

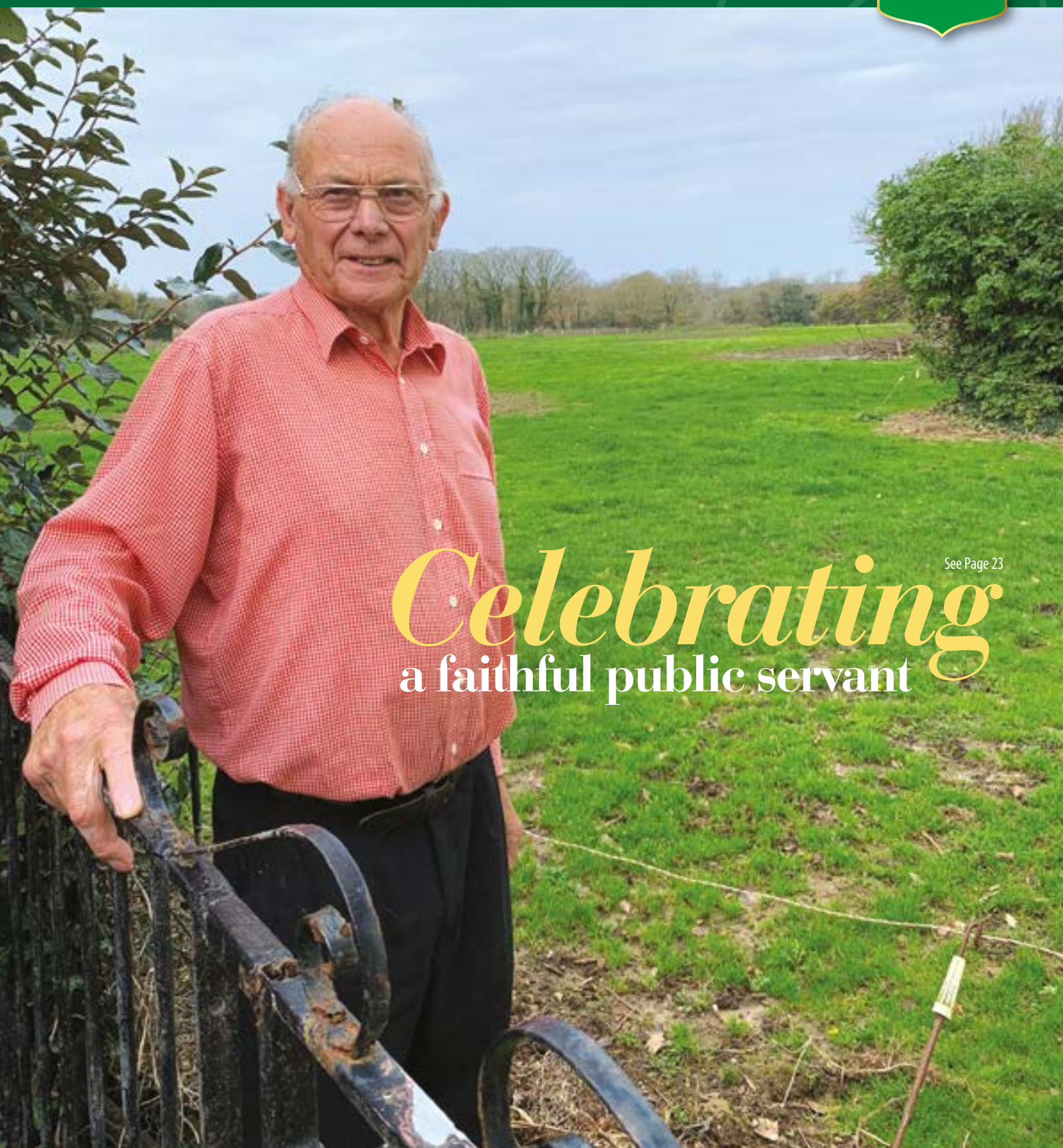


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Dear Parishioners...

It has now been 2 years since becoming Editor of our Parish magazine, which has taken me on a rewarding journey.

Having only arrived back on island a year before, I was a little rusty with what was going on in the Parish and who to persuade to tell us (regularly) all about what they get up to in their free time, part of their work or studies. I am still amazed how much is going on and the willingness of people to share their stories, events, ideas and businesses with the rest of us. With more and more ways we are connected as a community - through the Facebook page, Whats app groups, the constables' regular video updates - I am honoured that I can still deliver a magazine jam-packed with articles for you to savour. I hope you too will enjoy the read.

A particular celebration for me, has been the success of the Sion campaign. I was so pleased to use my international campaigning skills to support the steering committee and get this over the line. Find an article reflecting on what steps could be taken to run a grass roots campaign.

The awareness around the extreme changes to our climate and how this affects us, our community and nature, has grown ten fold. It is therefore heartening to see such a lively and committed group come together to form the parish's first Climate Change group. Please take a look at their news and I look forward to reading more on their progress in future publications.

Even though I am a 'new' member of the Comité Rural, which means I get to talk about this every month, I am still regularly flummoxed by the process of decision making for the (Bridging) Island Plan. Therefore, I hope by asking the Chair to provide regular updates on the process and how it affects St John's, helps you to understand what is being discussed (in the way of proposed fields or protection areas) and when there are spaces for the general public to be part of the decision-making process.

There are a lot of official roles that help this Parish tick, though sometimes it isn't clear what the role really entails. By regularly featuring articles on these jobs and about those that give their time, we can unpick a little of the mystery and maybe entice some of you to contemplate one of the roles yourself?

As always, we have a great selection of articles from the youth of the Parish. Pupils learnt about Jersey's history and even in these difficult times, were able to get out of the classroom and explore Jersey - thank you to all those that made that possible - its hard work nowadays planning school trips. We hear from users of the youth club about how important the youth club is to them and the impact it has on their lives. And, we hear from Morgan who was very courageous, taking the plunge to explore the world, by heading to Colorado to work as a Children's Camp Counsellor during the summer. I hope that this magazine continues to amplify the voices of our young people in the Parish - keep sending in your articles.

Wrapping up the final issue of the year, I want to say a big thank you to all the contributors to the magazine. It is a pleasure to work with you, even if I know you must groan a little when you see my email coming through about deadlines for the next issue! Wishing you all a restful festive break and Happy New Year.

Happy reading

Hilary Jeune
Editor



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At a Parish meeting on 13th October 2021 the Connétable, Andy Jehan asked parishioners if anyone present would be interested in joining a group to develop the Parish of St John's Climate Change proposals.

Six Parishioners volunteered to join the group and an initial meeting was held on the 20th October where introductions were made, discussions about climate change were had and it was agreed that group members would develop their top ten issues that they believe that the Parish can lead on, in order to share them at the next meeting.

A further meeting was held on the 3rd November where the proposals were discussed and documented, with the intention of developing a set of targeted and practical actions which the group members consider to be most relevant and realistic for the Parish and for parishioners to implement.

The proposals included a number of initiatives relating to;

EDUCATION - in order to highlight the impact of climate change and inform people of what they can do to help mitigate the impacts of climate change on future generations.

PRACTICAL ACTIONS - including reducing; reusing and recycling the things we often throw away due to the lack of facilities and the lack of other opportunities.

CONSERVING NATURE - In order that our beautiful Parish can develop as a clean, safe and healthy environment in which we can all prosper.

The next meeting will be held on the 17th November where we intend to set the group's aims and objectives. The subject of climate change impacts on so many facets of our lives, we felt that we need to limit the scope of the proposals in some way.

At future meetings, it is proposed to meet with other Parish groups, including St Brelade, St Helier and Grouville who already have climate change proposals in order to learn from their experience, to forge good connections and find some shared initiatives that we can all subscribe to.

There is a wealth of information, knowledge and good practice in Jersey and beyond, on how we can tackle our declared Climate Emergency and we intend to ensure that what is proposed for our Parish of St John is practical and meaningful.

Further discussions will be held in the future with the

- Government of Jersey's Climate Conversation Team / EcoActive
- Evie bikes and vehicles

GoJ will be publishing a roadmap for decarbonising our economy later this year. It is open for public consultation and we would like to hear from parishioners who are interested in responding to the proposals and who would like to offer support or ideas to the working group.

We can be contacted through the Parish Hall at:
suggestions@stjohn.je

CLIMATE GROUP



Words from THE CONSTABLE

COAST-COUNTRYSIDE-COMMUNITY

I am reflecting on the last few months on the one hand and looking forward at how fast Christmas and the year-end are approaching.

We received 264 votes for our Parish slogan. Having received 40 suggestions, we asked Parishioners to vote on the shortlisted four. Coast-Countryside-Community was the resounding winner, gaining some 57% of all votes received and we have started using this on our Social Media and it will also be used on our new website, which is being launched shortly.

Parish life continues to be busy, we have elected a further four new Honorary Officers making a total of six new recruits and I am pleased to say there is a piece in the magazine introducing you to the new members of the team. We now have just one vacancy and I hope we can fill that at our December Assembly.

In September we held a very successful Macmillan Coffee morning, the team at the Parish Hall and the team of volunteers all worked tirelessly to put on a great event the raised £1,441.00 for this great local cause.

We hosted a very well attended meeting on Climate Emergency and have elected a group of six Parishioners to the new group. I was very encouraged that the group only has one member who has served the Parish before, showing the interest and talent available in our Community.

In the States, I was surprised that the Hospital was given a budget of £804 million for a business case that lacked a lot of basic data. I am on the Scrutiny panel that presented the amendment, not to stop the building, but to build within a much tighter budget and to borrow almost half of the £750 million. In my previous experience the document would never have got out of the starting blocks.

The Bridging Island Plan is due to be debated next March. As mentioned previously the Comite Rurale has worked hard on this over many months. Their efforts, to date, seem to have been mainly ignored by the Minister and we will look at holding an Assembly after the Inspectors report on their findings ahead of the debate.

Our coffee morning held in aid of the Poppy Appeal Jersey was a very successful community event. Thanks to all the volunteers and to those who attended on the day we raised a fantastic total of £2,577 for this important cause.

May I thank people for the kindness shown to myself and my family following our recent loss, the support shown to us all has been very much appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of Judy and myself, may I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and we extend our best wishes to you all for the New Year.

