five up to ten weeks. The programmes involve building and construction, educating the local people/children, wildlife and conservation.

I came across Azafardy through a friend who had signed up for the programme some months before me. I was previously going on a trip to Ghana through Jersey Overseas Aid but I was taken off that programme because I was unable to attend all the planning meetings as I was working as a chef at the time. I then lost heart for applying again. A few months later I was going through a tough stage in my life and really felt I needed to get away. It was at

this time that my mate Dylan Hughes suggested to me that I should join him on this programme/trip. Fortunately, because I had been on another Overseas Aid trip only 18 months earlier my injections were all up to date. So, I applied and with the help of my parents assisting in getting references at such short notice I was accepted. This was on the Monday and the trip was leaving on the Wednesday. My parents were in shock!

#### Wanting to make a difference

I knew this programme would be good for me as I wanted to make a difference to other people's lives and help out wherever I could with my friend. I had to leave on very short notice, only three days of planning, then flying off. I arrived in Madagascar to do the pioneer programme which was ten weeks long. I thought I had made the wrong decision in the beginning but as the first day went by I met so many fantastic people, a mix of all ages with new stories and experiences who were also doing the ten-week programme; then I realised I had made a good choice.

#### Basic accommodation and hard work

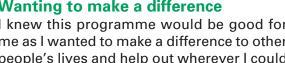
Our living accommodation was sleeping in tents for the whole ten week period. The food was very basic at times, as basic as just rice and beans every day, but we were given fresh fruit and water that had been chlorinated so it would be safe to drink. For the first bit of work we had to build 40 flat-pack pop-up latrines/toilets that we had constructed in their community which took us about a week to make. As the weeks went by we travelled to several different communities. Our main project was building a school block with two big class rooms. There were no big machines to help us out and we had very basic tools to work with. It was very hard at times, with the rising temperatures and most of it done by hand, but looking back on what we had achieved in the eight weeks of building the school was such a great feeling. We also had to do a conservation and wildlife project for two weeks taking down data on endangered animals and planning world environment day; a big celebration - keeping people aware of saving our wildlife and the environment for further generations.



Above: Building a school block Left: Sam with pupils

It wasn't all hard work though; we did get some spare time here and there to explore the towns and have a shop around. There were so many fantastic sites and outstanding beaches that we could enjoy with our spare time and taking the local transport is an experience that I will never forget.

Sam Coutanche











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## ELIZABETH JOWETT: My Father and The RoMo Image Collection

My husband and I moved from St Brelade to live 'up north' in St John in September 2009 and have really enjoyed being here.

I was born in Vichy France, during the war, where both my parents were active in the Resistance. They were both arrested by the Gestapo and imprisoned. My mother, who was pregnant at the time, was eventually released to give birth to me. At the end of the war we moved to an apartment in Paris. My mother died in 1979. My father continued to live in the apartment until, at the age of 92, he went into a care home and died there, in 2010, aged 95.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, working with his father, an engineer, they invented and developed a two-lens camera that operated on the principle of the human eyes. It captured double images that could be reproduced for viewing, both as stills or movies, in a unique three-dimensional format.

He was also working in the central government and accompanied General Charles De Gaulle to San Francisco for the establishment of the United Nations. He had many contacts in the French government immediately post-war and was able to secure support for the camera. There was considerable interest, within the French government, to explore the camera's potential. As a result he was invited to work with various government departments. This took him to the Health Ministry and recording openheart surgery and the possibilities of remote location surgery. For the Ministry of Art and Culture he recorded the interior of the Élysée Palace and many works in the Louvre as well as prehistoric cave paintings at Lascaux and elsewhere. For the Ministry of Sport he took stop-motion images of athletes to allow analysis of their performances.

The camera was a great success and was exhibited at the Exposition Universelle de Bruxelles in 1948 where it earned the Medaille de Bronze in the Concours de Presentations Individuelle.

Although, through his work with the government and various commercial projects, he amassed a huge collection of double image photographs he had no regard for, or interest, in them other than as a means to an end. Working with *Paris Match* magazine, on a series of articles on 'Improve Your Golf with Arnold Palmer', led to an approach from Kodak Corporation to acquire the camera. This was followed by another offer, this time from *France-Soir* to use the photographs in the collection, under licence as a resource for the newspaper. He rejected all these opportunities. Nothing would persuade him, to part with the camera or do anything with the photographs.





