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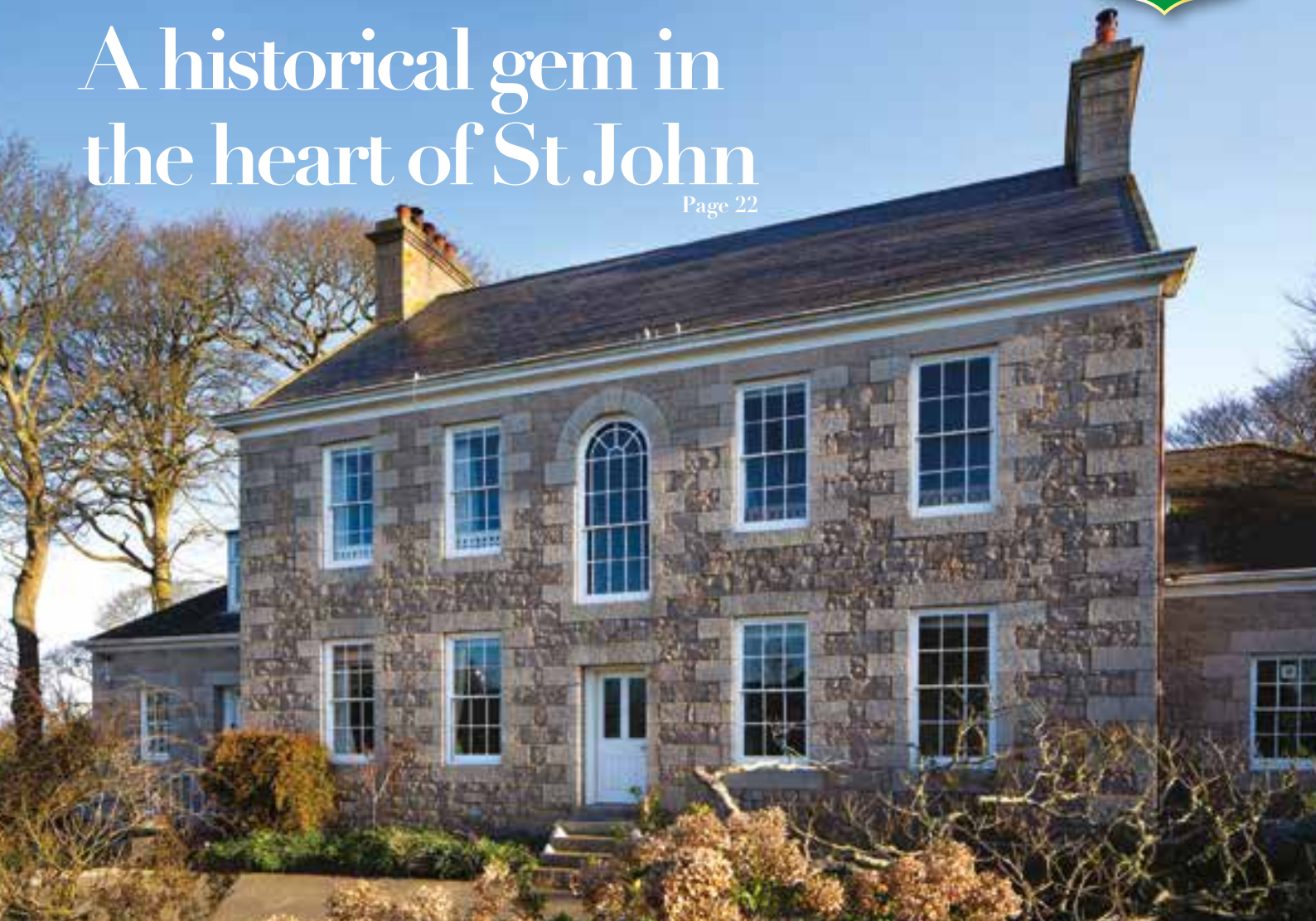
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Dear Parishioners...

St John's is a wonderful, vibrant community and it's been a very busy end to summer and start to autumn in the parish. We have a jam-packed magazine to give you a flavour of the myriad of events that have taken place.

Along with millions of people around the UK and the rest of the world, we mourned the passing of La Reine, Notre Duc, Queen Elizabeth II in September. Flags were lowered to half-mast as the island reflected on Her Majesty's 70-year reign and long devotion to service. As the longest-serving monarch in history, her reign was a beacon of stability during a changing world through most of our lives. A lucky few had the opportunity to meet her, and you can read about some personal memories in this issue.

Also reflecting on the past, we have three fascinating articles covering historical subjects, including a connection between the son of a parishioner, Amelia Earhart and the Red Baron, a look at the WWII defences above Ronez, and a glimpse into one of the most unspoilt historical buildings in the island.

There's plenty to ruminate over in the environmental supplement. Awareness around food sustainability and resources is growing and it's heartening to see the work that individuals and groups are doing to diversify our fields and grow food in a sustainable and

organic way. Recycling is also an important part of protecting our future - please take part in the recycling survey as it will help the parish to continue to provide the best possible service.

As always, we have a great selection of updates from our local groups and communities, including a welcome from the new school Headteacher, Jamie Hazley, giving insight into his vision for St John's School. We also have updates from our Honorary Police, Comité Rurale and the Recreation Centre.

My thanks, as always, go to all the contributors who willingly share their stories, events, ideas, and businesses with the rest of us. St John is a thriving community and it's great to hear from anyone with a story to tell. Please do get in touch as I'd love to hear from you.

My email is:
editor@starofthenorth.org.je

Finally, as we head towards the close of the year, I wish everyone in St John a very happy festive season and all the best for 2023!

Happy reading!

Sarah Grigson
Editor



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Words from the **CONSTABLE**



I write this article at the end of October as we head towards year end.

Our Macmillan Coffee morning was once again a great success, with so many members of our community supporting this very worthwhile event.

Parish Hall

It is great to see the Parish Hall being well used. As well as our regular users, we have recently welcomed a second seated exercise class on a Thursday morning, dance classes on a Thursday evening and a monthly Artisan Market. We've also held a number of functions using the Main Hall, using outside caterers.

We have a very good Committee Room that is still underutilised, and we would be happy to speak to anyone or any groups about the potential to use these facilities.

Our extended opening times have been well received and we are seeing people at lunchtimes and on Thursday mornings.

Highlights

There have been many highlights since I last wrote, but three particularly stand out. The work with the school to elect their School Council displayed the opportunity there is to work in partnership within our community. Supported by our district Deputies, we had an opportunity to speak to the children in their assembly before welcoming them into a full polling station. Hopefully by the time these youngsters get to vote they will be doing this online, but nevertheless it was good for them to experience the process.