Andy Jehan

Connetable



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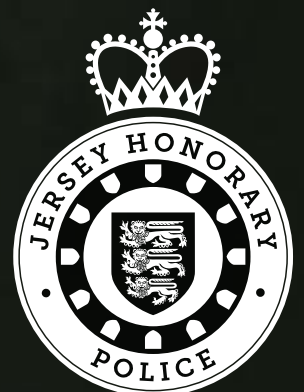
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News from the School

Did you know . . .

- Mulcaster Street is named after Captain Mulcaster who refused to surrender Elizabeth Castle to Baron de Rullecourt during the Battle of Jersey? He didn't take part in the battle itself though because the tide came up and the regiment was stuck on the castle!
- Prince Charles (Charles II) and Prince James (Duke of York) stayed at Elizabeth Castle because if the people of Jersey changed sides from royalists to parliamentarian, they would have been able to defend themselves? Gorey Castle wouldn't have been as easy to defend.
- The Corn Riots of 1769 paved the way for major political reform on the island? In the reform, known as the 'Code of 1771', the Royal Court was stripped of its legislative powers, meaning that from 1771, only the States Assembly could create laws.
- Jersey Privateers played an important role in supporting the British during the French and Indian War during the 1700s?

These are just a few of the exciting things we have learned this term as we have studied our island's rich history. From Nursery through to Year 6, we have been exploring the past and how it

has impacted us, shaping and influencing our island today. We have been on visits to Elizabeth Castle, St Aubin's Fort, the Jersey Museum, the Georgian House in New Street, Havre des Pas and explored our local village.

As a Rights Respecting School, we value our culture and identity; learning about our heritage helps us to understand who we are and how we can have a role in shaping our future.



The St John Youth and Community Trust looking for projects to support in the parish

The St John Youth and Community Trust has an amazing pedigree. The trust was established in 2009 to raise funds for parish based community projects that would be tangible and provide a legacy for future generations. The money was gifted by the family of Suzannah Pemberton, who had had an accident while skating down Bonne Nuit Hill. Money was raised to alter her parents home to support her care. The Trust was generated from the residue of these funds.

Since 2009 the trust has identified and delivered some fantastic projects that have really benefited the parishioners of our beautiful rural parish.

The skateboard park located at Recreation Centre on Mont Mado was built using funds raised by the St John Youth and Community Trust. It opened in November 2010 and is used as much today as it was 11 years ago.

The trust was also responsible for the fundraising for the children's playground located next to the church which has given the parish a safe family focused resource for the younger generation to enjoy.

In 2021 the trust decided that it felt right to re-invigorate the trust and identify new projects for us to deliver in 2022 that will benefit the community and ensure that all St John residents can put forward their suggestions .

We have a fresh team of trustees made up of local residents that represent the diversity of our parishioners: *Marcus Pallot, Mark Patterson, Nigel Philpott, Francesca Vadher and Julia Williams*



We are looking for ideas for projects to be delivered in 2022 that will benefit the community of St John for generations to come. Projects can be large or small, the only criteria is that they are for the benefit of the St John's community and provide a legacy for future generations to enjoy. The last year has allowed us all to spend more time appreciating what our parish has to offer and we would love to hear your thoughts on what you think would make our beautiful rural parish even more special and something to leave for future generations to enjoy.

We would love parishioners to send us their ideas for projects. You can email them to stjohnyouthandcommunity@gmail.com or drop written ideas into the parish hall and they will pass them on to us. Ideas need to be submitted by 31st December.

Comité Rurale

The draft Bridging Island Plan – Enquiry in Public

UPDATE

The Enquiry in Public starts on 15th November and stretches over 2 separate weeks of themed hearings and open plenary sessions. The hearings are controlled by the 2 Independent Inspectors and will consider the set topics and questions shown below. Some of you may even take the opportunity to watch the hearings which are being broadcast via the Gov.je website. The Comité Rurale has not been invited to participate in all the hearings that it requested, but fortunately the Constable has been included in some of the other hearings and St John has more involvement than many of the other Parishes. The Comité Rurale will be included in;

Monday 15th November – Places Policies PL1-5

1. Do the Places Policies support the strategy and settlement hierarchy in the Plan?

Wednesday 17th November - Affordable Housing Sites - Policy H5

1. Are the sites allocated for affordable housing adequate to meet the identified part of the quantum of need?
2. Are the sites in appropriate locations, having regard to planning criteria including road access and landscape impact?
3. Consideration of the alternative sites suggested by the Minister and those proposed by States Members.
4. The merits of possible housing sites suggested in representations.

The Minister has included one site in St John as a Potential Alternative for affordable housing;

- Field J1109 at Sion (please see below for the "Land at Sion entry")



fig 2

The Constable has proposed 3 sites featured in previous articles in this Magazine, which are not supported by the Minister;

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

Various Representations have been made to the Enquiry in Public by landowners, developers and architects and as a result the following sites have also been included on the agenda, although they may not all be intended or suitable for affordable housing;

- Land at Sion Village (the small undeveloped area in the existing Sion Village shown on the above plan)
- J228, 230 & J230A (to the West & North of Maison Le Vesconte) (see fig 2)
- J801 (at the junction of Mont Mado Lane and La Rue des Barraques) (see fig 3)
- Beauchamp House, off Les Chenolles (see fig 4)

Thursday 18th November - Natural Environment

1. Is the Coastal National Park (CNP) extension justified?
2. Will the policy framework for the protection of the CNP be effective and is it justified?
3. Would the alternative approach suggested by the Minister of an outstanding landscape and seascape character area (OLASCA) referred to in the Minister's Statement Response 43 be a more appropriate policy response?

Next steps

The report from the 2 Independent Inspectors is not due to be published until early in 2022 and the Minister for Infrastructure Housing & Environment will be considering the findings and any amendments to the Bridging Island Plan. The States will then debate the final version in March or April 2022 and our elected representatives have that one final chance to introduce amendments before it will become law.

Ian Touzel

Chairman

Le Comité de la Commune Rurale de St Jean

fig 3



fig 4



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St John Community Allotments

Martin Whitley

As we head towards the end of the year I thought it would be a good time to reflect on how the site has been managed over the last 8 years and what the future holds. In my last article I talked a little of the success of the allotments and now ponder on what words of wisdom I can now share with our readers! So I thought it may be of interest to some to understand what happens behind the scenes when managing an allotment site.

St John Community Allotments Ltd is a private Company and a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO). As such Directors have a duty to manage the Company within the Laws and Guidelines set out by all the different Jersey Regulators of which there are many.

As an NPO the Company clearly cannot make a profit and whilst three of us have the grand title of Directors, we work voluntarily to manage the administration of the company and the site generally.

In addition to the administration of the Company, we also have to manage the Finances which includes administrating a business bank account and all the normal Know Your Customer (KYC) rules that apply to prevent money laundering etc. Like all organisations there are general costs including: Field rent, water supply, field maintenance which is primarily managing the grass and hedges around the site and of course managing the inevitable potholes. One of our biggest challenges is managing the waste that is produced and the inevitable fly tipping.

There are other expenses such as blight management for which we use professional contractors and of course there can be legal fees.

The financial asides, we have Public Liability Insurance and Pollution Liability insurance amongst other things. These insurances are at reasonable premiums because we are a member of the Allotments and Gardens Council (UK).

We also deal with the administration of new/cancelled leases between the Company and the Plot Holders. We then arrange for our plot-holders to be made aware of the Rules of the Site.

Whilst we are specifically for St John Parishioners we recognise parking is needed for those that have to travel from Sion for example, with their gardening tools.

As I mentioned in my last article, we have been growing at the site since 2014 and as we move into 2022 it is an important time for the Allotment Company. Our head lease with the landowner, the Parish of St John, had to be renewed. This has secured the future of the allotments for a further nine years. The lease was in need of a few amendments and the Company and the Landlord, required some legal advice. We were extremely fortunate that a Parishioner, Carl Parslow of Parslows Jersey Law Firm, stepped forward and offered to review and advise, Pro Bono, for which we are all grateful as clearly this has been a saving for the Parish and the Allotment Company.

The new lease was approved by the Connetable and the Parish Procureurs and signed by the Connetable and the Directors of the Allotment Company. An allotmenters meeting was held to celebrate the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. So next year we can now think longer term about how we can develop things on the allotment site and ways in which we can help support the need to make our planet a better place. Perhaps a tree or two or something else!

So next time you walk past the allotments think of all the work, fun and excitement we have in this little piece of heaven. If you are interested in having an allotment and you live in the Parish please pick up an application form at the Parish Hall.

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year from all on the allotments.



MASKS!!!

Reflections from Deputy Pointon

March 2020 and Covid hit the island. In the early days decisions were being taken at pace and new emergency legislation was being presented almost weekly, freedoms were restricted, isolation became the norm and as a result people suffered emotional harms and the economy became stagnant.

The single most important decision taken was to embark on a mass vaccination program. Though we should not be complacent - a double vaccinated family member recently returned from the mainland; tested positive for Covid; commenced a 10 day isolation period and became ill whilst in isolation. I tell the story because there is now strong advice from government to wear masks for this reason.

My experience out and about (and I tend not to be out and about too often!), is that our community is not heeding the call to wear masks, but is carrying on as if the threat has gone away. The vulnerable still remain vulnerable and I fear there will be winter deaths which could have been avoided if behaviours don't change.

Why do I make big of the issue? It is because I have a personal experience of the nature of viral illness from a professional perspective. Having been deployed to Iraq in 2004, my final role was to spend a month in Germany delivering the medical brief to troops flying out to the desert to replace troops already in theatre. Part of the brief was about the importance of personal hygiene as there had been an outbreak of norovirus within deployed units and we wanted to make sure the virus did not spread to new troops arriving.

Unbeknown to me there had been a norovirus outbreak in the British garrison in Germany so as I was "preaching" the message, wash hands, keep a distance from others and isolate if symptoms appeared, a whole cadre of replacement troops were carrying

the virus into theatre. Some began showing symptoms on the plane, an unpleasant experience.

Fortunately, there were no deaths from disease as these were fit young people. However, the deployment had to go straight into isolation rendering the unit ineffective.

