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Dear Parishioners...

Edition 55 comes to us after a few months of high activity in the Parish – from the popular Parish clean up, to many parishioners adopting a lane to continue the litter picking, to the successful Visite Royale, to the celebration of being joint-winners of the Natural Jersey, Jersey in Bloom Best Parish Hall and a agenda packed Parish Assembly, where new members were elected to support the efficient running of the Parish.

I was kindly asked by the Constable to be a Voyeur for the Visite Royale, but unfortunately as I was away, I could not participate. The Visite is explained in this feature, including what went on, what it's all about and a number of lovely photos. I have to admit, this is a Jersey tradition I had no idea about and wasn't entirely sure where the Constable was going when he asked me to be a Voyeur – luckily an explanation of the role followed swiftly!

We hear from Parishioners Sam and Salima about the different businesses that they have recently set up, what inspired them and how they are going despite the difficulties of the last year. A few charities tell us about their work including JAYF's successful Open Gardens in the Parish, Jersey Hospice and their new Memory Tree and Pat Donne Davis regaling her long service with the League of Friends at the hospital – a story to show just how important the services of volunteers remains in Jersey. Some regular contributions to the magazine have gone on holiday such as our Agony Aunt who has spent the summer in Grouville with her sister. Hopefully she finds her way back to bring us upright advice in the next edition. Please do send in any

questions you have for her to ponder. If you have an honesty box and would like to feature it here, if you have a song or poem to help us celebrate the rich languages that are in our Parish or finally if anyone wants to add to the mystery of TITT watch, you are more than welcome to write in and let us all know.

However, Party HQ has held their ground and submitted some brilliant advice on a game about throwing sticks. I admit, I am one of the converted. Having spent a few good afternoons throwing sticks at Party HQ, I felt I should own some too. From now on, no social gathering will be complete without some sticks being lobbed at me.

As always, a massive thank you to those who contribute articles, who copy-edit - as I am definitely not good at that bit - and all those that make this Parish tick. Please keep sending in your stories, celebrations, discoveries and more.

Happy reading

Editor

Hilary Jeune



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Help keep your parish clean by 'Adopting a Lane'!

On Sunday 27th June, individuals, couples, families and dogs all came together to help clean up the green lanes of St John. The parish clean up event helped launch the 'Adopt a Lane' scheme whereby parishioners were given green lanes of their choice to look after. It was really amazing to see how many parishioners wanted to adopt a lane and I am pleased to say that a total of 22 lanes have been adopted, covering 11,394 imperial yards.

On the day of the parish clean up, if parishioners wanted to adopt a lane they were given a litter picker and gloves to keep at home to help continue with maintaining their green lanes.

I am really proud to be a part of St John's, the response that the scheme has received so far is truly inspiring. The buzz and energy of the parishioners on the day was heart-warming. Personally, I



was very surprised with the array of objects and rubbish being brought back to the Parish Hall, such as car hub caps, glass and plastic bottles, rope, crisp packets and endless coffee cups!

If you missed out on the opportunity to adopt a lane and would like to get involved, please feel free to pop me an email and I will happily allocate you a lane and a litter picker.

If the response was anything to go by, I think it would be a great idea to host a second clean up event in the Autumn,

potentially looking to make this a biannual event.

Last but not least, thank you all for getting involved to help make a real difference to our parish!

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Open garden at ST. JOHN'S MANOR

Silvia Temple - JAYF's Open Gardens Committee Chair



JAYF

Jersey Association for Youth and Friendship



After a recess in 2020 due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, our charity, JAYF, is delighted to have assembled a programme in 2021 of six fabulous gardens, as part of the OPEN GARDEN fundraising scheme, which started in June and will conclude on 12th September.

This year's highlight has been the St. John's Manor Open Garden on 1st August which saw an unprecedented number of visitors enjoy the beautiful grounds and take part in the various activities on offer, from delicious cream teas and the tombola to falconry and nature walks.

JAYF would like to express our immense gratitude to the current owners of St. John's Manor for their generosity in opening their garden to the public, to the attending visitors who showed patience and good humour queuing to gain



entrance, to St. John's Parish and School for their contributions, and finally to our wonderful Open Garden Committee members, their relatives, and friends who on the day did a fabulous job to make it all happen. Substantial funds were raised.

JAYF's mission is to provide safe, affordable, supervised furnished short- and medium-term accommodation to young adults between the ages of 18 - 25 who might otherwise be homeless in Jersey.

2021 is JAYF's 60th anniversary and to mark this milestone, we have launched a fundraising drive for £1m to fund the purchase of a much-needed and in-demand hostel.

Please visit our Facebook page, JAYF Gardens, for updates on fundraising activities.

Words from THE CONSTABLE

Since I last wrote, things haven't slowed down either for me or the Parish.

You can read elsewhere about the Visite Royale that was held recently and what a great success the event was. The highlight for me being how the Municipality came together to represent the Parish. I have to thank everyone involved and in particular the team at the Parish Hall, for all of their efforts to ensure that things ran so smoothly.

It has been good to be able to welcome two new members to the Honorary Police and to have two members re-elected. We continue to speak to potential new members and I would encourage anyone who is considering joining, to contact either myself or the Chef de Police. I spent six years as a Constables Officer and can therefore speak from experience when saying, it is an opportunity to give something back to the community, whilst learning new skills and meeting new people. We are delighted to have been joint winners of the Natural Jersey, Jersey in Bloom Best Parish Hall. My thanks and congratulations go to James Bonney who does an excellent job in making the Parish Hall look so good throughout the year.

The Rates Assembly in July agreed to keep the Rate the same as for the last 14 years. Amongst other things the meeting agreed to increase our support to the Youth Project. We are lucky to have both a strong Committee and a great Youth Worker who have kept supporting youngsters throughout Covid. There are some exciting plans for the Youth Project and I look forward to working with them to deliver on their new initiatives.

You will read elsewhere about the success of the new Adopt a Lane scheme. My thanks to Natalie Smart who is leading on this for us as well as to all of those volunteers who are doing a great job. My thanks also to the 63 volunteers who helped us with the Parish Clean up event in June. I have lodged four amendments to the Bridging Island Plan. One site to create additional sheltered housing, a site affordable first time buyers and a site for right size homes. The fourth amendment I have lodged is to create a community facility opposite the Parish Hall, with a memorial garden, a wooded area and some much needed parking.

I continue to hold monthly surgeries on the first Wednesday of every month with the Deputy and I am generally available on Wednesday evenings at the Parish Hall between 5 and 7pm.

I have heard from many parishioners that speeding cars remain an issue. We are working closely with the States Police on this and I aim to bring a proposition to the States in the near future that would enable vehicles to be confiscated if being driven dangerously and or if driven at excessive speed.

When I see Michel Larose retire after 47 years service to the Parish, I would like to thank him personally and on behalf of the Parish for all of his work and to wish him well in his retirement.

Andy Jehan

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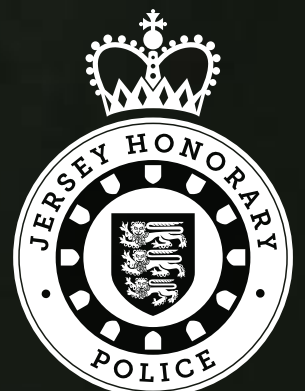
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Paul | Centenier



A Parish Assembly held recently at St John to discuss their Annual Accounts.

Parishioner's heard that the Parish had performed better than expected during a difficult year for many returning a loss of £16,930 for the year against a budgeted loss of £32,884.

Parishioner's agreed to the budget for next year, with an overall increase in spending of 6% including a significant increase in spending on the Parish Honorary Police. Currently there is a recruitment drive and are hoping to recruit a further five officers this year.

The other large increase agreed was a 29% increase in contribution to the Parish Youth Project. The Parish will enter into a new three year agreement paying £20k each year an increase from the previous £15,500 that has been paid for the last 10 years. The increase in support will allow the Youth Project to offer further services to the young people of St John.

Constable Andy Jehan commented *"It was a pleasure to propose the first agreement for the Youth Project back in 2011. Since the original agreement we have seen good growth in the numbers as well as the facilities that are provided. The Youth Project have further exciting plans for the future and I am pleased that the Parish has agreed to support our young people with this new agreement."*

Parishioners also heard of plans to catch up with maintenance projects at the Parish Hall and Church, that had been delayed due to Covid and that this would be done through the use of funds from both the Building Fund and the Church and Rectory Funds.

The Meeting also agreed to increase the amount donated to Charities from £9K to £11K this year.

Following the Assembly there was a presentation from Deputy Labey the Minister for International Development on the Island Identity project.

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St John agrees to keep parish Rate the same for the 15th year in succession.



A New Era

Reflections from Deputy Pointon

Imagine my surprise at being invited by the Connétable to be a Voyeur at the recent Visite Royale, my previous experience of being involved in the event had been as a Centenier and so I was at the time, along with other Honorary Police, racing around the parish to ensure that the entourage moved effortlessly without being interrupted by the usual traffic.

On this occasion I was able to reflect on my previous experience and see Honorary Police in action shepherding the convoy along a myriad of narrow lanes without any impedance from other road users.

It had been reported at the court sitting at the Parish Hall that there remained four vacancies for Connétable's Officer and that several new recruits were about to be trained, however the number on the ground seemed to exceed the person power available.

This of course was a slight of hand, the Chef de Police had managed his resources in the knowledge that the court convoy would be processing at funeral speed. Officers standing on the route who seemed to have a twin or physically similar cousin were in fact the same officers who had scooted through the lanes progressing to different junctions and pinch points to keep the event moving.

My sense of pride at being part of this ancient tradition was palpable, but there would not necessarily have been an invitation had I not been the Parish Deputy and this fact I mention because when we next go to the polls the Parish Deputy will be a thing of the past.

The electoral reform process has taken Senators entirely off the electoral agenda and has also removed the 'Parish Deputy', changing the St John political land scape as never before. This doesn't mean that parishioners in St John will not have a representative as the new plan is to amalgamate three parishes, St John, St Lawrence and Trinity, call the entity a district and field four Deputy seats with candidates for the four seats being elected by the voters in all three parishes. There is a potential for multiple candidates emerging to contest these seats.