The second highlight was the Twinning event. This was my family's first experience and certainly won't be our last. It was great to be involved, witnessing long standing friendships between our two communities and new friendships being formed. With a lot of emphasis being put on improving our relationships with our French neighbours post-Brexit, there is more opportunity to work together moving forward. We are already looking forward to our first visit to Le Teilleul next year.

The third highlight was the Church and Community Cabaret event. Clearly lots of hard work had been put into the evening by the organisers. With many members of the community participating, it was great to see the enjoyment of everyone in attendance and I hope that there are similar events in future.

New Homes

Whilst we have seen very good progress in the new homes being built near the school (they are due to be completed in June 2023) we haven't been able to allocate these yet due to issues with the drainage and additional costs. The properties will be allocated as soon as we have a fixed price and those who we nominate will have to qualify going through the Housing Gateway.

In closing, my thanks to everyone who helps, in whatever way, to make St John so special. On behalf of Judy and I, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy festive season and best wishes for 2023!

Andy Jehan

Connétable

A heartfelt farewell to *La Reine, Notre Duc*

Jersey joined the UK, the Commonwealth and millions of people around the world in mourning the passing of Queen Elizabeth II in September. Heartfelt tributes to the longest reigning monarch in Britain's history poured in from around the world. In St John, as in the other parishes around the island, a book of condolences was set up at the Parish Hall to allow parishioners to express their feelings of loss and sadness, as well as their gratitude for her life of service. Here is a selection of thoughts from the people of St John.



Deepest sympathy to King Charles and his entire family, on the death of Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth. Having had the Honour of Meeting the late Queen on 3 occasions over some 40 years. She was a Great Lady and Queen. May She Rest in Peace with Prince Philip.

You will be missed, always dutiful and consistent. A wonderful monarch. God Bless you Queen Elizabeth!! Mother of Nations

Sincere Condolences to all the family. Remembering all sacrifices & duty of Elizabeth II for all her service to her subjects. THANK YOU R.I.P.

Your majesty, you kept your promise to the end. Rest in Peace.

An outstanding example of service and understanding. May she rest in peace.

Thank you for your service, dedication and loyalty. But all that you were an inspiration and someone who we all held closely in our hearts. You will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace.

A steadfast presence in our lives that will be sadly missed. Thank you for your service Ma'am.

A very special Lady,
god bless you

I WILL MISS YOU X

Thank you Ma'am.

An outstanding example of service and understanding. May she rest in peace.

An example to us all in Public Service. A lifetime dedicated to others. May she rest in peace with Prince Philip by her side. Thank you Ma'am. La Reine, Notre Duc

Memories of Her Majesty, The Queen

Queen Elizabeth II, known locally as La Reine, Notre Duc, came to the island six times, first as Princess in 1948 and then five further visits during her reign, including a special visit to Le Petit Catelet Farm in St John in 1978 for a Country Show. Many people had the privilege of meeting her either in the island or elsewhere. Here, four parishioners recall the times they or their family members had the pleasure to meet Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Daphne Romeril

My late husband Philip was the Vice President of the RJA & HS in 1978 and we were very fortunate to have the Queen and Prince Philip visit our farm on her visit to the island. In the field there were all sorts of displays about farming life, such as the JFTU, potatoes, machinery, wonder-making, cattle and horses, all displayed in their own way.



Daphne and Philip Romeril meeting the Queen at their farm Le Petit Catelet in 1978

In a large marquee, the royal guests were offered afternoon tea. As the Queen and Prince Philip entered, Mr and Mrs Bill Perchard, who was President of the RJA & HS, and my husband and myself were presented to them. Philip then escorted the Prince around the arena. As they were leaving, Prince Philip asked my husband where his two sons were and that he would like to meet them, so as they were with family at the farm gate, they walked across to



Inspecting Jersey Royals at the St John Country Show

them. In the meantime, her Majesty was coming towards the car. Prince Philip called to 'Lilibet' to come over to meet our sons Philip and Nicholas. She asked them why they were not at school. *"It's all because of you!"* came the reply.

In the evening, Phil and I were very lucky to be invited to go on the Royal Yacht for a reception. There we had a long chat with the Queen. She had been presented with a Jersey cow at the show, so she was very interested to talk about the cow, and she spoke of her own herd at Windsor, as well as her corgis. It was such a memorable day for all of us!

Phil Rondel

I can remember as a youngster in 1957 we were all in People's Park; I was with all the fellow children from school. The Royal couple went around in the back of an open top vehicle and that was the first time I saw the Queen. By 1978 I was a Centenier and was at the ceremony at Cheapside to mark her Silver Jubilee and I got to meet her later in the day.

In 1989 I was the President of the Channel Island Air Search and I met the Queen at a reception and we shook hands. Then in 2001



Philip and Nicholas Romeril meeting the Queen and Prince Philip in 1978

I was in Howard Davis Park when the Queen had a pair of ducks given to her which was quite amusing because the Queen was tickled pink. Prince Philip was having a great chuckle to himself about it. He said, *"Wouldn't a Jersey cow be more useful?"* They have as much fun as anyone else!

The time I remember best of all though, was in 2005 when there was an evening meal at Highlands College. I was a Senior Deputy at the time and there were 8 or 10 younger Deputies to be introduced to the Queen. It was the funniest thing as I gave a camera to a friend and asked them to take a picture of me with the Queen and didn't think anything more of it. I was busy introducing a young deputy and from the corner of my eye I saw one of the other senior members waiting to go into the dinner beckoning me on to keep things moving but someone I was introducing had worked on one of the Queen's estates and when they mentioned it to the Queen, she stopped to have a bit of a chat. I could see the person out of the corner of my eye telling me to come on, but I thought, 'no way, she's enjoying meeting someone that actually worked for her on one of her estates!' They were talking about the horses, and of course she loved the horses. She chatted for a couple more minutes then, at the end of the day, my friend said, 'here's your camera back Phil' and when I got it developed, all they had got was the back of the Queen and my back!

Muriel Poisson MBE

One local resident who had a very personal meeting with the late Queen is Muriel Poisson MBE. Muriel was awarded her MBE in the 2008 New Year's Honours List for services to charity and her local community. For 25 years Muriel saw the children of St John across the road outside the Parish Hall on their way to and from school. She also ran the tuck shop for the Youth Club at the Recreation Centre for many years. Over the years Muriel has been involved in raising money for many charities through raffles and



Muriel Poisson receiving her MBE from the Queen

other events. This did not stop in 2008 as she is still raising money for good causes and filling shoeboxes for Romania to the present day.