Why do I tell this story- because one would wish that our parish could remain healthy and that we can continue to avoid the worst of this pandemic.



What do we as individuals, families and friends need to do:

1. Wear masks especially in confined spaces.
2. Get your vaccination.
3. Keep a significant distance between those people you meet incidentally.
4. Make sure that indoor communal spaces are well ventilated.
5. Try if possible, to work from home.
6. Keep Covid in mind and never think it has gone away.
7. Obtain your free LFT test pack from the Covid help line, then test twice a week.
8. Look frequently at the Covid data published on the Government web site.

For me this is just some of the commonsense advice that may prevent numbers rising and avoid tougher measures being imposed by government.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and successful New Year.



Hello again from all of us here at St John's Youth Project! We hope you are all doing well and enjoy reading our latest update.

Things have been ticking along nicely here at the project and since Summer the young people have been involved in a range of activities which we offer on-site in the Recreation Centre, whilst also giving their input into what they would like to do across the new school year. Generally, the young people can be quite enthusiastic about cooking and baking, so we have been making flapjacks, cookies, cakes and other sweet treats so far this term on a weekly basis – as we look to perhaps introduce a 'Bake-off' style initiative in the New Year to keep up the momentum in the kitchen. Outside of the kitchen, the young people have enjoyed the return of the Sports Hall, which we have access to over the Winter period, for football, badminton and other games. The young people have of course also been engaging in our other activities which are made available weekly such as table tennis, fozzeball, pool, video games, crafts and more.



NEWS!

Youth Work Week 2021

Each year, in the world of Youth Work, we have a week where we celebrate our line of work and the awesome young people which make up our projects. Youth Work is an informal education practice, where young people can engage in alternative learning and develop skills - outside of their usual structured and more formal setting of the school environment. Engaging in new

experiences and learning to navigate social situations can be considered a very important part of the development of a young mind and can help to prepare them for the transition into adulthood. We encourage our members to discuss their thoughts, feelings and their difficulties or successes in these situations – so we can not only learn from our peers by being exposed to alternative perspectives, but also understand and evaluate them through the practice of reflection. As part of our celebrations this year, the project looked at what youth club means to us all and our young people were encouraged to think about their journeys so far, what it is exactly they like about youth club and reflect on this through discussion. In Youth Work it is so important that we listen to the voices of the young people we work with and that

this becomes central to our practice and philosophy. With that being said, we thought it would be appropriate to share some of the thoughts we have collected over the last few weeks, directly from the young people who shared them. There were many shared thoughts and themes across our discussions, and generally the young people who attend the project do so as they see it as a fun and safe place in which to hang out with their friends and to get involved in new experiences. For a slightly more personal insight, however, we hope you enjoy reading the following extracts from some of our current members. Giving this opportunity for our young people to be heard is something we hope we can utilise our magazine space for more regularly, moving forward.





cannot make it as I have hockey, so Mark offered me to come in on Tuesdays. I am grateful for this as coming to Youth Club is the favourite part of my week!"

Lily

Happy Holidays

As this is our last article of the year, we felt it appropriate to send our best wishes to all for the upcoming festive period. From all of us here at St John Youth Project, we hope you all have a fantastic holiday season – taking time to relax and unwind – and enjoy spending quality time with those close to you. Thank you to all those who support our work at the project, to all of our wonderful young people and their families, the staff team, the project committee, the parish of St John and the wider island community – we are grateful for you all and look forward to continuing our work alongside you all in the New Year!

Opening Times

As we approach Christmas, please note that we will be staying open until the island's schools break up for the holidays – where we will then take a break for a couple of weeks before returning in the New Year.

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:

E: markpatterson@jys.je / T: **07797 765439**

Our Opinions on Youth Club

"This place isn't just a youth club, it is a place to make friends and retrace memories from primary school. This youth club does soooo many different things from gossiping with your friends to baking in the kitchen. The workers here are supportive and encouraging to our opinions. Me and my friends have just started secondary, so we are all separated, and youth club has helped us to stay connected. Youth club is a great place to wind down after a bad day. Even though the workers don't have to hang out with us, they always somehow make us laugh and make us feel safe. In school some people especially these days want to fit in, but youth club is a place where it doesn't matter if you stand out, everyone is equal. You don't have to pretend you can dance or pretend you know about this or that, at youth club you can be you. On the other hand, some people doubt themselves and feel insecure but everyone here is supportive and they help you get through friendship problems. You have opportunities to learn how to skate or bake even if you aren't the greatest at it!"

Ella and Lucy

"In my opinion, youth club is my escape from everyday life. My everyday schedule is extremely busy and I have hobbies and homework every day. When I come to youth club, I love seeing my friends from primary who I am so close with. I volunteer on Fridays with the year 5s and 6s, it's great to feel some responsibility whilst having fun and socialising with the staff and kids. Mark gave me this opportunity in year 8 because he saw me as a responsible leader. I started my youth club journey in year 5 and am currently in year 9 and have not missed a session where possible. Youth club is my second family. I can trust them with problems, worries and concerns about absolutely anything. I feel like youth club is a safe environment to express ourselves without judgement. Residentials are always a favourite. Whether its going to Crabbe for an overnight stay and campfire, or coasteering. The staff always want our opinion on things to do in club on anything. Us young people have a voice and I find this to be an important and inclusive part of club. My session is now on Wednesdays, but I



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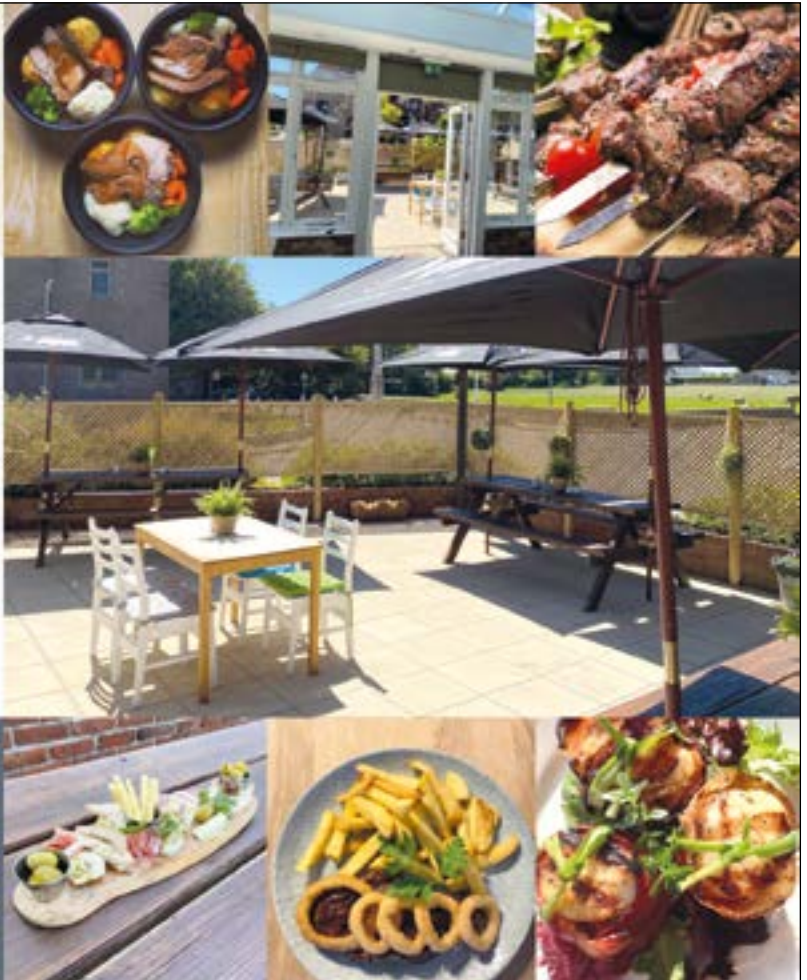


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Every Child Our Future supports these children through our amazing team of volunteers, who we train up to go into schools and work with the children. We are currently recruiting for more volunteers to start in schools in January 2022.



Volunteers go into schools for an hour or two a week. They work with the same 3 children each time they go, and spend around 20 minutes with each child on a one-to-one basis. Our numeracy volunteers on the Number Starters programme play fun games with the children,

helping them to improve their understanding of early number. Our literacy volunteers, on the Ready to Read volunteering programme, listen to each child read and gently support them. We also have a third programme, Story Starters, in which volunteers read to children in pre-school nurseries, to help improve their vocabulary and communication skills before they start school.

It is so rewarding for our volunteers to see the children progress and grow in confidence, as well as knowing they are doing something to help improve their futures.



"It was a very rewarding experience, I enjoyed spending time with the children, especially as they seemed very happy to be there and it was lovely to see their faces light up when they could show off their number skills." - feedback from Number Starters volunteer

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or email us at info@everychild.org.je. We hope you can join us!



Tchi temps! What weather!

By Sarah Grigson

Everyone loves to talk about the weather. If you want to impress your neighbours this winter, why not try out a few of these Jèrriais phrases next time you are having a grumble over the fence, at the school gate or in the parish lanes.

I' vente la pé du d'giâbl'ye!

It's blowing a hoolie! (Literally blowing the skin off the devil.)

I'y'en pisse!

It's peeing down with rain!

I' fait du temps péthissabl'ye!

It's terrible weather!

J'avons du sale temps!

We have dirty weather!

Tu pâle qu'i fait froid!

Isn't it cold! (A very Jersey phrase which literally translates as 'talk about it's cold')

I' fait eune froid d'tchian!

It's freezing! (Literally it's a cold dog.)

J'avons d'la bliâse.

It's foggy.

I' fait du temps du Bouôn Dgieu!

It's beautiful weather! (Literally 'it's God's weather'.)

And if you want to really impress your friends, why not try out these local ditons (sayings)...

I' fait d'la bliâse pour les flyes qui n'ont pas d'drâses!

It's foggy for girls with no knickers!

I'tchait d'la plyie pour les flyes dé Ste Mathie!

It rains for St Mary's girls!

I' fait d'la grille pour les gas q'ont la bille!

It's hailing for the men who've got the hump!