Robert Mouzillat demonstrating the 3D image viewer to President Vincent Auriol of France

He became something of a recluse, surrounded by his library of books and art and obsessed with the camera development. Until he became physically unable to do so, he devoted the whole of his time and effort to developing and improving the camera. This included working with France Telecom at their centre in Rennes, on the development of threedimensional television.

In 1957 he was invited by Pablo Picasso to spend Easter with him at his home and studio in Cannes. That produced another 350 photographs, recording Picasso's work and life, to add to the collection.

As my father got older he relied more and more on me to help him with his various projects.

However, despite all my attempts, I failed to persuade him to let me set up and run an image library based on the collection. He was a difficult personality and continued to concentrate on developing the camera ignoring any potential there might be in the





photographs which were stored in a disorganised way in the Paris apartment

On my father's death I continued working on the collection of something over 50,000 double images. It covers a huge range of subjects. In addition to those already mentioned there are 1950s townscapes and landscapes from all over Europe (e.g. Rennes city centre before the fire, that destroyed so many mediaeval timber houses) puppetry, Japanese costumes and musicians, female nudes (for which my father had to

obtain a French police licence) flowers, insects, animals and many more. A selection can be seen on our website www.romoimages.com. There are five pages and you have to click on each of the images on the collection page to get the full size image.

Having worked on the collection with my father for the previous 30 years, I was fully familiar with it. I knew something had to be done. I decided to organise the collection by creating a full archive and catalogue of the contents. In this endeavour I have been fortunate to have had the invaluable help of Catherine Kirby (www.catherinethearchivist.com) a



Romo cards and viewers on sale in Lourdes, 1960s

resident archivist. I have also had enormous help and advice on the technical side from Robbie Andrews of The Observatory in St Helier www.beobserved.com. I really do not know how I would have managed without their continued support, knowledge and expertise.

I have had further enthusiastic help and support from Dr Brian May. In addition to being an astrophysicist, musician and composer, Brian is enormously interested in threedimensional imagery. He resurrected the defunct Victorian London

Stereoscopic Society and publishes a regular newsletter. Brian was so enthusiastic that he personally prepared, for us, a number of the images for a 3D exhibition we held, last year, at the Holburne Museum in Bath featuring a few of the Picasso photographs.

We now have Catherine's complete catalogue of the entire collection, plus some further digitised images that Robbie and Brian have prepared for viewing on 3D television. It has been a long hard road to get this far but I can now look forward to the future exploitation and publicity of the collection.

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Ricky Leith has been in Jersey since 1979, arriving from Aberdeenshire, where he grew up on the family dairy farm. At 18 years of age, and during a particularly cold winter he decided he wanted to live somewhere warmer, and answered an advert in the Farmers Weekly for a job in sunny Jersey. His connection with St John began in 1987 when he came to work for Michel Larose. Michel retired eight years later, with Ricky taking over the business, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Ricky's dairy farm in St John consists of a herd of over 200 milking cows, and another 160 young heifers. The farm consists of 450 vergées of land which is used for both grazing and growing crops for winter feed. Farm buildings consist of the milking parlour, feed stores, and accommodation for all of the animals. A good team is essential for the smooth operation of the farm and Ricky has a staff of three, including Marcin, who has been with him for over six years and knows the running of the farm inside out.

#### A typical day

A typical day on the farm starts with a 5.30am alarm call. The cows are up and ready for their first milking at 6am, and as they are such creatures of habit, by the time Ricky or Marcin arrives they are already heading in the direction of the milking parlour. The milking routine takes approximately 3½ hours, this includes milking, feeding the cows and baby calves, washing the equipment and cleaning the yards. The milking has to be completed, and the milk cooled to 3 degrees in time for collection by Jersey Dairy, at around 10am.

The yard work is much more labour intensive in the wet winter months when the cows are indoors. Like all of us, the cows look forward to spring weather when they can spend time outside. The first time they venture out after the long winter months, even the old girls gallop around, with a spring in their step!