When she received notification of the award, Muriel was unsure whether to accept as she felt it was for a team rather than an individual effort. Fortunately, she did and the whole occasion on



4th March 2008 at Buckingham Palace was a moment of both nervous excitement and tremendous pride and pleasure.

As she was allowed three guests, Muriel was able to take all her children who saw their irrepressible mother engage the Queen in conversation longer than any other recipient that day! The Queen was delighted to hear that Muriel was from Jersey and they spoke about the Recreation Centre which had been officially opened by Prince Philip, and the Battle of Flowers, as well as Muriel's charity work.

Chris Brough

Whenever a female member of the Royal Family attends an event, bouquets of flowers are sure to be presented. Along with all the unofficial tributes are those offered by the association or organisation visited.



Isaac Watts presenting a posy to the Queen

On Easter Sunday, 2013, a young relative of St John resident Chris Brough was chosen to present a posy to the Queen. Five-year-old Isaac Watts presented his posy to the Queen as she arrived for the Easter service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



Chef de Police Jonathan Plunkett, The Lord Louth, Constables Officer David Morris, Connétable Andrew Jehan, Constables Officer Cardin Pasturel and Centenier Andrew Bisson



St John Honorary Police

2022 has been a busy year for the Honorary Police in St John. Following a successful recruitment campaign, we now have a full complement of Officers, and as of the date of writing, there is currently a waiting list of 10 willing volunteers seeking to join our ranks. We believe that this is a pretty unique position and is testament to the determination of the Connétable.

As you would expect with a large intake of new officers, the first task of the year was to engage in a comprehensive training programme. This training is mostly delivered by our colleagues at the States of Jersey Police and to the surprise of many, is exactly the same level of training as our full-time counterparts.

Training topics cover a broad range of areas, from officer safety training to driver training. We have also seen many officers complete their training on how to correctly use the speed guns and breathalysers. These training sessions are identical to those our SOJP colleagues complete, and they are required to be signed off by certified trainers. So, please make sure you are adhering to the legal limits for both alcohol and speed, otherwise you may be spending more time in the Parish Hall than we do!

Many of the team have also completed their general Safeguarding training, with a good proportion having also done the Child Safety course.

St John Honorary Police have also offered to assist other parishes this year with many social events. The interaction that we get with the public at these events is a large and enjoyable part of what we do, and we also get to listen to the odd superstar band or two. Events that benefitted from our assistance for example were both the day and night Parade for Battle of Flowers, all three days of Weekender, and The Full Circle Festival in St. Lawrence.

This year has also seen some significant events in the parish that have needed our assistance ranging from the elections, two branchages, church fayres, a couple of damp sea services and closing a road or two to assist with tree felling or resurfacing.

We are lucky in St John to have such a strong contingent of Officers and it allows us to share the responsibility and the workload equally, whilst still leaving us the time and enthusiasm to assist with other parishes and their events. However, we particularly enjoy the occasions when we are out and about in St John and assisting and mixing with our own parishioners. If you would like to join us, please feel free to join the growing waiting list.

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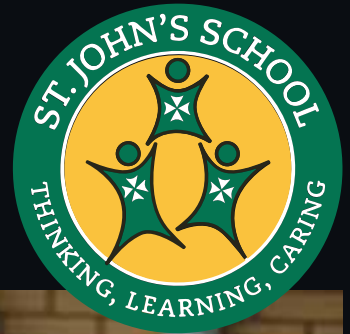
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Getting a Head!

By Jamie Hazley, Headteacher of St John's Primary School



I am very proud to be able to introduce myself as the newly appointed Headteacher of St. John's Primary School. I only officially took up post in September but was successfully recruited in February so have been planning for some time. Being a Jersey local, I am very familiar with the Parish and am extremely excited to work alongside our community as we strive for the best possible outcomes for our young people.

My teaching path has taken me to three other island primary schools; Trinity, FCJ and most recently a Deputy Headship at Grands Vaux, but the journey began in a large inner-city school in Wakefield. My vision for education, that has been moulded over time, is threefold: building strength in teaching, having an emphasis on developing relationships, and simply avoiding over complication! I feel that these beliefs tie in beautifully with our existing School Values: Thinking, Learning, Caring.

These core values underpin everything we do at St John's School and fully support the vision that our new staff body recently agreed upon. Our vision at St. John's is written from the perspective of *"what we want the children to take with them"*.

Our vision is for pupils to be conscientious, aspirational, and resilient life-long learners, who are well rounded and thrive within their community and in the wider world.

At St John's we are raising the awareness of the importance of attachment; if successful, our relationships with the children will ensure positive outcomes - we recognise the need to show *"Genuine Care."* To learn from us, the children need to like us!

The previous Headteacher, Mrs Trudie de la Haye, has steered the school expertly over the last 12 years, so there is no major change project required. Changes will be made, but they will be made over time and with the support of the whole community. Together we have identified the first change we plan to make - the removal of the no longer functional fountain, followed by the redevelopment of the existing library into an exciting *"Reading Zone"*. Watch this space!

One aspect I am very keen to redevelop since the period of COVID lockdown and COVID isolation, is working with and working within the community. I am keen for the children to get out into the community and getting the community into school. I have already had purposeful meetings with both Connétable Jehan and Reverend Beverley Sproats to reference how we can best use the wonderful parish facilities and how best we can involve members of the parish in school life. We have already held School Council Elections in the Parish Hall and we have plans for Christmas celebratory events in the parish church.

Finally, should any parish resident like to discuss any aspect of school life please do ring the **School Office** on **861692** or email your query into the Office at admin@stjohn.sch.je

I look forward to working in the Parish of St John.



Jamie Hazley,
Headteacher

Update from the District 3 Deputies



As part of the Government's approved mini budget for 2022 a package of support has been designed to help Islanders with the rising cost of living. We want to make sure that as many people as possible are aware of the benefits they may be entitled to and are accessing them this winter.

This includes:

Community Costs Bonus – a one-off household payment of £516.50.

You can apply if you meet the following criteria:

- The combined household tax bill was less than £2,735 in 2021
- The household is not receiving Income Support
- One adult has lived in Jersey for at least five years

Cold Weather Bonus - temporarily increased to £70 a month (paid in two household payments of £210).

You can apply if you meet the following criteria:

- A pensioner is living in the household (who pays their own heating costs)
- You own a home or are renting
- The household is not claiming Income Support
- The household is not liable to pay tax last year
- One adult has lived in Jersey for at least five years

In addition to the changes made by the mini budget, other benefits are also available to Islanders on lower incomes, these include:

- Income Support - helping lower income households with living costs
- Pension Plus - supports low-income pensioners with a range of health costs
- TV licence benefit - free TV licence for over 75s
- Christmas bonus – a one off payment made at Christmas

Find out more by visiting gov.je/benefits or contact the team at Customer and Local Services to find out more on 444444.