How this will work is currently a mystery, although we do know that the parish nomination assembly will no longer be a focus as nominations will be processed centrally.

In the existing system the prospective parish deputy would be known by a significant number of people living in the parish, be nominated by 10 parishioners and subsequently tramp the highways and byways of the parish delivering leaflets to every household and meeting as far as possible every voting parishioner. The well attended hustings giving parishioners the opportunity to establish the candidate's stance on a variety of matters important to people living in the parish.

We are now moving into an era of 'national politics' in which the Parish is reliant

on its Connétable to represent its interests in the assembly and Deputies with no specific mandate to retain an interest in a parish will concentrate on Island wide and international issues. This separation will be re-enforced and driven by Deputies establishing roles in Scrutiny and Government. Deputies will of course continue to prioritise people living in the district who need advocacy in relation to specific issues.

Into this mix is the belief held by a considerable number of people that for the new system to work we must have competing political parties and already some have formed, Reform (well established), Progress and Alliance, the latter with one or two exceptions, formed by the Government's current Ministerial group. Waiting in the wings the undecided Liberal Conservative movement. Are they undecided about being Liberal or undecided about being Conservative? The new order would suggest that independent candidates will be few and far between although some current States Members are determined that they will remain independent.

Many, many sleeps ago I stood in a local council election, I was the forlorn hope. This description was usually reserved for a group of soldiers tasked with the first assault on an impregnable enemy stronghold in the Duke of Wellington's time, today known as a suicide mission. I chose to accept an invitation to contest a Blaby District Council byelection knowing that the Member of Parliament for the constituency was the Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson. At the time I was young, adventurous and invincible standing for the Liberal Party, realpolitik intervened and I lost.



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Hi again, from all of us here at St John's Youth Project! We have suddenly gone from having not too much to talk about here – to having too much to possibly fit in one article! This should be seen as a positive, however, as it is a result of our island finally heading back towards some sort of normality as we continue to navigate the Covid pandemic. We hope, as we are sure you all do too, that we have now reached a major turning point and that we are well on our way to putting this all behind us!

As for the St John Youth Project and the young people who make up the club, we have had a busy few months leading up to, and including, the summer holidays.

Crabbe Trip

Back in June, we were feeling so lucky to be given the go-ahead for a residential trip to Crabbe for some of our Year 8s! The young people have been desperate for these types of opportunities to be given permission to run and so we made sure to make the most of our weekend 'away'! After meeting at the Crabbe site in the morning, we got settled into our rooms and quickly grouped up again for a walk down to Greve de Lecq beach. The weather was completely on our side and it was a scorcher of a day in the sunshine. Luckily, our planned activity was coastering with Absolute Adventures (swimming, climbing, rock jumping for those who haven't experienced this before), so we were able to cool off in the sea and also find some shade on the rocks and in the caves we explored. In the afternoon we made the much more difficult walk back up the hill to the Crabbe site before enjoying well-earned rest time. In the evening, we had a BBQ for dinner, competed in some evening games, before then settling



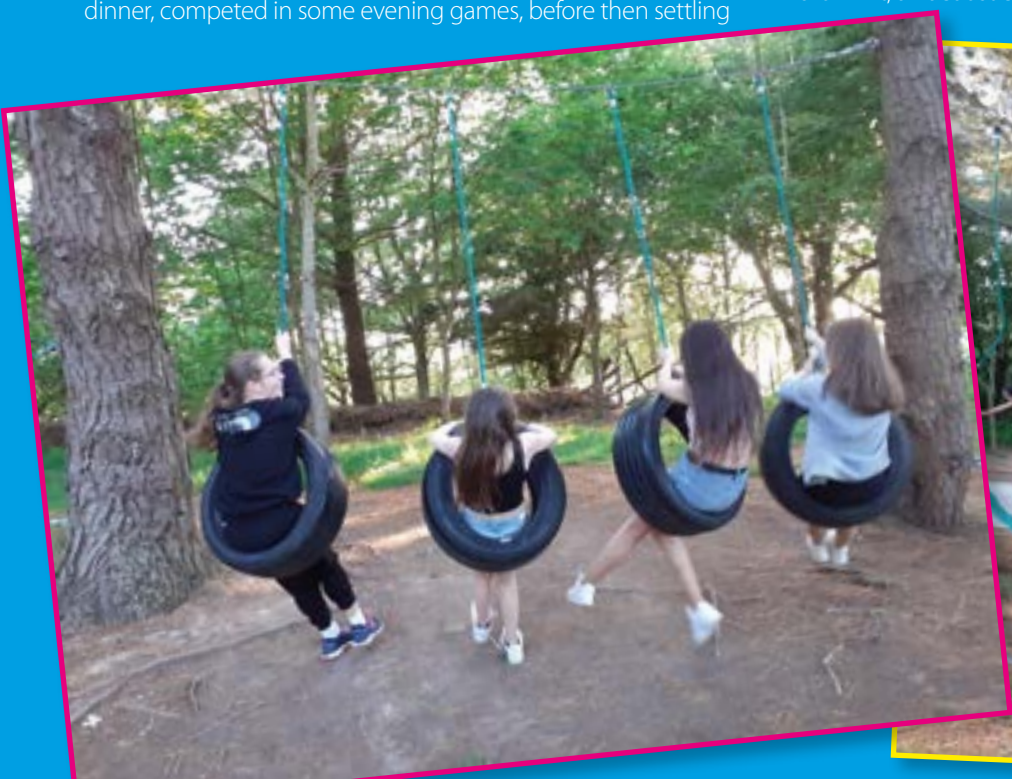
NEWS!

Parish Funding

The St John Youth Project Committee, alongside our youth worker Mark, have been working hard behind the scenes, looking at where we can develop our offer to our young people and improve our services. Out of these discussions, a proposal was launched to the parish – and we are absolutely delighted to announce that led by Constable Andy Jehan and his team - the parishioners gave unanimous support to increase the funding that the project receives yearly, as part of our pre-existing Parish Agreement. This passes an annual increase in funding of £4,500, meaning that the parish now provides £20k a year to support the project. We would like to extend our thanks once again to Andy, his parish team, all parishioners, our attendees and their families, for their continued and long-standing support. We hope to continue to build on this relationship with the local community for many years to come.

Creative Hub

As part of our continuing development of the project, we are also looking at ideas to transform part of our area in St John's Recreation Centre to a modern, 'creative hub'. This would be an area for creatives of any type; prospective musicians, designers, producers, entrepreneurs – and would support their growth and development in their areas of interest. This would not only be a fantastic way for young people to perfect their crafts, but also to perhaps explore new things which they may not have had the opportunity, or space in which, to do so previously. We have been lucky to receive an amazing donation recently of a full electric drum-kit, an acoustic guitar, a saxophone and a banjo – all in





fabulous condition and ready for our young people to use. Thank you so much John, we will make great use of them!

The vision for the Creative Hub is quite elaborate and thus cannot be fully explained here – however, please do get in touch with our youth worker Mark should you wish to find out more information, or feel like you could assist in any way. On the back of our instrument donations, we would also be interested in hearing from anyone who could help us achieve our vision – in whatever way this may be – through financial or material donation, professional expertise; whether this be experience in studio-building or in carpentry. We also have a list of items we would like to acquire. At this stage in our plan, we are very keen to start drawing in any support there may be out there in our community and beginning the work in bringing this all together. We will also be looking at what we can do to fundraise some of the costs involved. An exciting time in the development of the St John's Youth Project!

Summer Football Tournament

As part of the Western Youth Clubs' summer activity plan, St John have recently been involved in both a junior and senior 5-a-side football tournament. (I know we are a Northern parish but we still come under the West Cluster of the Jersey Youth Service!)

We are absolutely delighted to confirm that we were able to bring some silverware home on our debut season! One of our junior girls, was named "Player of the Tournament" as she gave 110% in every match she played, as well as showing great sportsmanship and respect for other young people throughout. Playing in a team with some young people she had not met previously, she showed not only great work on the pitch but also courage, confidence and determination in an area outside of the comfort zone. Congratulations Aimee, well-deserved!

Our senior team, fought through a tough day, showing class on the pitch and impeccable defence, conceding only 2 goals in the entire tournament. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough to win the trophy, missing out by just 1 point, as we lost our last two games 1-0 a piece. We did however, win the shield as the tournament's runners-up. We were delighted nonetheless, as we will proudly have "St John" engraved into the very first badge on the shield, for all to see for years to come. Our senior goalkeeper, Ethan, also walked away with the "Player of the Tournament" trophy for his outstanding work in-between the sticks. He created waves of "oohs" and "aahs" across the tournament as he pulled out all the stops to prevent our team from conceding. With only 2 goals conceded in 6 games and many acrobatic and impressive saves, it was little doubt that he was one of the stand-out players of the tournament. The rest of the team also performed impressively throughout; showing real character, togetherness and respect, not only for one another but for all other players involved. Well done guys and rest assured we will try to go one step further next year and win that trophy!

All young people involved couldn't have reflected and represented our project and its values any better than they did, and we are so very proud of all of them who took part and gave it their all. We hope that you are proud of yourselves too!

Once the engraving is completed, we will proudly have our shield displayed at the project until the tournament takes place again next year. Let's hope we can make it a tradition of St John bringing home the silverware!

Opening Times

As we approach the new term, please note that the first week we will be closed in order to conduct staff meetings and prepare for the term ahead. We will be opening from week commencing Monday 13th September.

TUESDAY	Intermediates	(Year 7 and Year 8)	7pm to 9pm
WEDNESDAY	Seniors	(Year 9 +)	7pm to 9pm
FRIDAY	Juniors	(Year 5 and Year 6)	7pm to 9pm

As always, should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the parish youth worker, Mark, via the information below:

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News from St John's Recreation Centre

Life returns to the 'new normal'!

We are pleased to report that we have been fully operational since early March.