Ricky with some of his herd

Once the milking routine is completed, it's time for a good breakfast, and then on to the daily jobs, some of which are listed below to give you an idea of the many tasks which may be required depending on the time of the year:

- Driving around fields to check fencing is secure and the cows are in good health and have sufficient water (interestingly, a freshly calved cow requires at least 75 litres of water per day!).
- Moving cows to fresh pasture as required.
- Monitoring pregnant cows, and also cows coming into season.
- Planting of winter feed crops, and harvesting.
- Repairs and maintenance of tractors and machinery.
- Routine vet visits.

Occasionally cows have the urge to break free and go wandering; it can be just one mischievous cow that nudges the wire, and causes chaos. Where one cow goes, they all go! This can be day or night, and Ricky is always appreciative of the Honorary Police or members of the public who alert him before they have gone too far.





#### Farming paperwork

A key aspect of running the farm is the mountain of paperwork required. farms are audited annually; this is to cover farm inspection, cattle movement, medicine usage/storage, cattle welfare and a myriad of other legislative requirements. This means, daily recording of all events. In addition to Ricky's administration, a farm secretary visits each month to make sure that all the accounting administration is up to date. All of the cattle in Jersey are pedigree, and every cow can be traced back to the beginning of the Herd book, which was established

over 200 years ago. Part of the requirements of being pedigreed is that accurate records of milk yields must be maintained. Once a month the RJA & HS visit every farm and record the amount of milk each individual cow gives and also takes a small milk sample from each cow which is analysed for butterfat, protein and somatic cell count, which measures the health of the udder.



After the day's chores, it's back to the milking routine at 3pm, and providing there are no hitches, the day should finish at around 6pm. Either Ricky or Marcin carry out an evening inspection of the milking cows at 10pm and hopefully if all is well it's lights out for the cows and time for bed, not forgetting to set the alarm clock!

Jayne Luce







L'ÊTAILE DU NORD

#### **MY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

I went on this extraordinary trip of a lifetime with my grandad to Rome.

My aunt, cousin and her fiancé also came on that magical journey. My grandad was invited on a trip to Rome due to his hard work, religious dedication, musical career and his participation in many pilgrimages.



My grandad, my aunt and me in the Coliseum





**Left:** A view of Rome from the top of the basilica of St Peter. **Right:** Inside the basilica of St Peter (the biggest in the world)

It was my very first time in Rome and it is a memory I will never forget. I enjoyed visiting all the different types of churches and basilicas; it was a time that I treasured. We visited the four main basilicas: St Peter, St Paul, St Mary Major and St John Lateran. I learnt the life story of the people who became saints, it was very interesting! Each day we visited different places. We visited chapels like the Sistine chapel. We also had lovely food and each day there was a different restaurant to try. I have always liked Italian food.

A program was set for us each day and I was privileged to learn a lot of things. My grandad told me that the three steps in a church mean Faith, Hope and Charity. The first step is for Faith, the second for Hope and the last for Charity. I visited St Peter's basilica, there are 320 steps to the top from where you can view the whole of Rome. You can even see the Stadio Olimpico, Italy's rugby and football stadium, as well as the exact location of the pope's flat!

#### **Seeing the Pope**

I saw the pope on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It was a magical event for everyone to see, the lovely chants that sounded beautiful, the atmosphere and the riches of St Peter's basilica. On the night of the 31st of December I saw the pope get into his car, it was as if the whole of Italy were there that night. The Vatican City was packed, no one could really move.

The next day was New Year's Day and it was the day of the big service with the pope. There was great security there. You had personal invitation cards that only privileged people like my grandpa could get. These personal cards could not be sold; they were only on offer to those who had been invited. Everything was moving, everyone was waiting impatiently. Then we heard the organ starting to play then, all of a sudden, St Peter lights up, once more in a world of magic. I could hear the carols starting to be sung. The service started with a procession led by the Swiss guards. Pictures were taken all over the place. It was truly surreal. There appears the pope, flashes of cameras coming from everywhere, the pope is here! The pope looked so majestic when he passed in front of me in the procession followed by the cardinals all in red; it was as if it were a miracle. You did not have to be Christian to feel this way! He started talking in Italian, speaking of those who know their christening dates and that it is important to the entry of church. He was also talking about the importance of the Virgin Mary and chants were sung about her.