And just as a reminder, our next surgery will be held on the following date:

7 December 5.30pm – 7pm St John Parish Hall Andy & Elaine

SPEEDING IN THE PARISH

The States of Jersey Police along with their Honorary colleagues continue to consider and develop new ways to not only understand where there are speeding issues within communities but also to look at new ways to tackle speeding collectively. We acknowledge that a police officer with a high-vis jacket and a speed gun will only tackle part of this issue. I am continuing to research how we can use mobile speed cameras, use other initiatives such as traffic calming and the most important one in my eyes, changing the culture of speeding. We continue to see the highest percentage of speeding offences occurring on roads which run through the heart of communities, and we focus a great deal of time on these.

I continue to encourage all parishioners to speak with their local officer and feed in where you think we should be. Equally, we have our on-line reporting form where you can upload dash-cam footage and photos of vehicles (www.report.jersey.police.uk). It is important that you are aware that this information is acted on; even if we can't necessarily issue someone with a Parish Hall Enquiry, we will always pick up the phone and highlight your concerns to the driver of the vehicle.

As we move towards the festive period, we will be out in force conducting our Christmas Drink Drive campaign. My best advice is 'have none' if you intend on driving. Keep yourself safe, the occupants of your car safe, and other road users.

Callum O'Connor

Police Inspector, Head of Roads Policing



PARISH HALL NOTICE



Christmas & New Year Opening Times

23rd December	Closes at 1pm
24th, 25th, 26th, 27th December	CLOSED
28th, 29th, 30th December	10am - 2pm
31st Dec, 1st & 2nd January	CLOSED
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Dog Licences

Please note the last date to pay your dog licence (£10 per dog) is:

Tuesday 31st January 2023

After then, a late application fee will be £20.



Captain Oliver 'Boots' Le Boutillier

a WWI Flying Ace with St John family ties

Research by a parishioner into the ownership of a locally owned vintage car has led to the discovery of a fascinating tale of the son of a St John's family, Captain Oliver Le Boutillier, known as 'Boots'.

What was initially taken to be a simple research project to verify the original ownership of a 1935 SS touring car grew into a multi-level research project spanning the US, Hawaii, France, the UK, and surprisingly, the Parish of St John.



Captain Oliver 'Boots' Le Boutillier

It grew to cover the exploits of Captain Oliver Le Boutillier RNAS DFC, Amelia Earhart, Countess De Porceri (aka Mable Boll), and a cast of supporting players of American aviators and industrialists.



Amelia Earhart and Friendship crew after successfully crossing the Atlantic

Naturally, anything relating to the aviatrix Amelia Earhart generates strong public interest, so when I was asked to research the provenance of a 1935 SS1 Tourer, now residing in Jersey, to confirm that it had once belonged to Amelia Earhart, it was a challenge not to missed.

Conrad Black, the previous long-term owner, believed the car had belonged to the aviatrix. He was given the car as a wedding present in Hawaii in 1961 and, at the time, delved into its history. It had previously been owned by a wealthy American industrialist, Charles Boettcher, and it was said that Boettcher had purchased the car from Earhart when he moved to Hawaii in the mid-1930s.



Boots (centre) with Mable Boll

The SS Tourer





Painting of Boots' bi-plane and the end of the Red Baron

Charles Boettcher had unfortunately been kidnapped and held to ransom in early 1933 and on his release, he decided to forsake mainland USA, where celebrity kidnapping was on the rise following the sad outcome of the Lindberg case. Boettcher, Lindberg, and Earhart were all in the same social group, each being early pioneers of commercial aviation in the late 1920s.

Charles Boettcher declared that he had bought the car from Earhart and had it shipped to his new home in Hawaii, calling it his 'Honolulu car'.

Despite the anecdotal evidence, the SS factory records held by the Jaguar Heritage Trust told a different story. The SS Jaguar owners club were dismissive of any connection to Earhart as they rightly stated that the original sales records were in a different name. On review of the ledgers the first owner was recorded as being Mable de Porcen, a name neither traceable nor found in any genealogical database.

The 1935 SS factory ledgers were hand-written and after looking at the formation of the characters in the name, it did occur to me that there had been a transposition error when the ledger was written from the sales sheets.

If we rewrite de Porcen as de Porceri, we have the key that starts to unlock the mystery. Countess Mable de Porceri, formerly known as Mable Boll, was strongly linked to the times of early aeronautical achievements. From humble beginnings, by virtue of marriage and inheritance, Mable Boll by the 1920s had evolved into a multi-millionairess socialite known as the Queen of Diamonds. Like Earhart she shared a passion for aviation.

Almost certainly it was Mable Boll who first owned the SS tourer, and considering their social connections as well as aviation connections, it is possible that Charles Boettcher mistook Boll for Earhart when later discussing the provenance of the car.



However, surprisingly, my research into this story led to the discovery of another Jersey connection. Mable Boll was a direct competitor to Amelia Earhart to be the first woman to cross the Atlantic in 1928 as a passenger in an aircraft. Her plane was to be piloted by Oliver 'Boots' Le Boutillier, an erstwhile son of St John! Unfortunately for Mable Boll and Boots Le Boutillier, they remained grounded by fog on their airfield in Nova Scotia and retired from the contest and Earhart won the distinction.

Oliver 'Boots' Le Boutillier was the son of Oliver L Le Boutillier, born on 16th July 1861 to David Le Boutillier and Anne Barrette of St John, Jersey. Oliver senior left Jersey in the 1870s and after marrying a Canadian girl moved to the USA where he was naturalised in 1904. Boots was born in New York in 1895. He volunteered to join the Royal Naval Air Service in 1916 (renamed the RAF in 1918) and following his commission and pilot training he joined 9 Sqn RNAS on the Western Front in 1917.



Newspaper headline as Boll and Boots wait to attempt the Atlantic crossing

On 21st April 1918, Captain Boots Le Boutillier's flight was involved in an action against enemy aircraft where he witnessed the downing of Baron Manfred Von Richthofen's red Fokker tri-plane over no man's land. Von Richthofen, known as the Red Baron, was the most famous flying ace of WWI, downing 80 aircraft. The action was immortalised after WWI in paintings often signed by Boots, himself a flying ace who had recorded around 600 hours of combat flying during the war and who had shot down eight enemy aircraft.

On his return to North America in 1918 Boots continued with a career in civilian aviation, becoming a skywriter. He also became a barnstormer and piloted aircraft for 18 movies, including Wings in 1927 and Hell's Angels in 1930.