The JSPCA's New *Charity Shop*

In response to the covid-19 pandemic and the impact on fundraising events during 2020, it was decided that the JSPCA Animals' Shelter needed a fundraising stream that would ensure sustainability and support the charity for the future. Having had many discussions and ideas over the past few years for creating a fundraising charity shop, it was decided that now was the time to press ahead and get the wheels in motion.

The aim of the charity shop is to help us to meet the charity's charitable aims to prevent cruelty, promote knowledge and provide for the sick, aged, lost and unwanted animals in Jersey by providing an income stream and also a place of awareness of the work and services offered across the Island by the JSPCA.

We are very fortunate to have great contact with Joanne Doherty, Manager of stationery shop Paperchase in King Street, who offered considerable storage space at their store to be able to house donations that were already being given by very generous members of the public. Joanne was also integral in the early stages of planning the charity shop, giving her experience and advice from 20 years in the retail sector.

Donations of furniture and display fittings from FatFace, along with items sourced from the general public via social media, have enabled the charity to save a considerable amount of money in terms of set-up costs.



The site was taken over in September, with teams of volunteers from Affinity Private Wealth and HSBC working tirelessly, painting and cleaning the premises and then moving fixtures and fittings into the shop. We are also grateful to Kelly Eastwood from RampArts Jersey who has painted several animals and birds around the shop floor to highlight the extensive work we do with domestic animals and the wildlife of Jersey.

We are so grateful to the team at the Cooperative Society, along with their contractors, for their construction of our fabulous dressing rooms, as well as providing advice and assistance along the way.

We are thrilled to say that the JSPCA Charity Shop is now open at the former Coop site in Sion Village, St John. The premises have been transformed from a convenience store to a charity shop selling good quality clothing, homeware, DVDs, books, toys and accessories, and making a real difference to our community and the lives of animals.

At this present time, we are accepting good quality donations at the shop on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The JSPCA Charity Shop is open from **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm** and accepts cash and card payments.



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Tasty Morsels

by Sarah Grigson

from the St Clement's Association of Workers for Waifs and Strays Recipe Book, Sale of Work 1932

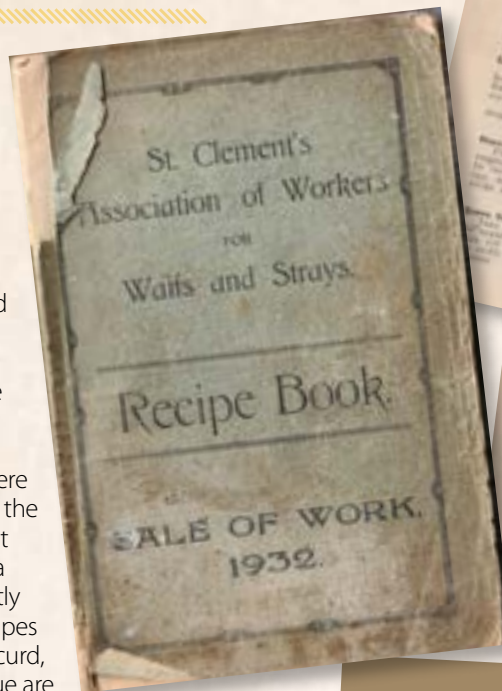
It's amazing what treasures you can find at an auction. Local history enthusiast Owen Lewis recently unearthed a copy of a wonderful cookbook at Glencoe. With the grand sounding title of St Clement's Association of Workers for Waifs and Strays Recipe Book, Sale of Work 1932, it is filled with recipes mainly submitted by Island residents, with others from further afield. It's a fantastic piece of social history and a fascinating glimpse into the diet of our forebears.

The humorous preface, written by 'a mere man' who professes to not having read the recipes, rightly warns the reader against A Bachelor's Idea of Rice Pudding and a Cure for a Cold. Aside from these slightly dubious contributions, most of the recipes look very tempting, although marrow curd, brawn, conger pie and boiled ox tongue are not so popular nearly 100 years later!

The sweet section has recipes with such inventive names as Great Satisfaction Pudding, Johnny Hall Pudding, Tally-Wally Pudding, True Bliss Cake, Cut and Come Again Cake, Fat Rascals and Wallaby Plops (the last is aptly of Australian origin).

St John's residents did not shirk in supplying their favourite dishes. Mrs G W Bertram of 'Ivy Gate' gave her recipe for Queen Cakes, K Dallain of 'Elmwood' gave a recipe for Sultana Cake, Mrs Le Brun of 'Brook Farm' gave her recipe for Swiss Roll, Beryl Poch of 'La Chasse' gave her recipe for Chocolate Layer Cake, Mrs C Le Couteur of 'Northdale' gave her recipe for Shell Cakes, Mrs F E Luce of 'High Cliff' gave her recipe for Chocolate Soda Cake, A Coutanche of 'Clarence House' gave recipes for Banana Medley and Egg Jelly, E S Blampied of 'Sion Lodge' gave their recipe for Lemon Jelly, a Mrs Le Marinel provided her recipe for Curried Prawns and Mrs J Messervy of 'Roscrea House' gave her recipe for Rock Cakes.

If you are looking for a delicious cake to put on your festive table this Christmas, why not try out this lovely recipe for Walnut Cream Cake, submitted by Miss Elsie Querée of 'Le Feugel' in St John. No doubt she would be tickled pink to see her cake gracing tables in the parish 89 years on.



Walnut Cream Cake Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

8 ozs. Flour	4 ozs. Butter
2 ozs. Walnuts	1 oz. raisley (*corn flour)
4 ozs. Castor sugar	3 eggs
1 tablespoon milk	

METHOD - Beat the butter and sugar together until quite smooth. Sift the flour and raisley together, and gradually work into the butter. Separate yolks from the whites of eggs, beat thoroughly, stir the yolks into the mixture, add the milk, and lastly stir in the well beaten whites. Pour into a greased tin, and bake in a fairly quick oven. Time 35 to 40 minutes.

FOR THE ICING - Use 4 ozs icing sugar and the white of an egg. Mix into a smooth paste, and spread over the cake, arranging squares on the top. In the centre of each square place half a walnut. Chop the remainder of walnuts, and press on the icing paste round the sides.

Bouon appétit!

If you would like to view all the recipes, you can find scans of the recipe book at the following links:

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www.paisnel.co.uk/upload/Part01.pdf

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THE SNAIL HOUSE

Reflections of a small business in St John

by Kimberley Le Sueur

We are The Snail House, based in St John with a relatively small farm next to our family home. We breed and raise snails (*Helix Aspersa Muller* aka Petit Gris) all for the purpose of eating – escargot and the smaller ones for reptiles.

We are a family business and all work is carried out by Chris and Kimberley. Chris works full time and Kimberley manages the day to day requirements of the farm along with looking after Elliot our 5 year old son.

We have always been interested in the notion of having our own business, the idea of being able to spend more time as a family and work together being a driving force. We were watching a program called 'A new life in the sun' and a young couple started a snail farm – concentrating on the health benefits for skin gained from the slime produced by snails. This intrigued us and after researching online we found that there was definitely a potential market for snail produce.

Snail farming is seeing a revival for many reasons, it doesn't require large areas of land for production, escargot is seen as a sustainable food source having an extremely low environmental impact and yet a very high protein content.



Typical activities on the farm include feeding, maintaining hygiene, monitoring both the growth of the snails and the quality of the soil they are in, as well as continuous research and social media. We feed our snails a diet of local leaves, fruits, vegetables and flowers along with calcium and porridge Oats.

The beginning life of a *Helix aspersa muller* starts as a 2mm white egg and is fully grown after 150 days providing the environment is at its peak. Having the right environment for each stage of the breeding cycle is really important for success from ensuring the correct temperature for the breeding, hatching and growing. To ensure humidity, food and water levels are correct.

We currently farm *Helix Aspersa Muller*, which are one of the most commonly farmed escargot. We have just started a breeding project with *Helix Pomatia* which are Europe's largest native land snail, these snails are used in Hestons famous snail porridge. They are harder to breed but thankfully the project is going well and the hatchlings we have now will eventually be used as breeders once fully grown and providing all goes well, in the future we will have these to sell as well the Petit Gris.



Once we have established ourselves in Jersey we would like to look into the potential of exporting our stock. France import a large amount of escargot from Eastern Europe to meet their demand, so we feel that there is export potential there. We hope to explore the market for the rest of the Channel Islands and in future look to the UK where the snail farms are currently not able to meet demand. Escargot can be safely and easily transported so there is no limit to where we could ship to.



Having only tried snails a handful of times prior to starting the farm we were very much novices to cooking and eating escargot. That's now changed as we felt it critical that we are able to advise and make recommendations to our customers and have learnt how critical good preparation is.

Chris's favourite is to have them air fried in breadcrumbs with some garlic aioli and Kimberley opts for a more traditional option baked in plenty of garlic butter and parsley with some crusty bread. Only this weekend Kimberley made a snail and seafood paella which was delicious.



The benefits of eating snails as opposed to meat is the protein content of escargot is similar to beef however comes with a much lower fat content. They are also packed full of iron, calcium and vitamin A as well as containing amino acids and being a good source of omega-3.

It's seen as environmentally friendly, having a carbon footprint of around 0.7kgs per 1kg of edible meat compared to 18kgs per 1kg of beef.

There are people with reservations of eating escargot but snails have been eaten for thousand of years, it's quietened down but is starting to become more popular since we are more health and environmentally conscious.

Escargot is eaten all around the world using different techniques and ingredients. We would like to encourage Jersey restaurants and hotels to add them to their menus to come more inline with the rest of the world. Times are changing and so is the way we eat. We are trying to be quite active on our Facebook and Instagram so people can see how they are looked after, see what they're being fed and their Environment.

Whelks, mussels, limpets and oysters are all commonly accepted and seen on menus, other than not being from the sea is a snail really that different in appearance? They are all mulluscs and a whelk is in fact a sea snail.

Even as recently as the mid-19th century lobsters were seen as pests and the cockroaches of the sea, however this obviously has now very much changed. Snails have been eaten and farmed for almost 30,000 years and we need to move on from any preconceptions and embrace them for the fantastic food source they are. They are seen as a delicacy in many places around the world and why should that be any different here. Our future plan is to become more self sufficient i.e growing our own food, producing our own calcium supplement from oyster shells and producing ready to cook dishes and snail caviar.