In common with all other sports centres, we have either been closed or our activities have been significantly curtailed for much of the last 18 months. We are delighted that all of our user groups, with one exception (see below), will have recommenced activities by the time we move into the Autumn booking schedule.

Our re-opening programme was designed with health and safety considerations being of paramount importance and we would like to thank our user groups for their diligence with their risk assessments.

Property Maintenance

We have been very fortunate to have had the assistance of parishioner, Martin Whitley, during the last year. Martin has been conducting a thorough review of our property and maintenance requirements and we have used periods of closure as an opportunity to undertake various pieces of work.

Due to the size and age of the building this is an ongoing process and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Martin for his expert guidance and dedication.

Finances

Whilst the periods of closure inevitably had an impact on our turnover, we have managed our finances quite prudently over the years and built up our cash reserves. This enabled us to waive rent payments from our user groups during the closure period and avoid any rent increases for them for the coming year in order that we can support them as much as possible whilst they fully re-establish their operations.

We will almost certainly have to undertake major work on the roof of the main hall which is almost 40 years old. We are at the early stages of scoping out our requirements however we believe that this will inevitably be a very costly project.

User Groups

The Centre currently has 23 different user groups. The only group to have recently left the Centre is the Jersey Motorcycle and Light Car Club. They have had exclusive use of a large meeting room for many years but with the popularity of Zoom they no longer need this facility! We wish them all the best for the future. We are actively considering the future use of this room.

Brunch Cafe

We are delighted with the success being enjoyed by Sam Coutanche and his team. Sam has worked very hard to establish his business and has attracted local parishioners as well as users of the Centre and we wish him ongoing success.

Looking to the future

The next few months will inevitably continue to present certain Covid issues however we are confident that we can surmount any challenges.

There has been an unprecedented amount of publicity on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and we are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of recreational activities which play such an important part in physical and social wellbeing.

Angus Spencer-Nairn
Chairman

Introducing Sam Coutanche

by Rosie Bleasby



It is always a pleasure to profile a local young person who is making a difference to the Community and Sam Coutanche is definitely making his mark in St John.

When Sam left school he trained for a while as a chef and then went to work with Andre Vitel at the local butchers where he learnt a lot more about good quality meat. In the winters Sam usually went travelling and it was while he was enjoying street food in far flung places that he decided hog roasts were just what Jersey needed.

Six years ago, on his return to the island, he started his first business at the tender age of 21, 'Sam's Hog Roast'. He catered for events and private parties at client's homes. During lockdown Sam's hog roasts at St John's Recreation Centre were a huge treat and the queues wrapped round the Centre and out into the carpark with the lucky ones clutching their boxes and taking their treasures home!

Sam had always wished to own his own café and in December last year took the plunge and took over the lease of the café at the Recreation Centre, just in time for our second lockdown – especially of hospitality! In the end, "Brunch" opened in April and has become a favourite spot both with local diners and those further afield. The menu is attractive and just a little bit different and the food is beautifully presented and served.

Sam has many plans for the future that could incorporate marquee dining on the terrace Christmas parties etc. Some of these may depend on restoration work at the Centre but Sam says the Committee there have been very supportive of his project. The Constable too, always a great supporter of the Centre, is very keen to see this local St Jeanais do well.

It shows a great deal of courage to open any business at this current time, especially hospitality and it is great that people are supporting Sam and his staff in this venture which provides a perfect venue at present for breakfast and lunch in peaceful surroundings. The Men's Breakfast group from St John's Church are one of the groups meeting there.

Whether breakfast, brunch or hog roast is your thing, Sam is there to provide it along with some exciting ideas for future events.



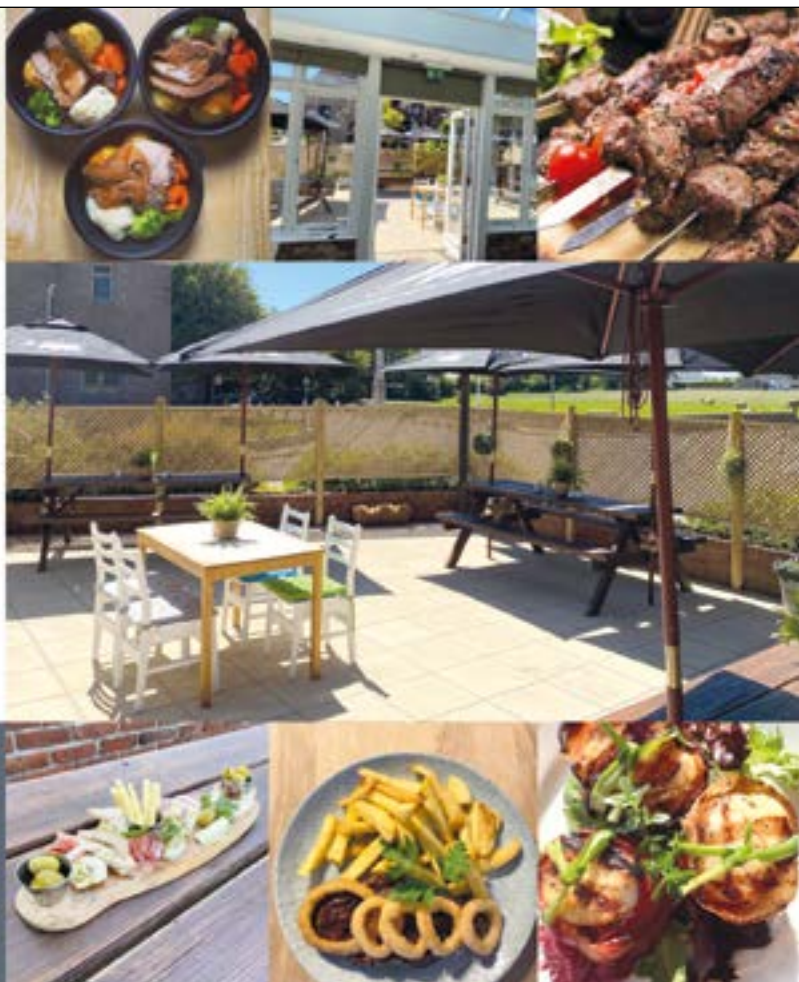
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Comité Rurale **UPDATE**

The draft Bridging Island Plan (covering 2022-2024)

The consultation period closed on 12th July. The Comité Rural actively engaged in the consultation process, made submissions at the relevant times and were disappointed with the draft Bridging Island Plan that was finally published.

Affordable Housing

No new sites for affordable housing were included in the draft Bridging Island Plan within the Parish, despite a number of sites being submitted by the Parish and others, and public statements that provision of affordable housing was a priority. The Parish has substantial lists of people who have expressed an interest in various categories of affordable housing, and the survey undertaken by the Comité Rurale indicated the high level of support for these initiatives among Parishioners.

The Constable has lodged amendments to the draft Bridging Island Plan for inclusion of 3 sites for affordable housing,

- sheltered housing (extension of Maison Le Vesconte – Field 229).
- step-down homes (La Rue du Cimetiere - Field 236)
- homes for first time buyers (Rear of Windsor Court, La Route du Mont Mado - Field 939)

and also field 371 (next to the Parish Hall) for enhanced open space and these amendments will be debated in the States next March. Coastal National Park ("CNP")

A CNP Boundary Review report was published in February this year and this document is a key element of the draft Bridging Island Plan. This report is a significant concern because adequate consultation does not appear to have taken place, and precise details of the revised boundaries were not easily accessible to the public. It was some months later that a map was finally published on the States website, although it does not appear to have been widely publicised. If you would like to see the full extent of what is proposed then the link is on this page;

www.gov.je/Government/Consultations/Pages/DraftIslandPlan.aspx it is the second large blue button with title "Comparative Coastal National Park (CNP) map".

The proposed new boundaries would affect the northern Parishes in particular, for example more than 60% of St Ouen and St Martin and over 30% of St John would be included if the boundary

changes proceed. The consequences for homeowners and landowners of being included in the enlarged CNP are unclear, although removal of permitted development rights is proposed and other planning restrictions are possible.

An amendment has been submitted by the Deputy of St Ouen after consulting with a number of the Constables and Deputies of the northern Parishes who share these concerns. This would restrict any expansion of the CNP in this Bridging Island Plan to the intertidal zone and shallow waters around offshore reefs, and specifically exclude any land that is defined as the interior agricultural plateau. The Minister would be required to undertake more consultation, and only after that has taken place to come back to the States with fresh proposals. It is hoped that that the Planning Inspectors will give weight to the Parish submissions, especially as a group of northern Parishes are effectively making a common submission.