The pope during the procession







After the service everyone suddenly rushed outside, I soon realized why. On New Year's Day, the pope gives a speech to the world. He also recited Angelus from the bedroom flat of Pontifico. This speech about the world was this time about peace. He translated some bits into English saying that peace leads to everyone being equal. (The pope did not want to live in the riches of accommodation; he

wanted to live in a normal flat, like anyone else). When he had finished, he was applauded wildly, some people had tears in their eyes. The pope had given his message. I was impressed that he could speak so many languages.

This journey for me was a memory of a lifetime. I would definitely do it again.

Tanguy Billet-Masters (aged 13)



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## Sign up to Action on Stroke Month and Make May Purple for stroke

Someone in the UK has a stroke every three and a half minutes. Last year in Jersey there were around 125 strokes on the Island. Stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer and 1.5 times the number of men as prostate and testicular cancer combined. The Stroke Association is calling on everyone across the Island to sign up and get involved in Action on Stroke Month, which happens in May.

A stroke is a brain attack, which happens when the blood supply to the brain is cut off, caused by a clot or bleeding in the brain. A stroke can happen in an instant but the effects can last a lifetime.

Six years ago, at the age of 29, Nicole had a stroke. An artery in her neck dissected which stopped the blood supply to her brain for a period of time. It

happened completely out of the blue. Initially she lost the ability to swallow, walk and speak clearly. Over time, with a lot of hard work these skills improved.

Six years after there are still some lasting effects. Nicole's nerves are damaged down the left lower side of her body which leaves no feeling down that side. She also experiences an incredible amount of pain in her left leg. Despite this Nicole now

Stroke Stroke

2015 will see communities come together to help the Stroke Association conquer stroke. From baking purple cupcakes to painting your toenails purple and everything in between, the charity is calling on everyone across Jersey to join in the fun and go Purple for Stroke. Several build-

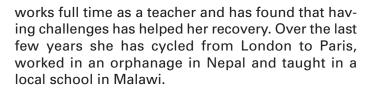
ings across the Island will be joining in by lighting up purple for the whole month.

These are a few of the fundraising and stroke prevention events happening across the Island in and around May, including:

- 18th April 'Sip for Stroke' at St Helier Town Hall
   there will also be an awareness stand and a chance to get your blood pressure checked
- 16th May awareness stand on Kings Street outside Boots (in town)
- 27th May there will be a cake sale in aid of Action on Stroke Month in the foyer of Jersey General Hospital

If you want to join in the fun and help raise awareness of stroke you can sign up to receive our monthly Action on Stroke Month newsletter. We can send you posters, stickers, order forms and Make May Purple, the charity's brand new magazine packed full of ideas on getting involved.

To find out more, please visit www.stroke.org.uk /strokemonth.



#### Make May Purple for Stroke

This May the Stroke Association is raising awareness of strokes and stroke prevention. The charity organises Action on Stroke Month every year and this year they are calling on everyone to Make May Purple for stroke.





#### A personal view on life in the parish and island by newcomers Timothy and Sophie Ridgway...

My wife Sophie and I moved to the island in April 2014. On reflection it was a good time of year to start our new life - the days were lengthening, the sun was already shining, and we were spared the damp and blustery conditions which seem to prevail throughout the winter. My work for a new fund management business had brought about the move over from London. Following the submission of our business plan, which included details of our intention to work with Jersey companies and to employ local staff, the authorities granted a licence to set up an office in Jersey. The island's business-friendly environment was a major 'pull factor', but, as a couple in our early 30s, Sophie and I were also attracted by the Jersey lifestyle and the chance to experience the countryside and beaches after several years of hectic city living.

We aimed to live in one of the more rural parishes and found a rental property in St John – for Jersey newcomers, the parish's central location seemed like a perfect starting point. Our living room overlooks our landlord's beautiful garden and, when I look out to the red squirrels, rabbits, pheasant and woodpeckers, the grimy urban landscape feels a long way away!

**Outdoor life** 

We have thrown ourselves into various outdoor activities offered by the island. Sophie took a plot on the new community allotment field and has really enjoyed a summer of growing vegetables and flowers alongside fellow parishioners (with my help as the watering and weeding slave!). We have spent time on most of the island's

beaches, tried out various water-sports, and have already consumed large



quantities of oysters and crabs at some of the fantastic restaurants. I have embraced the sporting and outdoor culture via running events, cycling rides, and watching JRFC rugby games, and have taken on a small volunteering role with the DofE Award scheme. In moving to Jersey, Sophie has taken a break from her career as a comedy TV producer, and has had the opportunity to undertake some creative-writing projects during the peaceful moments.