The response we have had from locals has been overwhelming and thank everyone for their support.



Morgan Pervree tells all!

From online university studying in St John to a horse wrangler in Colorado.

I have been proud to call St. Johns my home for my whole life and I grew up 5 minutes from the church. Like many my age, last year I embarked on my first University year studying from home. Working and studying from home can take its toll and it began to make me feel a little claustrophobic, by the end of the year I made a plan to venture far from the comforts of my parish and go someplace completely different.

I chose to go to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado to work as a Children's Camp Counsellor. On 25th May 2021 I flew to Denver, Colorado. The airports were eerily quiet and there were only 60 people on my flight. This was my first independent international flight and to add to my anxieties on landing I was promptly taken to a pharmacy to receive my Jansen vaccination before heading to camp.



I arrived before nearly everyone, surrounded by people I didn't know with weird accents and very little understanding of sarcasm. I felt uncomfortable and a little unsure about my decision to come but stuck through it as I needed money to get me through university and besides, I was the one who had chosen to take on this adventure! The decision to persevere despite my original reservations was one of the best I ever made. I had applied to be a horse wrangler (despite very little experience riding a horse never mind wrangling one!) and so over the next few weeks I was taught everything from complicated knots, riding styles and even how to teach a horse-riding lesson. When the kids arrived, I was ready, leading them on day long trail rides through the stunning mountains and teaching them skills in the ring. I was

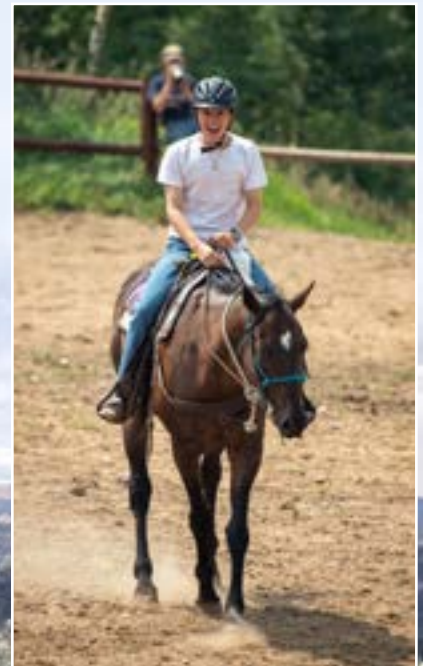


also a camp counsellor, jointly in charge of 66 rambunctious boys for the summer. I was also given the opportunity to hike up mountains, on backpacking trips and I was immediately

welcomed to the American camp family (it's just like the movies but better) In addition I created friendships, some of which will endure for the rest of my life.

Jersey has many opportunities for young people, but I am fortunate to have had an incredible experience this summer visiting a new country, meeting, and working with new people in a different culture. I was lucky enough to travel to the States during COVID-19 but as travel routes are now opening, I would recommend researching similar opportunities through organisations such as BUNAC, Camp America or having a look at the wonderful work experiences on sites such as CoolWorks which advertises exciting opportunities for young people all over the world. **CoolWorks.com** - Jobs in Great Places

I realise there are so many great places to visit and adventures to be had outside the comforts of my lovely Island and I'm so pleased I decided to take the opportunity to explore...now to finish my application for next summer!



Celebrating 47 and ½ years of service for St John

Michel Larose reflects by Rosie Bleasby

Michel Larose retired at the end of the summer after 47 1/2 years of continuous service in the St John's Honorary Police. He has served under 9 separate Constables. There will almost certainly be no one else who moves through the ranks of the Honorary Police in the same way.

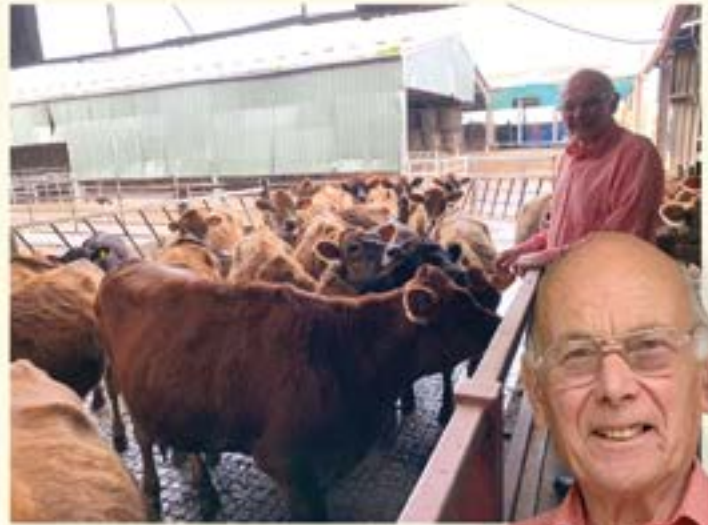
Michel's day job for 50 years or more was in farming. This was the background that provided the majority of the Honorary Police until recent years, especially in a country parish like St John. Farming was not initially Michel's first choice of career. He was hoping to start an engineering apprenticeship at the airport. However, his father insisted that he began work on the family farm and a couple of generations ago you had little choice but to obey. Becoming a farmer meant that eventually Michel could accommodate work in the Honorary Police as the flexibility of being able to attend incidents at a moment's notice meant it was easier if you were your own boss.

Michel is reluctant to mention specific incidents during his time in the Police as even with no names mentioned he feels that memories could still be unpleasant for some. Being a member of the farming community meant he had the same background as many of the parishioners and understood their problems. His attitude to policing has always been that prevention is better than punishment especially where young people are concerned.



He was, however, as a Centenier, one of the Honorary Police who enjoyed the court work. This could involve working on a case, preparing the paperwork and presenting it in the Magistrates' Court.

One of the ways in which he thinks modern technology has improved outcomes is in the case of road traffic accidents. Michel says there are far fewer serious ones today. This is most probably due to the introduction and acceptance of seat belt use and the improved structure of modern cars. As yet the Parish don't have an answer to the "boy racers" of St John who disturb the sleep of many residents, but they are actively working on it.



Probably the most satisfaction Michel has got out of his roles in the Honorary Police has been the social work side. Being able to help fellow parishioners who have fallen on hard times, dealing sensitively with difficult domestic situations and sometimes the aftermath of suicides. Michel has regularly acted as a driver for all kinds of occasions. In the early years of this century he was driving the school minibus taking children to various activities around the Island. He was always ready when transport was needed for the senior citizens also.

Through his work as a cattle farmer, Michel became a member of the Jersey Cattle Bureau and this led to several trips abroad to attend four yearly conferences, visiting New Zealand, Australia, North and South America and South Africa. These trips must certainly have provided a contrast to life at home in St John. Another parish and community activity was the St John Battle of Flowers Association of which he was chairman for several years. His engineering interests were certainly involved here on the various floats. Another interest has been helping at the Jersey Hospice shop at St Ouen for many years.

In many ways Michel's long service in the Honorary Police has provided a bridge between the days when most of the officers were from a farming background and today when people of many diverse backgrounds are coming forward to serve. I am sure some of them will consult Michel still, relying on his long experience. The Parish is both honoured and grateful to have had such a faithful public servant.



ST JOHN HONORARY POLICE NEWS



Long Service Awards

Three Honorary Police officers received long service awards at a ceremony held at Government house on 12 November.



Pictured with the Lt Governor Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen Dalton are Centenier David Ward, Vingtenier Maxine Fergusson and CO Sharnie Oliver

The ceremony, attended by the recipients and their family and friends, was also attended by the Chef de Police and the Connetable. The awards had due to be presented in 2020 but due to Covid there had been several postponements.

Centenier David Ward has been a member of the Honorary Police in St John since August 2007, having held the positions of Constable's Officer, Vingtenier and Centenier during that time. A successful shooter, Dave also carries out inspections for Firearms in addition to his Centenier duties.

Vingtenier Maxine Fergusson has been a member of the Honorary Police in St John since 2007, having held the positions of Constable's Officer and Vingtenier during that time. Maxine also chairs the Island Honorary Police Training group.

Constable's Officer Sharnie Olliver has been a member of the Honorary Police in St. John since 2008, having held the positions of Constable's Officer and Vingtenier during that time. Sharnie is always willing to help and is a great mentor to new officers.



Speed gun Certification

We are delighted that two more officers have gained their Speed Gun certification in October. Both Centenier Francois Le Luyer and CO Michael White have completed their theory and practical training and are now able to conduct speed checks around the Parish.

St John Honorary Police Recruitment Success

Following our recent recruitment drive we have been able to elect six new officers to the team since July. Parishioners with varied backgrounds have volunteered to join the Honorary Police and the first two officers have completed their Foundation Training.

CO Chris Rudd

Constables Officer Christopher Rudd has lived in the Parish for 3 ½ years. He currently works in security. Having given 40 years service to the RNLI in the UK, both as Crew and as a Committee member, he is keen to give something back to the Parish he now calls home. Chris was elected at the Assembly held on the 14th July and sworn in, remotely due to COVID, on the 23rd July.



CO Robin Plumb

Constables Officer Robin Plumb was elected on 14th July and Sworn in at the Visite Royale in August. Robin says hes, I'm not a "bean" but Jersey is now a place I certainly like to call home.

I work at the Jersey Financial Services Commission, it's a superb place to work due to the people and the interesting work I do. I am a snowboarder and was lucky to of worked two winter seasons in the French Alps, where I covered a lot of snow-miles and ate endless amounts of cheese!

My interests, I enjoy cycling, surfing, golf, football, seeing friends and spending time with my girlfriend Nat and friendly dog Gus.



Centenier Andy Bisson

Centenier Andy Bisson joins us after spending 31 years in the States of Jersey Police retiring from the Force when he was an Inspector. Andy worked in various areas of the Force including Planning, Policing Events, Driver Training and Community Policing. Having now retired he is keen to give something back to the Community. He was elected at an Assembly held on the 13th October and sworn in 22nd October before the Royal Court.



CO Cardin Pasturel

Constables Officer Cardin Pasturel was elected at the Assembly held on 13th October. Cardin has lived in the Parish for 8 years and is a Chiropractor. He is also a founder member of the Jersey Tea Company. He is interested in getting involved in Parish life and Community events.