As a flight instructor, Boots gave Amelia Earhart her first lesson in a twin-engine aircraft, and also taught her competitor, Mabel Boll (Mabel Countess de Porceri). He later became a US Civil Aviation Inspector and died in 1983.

Boots le Boutillier played a pivotal role in Amelia Earhart and Mable Boll's quests to conquer the air in the 1920s, and he rightly has a place in both WWI history as a decorated British fighter pilot and in the pioneering days of American aviation.

As the son of a born Jerseyman, it would be a fitting tribute to see Captain Le Boutillier's name added to the First War Jersey Roll of Honour which includes the sons of Jerseymen born in the Dominions.

We plough the fields and scatter

By Reverend Beverley Sproats and Martin Whitley

This year the St John's Parish Church Harvest Service took place in the beautiful and appropriate setting of the St John's allotments.

Despite a little drizzle, the congregation persevered with a lovely service of hymns, bible reading and prayers to give thanks for the gift of food. Tins and packets of food were collected for Grace Trust Jersey that will go to help people in need and Little Oaks Sunday Club also joined in with the Harvest theme with the children planting seeds in pots to take home.

The highlight of the service was a talk given by Martin Whitley, Chair of the Allotment Association, about the community spirit of the allotments and how it's not just crops that are grown in this special space.

"We have 42 plots comprising various sizes depending on how active the allotmenter wishes to be. Four of the plots are raised beds which are kept primarily for those with mobility issues.

There are those that arrive with a romantic approach to gardening and learn quite quickly that the land needs working, weeds need pulling and plants need watering. Indeed, I had one applicant who asked if I could let them know when I was planting for them and if I would call them when produce was ready for picking! I usually shatter that illusion quite quickly.

We also have a duty of care for our neighbouring farmers and as such we take responsibility for Blight prevention seriously. Our organic allotmenters are aware of the consequences if they choose not to have their potatoes / tomatoes sprayed.

There are many different approaches to managing a plot. There are some that

have the no dig approach, the dig deep and often, the crop rotation, the companion planting, the attract butterflies and wildlife, and the grow flowers and sit and enjoy St John's approach.

As we come to the end of another year the seasoned allotmenters will soon start preparing their winter crops. For many leeks, onions, and garlic will go into the rich St John soil. Some will plant fruit trees, soft fruit and broad beans, or just prune those cane fruits.

For all allotmenters however it is nearly that time to start preparing the plot for the next season whilst clearing it from the old. The best approach is to remove all weeds. Couch grass is an old enemy for many gardeners. Its wiry, underground stems and creeping shoots pop up around garden plants and before long can take over a bed. Some will spend hours removing it while others will cover it with vrac (seaweed) and wait until the spring. Having an allotment is whatever you want it to be.

It is not an accident that when we established the allotments in 2013, we decided that Community was the key aspect we were trying to achieve. In fact, the overriding message I want to give is that allotments provide places for bringing people together, that people are passionate about growing local food, that there is knowledge and expertise about gardening in abundance in communities.

It isn't just about growing. Some years ago, an allotmenter said to me that 'it had been a lousy year for growing vegetables, but a great year for growing friendships!'

A reason to give thanks, indeed!

If you are interested in applying for an allotment, please pick up a form at the Parish Hall.



Twinning weekend

By Leon Pluymaekers

Since 1985, St John and Le Teilleul in Normandy have been twinned and have maintained a close relationship. Le Teilleul is a community of 1800 people on 25 square miles (around half the size of Jersey) located 25 miles from Avranches in the Bay of Mont St Michel. The main village comprises a church, a pharmacy, a traditional French bakery and butcher and four cafés! It's a cheerful and vibrant community.

Each participating family in St John is connected to a family in Le Teilleul and hosts its twin family when visiting. Parishioners Irene Billet-Masters and Stephen Masters act as matchmaker between new families and organise the twinning with military precision from our end.

The annual highlight of the Twinning is the visit of Le Teilleul to St John or vice versa. After two years of no travel due to Covid, in September it was Le Teilleul's turn to visit us in St John.

An early morning ferry crossing from Granville brought the Le Teilleul families to the island and after a hearty lunch with their host families on the Saturday, there was a visit to the War Tunnels. This was followed by dinner and entertainment at the Parish Hall complete with a jazz trio and delicious food provided by St John's Pub. After dinner, local DJ Debby Vautier made sure there was dancing until after midnight.

On the Sunday Connétable Andy Jehan hosted a Vin d'Honneur for the twinning families where speeches were made and gifts were exchanged. The Connétable managed to do his entire speech in French, a great effort for someone who insists he doesn't speak the language!

Families were then let loose to spend the last hours with their host families; we managed a lovely roast dinner before they had to set sail again.

We all look forward to next year when we can visit Le Teilleul again and hope more families will join in. If you would like more information about the Twinning, please reach out to **Irene** and **Stephen** on **862880**.



Team M&M raise £10,000

Local parishioners Milleigh and Max Milner (7 and 4 years old) have raised £10,000 for Healing Waves Ocean Therapy Charity by running and cycling 100 miles in 10 days.

Milleigh explained why they took on the challenge. *"We both love surfing and playing in the waves, but we have friends who are unable to enjoy the water as much as us without the help of the Healing Waves Centre in Jersey. So, we set ourselves a challenge to run and cycle 100km in 10 days to hopefully raise as much money as possible so that the Centre can buy a sensory swing. Healing waves said it is really needed and great fun, but it is very expensive. The swing can be used by both adults and children."*



The duo, nicknamed Team M&M, and their family, set out on daily runs and cycles, quickly surpassing their initial fundraising target of £500 and they decided to increase the distance to 100 miles from the original goal of 100km.

The children's father James explained how the challenge came about. *"Milleigh and Max saw*

the new Healing Waves centre at Le Braye and were full of questions. We showed them footage of the team of volunteers helping my Goddaughter and her brother enjoy surfing on the adaptive boards and they were so excited. We tried to explain how charities worked and that they relied on people making donations. Milleigh and Max immediately wanted to help and so a rough idea of 'the challenge' was born. They both love the outdoors and they're really active kids. We didn't know if the target of 100k in 10 days was too ambitious but by splitting it between running and cycling we hoped they would be able to hit their numbers. We made sure to share the messages of support from everyone and all the generous donations really motivated them."



Healing Waves was set up to ensure individuals, despite their condition or disability, whether neurological or physical, can access the ocean in a safe way to participate in water sport activities. This is so they can experience the therapeutic benefits that the ocean holds. The charity believes it feels good to be in, on, under, or simply around the water. Not only can it reduce anxieties and stress levels, but it can also help individuals to find some solace and perspective in their lives. You can find more information about the charity at healingwaves.org.je.