One aspect to Jersey life has really impressed us: the polite and respectful attitude of people to their fellow islanders. For example, when taking the bus, it's refreshing to see all the passengers thank the driver at the end of their journey. We have come across some eccentric customs and characters, but we have found people overwhelmingly friendly and welcoming, and have acquired some great new friends. As migrant workers, our stay on the island will be largely determined by the fortunes of the business, but we already feel privileged to have lived here and are looking forward to our second summer. Mèrcie bein des fais!

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#### **News from the Pews**

'A lovely welcoming church,' is one recent comment in the church's visitors' book. Words which affirm for us, as a local Parish Church, that we seek to offer a warm welcome to those who join us for Sunday morning worship which continues to be diverse in its range. Our three Sunday morning services remain distinct and different in their worship styles, but each offering opportunities for individuals to be encouraged and uplifted in their spiritual journeys. The church building is open each day of the week, for individuals to visit to appreciate the beauty of a place of Christian worship and spend moments in quiet reflection and personal prayer. Others comments also express gratitude: - 'beautiful and calming'; 'peace and hope are found in the quietness of this place'; 'very homely;' and 'a lovely church and lovely

The children's play area is a real asset in the centre of our parish and is truly enjoyed by so many, each and every week.

This summer we would very much like to expand on the welcome we are able to offer by the introduction of additional benches around the church build-

ing and a number of round picnic tables to be positioned in the grassy area in the south-east corner of the church grounds. The hope is that like those at the Town Church these seats would become well used, offering a place to sit and enjoy a chat with friends, a picnic with family, or seating to rest weary legs on a cycle, or walk, around the lanes.



Perfect spot for a picnic

Please contact Andy, on 861677, if you would like to support this project and donate one of these new benches in memory of a loved one. Looking ahead towards the summer we're again planning special services focussing upon different aspects of life, to which we invite you, including in the next few months the following;-

The Cantabile Ensemble, on Sunday 26th April, at 6.30pm will be leading Choral Evensong, with guest preacher Rev Martin Dryden and organist and conductor Graham Caldbeck. The service will include several choir pieces along with congregational hymns. A collection will be taken towards the cost of works required for the internal refurbishment of the church.

**Sea Sunday at Bonne Nuit**, On Sunday 21st June, at 10.30am, we gather to celebrate all things associated with the sea, with a special service held in beautiful surrounding and culminating in the blessing of boats in the harbour.

Pets Service, Join Lily the Labrador cross for a service to be held in the grounds of the parish church at 11.00am on Sunday 12th July in celebration of the place our pets play as members of our families. The hope is that together we will be able to com-



Lily

plete the full alphabet of pets, either by species or name. So do come along if you have an Afghan hound called Xandra; a budgerigar known as Yanis; a cat named Zac or accompanied by whatever much loved pet is yours. The service ends with cakes for the humans and Dreamies for the cats.

**Pulpit exchange**, On Sunday 19th July, in recognition of our friendship as members of the St John's group of churches, Andy will be preaching at the URC, whilst a preacher from URC, visits the Parish Church to preach at the 9.30am and 11am services.



#### A service for everyone

8.00am – Book of Common Prayer Communion 9.30am – Holy Communion with Traditional Hymns 11.00am – Contemporary Worship





#### WASH AND BRUSH-UP FOR A LAVOIR

Roger Long reports with pleasure on the refurbishment of one of the many granite constructions that embellish the Island



**Left:** The lavoir last summer

The stream marks the boundary between St John and St Lawrence at that point, so looking after it could well be a joint parish obligation or, as with many of Jersey's dozens of lavoirs it could be the property and responsibility of a private landowner. In this instance, I understand that the owner of the adjoining land has been unable to discover whether or not it is his.

However, Alan Langlois, whose property, just in St John, on the south side of the road bordering the stream needed to improve its flow so, with the agreement of his neighbour on the other side of the road and stream, he nobly got down to it, cleared it, and rebuilt the broken wall restoring it to its former state. The photo shows that it is now a very presentable lavoir – and boundary marker – for which I am sure we are pleased to express our thanks Mr Langlois.