The Minister's Response

The Minister's full response to the Draft Bridging Island Plan consultation has just been published and is a large document of over 900 pages. A limited number of reference copies are available in print, at the Jersey Public Library in Halkett Place and the States Information Centre at Morier House. Links to the various Sections are shown on this page;

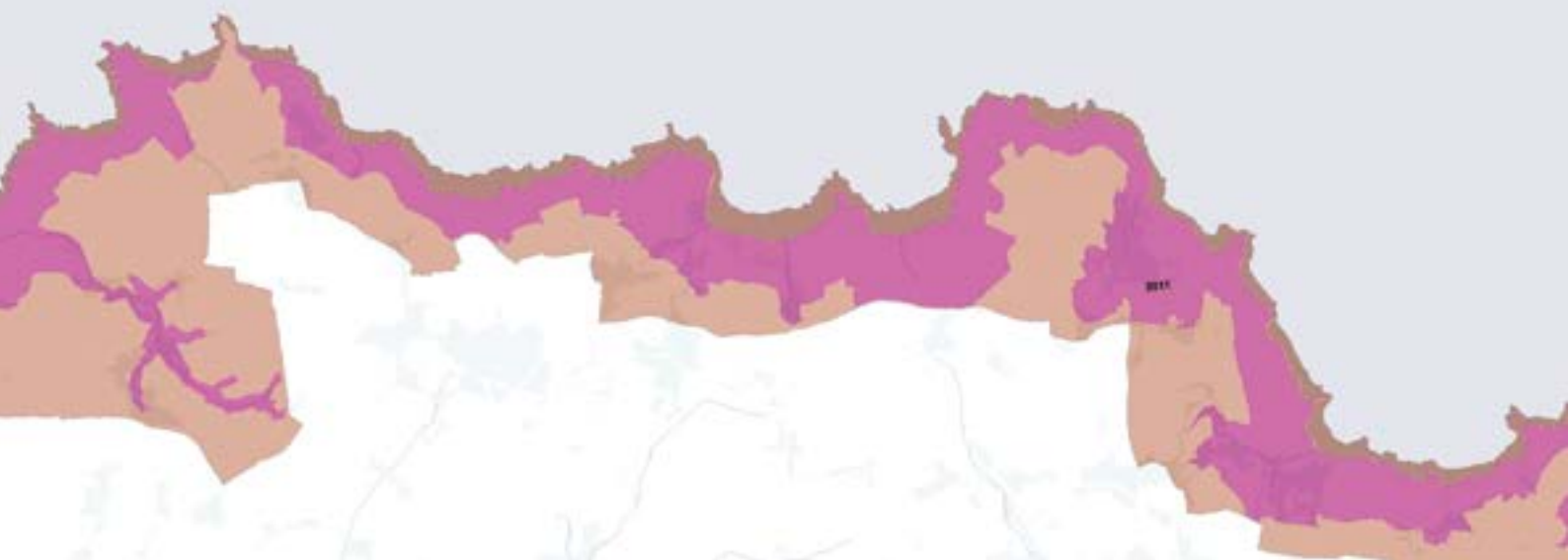
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The Minister's comments on the 4 amendments lodged by the Constable are in Part 3 and start on Pages 48, 119, 129 & 131 respectively, unfortunately the Minister is not minded to support any of them. The Minister's comments on Deputy Renouf's CNP amendment and consultation process start on Page 150, again he is not minded to accept any amendment.

The next stage of the process is for the independent Planning Inspectors to publish a list of topics and participants for the hearings that form part of the Examination in Public, which are due to take place in November. The Comité Rurale has formally requested that it is included in the hearings.

Ian Touzel

Chairman - *Le Comité de la Commune Rurale de st Jean*



Community Allotments

by Martin Whitley

As we leave our eighth season of growing we have seen many changes in how the allotments have developed and how our allotmenters have developed new skills and understanding of nature. We started in the winter of 2013 with a field and little understanding of how we could turn the site into a successful Community project run by volunteers and even less understanding on how we would fund it. However with the support of our respective Connetables, Procurers, Greenwood Trust and the Jersey Allotments and Leisure Garden Association (JALGA) we were sponsored to establish a track and car park, the field was developed with various size plots in two phases. In the early days the Probation Service supported us with the Branchage and maintenance of the weeds and grass around each plot until we had sufficient funds to employ a contract gardener. There were however a few of us who spent many an hour with our lawnmowers keeping the site tidy.



We are pleased that we have managed to maintain our plot rentals at the same rate as they were in 2013 and still pay the landlord for the field rental, contract gardener, water bills and insurances. As a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) we can only carry over a surplus so any funds at the end of the year go toward projects. Some five years ago we had some raised beds made, supported by a grant from the Greenwood Trust, to ensure those with mobility problems could also benefit from this little piece of heaven that is St John Community Allotments. This year we have moved two of these raised beds to release an area that will enable two new small plots to be laid out. This will give us 43 plots, including the raised beds.



The aim of the allotment project was always intended for St John Parishioners and we do our best to keep to that principle. We do not however evict anyone should they leave the Parish, though it is extremely rare for anyone to leave the best Parish!

Over the years we have been fortunate to achieve silver in the annual Parish in bloom competition but without a natural water source I doubt we could get to that illusive Gold award. We are also pleased to see that allotmenters have won certificates and cups for their personal growing achievements. This is particularly pleasing given some had never grown a Jersey Royal or Courgette before. Many however have learned that nature knows what to do and our role is to manage the timing of planting and keeping the weeds away.

But what of the future? Well we continue as always and encourage Parishioners to pick up an application form from the Parish Hall. Every year some leave for all sorts of reason and sadly we have to occasionally evict one or two for neglect. This does mean of course that an opportunity for someone on our waiting list occurs. We usually manage to clear our list every 12/18 months unlike other Parishes where we know the waiting lists run into the hundreds. We frequently get visitors from other Parishes trying to jump their list. So if you're interested pick up an application form from the Parish Hall who will process it to the Allotments or pop along over a weekend to the allotments and meet some of our current growers.



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Mary Le Hagarat, MBACP Accredited Counsellor at Jersey Hospice Care, shares with us how Hospice is helping those who have lost someone during COVID-19 and why their new Memory Tree is a beautiful and tangible way to celebrate the lives of those no longer with us.

2020 was a challenging year for everyone, and for the bereavement and counselling team at Jersey Hospice Care, we saw first-hand the impact of COVID-19 for those dealing with grief. This included those who lost someone during the pandemic, or who are experiencing grief no matter how long ago the bereavement.

As we all continue to face the impact of the pandemic, Jersey Hospice Care are delighted to launch a new initiative in addition to our current annual Light Up a Life remembrance event, a Memory Tree. For everyone who has lost someone close to them, no matter how long ago the bereavement or if they were cared for by the team at Hospice or not, this beautiful tree provides an opportunity to remember them and celebrate their lives in a tangible and meaningful way.

The Memory Tree is a stunning and permanent piece of art which now decorates the wall inside the King Centre at Hospice. It comprises 450 metal leaves in colours of rose, white, and yellow gold and each leaf can be inscribed with a dedication in memory of a loved one for an annual donation that will support the ongoing provision of care to current patients and their families. Those who subscribe to the Memory Tree can decide each year if they wish to continue their subscription or have the leaf returned to them to keep forever. The Tree was formally unveiled this June where Islanders joined us at Hospice to see the Tree and their engraved leaves for the first time and remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones.

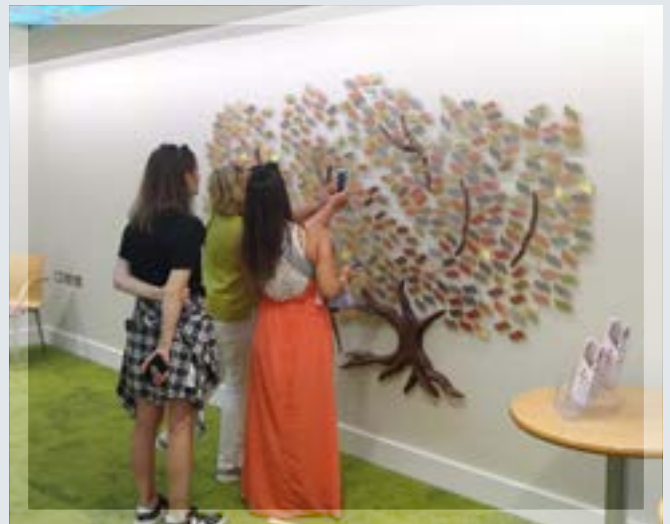
Our service continues to support Jersey Hospice Care by providing counselling and information for patients and their families diagnosed with a life limiting illness, as well as bereavement support for islanders who have experienced a death however long ago. Please call 285144 for information or support or visit

www.jerseyhospicecare.com.

This year's Light Up a Life remembrance event will be on Saturday 4 December 2021.



Jersey Hospice Care's new Memory Tree



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What does Jersey mean to you?

You might be wondering what a Deputy from the depths of Grouville is doing writing in your Parish magazine. Well, I want to make you aware of a piece of work I have been working on for Government on our National Identity which explores how we project ourselves to the outside world and how we create a sense of belonging to all Island residents - and I would like your opinion.

Jersey is a Small Island Nation - autonomous and self-governing, one of only three Crown Dependencies in the world, not part of the UK but British with a strong French heritage.

The work of the Policy Development Board with whom I have been working, have been considering how these distinctive qualities could be more systematically celebrated and deployed for the benefit of the Island and its inhabitants. The work so far is to be seen as part of the ongoing consultation process rather than the final word, and you are invited to consider – and share – your thoughts on this topic and practical ideas on how to take it forward. Our national Identity matters in two main ways:-

How we see ourselves and how others see us.

In Jersey, our ability to work together, care for each other, grow our economy and look after our environment, depends on us being bound to each other by more than a shared geography and set of rules. Whatever our backgrounds or occupations, we can benefit from a shared sense of belonging and a shared understanding of what it means to be Jersey.

Internationally, our long-term future relies on projecting a positive image of the Island; a richer international profile than just that of our world-class finance industry. Our unique history and constitutional status, and our extraordinary endeavours in other fields (culture, heritage, philanthropy, international development, sport, business, art, digital, agriculture, tourism and conservation, for example) should also be recognised as part of our overall personality. Coordinating and projecting these facets of our Island identity will help us build the reputation and relationships we will depend on to thrive in a globalised world.

Why is now the right moment to investigate these matters?

First, there is a profound and almost universally-shared sense that what we have in Jersey is special and worth protecting, yet also a widespread feeling that something is being lost. How can Jersey

change with the times, embrace diversity, remain a welcoming place for immigrants, and play its part in an increasingly interconnected (and homogenous) world, yet preserve and nurture its uniqueness?

Second, there are some very practical reasons to examine our identity at this particular moment. Big global issues such as the changing relationship between the UK and Europe post-Brexit, rapid technological advances, the global Covid pandemic, and the increasingly urgent need to avert or mitigate the impact of climate change will all likely result in changes to the way we associate, work and prioritise things. The way Jersey positions itself now will affect the way we respond to these challenges and opportunities. The Government has recognised the importance and urgency of this work, and its commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive sense of Island identity.



The work was split into 6 focus areas, which ranged from Constitution, to Communities, to Connectivity and we settled on 3 primary objectives, which were:-

- **People in Jersey are civically engaged and proud of their Island;**
- **Jersey has a recognisable and positive international personality; and**
- **Public policies coherently support and develop Jersey's distinct identity.**

Please do try to visit our website:

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There are also hard copies of the Consultation document available from the States Greffe Bookshop and your Parish Hall.