Team M&M completed the last mile on the beach at Le Braye with the Healing Waves team Dom and Max, surrounded by friends and family who were all very proud of them both. What an achievement!



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Young Voters

St John's School pupils had an innovative lesson in democracy recently, taking part in an election for their School Council members. A polling station was set up at the Parish Hall for the occasion. Candidates were encouraged to put their names forward in each class from years 1 to 6 and to make speeches to their classmates ahead of polling day.

On election day itself, the school held a special assembly with Connétable Andy Jehan, Deputy Elaine Millar and Deputy Andy Howell. The children were told about the democratic process and how important it is that they each have a voice and how to stand up for their rights.

Headteacher Jamie Hazley told the children, *"Today you're going to vote. Are you going to vote for your best friend? No, you're going to vote for the person who's going to represent you best. Find out about your own rights, learn to see the difference between choices that affect you personally and those that affect others. Do we just vote for what we need, or do we vote for what everyone needs?"* A chorus of "everyone" came spontaneously from the children.

Mr Hazley went on to outline what the elected council members would do, *"When visitors come, you can take them round and tell them what a wonderful school we've got. You're going to be ambassadors for the school at important events. You'll help to organise events like the walk, the Christmas events, and the fete. You will identify what your class thinks about issues and give feedback at meetings. Will every idea happen? No, but you can raise it and we can discuss it."*

Following the assembly, each class in turn walked to the Parish Hall where an Honorary Police Officer stood waiting by the door to welcome them in. Inside the Hall, the polling booths were up, and the ballot boxes marked with each class name. Deputy Howell helped to sign the children in and hand their voting slips out, then each child entered the polling booths to cast their votes. Deputy Howell, Deputy Millar and Connétable Jehan then performed the count and the elected council members in each class were announced. One child even got to send in a postal vote!

With nearly 100% turnout and no spoilt papers, the St John's School pupils were clearly delighted to be exercising their voting rights.



Successful Year 5 candidates Ethan Snook and Tobias Lavrencik

St John's Recreation Centre update

Life continues to be very busy at the Centre.

USER GROUPS

The Centre has a very diversified range of around 25 user groups. Full details of our user groups are displayed on the notice board at the Centre.

A recent new activity being held in the main hall is aerial gymnastics which is run by Hayley Wray (hayley2887@hotmail.co.uk).

MARTIN WHITLEY

Martin has done an outstandingly good job as our property maintenance manager since 2020. In addition to conducting a thorough review of our property and maintenance requirements, he has also overseen various pieces of maintenance work as well as several health and safety related enhancements.

Unfortunately, for personal reasons he is no longer able to carry out this role, however we would like to sincerely thank him for his excellent work. We are indebted to him for his expert guidance and dedication. He made an enormous contribution during his period of service and his expertise, professionalism, rigour, and good humour have been invaluable. We wish him the very best for the future.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A VOLUNTEER

If anyone has any experience in property maintenance, then we would be delighted to hear from you. Please do feel free to contact me if this role appeals to you (spencernairn@hotmail.com).

FINANCES

We are delighted to report that our profitability has now returned to pre-Covid levels. It is essential that we make a profit as we do not receive any external funding and we need to build up a cash reserve in order to be able to fund major maintenance and capital expenditure.

BRUNCH CAFE

Sam Coutanche took over the cafe in April 2021 and his business continues to go from strength to strength. We are delighted with his success which is thoroughly deserved.

BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BATON

As part of a 294-day journey round every corner of the Commonwealth, we had the privilege of playing host to our late Queen's Baton during its tour of the island on 10th June.



Angus Spencer-Nairn and Rosemary Dupre with the baton and Perry the mascot

DEFIBRILLATOR

We are delighted to report that the Centre now has a defibrillator which is located adjacent to the side entrance door. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the St John's Youth and Community Trust for donating the device and to the JEC for installing it.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Centre is experiencing near record levels of usage, and we are delighted that we are helping to meet the needs of our community.

We look forward to the future with confidence and, with your support, we hope to meet your expectations.

As ever, if you have any questions then please do feel free to contact me.

Angus Spencer-Nairn, Chairman



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Le Marinel, a step back in time

In the heart of St John, opposite Les Freres Chapels, lies one of the island's most important historic buildings. From the road Le Marinel shows its nineteenth century face, a rather austere dressed-stone façade, but behind this Victorian building lies a true treasure, a series of grade-I listed buildings built between the 15th and 18th centuries, which are of national significance.

"The Trust has been in discussions about the future of Le Marinel for over 30 years, but unfortunately it's been on the too difficult path until now," explains Charles Alluto, CEO of National Trust for Jersey.

The collection of ancient buildings is particularly special because they were effectively abandoned in 1870 when the Victorian house was built and have remained a unique time capsule ever



since, offering an extraordinary glimpse into Jersey's rural past. The problem is, the buildings may have been lost in time, but time is now catching up and the property is deteriorating. *"It has the original 18th century joinery which looks like it has only ever been painted once so it has the original decorative finishes, but because of the rot that has taken place, there is a real risk that it will start to collapse in on itself."*

"We have already lost some panelling in one of the ground-floor rooms and some of the beautiful wallpapers in what they called the Great Parlour – those have all been pretty much lost, although we did take down some samples and deposited them with the archive so we could recreate them. In one room, it's so damp there's ferns growing through the floor! We do need to act sooner rather than later and the whole point of trying to raise the profile of the house is to try and get some momentum to renovate it and save it."





The Trust has agreed a 125-year lease with the current owner at a peppercorn rent, giving them the opportunity to do the necessary work. The idea is to open the building to the public, probably on a limited basis of two days a week. The initial work, putting the buildings in a good state of repair, is likely to cost around £2.5 million.

"It's the most significant building at risk in Jersey at this point in time. The uniqueness of Le Marinel has been recognised by the Société, Jersey Heritage, Save Jersey's Heritage, and us for a number of years and because it's so untouched that's what makes it the remarkable thing. There is no electricity in it, there's no mains water, it's got no services whatsoever, so it's a real gem. What we want to do is safeguard that sense of abandonment. We don't want to restore it, we don't want to create another Hamptonne, what we want to show is how a building has gone into decline but stop that decline, so it doesn't get any worse."

When the ancient buildings were abandoned in 1870, the family used them as a store and as part of the agreement with the National Trust the collection of ephemera which make up this unique time capsule will stay with the house. *"It doesn't have great monetary value, but its value is in its historic interest and*

interpretation. The idea would be to bring back the clutter because that's part of the story."