Travellers using Rue des Servais between Sion and Mont Cochon might have noticed for some time the parlous state of the granite lavoir on its north side, spanning the stream at the bottom of the shallow valley. It had been partly blocked by leaves and mud from the field above and, more importantly, part of the wall had collapsed or been damaged somehow.





#### WE NEED YOU....

With the building work well on its way, the St John's Youth Project Advisory Committee are working towards fundraising to kit out our dedicated area in the new building. We have an exciting wish list put together by the Young People of the Parish alongside Bill, our new Youth Worker, and we are highly confident that the new building will be being put to good use as soon as possible.

I'm pleased to thank the existing Members of the Committee as it has been a long slog to get to where we are now but with a brand new building we are hoping to recruit new faces to join us. It is not a very time-consuming role, we have only around six meetings a year that last around an hour and a half and being a friendly bunch, there are always a few laughs along the way. If you feel that you could contribute to the committee in whatever capacity, we'd love to hear from you. Also in connection with the above we would like to give advance notice of our Annual General Meeting which will be held in St John's Parish Hall on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.30pm.

#### **Come and meet Bill Moore**

Please feel free to come along to meet Bill and find out our visions for the future of the Club whether or not you are interested in joining the committee – a warm welcome is assured.

We are also looking for someone in the Parish who would happily volunteer to audit our accounts once a year – again this is not a time consuming job, maybe an hour once a year, but is particularly



Bill Moore

necessary as we launch our fundraising frenzy to get the club equipped and the young people of the Parish catered for.

If anyone would like an informal chat with regards any of the above, please contact Louise Minier on 860840 / email: louiseminier@hotmail.com.

Louise Minier

## St John football team gain promotion to the Premiership

With three games remaining St John have secured promotion from the Championship to the Premiership with their 4-3 victory over Sporting Accies (7th March). St John are five points clear of their nearest rivals, Jersey Portuguese and therefore the Championship trophy is theirs to win.

Since joining the club 18 months ago, Joe Bryne the manager has built a strong squad, who this season have played with a high level of consistency. The last time they lost a league match was December 2013. Further still they have not lost a match, in all competitions in the 2014–15 season.

St John remain in three competitions, the first the League, next the Le Riche Cup where they are scheduled to play St Pauls in the semi-final Tuesday 17th March. Both clubs have not lost this season, with St Pauls and St John top of the Premiership and Championship respectively, however St John are not adverse to Premiership opposition having beaten St Peter and Rozel Rovers en route to the semi-final. St John will also play First Tower United in the Semi-final of the Touzel Cup on Saturday 14th March.

#### **Changing Room Refurbishment**

The changing rooms at the football club are currently under refurbishment and therefore no matches are currently being play at the Recreation Centre. The Football Club were able to secure a substantial grant from the Football Foundation, working closely with Angus Spencer-Nairn and Andy Jehan of the Centre Management Committee. The refurbishment will be complete in time for the Island Games.

#### **Island Games Volunteers**

St John's football pitch has been chosen as one of the venues for the Island Games football competition. There will a minimum of three matches played at St John in the first week of the games for each match, entry is free and it would be great to see lots of spectators at the games. The Football club are looking for volunteers to perform similar tasks to a Gamesmaker. We require between six to eight for each match to organise, help and marshal the spectators. Tim Mitchell will be co-ordinating this activity and therefore if you are interested in volunteering for any of the matches please contact Mitchell@delronmail.com or Nigel Perrée at ncperree@gmail.com.









Excitement is rising among young people and youth workers in St John as we get closer to the completion of the new Youth Club building at the recreation centre. Hopefully we will be in and running sessions from sometime in June, we will be sure to let everyone know when we're open for the first time!

Of course the club will be there but we needed some ideas about what equipment to put in it, so Bill visited Year 6 at St John school for a morning of 'visioning'. Thanks to all the children for their enthusiastic ideas and help with planning the way their new club will look. The photo represents some of the ideas for their 'ultimate youth club'. Big thanks to Helen Fairhead at St John school for getting the best out of her class!

The Body Zorbs came to visit recently which everyone enjoyed! Basically an inflatable ball around you, rendering you (nearly) invincible! The boys had





a great time bouncing off each other and the floor, although I'm not so sure Kerry did!

We have recently started the fishing season on Wet Wheels, a charity funded fishing and pleasure

boat. We will be hoping to use this much more through -out the summer, with any luck the fish may not be so shy next time!