We are all part of the 'Defining and Celebrating Jersey' conversation.

Getting into Jèrriais through Parish nicknames

by Sarah Grigson

There has always been a healthy sense of fun in Jersey people, amply demonstrated through the Jèrriais language in its phrases (ditons) and myriad jibes in the vernacular. So, for budding Jèrriais speakers out there, or anyone who enjoys a bit of friendly teasing, we thought we would equip you with some traditional parish nicknames to try out on your friends.

St John, St Martin and Trinity parishioners were all known under the geographically descriptive term, les Nordgiens (northerners), but St Jeannais inhabitants also acquired the sobriquet les Nièrs Tchus, which translates as the black bottoms. We're not sure of the origins of this particular label, but mind where you sit!

People of St Ouen were known as les Gris Ventres; the grey bellies. This was a reference to the knitted jumpers the men of the parish wore which used undyed wool, rather than the typical navy blue of the other parishes.

St Peter's inhabitants had the label les Ventres à Baïnîs; which means the limpet bellies. Supposedly this is because St Peter has two very small coasts which stick to it like limpets. Or maybe they were just a clingy lot?

Our close neighbours in St Mary, were fondly known as les Rouôlots, which means a roly-poly, or les Bourdélots, which are round apple dumplings. Were they known as good cooks, did they particularly enjoy a pudding, or was this a reference to their well-fed shapes?

St Brelade's parishioners were known as les Carpéleuses, which means the caterpillars. It has been suggested this was linked to the original parish badge devised in 1921 which apparently looked a bit like a caterpillar, even though it was actually a fish, but the nickname long predates the parish crest, and we cannot be sure of its origin.

Out east, parishioners in Grouville and St Clement were known as les Enfuntchis, which translates as the smoky-ones. This referred to their tradition of burning heaps of vraic to make an ash fertiliser, but it can also mean the dim-witted ones or simpletons, a playful jibe from their more westerly neighbours.

St Helier's town dwellers are often referred to as les Villais, which means the townies, however, they historically had the most unfortunate nickname of all. They were known by their country neighbours as les Clyichards which translates as someone with the trots! A nod to the less savoury air of town, poor sanitation and frequent outbreaks of cholera in times past.

So, next time you are engaged in friendly banter with someone from one of the neighbouring parishes, don't forget to drop in the correct nickname. And if anyone knows of a nickname given to the people of St Lawrence or St Saviour, please email the editor...

Years as a volunteer with the *League of Friends*

By Pat Donne Davis

In the early 1980s a friend asked me if I would like to volunteer at the general hospital with the League of Friends. At school, I had always wanted to be a nurse, so I was excited to help. I attended an interview with the committee: sitting in front of them across a table for the interview was rather intimidating but nonetheless I was accepted as a member.

Gloucester Street Shop

My first voluntary job was in the small shop, which was situated in the foyer of the main General Hospital granite block in Gloucester Street. It was enclosed with a hatch that we opened. Apart from the usual chocolates sweets and drinks etc. we also sold cigarettes and matches - my goodness how things have changed! It was very isolated and I remember being told one late afternoon a man came in and demanded money. At the time there wasn't an alarm to press, one was soon fitted.

Outpatients Dept Reception

In 1984, the League of Friends started to help in the outpatients area at Gwyneth Huelin wing. I was asked to be coordinator for this. We had a desk next to the appointments team and after booking in, the patients came to us so we could tell them where to go. I had over 25 ladies helping out during the 5 years there. Sometimes Sister Morley would give us things to do like separating rolls of paper towels for the clinics and selling hearing aid batteries to save patients going up to the second floor to the ENT clinic.



1989 of me on reception desk in the Gwyneth Huelin wing outpatient's department.

The League of Friends' Mrs Pat Donne-Davis serves a customer

After a couple of years we decided to sell some chocolates, sweets, crisps and drinks as there wasn't anywhere to buy them in that part of the hospital. Patients used to have to wait a long time before being called for their appointment - one month in July 1989 we took £410: not bad for only two small trays of goods. I still have my notebook with all the weekly takings and how much the monthly invoices from Blampied were.

Gynae Clinic

When we were no longer needed on the reception desk we were asked to help in the Gynae clinic. It was in a corridor off the main foyer of Gwyneth Huelin wing near the old dental department.



The Willows Day Centre with the League of Friends trolley

Our reception desk was in the waiting room for patients, so they came to us to book in. Before we started doing this the nurses used to call out patients names, not knowing if they were there. After a few years the Gynae Clinic moved to rooms just off the Gynae Ward on the first floor in the old granite block of hospital. It's still there. We moved up with them. On a desk in the corridor, we had the patient list, which clinic they were in and we then went to tick off their name from another list outside the room - no data protection laws in those days!

X-Ray Dept & Robin Ward

As well as coordinator for the Gynae Clinic, I was coordinator for the X-ray Department and Robin Ward. Our volunteers showed patients to the waiting room & gave them garments they had to change into.

The 'New' Wing

In all this time the new part of the hospital was being built at the Parade side and then extended over the site of the Old Chapel. When it was finished the League of Friends had a separate shop and a cafe. Dorothy Cabot was the coordinator of the shop and Viola de Moubray for the cafe. A lot more volunteers were needed, as we were open from 9 till 5, three different shifts 5 days a week. At this time I worked every other week in the shop and was the last shift of the day, so it meant counting of the days takings for the bank and locking up.

In 2011 the hospital wanted to change the layout of the foyer and make one area for the League of Friends and not have a flower shop. Back in the 1980s ladies, co-ordinated by June Le Gros, used to go on the wards to change the water and look after the flowers the visitors brought in for the patients, but flowers were no longer allowed in the wards. The Jersey Construction Council fitted out



The Queen's award for voluntary service 2013 at Government House

the area as their chosen community project in September 2011, so now the shop and the cafe were working together. It was lovely to have the camaraderie with members.

When Dorothy Cabot became ill I was asked to be coordinator. I took over ordering chocolates, sweets, biscuits, crisps, toiletries, greeting cards, etc. etc. Also making sure we had cover for the three different shifts a day. I wrote a roster for 5-weeks at a time, but quite often ladies could not do their duty, so more phone calls to find someone to cover, or go to the shop myself. Also two ladies everyday took a trolley around the wards with the JEP, magazines, sweets, chocolates, drinks, toiletries, cards, etc. The patients in the wards were pleased to have this service.

Other Roles

As well as volunteers in the General Hospital we had trolleys at the Willows day centre, Sandybrook Hospital and also in the 80s and 90s at Overdale Hospital. Sue Coutanche was the coordinator at Sandybrook, I was the coordinator at the Willows day centre. I took over the Willows trolley service in 1993, buying stock and arranging a rota of volunteers to cover 5 mornings a week for the elderly folks that attended there. It was amazing how many sweets some of them bought. I used to get asked for things we didn't sell, so shopped for them for the next week. At Christmas they wanted gifts for their families, so I used to go to Leons to buy scarfs, gloves, toiletries, pens, note book sets, photo frames, hankies, socks, etc, etc. I have another notebook of all the takings for the weeks and how much the wholesalers invoices were from January 1993 until the Willows closed in January 2002.

In the late 1970s to 1980s some League of Friends members used to take the old men at the Poor Law Maison le Pape, for a treat to the pub and for a meal. Maison le Pape was part of the hospital near the Old Chapel in the parade. They moved to a house opposite Parade Gardens when the new part of the hospital was built. In recent years we have supplied the food and entertainment for a Christmas party at Overdale Hospital for small children with special needs.

Donations & Awards

From the start of League of Friends in 1978 we have donated over £1,000,000 to the hospital. I think one of the first donations was £10,000 towards the first MRI scanner.

These are some of the other large amounts that we have donated:

1990 £21,000 fibreoptic endoscopes for the Gastroenterology unit.
2011 £30,000 for a baby transporter.
2017 £50,308 for an incubator for the special baby unit, at the time it was the largest single donation.

We are given a list of what the hospital would like and we choose what to buy with the money that we have in the bank.

Over the years we have received several awards, including:

The Condor Ferries community Award 2012
The Queen's Award for voluntary service 2013
Volunteer of the Year Pride of Jersey 2019
An award from the Rotary Club
and the Graham Le Quesne Civic Award.

Impact of the Pandemic

On March 15th 2020 League of Friends Shop and cafe had to close because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We gave away all our perishable food to the hospital staff and the Shelter in Kensington Place and all other goods were stored away.

With the cafe closed it was used by the staff as a prayer and quiet room for them to relax. Then later on as a staff canteen while theirs was being refurbished.

It is now over a year since the start of lockdown and we are still closed and not sure when we will be open able to open again. When we can, I'm sure more volunteers will be needed to join the team. Anyone interested can call me on 863765 for a chat.

Visite Royale

by Andy Jehan - Connetable

St John hosted the Royal Court on 18th August in what is a once in six years tradition for the Island parishes.

The Parish Hall was full, including a good number parishioners who were seated on the stage in a temporary "public gallery". Before the normal traditional proceedings, the Court took the unusual step of swearing in a Centenier. Dave Ward having been re-elected just the week before, was one of three members of the Honorary Police to take their oaths, along with CO's Sue Baudin and new member Robin Pumb.

As is tradition, the Court examined the Parish Accounts. The Constable gave a 20 minute presentation to the Court about the finances and future plans, this was followed by the Bailiff questioning the Constable about the finances, before the Court confirmed that they were happy with the accounts.

The Roads Inspectors were then asked questions about the roads in their Vingtaines with each member questioned, giving a good account of both themselves and the Parish.

Jonathan Plunkett, the Chef de Police, then gave an overview of policing in the Parish before again facing questions from the Bailiff. The final duty of the Court in the Parish Hall was to swear in twelve Voyeurs, who act as observers on behalf of the Parish when the Court goes on to view issues that the Parish wishes to be resolved.

Andy Bisson acted as Raconteur, a late replacement due to Covid and did an excellent job in putting across the Parish's point of view in the three issues that had been identified.