Cardin was sworn in before the Royal Court on 22nd October.

CO David Morris

Constables Officer David Morris was elected at the Assembly held on the 13th October. He has lived in the Parish for 3 years and is a Chartered Surveyor by profession. David has previously been involved with the Round Table in both Jersey and the UK and is a member of the Scott Gibaut Homes Trust in Jersey. He was sworn in before the Royal Court on 22nd October.



CO John Fosse

Constables Officer John Fosse recently retired from the Prison having spent 23 years in the Service. He is keen to learn new skills and has recently taken up a new profession as a Barista. He has lived in the Parish for 21 years and is keen to give something back to the Community and the Parish as a whole. John was elected at the Assembly on the 13th October and sworn in before the Royal Court on the 29th October.



The constable extends congratulations to the officers who have been recognised and to the two who have passed their Speed Gun training. I also extend my thanks and a warm welcome to our new Officers and wish them well in their new positions.

Christmas Musical Celebration *The Gift*

St. John's Parish Church and Community unite in a Christmas musical celebration entitled *"The Gift"* composed by Graham Kendrick. It is designed to be a party celebration for the birth of God's only Son and to highlight the true meaning of Christmas.

The idea is to reach out to the community and involve as many as possible throughout the Parish. It was the initiative of St John's Church Warden Brian Woods who is directing the presentation and is fully supported by the Rector Beverley Sproats and church members. Church bell ringer Louise Read is the Narrator and church member Richard Wood is the lead singer for two of the songs.



Sixty people representing the church and community signed up for rehearsals which started on a Sunday afternoon on the 10 October. St John's based singing teacher, Holly Milner, has been training a group of ten children to sing one of the songs titled *"This Child"*.

In addition, the Silhouette Studio of Performance are providing Highland dancers for a special song titled *"O Come and Join the Dance"*. It is all coming together to be a special celebration at this Christmas time.

Because of the huge response, two performances will take place in the **Parish Church** on **Sunday 19 December 21** at **2:30pm** and **4:30pm** and bookings are via **Eventbrite**.

Numbers attending are limited to 50 at each performance so please book.

Ask Irene

St John's Agony Aunt – have you a question?

She will have an answer

There are all sorts of places to find answers – google, back of the book, bottom of your tea cup, smarties. Here in St John, down a green lane near Sion we have found our very own St John's Agony Aunt. During our brief encounter she solved my problem (the answer was M'n aérodresseux est remplyi d'andgullies) and she has agreed to be our very own St John Agony Aunt. If you have a problem, please do send it to the editor and Mrs StJohnnaïs will have an answer. One parishioner has already done so:

"Is it true that there are talks about having a nudist beach in St.Ouens? Is this something that we in St Johns should consider? Surely Bonne Nuit would be a much better location?"

Ah bah crie... what a request! You may be shocked to hear that this is not the first time our fabulous little parish has had the whispers of a nudist beach. If it was my decision Bonne Nuit or *"Bouonne Niet"* as we say it here at the cottage, would be my absolute number one choice, after all our beautiful little bay is secluded and private. You could go and dip your cadavre in the water and have a good plunge without too much fuss. Grab some food at the cafe, although you would need to be careful that any p'tit sauciche isn't lost in the water, so perhaps avoid eating whilst swimming ma luv - it's also not a good idea to feed the sea life. The residents at Cheval Roc would love the entertainment I'm sure - so money well spent for them, perhaps it's something they could add in the brochure for potential new residents, they would certainly be in for a *"good night"*.

Why, when I was a little bit younger and bit more pliein, we would often be down the beach with my shegs, whipping off the old braies à femmes to forgo un mio nu in the ieau!! Ah hang, back then we didn't need to go to a designated beach, although if I do recall correctly the St Ouens crowd did keep their socks on when they went in (too many toes perhaps!). Although, ma luv, I do want to clarify that I am not of the generation that was smuggling their les coques (or Colinmachons démé) in and out! If you know what I mean!

Well ma luv, you have my vote and it's certainly worth raising at the next parish assembly!



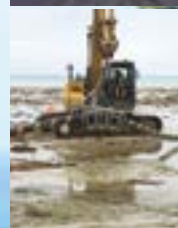
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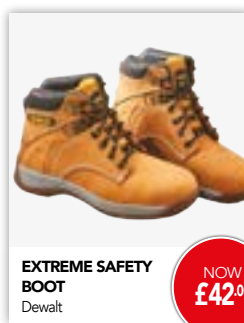
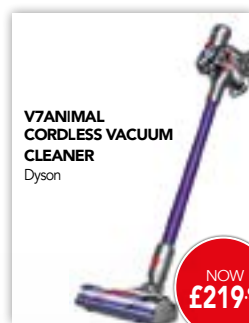
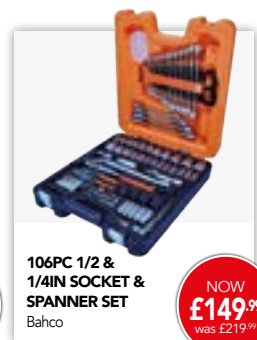
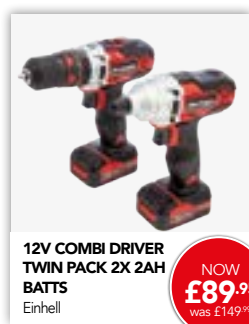
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St. John's First Team Upholds Tradition

In recent years, St. John's FC has seen times of joy and jubilation in amongst moments of trial and tribulation. It's safe to say, the start of the 2021/2022 season has been no different.

St. John's First Team has stayed true to the yellow and green legacy, enduring a tough Charity Cup loss against Jersey Wanderers, and coming up just short against Rozel Rovers' 1sts.

A solid start to the league campaign has followed, including impressive wins against St. Brelade's and St. Peter's Reserves, with 10 goals and eight different scorers in avalanche performances from the Johnnies. Our impressive run continued when an away mid-week match up against St. Ouen's Reserves saw our lads unlucky to be pegged back to 2 – 2 just a few minutes before the final whistle. This was much to the delight of the hostile local crowd, but in contrast to the balance of the game.

St. John's First Team currently sit 4th in the Jacksons Championship with a game in hand on the three teams they're chasing. They'll be made to fight hard for those points, as they host St. Lawrence First Team in their final home fixture before the Christmas break.

Grab your coats and wellies, and come cheer the boys on!

04/12/2021 vs St. Lawrence Reserves 2pm @ STJ

08/01/2022 vs Grouville Reserves 2pm @ GR

22/01/2022 vs Rozel Rovers Reserves 2pm @ STJ

The New Kids on the Block

St. John's new entry for this year, the C Team, was formed in the summer of 2021 after three school friends, Connor Hughes,

Corey Bisson and Bastien Hamon-Cole, floated the idea with Club President Nigel Perree at LAuberge one afternoon. Sponsorship was gratefully received from Gaudins Real Estate Agency and the team were ready for action.

Most of the teammates have represented the club at U14 and U16 level, and 12 years on, the first few games have been a fairytale return. St. John's Cs currently occupy 3rd in Division 2 and have been a whirlwind of *"electrifying and aesthetically pleasing"* talent (their words...!).

The only team to take points from the league leaders (a 4 – 3 win vs Portuguese Community) and victors over Trinity in a thrilling 9 – 3 encounter, let's hope this crusading trend continues.

Next fixtures

11/12/2021 vs Rozel Rovers C 2pm @RR

15/01/2022 vs Wanderers C 2pm @WA

18/01/2022 vs St Ouen C 2pm @ STO

PHOTO 1 – C TEAM

PHOTO 2 – C Team Sponsors Gaudins logo



Our Walking Wonders

The inaugural 2020/2021 JFA Walking Football League, played every Sunday morning at Springfield Stadium, saw St John's Walking Footballers run away with the title having gone the whole season undefeated!

Now known as the 'The St John's Invincibles' the team is lead from the front by striker Pierre Sunbry who, as top scorer, picked up the JFA Walking Football Golden Boot, St John's Walking Footballer of the Year and the JFA Walking Footballer of the Year last season.



Walking Football is played across a quarter of a full-size pitch without any barriers or sides. There are 6 players to each side, including a goalkeeper. The match is played over 40 minutes in two halves, the ball must stay below head height and there are rolling substitutions. Walking, in this case, is defined as players having at least one foot touching the ground at all times.

The Invincibles' team has been continuously steered to victory by manager Mike McKinlay, and alongside team captain Mal Dewing, the squad of 10 men consists of Club President Nigel Perree, John Bailey, Jason Davy, John De La Mare, Gerry Farrell, Sean O'Regan and goalkeeper John Medcalf.

There are now 8 teams in the 2021/2022 league with St John's holding second place. They will have to catch the currently undefeated Trinity if they are to take their second Walking Football title.

Pop down to Springfield Stadium on Sunday mornings to check it out.



Pierre Sunbry top scorer and JFA WF Footballer of the year

It's the Taking Part That Counts

St John's FC are delighted to announce that all of Wednesday Night Football Club's fixtures will be hosted at St. John's Recreation Centre.

Wednesday Night FC is the brainchild of Adam Groscoatt. A social football club, open to players of all abilities and commitment levels. In 2016, Adam was a new Dad, wondering how he would get his football fix without a commitment to training, as is the case with an eleven-a-side club.

To feed his appetite, Adam started organizing weekly five-a-side matches at Grainville school. Over time this grew to more than 20 locals all looking for a pressure free night of football. As players and their needs evolved, so did Adam, taking the step to start an 11-a-side team.

Having created the new concept of a "Wednesday Night" football team, Adam was commended for his work by local charity, Mind Jersey. Mind were supportive of the initiative, as it supported that of their peer support work; to offer reasons for getting out of the house and the chance to connect with others. To date, Wednesday Night FC has contributed over £2,500 to the charity.

Adam commented *"The facilities and culture at St John's FC are superb. We have been overwhelmed by the support that the committee have shown us, and we are certain that this will allow our project to grow"*.

If you are interested please contact Adam at wednesdaynightfc@hotmail.com



Adam Groscoatt of Wednesday Night Football with Nigel Perree President of ST Johns FC

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PARTY HQ

Two glorious years filled with fun and games have sped by at Party HQ in the glorious Parish of St. John.