We have two sessions running at

the moment until the building is finished, Monday nights at the Vestry in St John Church and the Mobile Youth project will be at the recreation ground car park on Tuesday evenings. Both nights run from 7.15 – 9.15 and are open to young people age 11–18.

We are currently fund raising for equipment in the new club, and need approximately £14,000 to make the space as welcoming, fun and safe for young people as we can. If anyone has any fund raising ideas or would like to consider volunteering for the youth project, please contact your St John Youth Worker Bill Moore on 07797 819958.

Bill Moore







## THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY OF ACTIVITY AT THE RECREATION CENTRE...

the building works are well underway, we have another new user group and some exciting news about the Island Games, writes Andy Jehan one of the Directors at St John Recreation Centre

#### **Building works update**

Since the December issue of the L'Êtaile du Nord good progress has been made on both the Youth Project extension and the football changing rooms. AC Mauger were appointed main contractors for the building works in December and they are on track to meet the completion target date of May 8th.

Those who have recently been to the Centre, as well as anyone driving past who has glanced across the field will have seen the new roof being erected on the Youth Project wing. Whilst this is very visible, the work on the Football changing rooms has also made good progress.

Once the roof is completed work will continue to ensure that the area is finished to the same standard as the previous works. The Contractors have tried to keep any disruption to users and visitors to a minimum and groups such as the Shooting Club have been very accommodating.

#### **Open Morning**

We will be holding a second Open Morning on Saturday 13th June between 10am and 1pm. The first of these events was very well supported, held when we finished the previous works, the second Open Morning will again give visitors an opportunity to see all the completed works and meet some of the people involved at the Centre. During the winter, we host some 24 different groups from archery to yoga. Less well known is the fact we host some 'minority' sports for groups who have model cars and model aircraft. We also have a group who do 'slack lining'a form of low level tight rope walking. Two sports that used to be played outdoor at the Centre are now both played only inside the main hall - tennis and cricket. During the summer the main hall is given over to the Jersey Gymnastics Club exclusively. So if you would like to see what has been done and what is happening at the Centre then please make a note of the date.

#### **New User Group**

We are delighted to welcome Les Frères Mother Toddler and Baby Group to the Centre. The group have recently had to move from their long term home at Les Frères chapel and we are delighted that they have chosen to carry on in the Parish. Initially the group, who meet on Friday mornings, have been using the main hall for their activities. Once the building works have been completed they will move



The progress of the new build at the Recreation Centre

into the Youth wing. Early feedback from their members has been positive with a steady increase in numbers and they are looking forward to May when they can use the new facility.

#### **Island Games**

The Centre will be very busy in the last week of June during the Natwest Island Games. The St John Shooting Club will be hosting air pistol events throughout the week in the range and it has now been confirmed that St John Football Club will be hosting five football matches at the Centre during the week.

Other games are scheduled for:

Sunday 28 June 12.30pm Ladies; Guernsey v Isle of Wight

Sunday 28 June 4.30 Men; Falkland Islands v Hitra

Tuesday 30 June 6.00pm Men; Alderney v Western Isles

Wednesday 1 July 1:00pm Ladies; Aland v Isle of Wight

Wednesday 1 July 5:00pm Ladies Gibraltar v Western Isles

I am not sure how many people would have predicted that such a prestigious fixture would be held at the Centre but it will be a fitting way to celebrate the completion of the building works. Let's hope, that Jersey win their group and get to play their semifinal fixture at the Recreation Centre!





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#### Inter-Parish Pétanque

Pétanque has become very popular in recent years and since the Parish League began many more people are now taking part. If you drive around the island you will see many of the parishes have constructed terrains for pétanque. We in St John, unfortunately, have not got a terrain as yet but nevertheless it has not stopped St John winning this year.

At a recent presentation lunch the St John's team were presented with the trophy. It's a game that can be played by people of all ages and we would like more people from the parish to take part. At the moment we play at The Farm House and would love more people to come along either to watch or join in. If anyone is interested please contact: Ron Le Herisier tel: 862010 or 07797 822229.