Issue one was a drainage issue in Le Canibut the Court supporting the Parishes request to reinstall a land drain to take water from the road. It is hoped that this will prevent flooding on the road that has been an issue for some time. This work was carried out very quickly after the decision.

Moving on from Le Canibut to the New North Road, the Court was asked to help in reinstating the width of the footpath to four



Jersey feet 44". The Court supported this request for around 1.5 miles of footpath from Sorel past the Millenium cross. This work is due to be carried out within 2 months of the decision. Hopefully the wider footpath will make it safer and possibly encourage more users to walk along the New North Road

The Court then moved on to Bonne Nuit to look at a tree that is causing an obstruction to traffic heading up the hill. This proved to be the most difficult decision and we are grateful to Ian Averty for his expert advice that he gave to the Court. The result was that part of the tree should be removed and if this is unsuccessful then the tree will have to be felled.

It is very rare for a Parish to have the Court rule in favour on all three issues that it raises. The Roads Committee had certainly done their homework and we should also thank Martin Whitley who had done a lot of preparation for the Visite, only to be struck with Covid three days before.

My thanks to everyone involved, especially Sue Morin and the team at the Parish Hall for their efforts in making the day such a success.

For more pictures and further details of the Visite please look at the Parish website.





Asian Hornets *Be Vigilant!*

"After a record numbers of spring hornet queens were caught, at this time of year any Asian hornet nests are likely to expanding rapidly and preparing to issue the next generation of hornets to continue colonising Jersey in 2022" warns, the Asian Hornet Coordinator, Alastair Christie.

The public are therefore being asked to continue their vigilance and report anything of concern. "The public have consistently been our eyes on the front-line, with the vast majority of sightings reported by them", says Mr Christie. Once reports are made "We have a group of volunteers who then take those sightings and actively track down the nests so that they can then be destroyed. We need to find those nests before late September if we are to maintain control of the hornet situation next year".

The growing nests, as well as predating upon our diverse native insect ecology, can also have effects upon the public of Jersey. As Mr Christie explained, "generally Asian hornet nests at this time of year are high in trees, but they are occasionally lower down, for example in brambles, hedges, a garage, roof space and even in the ground. At such a low-levels they can pose a risk to householders and those pursuing outdoor activities such as gardening, the branchage or blackberry picking."



Mr Christie therefore urges everyone to be vigilant and check the area which they will be working in, before they start, looking for any unusual insect activity. If anyone sees anything of concern, they should stop, report it and the situation will be properly assessed to ensure that it is safe. People should never approach a suspected Asian hornet nest as they are known to defend their nest area.

The hornets themselves are distinctive in that they are generally dark in colour, with one yellow band across their backside, a brighter yellow, thin "belt" at their waist and yellow tips to their legs. They are larger than a wasp or honeybee.

If you suspect that you've seen an Asian hornet or a nest, you are encouraged to try to safely take a picture to help confirm identification, and then contact the **Asian Hornet Coordinator** on **441633**, or by email to asianhornet@gov.je. Sightings can also be reported via the Asian Hornet Watch app, available to download free from Apple and Android app stores.

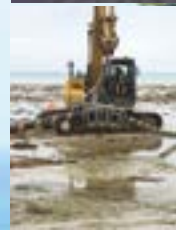
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How was Overdale chosen as the site for the new hospital?

Overdale was approved by the States Assembly on 17th November 2020 as the preferred site for a new hospital. This was the culmination of a comprehensive and thorough site evaluation process that included a Citizens' Panel and continual engagement with clinicians.

A sequential process, free of political input, eliminated unsuitable sites at each stage, according to specific criteria set by the Citizens' Panel and clinicians. In the initial phase of the selection process, Islanders were asked to suggest potential sites and more than 80 options were proposed. A list of 17 sites were then taken forward after passing the first two sets of criteria. After further consideration this was reduced to a shortlist of five. Two of these – Overdale and People's Park – were the final options. At this stage States Members on the Political Oversight Group and the Council of Ministers agreed that People's Park should not be progressed as the States had already discounted it during a debate in 2019. The full site evaluation report can be found at gov.je/ourhospital

What is the Citizens' Panel's role?

The role of the Citizens' Panel was originally to set the criteria, on behalf of the public, that would be used to assess the 82 site suggestions made by Islanders. They did not select a preferred site, or know of the list of suggestions until the site shortlist was announced. The panel remain engaged, offering essential feedback, on behalf of Islanders, at key milestones in the project.

The panel's original Terms of Reference can be found on gov.je/ourhospital.

Who are the Citizens' Panel and how were they chosen?

Following advice from Statistics Jersey, the Government set up a representative Citizens' Panel of 17 Islanders. They were a 50% split of male and females, with all age groups represented, as well as proportionately split by according to St Helier residents and other parishes. Two foreign nationals were also included. The panel unanimously decided to remain anonymous. This decision is regularly reviewed.

The Selection Methodology can be found at gov.je/ourhospital.

Why was Warwick Farm ruled out as a site?

While the site passed the first two clinical criteria tests - in that would be large enough to accommodate all the required clinical and support services, including staff and service (access) facilities and it may be able to deliver the hospital within the project timeline, it did not meet all of the criteria, specifically:

- there would be a significant likelihood of highway improvements to cope with the capacity that a hospital would require, both locally and on the wider highway network (the volume of traffic coming from town and needing to turn right into the site would require significant widening of the road to create new queuing lanes, coupled with a traffic light system. Equally, the volume of traffic (est 800 cars a day) coming from the hospital would add to the already congested Queen's Road, Rouge Bouillon and wider ring road.)
- the location would encourage the use of the private car
- the lack of social and community facilities nearby would not support sustainable behaviour

Furthermore, during the previous Future Hospital project, a planning inspector's report said of the site: "It is within the Green Zone, where there is a presumption against all forms of development [and] it would conflict with the Island Plan's strategic focus of development in the built-up area. Its location would not be particularly accessible or sustainable. It is likely that visual impacts would be significant and far-reaching, given its relative elevation above the town. This option would involve major challenges to the Island Plan and could only be realistically considered, in Planning terms, if more sustainably located sites were demonstrably not available or workable."

Why was St Saviour's Hospital ruled out?

The site passed the first two clinical criteria tests, in that would be large enough and may be able to deliver the hospital within the project timeline. However, it did not meet the following criteria:

- it is a remote location with very restricted highway access capacity, either locally or on the wider highway network. Staff would have to be able to access the site every day throughout the year, along with patients and visitors
- there would be a significant likelihood of major highway improvements to cope with the capacity that a hospital would require, including extensive highway network improvements to approach the site from the west
- the remote location would encourage the use of the private car
- the lack of social and community facilities nearby would not support sustainable behaviour and staff and visitors would have no facilities to provide services

During the previous Future Hospital project a planning inspector's report said of the site: "...the pursuit of this option would fundamentally conflict with the Island

Plan. Its remoteness from the main centre of the Island's population, the potential destruction of a fine Grade 1 listed building, and the likely serious impacts on the character and appearance of the area, would conflict with a raft of strategic and other policies within the Island Plan."

Will the crematorium be affected?

The crematorium is not included in the footprint of the Our Hospital and will therefore remain in situ, along with the memorial rose garden. It is likely that funeral services will be relocated to an alternative and suitable location during the construction of the new hospital.

The new hospital

What services will be in it?

All of the services, which include 267 beds (and a further 169 day care beds), 75% of which will be individual en-suite bedrooms, a dedicated women and children's unit and a staff wellbeing centre, are set out in a document called the Functional Brief. This continually evolving piece of work has been put together with the Island's senior clinicians and helps brief the designers on what should be included in the hospital and its surrounding campus.

The Functional Brief has been put together following more than 60 meetings and workshops across the entire Health and Community Service workforce, including senior clinicians and doctor and nurse representatives and will continue to evolve through regular clinical engagement.

The most recent version of the Functional Brief, which is an evolving document, can be read on ourhospital.je/news-and-updates

How much will it cost?

Design and construction of Our Hospital is anticipated to cost in the region of £550m, which also includes the redevelopment of Westmount Road and the temporary moving of health services from Overdale to the former Les Quennevais School during the construction. A further £250m will be set aside, but may not all be required, to cover a contingency fund, optimism bias, the necessary land acquisition and any further unforeseen costs.

When will it be open?

It is planned that Our Hospital will begin receiving its first patients by the end of 2026.

Is the programme is being rushed through?

The States have so far deliberated for more than eight years and spent considerable sums of money and failed at all previous attempts to deliver a new hospital. The timeline and momentum, which is driving the project, is determined by our ageing and decaying health estate, and the unsustainable cost of maintaining it beyond 2026. This is why there can be no further delay.

Why does it need a private wing?

A substantial proportion of Islanders have private health insurance or are affluent enough to want to spend their own money on healthcare, which allows the Government to generate income to offset the costs of modern healthcare.

Spending money on providing such facilities is an investment that will reap significant returns, all of which would be ringfenced for States Healthcare funding. Without a private offering, patients may travel to the UK for treatment and those healthcare tourists who choose Jersey for their healthcare would no longer visit. If the new hospital did not have private facilities, it is likely a separate and private commercial hospital would be created for private patients in Jersey, depriving Health of significant income streams.

Why does it need a knowledge and training centre?

Training staff is a key ingredient which not only develops local talent, but aids staff retention as fewer talented Islanders in medical practice will need to travel overseas to develop their skills and experience. Furthermore, a modern and purpose-built knowledge and training centre will attract a high calibre of health professionals to teach and lecture who, in turn, will also treat and care for Islanders.

How many parking spaces will be available at the hospital?

A travel survey has been undertaken with staff, patients and visitors which will inform the number of car parking spaces that are needed and will inform the design of the carpark. Sustainability and accessibility are also important considerations in the project design, so alternative modes of transportation are also being investigated.