Therefore now is the right time to look further afield, spread our wings and see what fun exists in other far flung places. In the end I found it, two fields south in St. Mary.

Having games with rules that are organised, understood and planned are one thing. But wild abandon, spontaneity and impulse is another and I loved it.

But it was more than that and I couldn't quite put my finger on it. Why was this game such fun? why were we whooping and cheering and geeing each other on like the final straight of the National? Whilst polishing my trophy cabinet the day after the said 'game' I had a lightbulb moment. It was a race, everyone loves a race. It was simple, it worked because everything can be turned into a race. Running, Pooh sticks, marbles, egg and spoon, flip cup.

One of the foundations of this article has always been to make sure the games mentioned can be played by all ages, all weathers, with paraphernalia that is easily found. Now it may be that not everyone has two canoes and two tow ropes kicking about, but there is no doubt this game could be replicated with two skateboards and a dressing gown chord. (as proved in the green lane near us)

All we did on this sunny afternoon in the parish next door was this...

Two teams, each with one canoe tied to the tow rope in a nice bit of space. A bit like tug of war the team holds the rope on one end, the canoe on the other. On 'go' one person runs from the team, gets into the canoe, and the team pulls the canoe and rider across the finish line. First canoe over the line wins. Totally silly, ludicrous and impractical but as it's a race against another team, it's totally valid as a game.

And that is the theme of today, we're getting into party season and there'll be gatherings and meeting ups with family and friends. If ever there is a lull, invent your own race, you never know where fun may come from, the key is to never stop playing.

Hot Yoga



Hot Yoga (Absolute Series) is practiced in the hot room at up to 36 degrees Celcius. This allows the body to warm up inside out, allowing it to detoxify and stretch the muscles deeper. We normally practice 52 Asanas. This is a set sequence which makes it easier to follow and also allows the body to progress in the Asanas with appropriate modifications to accommodate each one of the students. Hot yoga is so beneficial physically and mentally; improving balance, flexibility, strength, stamina, confidence, awareness and self-discovery. It also gives a sense of belonging to a friendly, positive, truthfully honest group of positive people who enjoy being together, practicing what they love - Yoga.

I was practicing yoga this evening and remembered something that often resonates with me. After a yoga class I always feel good but lots of times I feel **Invincible Young Wild and Free.**

The Steven Jeanne Charity Motocross Event

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Emotions and bikes were at full throttle when almost 70 past, present and future Motocross riders in junior through to adult groups, along with family, officials, friends and hundreds of spectators came together at the Sorel Point track to honour and celebrate the life of Steven Jeanne who tragically lost his life in November 2019, aged only 49 years.

Stephen was a much loved and well-respected member of the JMC & LCC who was passionate about motorsport and from junior to senior level competed at a high standard in Motocross, Trials, Sand racing, Sprints and Hill Climb and to date still holds the 201-250cc motorcycle class Hill Climb record set in August 1998 in a time of 44.71 seconds on his much-loved Honda CR 250.

Even after he had 'hung up his boots,' Steven would always be seen walking around the pits at every event chatting and laughing with the riders, helping and advising on all things motorsport and would regularly find himself with a spanner or screw driver in his hands, utilising his excellent mechanical knowledge and prowess. This would sometimes result in the bike, or parts of a bike being whisked away to Steve's Trinity workshop for more detailed attention, sometimes lasting into the small hours of the night, just to ensure the rider could be in the start gate the next day.

The event was organized by Motocross Chairman Kieran Gregory and his committee. Raffle tickets were sold in the pits throughout the day to win prizes generously donated by local businesses and individuals with all the proceeds of the raffle and a donation from the riders' entry fees all going to the Mind Jersey Charity in Steven's memory. The organisers would like to thank everyone concerned who donated or bought tickets as the amazing sum of £5,000 was raised by riders and spectators.



Mark Birrell receiving the Jeanne family bowl award from Stevens mum Iris Jeanne

**SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021
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Mx 2 overall winner Declan Hussey, Stevens nephew, being chased closely behind by the Steven Jeanne memorial trophy winner Charlie Morris

Trophies were awarded to the top five competitors in each class by the club, with two special awards being made by Steve's wife Claire, mum Iris and close family members at the end of racing. The Jeanne Bowl, a trophy whose recipient is decided by the Jeanne family, is awarded to a person who promotes all aspects of the sport and puts more into it than they take out. It is open to be won by a competitor, official or 'helper' who displays dedication, commitment, inspiration, sportsmanship, courtesy and promotes youth participation. This was very deservedly awarded to Adult B group rider #32 Mark Birrell, a long-term club member, rider, official and hands-on organiser and helper.

The Stephen Jeanne Memorial Trophy was voted on by fellow competitors and officials for the rider who displays all round sportsmanship, a positive attitude and is gracious in victory or defeat and helps with all aspects of event organization. This was also deservedly won by Adult A group rider #12 Charlie Morris. Charlie only fairly recently came back to Motocross having not ridden for a number of years and immediately immersed himself in all aspects of Motocross; has been invaluable in organizing and sorting track maintenance and has displayed his abilities, sportsmanship and courtesy both on and off the track.

With the large number of entries for this event and the results still counting towards the overall Championship for 2021, the racing was always going to be fast, adrenaline fueled and thrilling for all concerned, riders and spectators alike.

After practice the Adult B group got the event underway with many of the riders in this group competing for the first time in many years to honour their fellow rider Stephen Jeanne. It was great to see for example #90 Chloe Mills show some of the boys how it's done despite having not ridden for many years and now being the proud mum of a young potential Motocross champion! This class was eventually topped by #86 Josh Du Four with Stephen Knight and Adam Le Cheminant 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the junior classes the 65cc class was won by #8 Jerome Sullivan with runner up #313 Cameron Brazao and 3rd #7 Michael

Hopwood. The 85cc class winner was #10 Archie Langlois, runner up #184 Ashton Hardman and 3rd #88 Mathew Deffain. The youth 125cc class was won by #172 Kerry Knowles.

The Adult A group MX1 and MX2 classes ran together and this class delivered some breathtaking racing every time they took to the track. Race 1 saw #141 Ryan Gregory on his 450cc Husqvarna get the hole-shot from the gates only to lose the front wheel under heavy breaking into the first corner and crashing causing half the field behind him to join him in the dirt! This allowed rival #40 Sam Allix to win convincingly.

Gregory again got the hole-shot in race 2, this time Allix making the mistake, stalling the bike as the gates dropped but charging his way through the pack to be on Gregory's back wheel on the last lap, stealing the win on the last corner and going on to win the MX1 class overall with Gregory 2nd and #65 Stephen Le Brun 3rd.

Perhaps the most emotionally fuelled ride of the day was by overall MX2 class winner Declan Hussey, Steve Jeanne's nephew, whose bike displays the same famous race number of 38. With championship rival #69 Kieran Gregory out for the season and on crutches due to ACL surgery, Hussey saved his seasons best riding for his much-loved uncle's special memorial-day taking all three wins and the overall in the MX2 class. He proudly received his winner's trophy from his auntie Claire Jeanne to rapturous applause from all present. A very fitting result under the circumstances and a large number of tearful eyes!

The Veterans class was, as always, dominated by the consistent smooth riding of #511 Damien Bowyer on the 125 CR Honda with evergreen Lee Le Feuvre #11 in 2nd place and Jeanne Bowl recipient #32 Mark Birrell in 3rd.

The amazing, emotionally charged atmosphere at the event was enjoyed by everyone involved, raising an incredible amount of money in the process for 'Mind Jersey'. A very fitting tribute to a much loved competitor who is very sadly missed by his motorsport family.



Ryan Gregory getting the holeshot and then crashing in the first turn and taking a number of riders down with him

Grassroots Campaigning

HOW ONE GROUP MADE A STAND AND CHANGED A SMALL COMMUNITY

by Kate Sibcy

1. Find someone enthusiastic to support you at the start.
2. Don't expect politicians to do the hard work for you.
3. Bring your petition to people's attention.
4. Local people care most about local issues that affect them - find them and bond with them.
5. Welcome those with most enthusiasm, to hear their ideas and make plans with them.
6. Learn about the systems and processes that can deliver change and how to force the issue onto the table
7. Not everyone will agree, and some will be downright nasty, but it shouldn't dissuade you if you believe that what you are doing is for the greater good.
8. Acknowledge and thank everyone in whatever capacity they were involved.

Sion has always been a bit of an anomaly: not a parish, but sitting across the boundaries of three, St John, Trinity and St Helier. It has felt, for a long time, that Sion was forgotten, just a bunch of houses down either side of an increasingly busy road.

But I had seen one near miss too many and, when I heard about the new Co-op being built, I couldn't ignore my concerns any longer. It needed some joined-up thinking and a lot of energy to get the conversation started. My first port of call was my kids because making the roads safer would benefit them and could possibly lead to their being allowed to go to the shop to get sweets on their own one day (a long way in the future). Lesson one: find someone enthusiastic to support you at the start.