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APRIL					
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			
Sat 25th		Striking Competition at the Parish Church			
Sun 26th	6.00pm	Choral Evensong, with the Cantabile Singers 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			
		MAY			
Mon 4th		Bank holiday – No school			
Fri 8th		St John's School Unites for Funds Annual Walk			
Sun 10th	10.30am	St John's Group of Churches Service for Liberation at the Parish Church			
Tues 14th	7.30pm	WI Resolutions Meeting in the Parish Hall			
Fri 22nd		Last day of half-term			
Tues 26th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall			
Wed 27th	2.00pm	Golden Age Club Afternoon Tea departs from the Parish Hall			
		JUNE			
Mon 1st		Back to school			
Tues 9th	7.30pm	WI Make-up demonstration in the Parish Hall			
Sat 13th	10 – 1pm	Recreation Centre Open Day			
Fri 19th	1.00pm	St John's School Sports Day			
Sun 21st	10.30am	St John's Group of Churches Sea Sunday Service at Bonne Nuit			
Wed 24th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall			
Sun 28th	9.30am	St John's Tide Communion with St John's W.I at the Parish Church			
Sun 28th	12.30pm	Island Games Ladies Football; Guernsey v Isle of Wight			
Sun 28th	4:30pm	Island Games Men's football; Falkland Islands v Hitra			
Tues 30th	6.00pm	Island Games Men's football; Alderney v Western Isles At the Recreation Centre			
Tues 30th					

		JULY			
Wed 1st	1.00pm	Island Games Ladies Football;			
		Aland v Isle of Wight			
Wed 1st	5.00pm	Island Games Ladies Football;			
		Gibraltar v Western Isles At the Recreation Centre			
Thurs 2nd	2.00pm	Visite de Branchage			
Sun 12th	11.00am	Pet's Service at the parish Church			
Tues 14th	tbc	WI Petanque and meal			
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Parish Rates Assembly			
Fri 17th		Last Day of Term			
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall			
Wed 29th	2.00pm	Golden Age Club Afternoon tea departs from the Parish Hall			
		AUGUST			
Sun 2nd	11.00am	Beach service at Bonne Nuit			
		organised by the Parish Church			
Wed 19th		Visite Royale			
Tues 25th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall			
Wed 26th	2.30pm	Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall			
		SEPTEMBER			
Thurs 3rd		Back to School			
Tues 8th	7.30pm	WI Crème Craft Evening in the Parish Hall			
Thurs 17th	2.00pm	Visite du Branchage			
Sun 27th	10.30am	Harvest Celebration at the Parish Church			
Tues 29th	7.30pm	Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall			
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8.00am	Holy Comr	munion			
9.30am	Holy Communion with traditional hymns				
11.00am		rary Worship – All-age Worship, ns or Communion.			
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Sundays at	10.30am	Family Worship			

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Holy Communion,
monthly, as advertised

St John's Youth Project				
Day	Time	Venue	Age Group	
Monday	19.15 – 21.00	The Vestry, St John Church	11 –18	
Tuesday	19.15 – 21.15	The Mobile Youth Project at the Skate Park	11 –18	





#### Steve Hewlett - our new Procureur

After 31 years working in various roles for the Parish of St John, in January, Steve Hewlett was elected to the post of Procureur. He joined the honorary system as a roads inspector in July 1983 for Vingtaine Douet, and in conjunction with this role he later joined the Honorary Police as a constable's officer, serving from 1989 until 1998.

In 2004 he was elected onto the roads committee, which was a step up from a roads inspector. This committee is in charge of the Parish roads; dealing with estimates of work to be carried out, liaising with the island wide traffic system, involvement in the

planning of new roads and paths, and supervising excavation and reinstatement work to ensure that the roads have been put back correctly. Steve said he had thoroughly enjoyed working with his colleagues on this job as it had given him more responsibility.



As Procureur he now has to look upon things from a different viewpoint, being jointly responsible with his fellow Procureur, Michel Larose and the Connétable for the funds, buildings and all property belonging to the Parish, and making sure that all money is being spent wisely.

#### Work and other interests

Before his retirement Steve had worked in landscaping, plant hire and haulage, staying with the same firm, R. G. Romeril, for 39 years. He started at the bottom and eventually worked his way up to becoming Managing Director. As he likes anything mechanical,

it is not surprising that his hobby is restoring classic vehicles. In the past many old cars and a lorry have passed through his hands, but he currently owns an MGB V8 and an Austin Healey 100M which he enjoys pleasure driving and races on hill climbs and sprints.

Mary Rouillé

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