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Prehistoric landscapes across the Parish

By Marc Yates

Ask someone to imagine the past landscape of Jersey, and they would probably be able to describe the landscape 150 years ago in the Victorian era quite well, or indeed the one of 500 or so years ago in the late mediaeval period. If you asked about the Island's landscape in the Neolithic period (the late stone age, and before metal tools were used) some 6000 years ago, most would struggle.

The mound covers a dolmen built of massive stone slabs which were probably hauled some way from the coast and erected on the site. The type of dolmen is sometimes called a cist dolmen as it creates an enclosed tomb where the remains of the dead were placed. As can be seen from the illustration, this type is different from the chamber and passage dolmen like La Hougue Bie and Faldouet, and the single gallery or allée couverte dolmens like Le Couperon at Rozel.



The mound (stated then to be ten metres high!) was excavated in 1912 by driving a tunnel into its side. Within the cist inside, the partial remains of a man and a horse were found, together with the base of a pottery vessel, a fragment of a stone axe and a flint tool. Like some many archaeological finds, these were baffling as they appear to be of different eras. Indeed, more recently, the teeth from the horse remains have been radiocarbon dated as sometime in the first century A.D.

It would therefore appear that horse remains (and possibly the human remains which were not retained and therefore cannot be dated) were deposited much later than the dolmen's construction and any human remains of the Neolithic period have not survived in Jersey's acidic soil. It was perhaps a re-use of what would have already been an ancient site and the remains do not really help us much with what the beliefs and rituals of the Neolithic were, which in turn might

help us with the landscape of that era.

Why is this? Whilst there are Neolithic remains to see, imagining Jersey's Neolithic landscape is more difficult because it is "prehistoric" and lacks any form of written or pictorial record. It does not therefore feature in films, documentaries and literary works which probably provide most of the material for our imagination.

What the Neolithic period does have however is archaeology – the remains of that period left behind and which we try and analyse and join the pieces like a jigsaw to create a picture. We can look at structures or features built by the Neolithic people, we can examine their physical remains and artefacts which in most cases have been buried for thousands of years and we can even look at pollen in soil samples which will indicate what species of tree and plant were growing at the time.

Using the jigsaw analogy again, some of the pieces which we have found fit together are not necessarily the correct fit, at least until we find another piece which is a better fit. It is like doing the jigsaw without a picture of what the final scene looks like.

What we do know from the archaeology is that the Neolithic society must have had some structure, technology and beliefs which bonded everything together like glue. Take for example the tumulus at La Hougue Boëte in the lanes between the Parish Church and St John's Manor. Many people passing in their cars or walking won't give it a second glance – they probably assume that it is just a large roadside bank.

So, what does La Hougue Boëte tumulus consist of?

Well, it is a man-made Neolithic era mound constructed some five and a half to six thousand years ago. Although its size has been eroded away, it is still an impressive four and a half metres high and some twelve to fifteen metres in diameter.

Having said that, my interpretation of what this landscape looked like is based upon what we have found by way of remains across the Island. It also takes account of what has been discovered elsewhere of similar age.

The flatter areas of the Island had been cleared of the predominantly tree cover which had existed after the end of the last ice age which ended about twenty thousand years ago. This probably started about eight thousand years ago when Neolithic people here domesticated animals and grew grain for food. They still gathered food from the wild, hunted and fished but they became more attached to the land than their mobile hunter-gatherer forebears.

After the last ice age, the melt waters caused sea levels to rise by over 100 metres! Not only had the valley between present



day France and England been flooded and become the English Channel, by about seven and a half thousand years ago, Jersey was cut off from mainland France and became an island.

There were extensive low-lying areas of dry land in the Neolithic period which are now foreshore and covered by sea at high water on the present east, southeast, and southern coasts of Jersey. These were occupied and exploited by the Neolithic inhabitants of the Island before the sea levels finally reached those of the present day a couple of thousand years later.

In that regard, the Island was quite an attractive location for the Neolithic to settle in that there was plenty of food and water sources, cleared fertile land for crops and livestock and the sea provided a degree of protection from neighbouring tribes in mainland France who might prey upon the resources of a successful neighbour. ("Fertile" should not necessarily be taken as being capable to being exploited as modern fertilized ground. Arable crops would have been less reliable without fertilization, and land may have been periodically abandoned as far as crop growing, which probably meant that livestock grazing was more common.

Neolithic people probably lived in family groups on the land which they exploited. They most likely had isolated dwellings and would not yet have lived in larger communal settlements which accounts for the lack of archaeological evidence found so far for either. (There is considerable debate as to whether there would have been communal cooperation to build dolmens – it seems there must have been some based on the scale of construction of some structures, but we do not know how much nor how it was organised in their society)

The landscape would have been devoid of the field system of hedges and roads as we know it. There were likely to have been paths between the land of different groups (and along which the stones used to build the dolmens would have been dragged) and possibly designated ritual routes. Other than manmade additions and changes to the landscape through clearing and structures, the only distinguishing features of the landscape would have been natural.

The large tumuli or cairns covering dolmens (like La Hougue Boëte) would have been very prominent in this otherwise natural landscape. They were used over relatively long periods to commemorate the dead and were also steeped in ritual reflecting their beliefs and society in general (which unfortunately have little concrete evidence as to what they were).

These large structures were probably also a manifestation of belonging and connection of that group of Neolithic people to that area of land. They announced to neighbouring groups who had possession of the area.

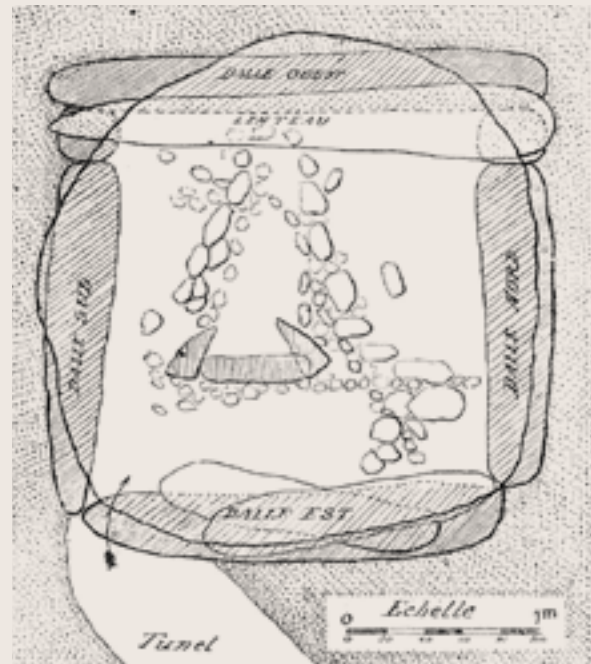
Boundaries between these areas of land "belonging" to the clan were probably also marked by the many standing stones or menhirs which would have been erected around the Island (there are relatively few left now as they would have been easy prey for the demand for building stone as the population of the Island grew in the mediaeval period and particularly in the last three hundred years).

An example of such a marker stone is the "Centre Stone" in the southeast corner of the Parish. These standing stones may have been the equivalent of modern-day signposts and boundary stones, and the Neolithic people could probably navigate from place to place by knowing where those stones were and which clan or group they indicated.

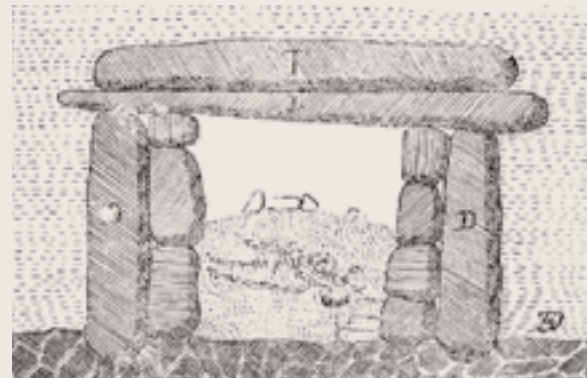
For further information on Neolithic remains around the Island, see www.prehistoricjersey.net. La Société Jersiaise holds many digitised records of Jersey's prehistoric past in its Annual Bulletins

www.societejersiaise.org

The author is a keen amateur archaeologist and tour guide and has an Instagram page [@megalithicjersey](https://www.instagram.com/megalithicjersey).



Plan of the Cist – Deyrolle and Mauger 1912



Elevation of the Cist from the west showing internal deposits and skeletal remains - Deyrolle and Mauger 1912



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My personal favourite however is Kubb. I've seen calm rationale individuals turn into crazed and obsessed players. I've seen lawns being mowed and re-mowed in the days before an expected game, worms moving around underground blamed for hair width misses and I've seen 5 year olds pull out amazing throws to clinch victory from the jaws of defeat.

It feels like this game should have origins in the dark days of Vikings and feudal warfare, but it seems that's what the marketing teams of the 80's want you to believe. Really it's simple. You take turns to throw your team's 6 sticks at the other team's 5 castles until they're all down. Once one castle is down it has to be thrown over the line of the king and re-knocked down by the other team before they can go after the castles again. Once you've knocked all your castles down you can go for the King in the middle. Don't knock the king down before then or you automatically loose. Confused, I'm not surprised! Find the instructions online and see the pictures then it makes sense I promise. Lords this is not! dancing, arm-waving and heckling is allowed during throws from behind your line to 'encourage' the opposition. The 'oohs', 'yes's' and 'ahh's' as the game is played are also spectacular much better than Wimbledon.

There are specific rules to throwing the sticks, it must be under arm and so the stick spins head over heels, not like a helicopter. You can play up to 6 a side, all ages and ability. But if needs be just up the number of sticks and castles for really large groups. You can play on the lawn or on the beach, you just need a space approx. 10m x 10m to put the pitch within. You can make it easier or harder by changing the pitch size. Kubb sets can be purchased inexpensively or by chopping a bit of 4x4 and a wooden curtain pole. But with recent raw material price rises the set is often cheaper.

A perfect lawn game as we go into Autumn and for Christmas for the ever tricky person to buy for. Since Kubb was introduced to Team Party Corner a few summers ago I know of at least 15 new teams as addicted as we are. So let's get playing and I feel an interparish tournament coming on, why not aim for the Island games for 2023 on the rock next door, if they'll let us in by then.