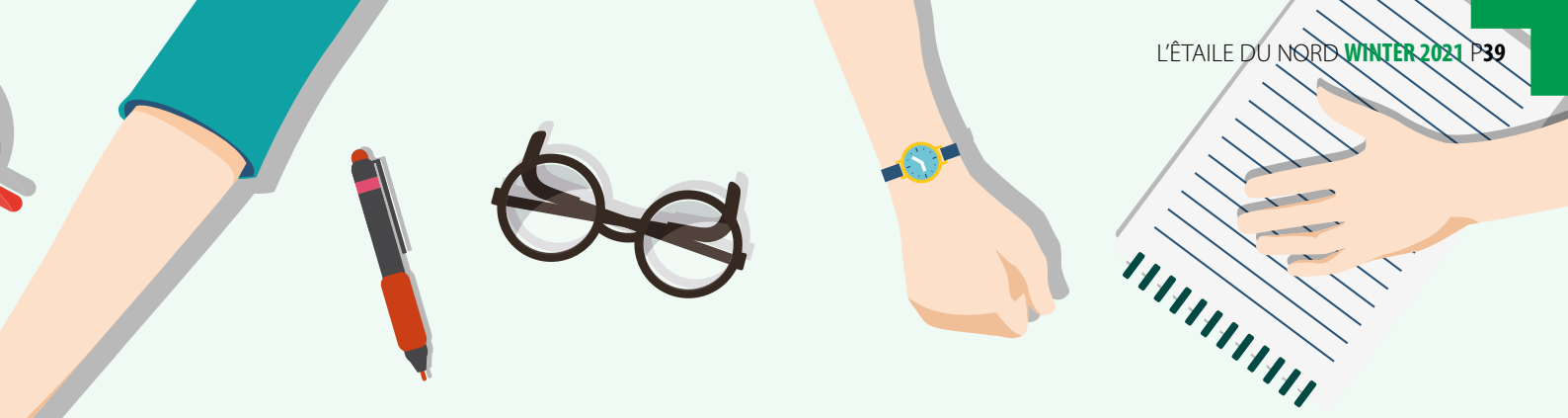
It wasn't a whim. I'd been thinking about this for a long time. I wrote to every relevant politician standing in the 2018 elections. I felt like I was getting things done by writing all those letters. Some agreed, and others were openly mocking, but after the elections... nothing happened. Lesson two learned: don't expect politicians to do the hard work for you.

Lockdown in April and May 2019, while a desperate time for some, for many was an opportunity to spend more time close to home, enjoy quieter roads and to reflect on how things could be better. Walking the lanes where I live every day with my family made me realise that we live in a beautiful area and that having safe access to it was worth fighting for. Wanting it personally, however, didn't feel like enough and I needed to know if others felt the same. I posted a petition on the government website, which was surprisingly easy

to do. In hindsight, I'd have taken a bit more time to make my title snappy and explanation more convincing, but it was published the next day. Lesson three: bring your petition to people's attention. However, very few people scan the online list of petitions- you have to let people know. We got a hundred or so signatures, but friends and family are not enough and nor should they be. This had to be something people who live here genuinely wanted.

Lesson four: local people care most about local issues that affect them - find them and bond with them. Crucially, I needed to find out if the people in Sion agreed and would support a speed reduction. I wrote a letter including the petition details, my name, address and phone number as transparency and connection were important to me. I rallied my gung-ho kids and they helped me fold then hand-deliver 400 letters to homes in Sion. More signatures trickled in and, even better, people started to email me with stories of their own frightening experiences on the road, shared desires for it to be safer and offers of help and support. I started a WhatsApp group of interested residents and from that emerged a lively action group and a steering committee. The single most important (and probably the most labour-intensive part of the journey) was to get a solid group of committed locals to bond over the common goal of making Sion safer.





Over the next few months we shared loads of information about other local campaigns, road safety initiatives from all over the world. Clive Russell and Hilary Jeune emerged as key allies on the steering committee that would move this from a desire to an action plan. We met and with their ideas, expertise, connections and passion for the cause, we made a plan.

Without this stage of stepping up, inviting others to share in steering the campaign, I'm not sure we'd have been successful. They brought so much in terms of publicity, having helpful conversations with their contacts, setting up meetings and devising attention-grabbing events to raise the profile. We contacted all of the relevant politicians and local business owners again and it felt like we were gaining traction. So, lesson five was certainly to welcome those with most enthusiasm, to hear their ideas and make plans with them.

One of the meetings I set up was with the then Constable of St John, Chris Taylor. He welcomed me but was quick to disregard every safety concern I had and made it clear that he was intent upon protecting the rights of drivers above all else. That meeting could have left me feeling deflated but, instead, I

was incensed. I appealed to all the other politicians in the three neighbouring parishes. I wrote to every member of their Roads Committee. Clive set up meetings with other Constables. Hilary started connecting us to local movers and shakers and publishing our ideas in the parish magazine. The Co-op supported us with their own concern for customer safety and provided bumper stickers to publicise the campaign. A representative from 'Transport' or IHE as it's now known, came to meet us and give his view as, ultimately, the road concerned is a public highway and therefore under their remit. There was a lot to learn about how the system of government functions and how to get things done. Lesson six was to learn about these systems and how to force the issue onto the table.

After nearly a year of raising awareness, consulting and campaigning enough people were starting to engage. Conversations were starting to take place at government level and at this point, it might have been easy to wait. But our team knew better.

Clive arranged a socially distanced 'protest walk' which caused a ripple. Interestingly, some drivers were extremely dangerous and sped towards us – thus giving everyone present an even stronger resolve to see this through. There were other awareness-raising

articles. I wrote one for the JEP and, despite my relationship to the editor (who kept out of the campaign), I went through the Newsdesk like anyone else. There was some irrelevant and nasty sniping on social media, where some who delight in speeding actually tagged each other (useful for the police) but an overwhelming display of support through emails also followed. Lesson 6 had to be that not everyone will agree, and some will be downright nasty, but it shouldn't dissuade you if you believe that what you are doing is for the greater good.

The change of Constable in St John and a new perspective meant that Constable Andy Jehan listened, visited and supported what we were trying to do. After the public consultation found that the majority of respondents were in favour, the next stage was surprisingly quick. The signs went up and the speed limit changed.

My kids now walk to school at least twice a week, my husband cycles most days and when we use the car, we can pull out in slower moving traffic much more safely. We have noticed more people walking and, it seems that other improvements are also taking place to make the road south of Sion safer. There is still a call for speed reductions further along the road and many in the village still want a crossing. The small minority of drivers who exceed the new speed limit are having this data being collected by the camera in the village and will form useful data for the next stage of our campaign.

I'll end with lesson 7, which is to acknowledge and thank everyone. I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the petition groups, walk, surveys, emails, social media in whatever capacity they did, even if those who disagreed, because it was important that we knew what people felt. Ultimately, the government decided what should happen but the range of views we heard assisted us in shaping what we asked for and gave credibility to the outcome. I hope that by sharing this experience, others in St John will be able to affect change to make their own lives better and roads safer.





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Searching for new members St. John's Golden Age Club

Extra help desperately needed - especially Committee Members. We are all getting older and the existing Committee has been in office for 26 years. Some are retiring from the end of November 2021. We would love to be ordinary members attending the meetings. We would always help if needed but we would not interfere.

The St. John's golden age club meets 11 times a year on the last Wednesday of the month, this includes 4 outings either lunch or tea, otherwise we have a speaker or entertainment.

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St. John's Parish Church

Church news and forthcoming services and events

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

It has been a joy to sing and have refreshments after services and hold community events such as coffee mornings since restrictions eased in summer 2021. We continue to be cautious with communion in one kind only (bread) and recording contact details for track and trace.

At our Harvest celebration service in September, we heard from Louise Read, Chief Financial Officer for Channel Islands Cooperative, who gave us a fascinating insight into the retail world and supply chain workings. We collected non-perishable food items that were donated to Grace Trust that supports people in need. The service was followed by a bring and share lunch in the Parish Hall and time to catch up with one another.



The coffee and croissant mornings on the third Tuesday of the month continue to be popular. The team are having a break in December so instead you are invited to 'coffee and mince pies' at the Rectory 10am-11.30am on Tuesday 21st December 2021.

It has been a joy to have a couple of weddings at St. John's Parish Church recently. Congratulations to Kathryn and Steve, and Claire and Rory!



The Men's breakfasts are well attended (but there is always room for more!). In September they enjoyed breakfast on the deck at the Rectory.

During November we are collecting toiletries for Mission to Seafarers. This organisation sends the toiletries to men and women who are not able to get ashore at Christmas. We are looking forward welcoming Brian Penaluna to speak to us about the work of Mission to Seafarers on 23rd January 2022.

In October we welcomed Rose Helie from Mustard Seed Jersey to speak to us about their work supporting people in Romania with Christmas shoeboxes, food parcels, blankets and fuel. We received the equivalent of over £1000 in donations and Christmas shoeboxes filled with gifts, clothes and toiletries to go to people in need in Romania this winter.



In October we also thanked Dee Shrives for many years' faithful service as Flower Team Coordinator and welcomed Val Wood who has taken over from Dee in the role. The church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest celebration and again for Remembrance Sunday and we are very grateful to the Flower Team for the beautiful arrangements.



Work is continuing to repair the church clock, and the Rectorat, the group that oversees the fabric of the church building and Rectory, is meeting regularly.



Brian Woods, one of the Churchwardens, is directing a community choir to perform 'The Gift', a Christmas musical presentation. Over 50 singers are enjoying the weekly rehearsals. See

Brian's article elsewhere in the magazine for more details of this fun choir and forthcoming performances on 19th December.

Little Oaks Sunday Club for primary school aged children continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30am with an action song in church, then time in the vestry together to share a bible story, craft and activity on a theme. This year Little Oaks are going to perform a Nativity during the 9.30am service on Sunday 5th December so they are preparing for that.

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. The church is open daily for private prayer.

Special services coming up include:

4.30pm on Sunday 28th November: Advent Service of Remembrance (to remember loved ones before God)

4.30pm on Sunday 12th December: Candlelit Carol Service 2.30pm & 4.30pm Sunday 19th December : performances of 'The Gift'

10am-11.30am Tuesday 21st December: Coffee & mince pies at The Rectory

3.30pm & 5.00pm Christmas Eve: Christingle services

7pm on Christmas Eve (note earlier time): Holy Communion

10.30am Christmas Day: Celebration service.

Follow the Church Facebook page for more details of church services, courses and forthcoming events.

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- 8th Father Christmas (Rotary Club) Parish Hall 6pm
14th St John WI – Christmas Dinner (Greenhills)
15th Parish Assembly at Parish Hall 7:30pm

Parish Hall Christmas Openings

10am and 1pm on the 29th, 30th and 31st December.

January

- 11th St John WI – Talk by Jane Aubin (Jersey Pigsty)
25th Rates assembly
26th Murial's bingo Parish Hall

February

- 8th St John WI – Craft with Daphne Romeril
22nd British Legion Appeal Coffee Morning
23rd Golden Age (provisionally see below)
27th Murial's bingo Parish Hall

Golden Age Club dates are as stated, but all members will be notified by telephone if the club cannot meet.

WI all ladies welcome to join – see contact below
The WI meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

For Church updated events check Facebook page
www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchje

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