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kubb

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PARTY HQ

St John resident Salima Frigot and St Lawrence resident Denise Nicholls have teamed up with local entrepreneurs and artisans to bring an exciting new shopping experience to the heart of the island, right on our doorstep. The Trading Point is located at Carrefour Selous at David Hick's picturesque 19th century building. Filled with goodies from Genuine Jersey and other local artisan producers alongside gorgeous French products, clothing, home accessories and flowers, it's a great place for sourcing beautiful items for yourself or gifts for others.



shopping, the products we sell at The Trading Point need to be seen and felt in real life to really appreciate them, something you can't do online. As many of our items are handmade, no two are the same," Salima says.

The Trading Point

Salima opened the shop in July with her business partner Denise, owner of Found in France, which sources beautiful and sustainable French artisan products from family-owned businesses who hand make or produce in small quantities using natural materials. They approached other local artisans and entrepreneurs to gauge interest in a shop and were overwhelmed by the response.



"We have nearly 30 small local businesses of varying sizes at The Trading Point and we are being approached by more local artists and creators all the time, so we are rapidly expanding. With so much talent on the Island, being able to support and showcase

new work in the shop is amazing and a privilege," Salima enthuses.

Situated next to David Hick Interiors, the building has plenty of rooms to explore. Found in France is situated in the old grocery shop at the front of the building and the rooms behind and above are filled with treasures from the other enterprises. In the courtyard at the back Finchy's and Co have their vintage food truck on some days – look on The Trading Point Facebook or Instagram pages for more details – selling tea, coffee and delicious cakes, and Bloom have transformed the greenhouse into a gorgeous riot of colour and scents with their floristry business.

"We wanted to create a lovely, relaxing destination for people to be able to shop locally for amazing and unique items. Although there is still demand for on-line



The Trading Point has definitely brought a breath of new life into a magnificent building and visitors to the shop have responded with great enthusiasm, both at the wonderful products available and the location itself, as Salima says. *"Feedback has been amazing! Everyone is so happy the shop shutters are finally open again after a couple of years of being shut after Laura Ashley moved to town. We have customers coming in and telling us about their memories of it as a grocery shop and post office. We have some old photos of the shop and pub and lots of old memorabilia from the grocery shop that has been given to David Hick over the years and that is always a talking point."*

The shop has been rented for six months in the first instance, with a view to taking it on longer-term from January if everyone involved is happy. Meanwhile, Salima and



Denise are looking at creative ways to use the space and showcase more local talent. *"We had a jazz band in the courtyard a few weeks ago which was brilliant, and we hope to have more events like that. There is a Vintage Fair planned at David Hick Interiors next door at the beginning of October and we'll be involved with that and we're planning a Halloween event on Saturday 30th October. We're also holding The Trading Point Christmas Fair on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th December. There will*



be around 18 additional stalls set up in David Hick Interiors and food in the courtyard between our shop and his studio and we expect that to be a wonderfully festive event. The shop is perfect for Christmas and our customers have high expectations for it already. I'm sure you'll see a fairy light or two!"



The Trading Point is open from **10am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday**. There is plenty of parking behind David Hick Interiors and the number 7 bus stops right outside.

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Supported Editorial

Andrew (ANDY) Picot grew up immersed in French culture. His grandparents welcomed French guests at their B&B farm and he frequently holidayed in France.

As his passion grew, the former St Martin's School and De La Salle College pupil took to Granada, Costa Rica, China and France, teaching English.

Gaining teaching qualifications and honing his linguistic competencies via study and travel since 2006, Andy returned to the Island in 2015 and founded 'Complete Languages Tuition & Services - Jersey' in 2018. He had spent six years working in mainstream education, teaching French and Spanish at Victoria College (*briefly at Les Quennevais and VCP*). Seeing a niche for a private enterprise, Andy encourages Channel Islanders to acquire a language either face-to-face or remotely online. Unfortunately, Covid has halted steep development.

Sadly, the delivery of languages locally is not at the level it should be. While some schools offer three or four languages at GCSE, others offer two, but elsewhere, there is no compulsion to study a language; this doesn't help pupils to develop the skills to become a well-rounded adult. It is this 'language provision disillusionment' that has prompted Andy to expand his business. He currently offers French and Spanish to nearly all ages, as well as intermediate Jersey French, but also wishes to teach intermediate level Portuguese, elementary Italian and beginners Polish.

By employing additional staff, Andy will strengthen his managerial skills/leadership

competencies, placing him in stronger contention for a senior leadership role at a bilingual French-English school, should such an initiative come to fruition. This concept was first conceived in 2015 under our then Education Minister.

While busy with his tuition and translating/proofreading services offered on a freelance basis, Andy also hopes to train as a Blue Badge tourist guide for foreign groups.

More details are available from Complete Languages Tuition & Services - Jersey's page on Facebook or by **CALLING 07797 833368** or **EMAILING Picot.AJB@gmail.com**.

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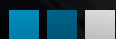


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Church news and forthcoming services and events

by Rev. Beverley Sproats, Rector of St. John's Parish Church.

2021 continues, like 2020, to be a rollercoaster of a year! Like many others, we have experienced restrictions easing and then tightening again. We look forward to a further easing of restrictions at the end of August and face coverings being optional in church. We also plan to re-start refreshments after the 9.30am service in September.

In May we held the Ecclesiastical Assembly. Stuart Langhorn stepped down as Churchwarden and was thanked for his two years of service. Brian Woods was elected Churchwarden. Nicholas Crocker was re-elected Churchwarden and Beryl Vautier and Myrtle Malzard were re-elected as Almoners. The Church Officers were sworn in at the Royal Court in June and 'Team St. John' enjoyed coffee with the Connétable and then a team lunch.

were joined by the crew of the St. Catherine's RNLI lifeboat and representatives of Mission to Seafarers. We received a collection for the RNLI, Mission to Seafarers and Channel Islands Air Search. It was a joy to worship God on the pier and enjoy the beauty of the bay and Dr. David Prothero brought the message. After the service, Rev. Beverley Sproats went on the lifeboat and blessed the boats in the harbour.



Left to right: R Sophie, Ralph and Richard Brooks

In June and July we had a trainee vicar on placement at St. John's Church. Richard Brooks is going into his third year of training to be a vicar at Trinity College, Bristol. He came to St. John's Church on placement to gain an insight into a rural context. Richard accompanied Beverley to meetings and also took part in services, including preaching at the Gift Day service. It was lovely to welcome Richard and Sophie, his wife, and their son, Ralph, to St. John's, and we wish them all the best for their future. The Gift Day was encouraging and I thank God for the generosity of all those who gave a gift. We received 48 gifts that totalled over £16000 (including reclaimed tax) and this goes to support the mission and ministry of St. John's Parish Church.



Church Officers sworn in: L-R Brian Woods, Myrtle Malzard, Beryl Vautier, Nicholas Crocker

The sun shone for the Sea Sunday service at Bonne Nuit in June. We heard about the work of the RNLI from Michael McNally, and



Brighter Futures: Wendy Hurford (President), Beverley Sproats, Martin Fricker (Chair)



Sea Sunday at Bonne Nuit

We often pray over the collection for God to use the gifts given for 'the relief of need and the growth of the kingdom'. At St. John's, a portion of our income is set aside for giving to mission agencies that we support, both locally and abroad. One of these organisations is Brighter Futures, that supports families and young children in Jersey. Martin Fricker, a member of St. John's Church, is the Chair of Brighter Futures. Beverley and Martin attended the Physibods graduation at Brighter Futures in July, to celebrate a group of children who had completed a course prior to starting nursery.

When the restrictions eased slightly in the summer, we took the opportunity to have a **coffee and croissant morning** in July which was greatly enjoyed. Unfortunately, we have been unable to have a coffee morning in August, but we hope to resume the 'third Tuesday of the month' pattern in September with a coffee and croissants morning on Tuesday 21st September 2021.

The second Men's breakfast took place in July and saw numbers growing. A hearty breakfast and fellowship were enjoyed at the 'Brunch' café at St. John's Rec. The next Men's breakfast is 9am Saturday 18th September again at the Rec café. See the Church Facebook page for more info.

Jersey Deanery bid farewell to Bishop Trevor Willmott who has had episcopal oversight of the Channel Islands for eight years. We are in the process of transitioning to Salisbury diocese. Bishop Nick of Salisbury retired in July, and a new bishop is being recruited.

Coming up, we are continuing with services in church and livestreamed to Facebook. Usual services are 8am Traditional Holy Communion and 9.30am Contemporary Holy Communion. Special services coming up include Harvest Celebration at 10.30am on 26th September, hopefully followed by bring and share lunch, a confirmation service in the Deanery on 7th November, and Remembrance Sunday service on 14th November 2021.

Little Oaks Sunday Club for children aged 3-11yrs continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30am, meeting next on 5th September 2021 for action song, bible story, games, crafts and activities. The church is open daily for private prayer 9am-3pm.

Follow the Church Facebook page for more details of church services, courses and forthcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchje/>

To find out more and explore the Christian faith, please connect with us on social media **@stjohnschurchje** or contact **Rev. Beverley Sproats** on **861677** or **07700 731 114** or **beverleysproats@gmail.com**



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September

- 14th** St John WI – Parish Hall AGM followed by a talk by Joy Thompson (Chair of JFWI)
16th Visit du Branchage
24th McMillan Coffee Morning
28th Murial's bingo Parish Hall
29th Golden Age (provisionally see below)

October

- 12th** St John WI – Talk by Jane Aubin (Jersey Pigsty)
21st Rates assembly
26th Murial's bingo Parish Hall
27th Golden Age (provisionally see below)

November

- 9th** St John WI – Craft with Daphne Romeril
13th British Legion Appeal Coffee Morning
24th Golden Age (provisionally see below)
30th Murial's bingo Parish Hall

Golden Age Club are hoping to start in September now restrictions are easing, but all members will be notified by telephone if the club cannot meet.

WI all ladies welcome to join – see contact below
For Church updated events check Facebook page
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