The social history of Le Marinel is also of great significance. Many families were involved with the house over its nearly 600-year history, but one of its most notorious inhabitants was directly involved in the Corn Riots, seen as the beginning of Jersey's democracy and now the focus of an annual celebration festival in the island. Philippe Lemprière was the Attorney General in 1769 and his brother Charles was the Lieutenant Bailiff. Philippe was living at Le Marinel during the Corn Riots, but he abandoned the property shortly after, chased out of the island. *"The panelling and the wall hangings are indicative of quite a bit of wealth at the point in time when Philippe Lemprière was there, so you see him making this money at the expense of the public and it actually being invested into this property. The story is really quite important, and the house is important in the telling of that story. Le Marinel is a chance to talk about the birth of democracy in Jersey. It's quite exciting and we hope it will encourage government support for the project."*

The Trust have already started work, having completed a conservation master plan, a timber survey, an archaeological survey, and a structural engineer survey.

"We've got a brilliant team. We've used some of the people that we've used on previous projects including Hamptonne. Warwick Rodwell



did the initial archaeological survey work; a lot of people know him because of his involvement in Hamptonne and Mont Orgeuil. We have a UK architect, Ptolemy Dean, who did the recent new staircase at Westminster Abbey. We hope that Ptolemy and a local

"It took us over 10 years to find a solution for the Foot buildings and even New Street was bubbling away for over 10 years but when you see what both New Street and the Foot Buildings have delivered in terms of regeneration in town, it just goes to show what can be achieved through investment."



architect would work together with the benefit being that you've got someone who's got considerable conservation expertise working with a local architect, so you have that combination of skills and also that transference of experience - that helps our island's skill base. Then all the repair work would be done by local craftsmen."

The Trust hope to be able to submit a planning application in the near future but now need to start identifying sources of funding to start that process.

The Trust is keen to preserve this unique group of buildings which offer a rare glimpse into the island's collective rural history. We hope that the government will recognise the value of this site and consider assisting the Trust perhaps on a pound for pound basis, but we will need to raise funds, Charles Alluto explains. "If we get it right it will be something that is of national significance. Its importance lies outside of Jersey as well."

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Update from Deputy Hilary Jeune

Working for Jersey's climate and net zero commitments

I am really delighted to take on ministerial responsibilities for energy and climate change. My election manifesto focused on building a more sustainable and biodiverse Jersey, therefore I was really honoured to be appointed as Assistant Minister for Environment. To then be afforded the specific responsibilities around energy and climate change, key issues that are affecting not only us in Jersey but throughout the world, has focused my resolve. My focus over the next 4 years, is to ensure that we utilise the Climate Emergency Fund, policy and regulatory levers to deliver the Carbon Neutral Roadmap.

What is the Carbon Neutral Roadmap?

The Roadmap is Jersey's pathway to reducing our carbon emissions by 68% by 2030 and setting us on course towards net-zero by 2050. It is a collection of policies pushing for action by Government, businesses, and all Islanders in tackling the effects of climate change and reducing Jersey's carbon emissions.

The Roadmap was developed in part through consultations with climate experts, industry leaders and States members and took on board the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change.

The Roadmap targets the biggest sources of our on-Island emissions; transport, heating, cooling and cooking. It aims to encourage low-carbon behaviour, and to discourage carbon-intensive activity. It also considers any disproportionate impact on any part of the community.

The start of our journey to net zero

As we end 2022 and look ahead to 2023, our focus is on delivering key areas of the Roadmap. We are committed to expanding the Island's cycle networks, supporting Islanders to move to low carbon heating systems and expanding the Home Energy Audit scheme to include commercial properties. A network of businesses and community-led organisations will be developed to encourage action in the move toward net-zero.

We will begin to deliver on our pledge of high-quality climate education. Recently we held Jersey's first Sustainable Construction Summit, working collaboratively to reduce emissions from a sector that globally is responsible for 38% of all CO2 emissions.

Ways we can all help

While Government action is crucial in tackling climate change, we can only achieve our joint commitments if we do this together. I am keen to collaborate and work with the Parishes, businesses, and yourselves – our community – to achieve our goals. It is exciting to follow the developments of the St John's Climate Group who have provided some excellent tips in this magazine on what we as individuals and the Parish can do.

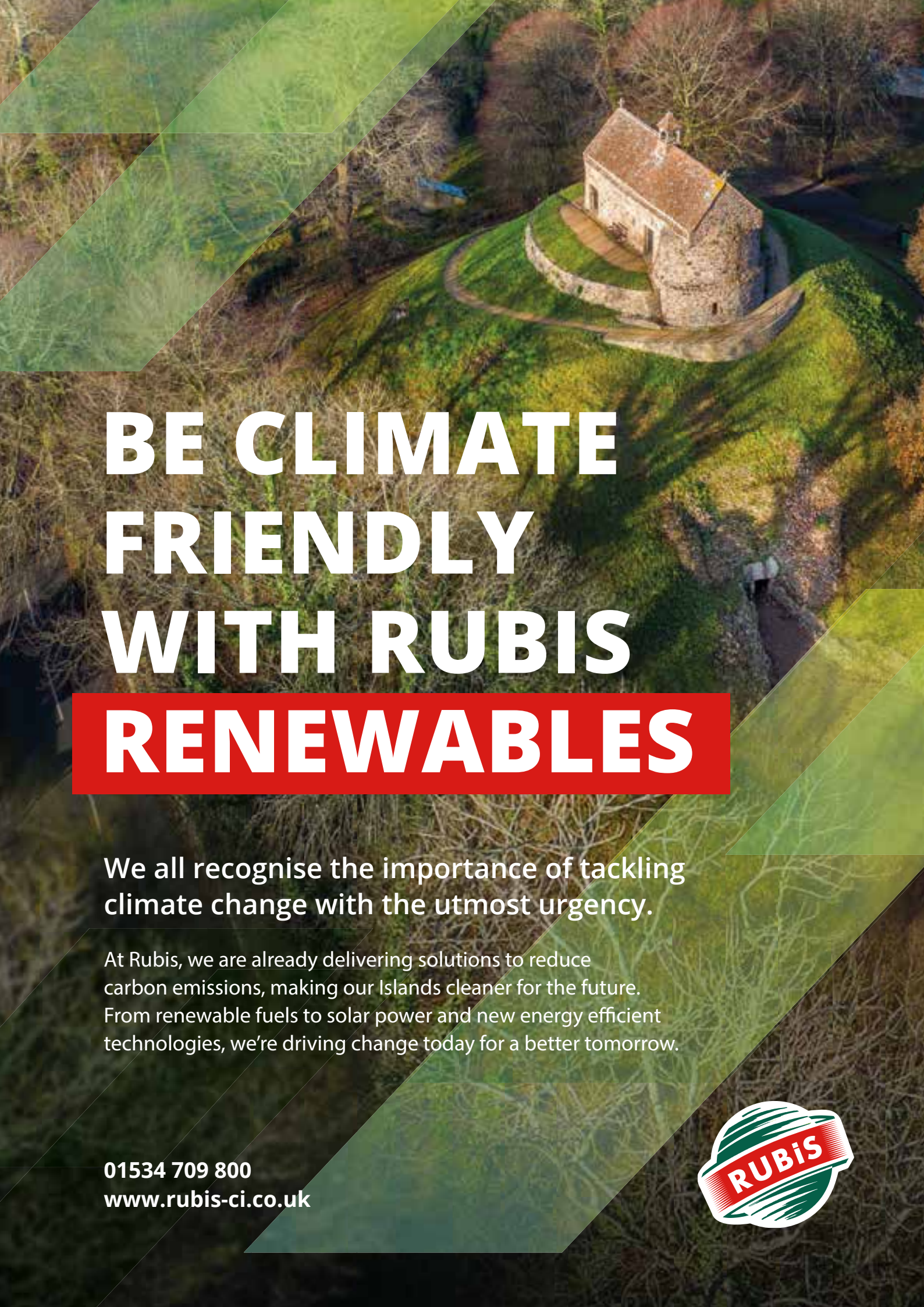
There is a lot of advice out there, so I thought I would leave you with five simple things you can do today:

1. **Draught-proof your windows and doors**
2. **Throw away less food. Globally nearly one-third of all the food that is produced in the world never gets eaten**
3. **Leave the car at home once a week and walk, cycle, run, or catch the bus**
4. **Wash your clothes at 30 degrees**
5. **Reduce, reuse and repair before you recycle. St Brelade and Grouville Parishes now have repair cafes where you can take broken things to be fixed by a team of volunteers**



For more information, please visit
www.gov.je/climateemergency



An aerial photograph of a small, stone building with a red-tiled roof, situated on a grassy hill. The building is surrounded by a low stone wall. The background shows a dense forest of trees with autumn foliage. The image is overlaid with green diagonal stripes.

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The Land of Milk and Honey

In a corner of St John's, a young farmer has set up a new small organic farm. Ollie Griggs has a vision for farming in a small, sustainable way resonant of more ancient farming practises in the island.



"My aim is lifestyle – I want to grow food for people. It's not about being the most successful business and making lots of money, my goal is to make a living from the land farming and do it in a way that doesn't compromise my principals. I want to grow the highest quality food I can grow, because that's what I want to eat. That's where it starts."

Ollie's passion for the land began when he travelled to the Netherlands and went 'WWOOF-ing', named for 'Willing Workers On Organic Farms' where you can work for board and lodging on organic farms and vineyards around the world.

After nine months working on a farm, he came back to the island to try his hand at his own smallholding in the parish. *"There's a lot of information online which has been really essential because the way I'm farming, nobody does it here anymore. But there are a lot of people around the world who are doing it like this and they're making it work on an acre and a half."*

This year Ollie has grown 25 varieties of crop and has formed partnerships with shops and restaurants who share his vision for high quality, organic produce, including Scoop, the Organic Shop, Samphire, Sugar Banana, The Yard and No. 10. Ollie explains why it's important that he works with restaurants who value local, seasonal, organic produce. *"My food is not going to be cheaper than buying from a big wholesaler, so you have to care about taste, you have to care about quality over just price."*

Ollie is clearly passionate about his land and getting the best out of it and is working to build the quality of his soil. *"If I can over time build up the soil to be lighter, then it will absorb more water, host more microbial activity, have more life in it. It won't dry out as quick, it will warm up quicker in spring, it's just healthier. I'm feeding the soil to make the soil healthy because the soil is what feeds the crop, and you get more nutrient dense food."*

"A lot of our soil through industrial agriculture has been degraded. It's just extraction, extraction, extraction, and the use of inorganic fertilizers and pesticides causes this massive combustion of everything in the soil, so everything grows well but eventually all you've got left to grow off is what you've put in, which is just chemical food."

Ollie named the farm The **LOMAH** which stands for The Land of Milk and Honey. *"It's a biblical term from the Old Testament talking about this historic idea of abundance and natural wealth and I just wanted to go back to that."*



Island Parish Climate Group

By Connétable Andy Jehan

Following the formation of the St John Parish Climate Group, I asked what the existing established groups did collaboratively, and the answer was nothing. This is how the Island group was formed which has met three times to date.

Each parish is welcome to send two delegates to the meeting; these can be representatives from the parish group and/or the Constable (many of whom sit on their own groups). To date there is a core of eight parishes, and we hope to get the remaining four parishes involved in the near future.

When you consider that St John introduced kerbside recycling in 2006 and that there are still three parishes who don't provide this service, you can start to see the opportunities of more collaborative working across the island.

More recently St Brelade started a Repair Café which has now been replicated in Grouville, with the two parishes working closely on these events with a view to further parishes becoming involved.

At its last meeting, the group heard from Piers Tharme, the Island Recycling Manager. Please do take time to complete the questionnaire in the magazine on recycling.

The next meeting of the group is planned for November when we hope to discuss transport.



Our Environment

By Hendrik Pluymaekers

Hello, it's me again, Hendrik. In this edition of the Parish magazine, I want to talk about trees. Trees play an essential role in our lives and for our planet.

What do trees do?

They release oxygen that we breathe, help purify our air, and most importantly, they absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂) which contributes to the Greenhouse Effect or climate change. CO₂ is partially made from human activities like burning fossil fuels to drive our cars, fly in airplanes, or buying stuff made from factories. Trees reduce runoff, breaking rainfall, allowing the water to flow down the trunk and into the earth below the tree. This prevents storm water from carrying pollutants to the ocean. When mulched, trees act like a sponge that filters this water naturally and uses it to recharge groundwater supplies.

Trees are the primary source of lumber used by humans to build things, like a home or wooden boat. The wood for trees can also be used as fuel for a fire, both for warmth and cooking. In a nutshell they give us shade, help us breathe, help us with our water cycle, provide a home for animals and other plant life and insects, shelter us, provide food and nuts and some trees even provide medicines to help heal us. According to the National Geographic *"70% of Earth's land animals and plants live in forests, and many cannot survive the deforestation that destroys their homes."*

How can we help trees?

In October, primary schools raised money for 'Just One Tree Day'. We did this at my school. We wore non-uniform and wore something green. I wore my crocodile onesie. We also gave £1 towards buying trees to help other schools around the world plant trees in their playground. If you didn't join in, you can join in next year:

www.justonetree.life



Getting in touch with nature at Grow Jersey

By John Pinel

Right on our doorstep, in the southernmost reaches of the parish at Sion, we are lucky enough to have an amazing opportunity to get closer to nature. Grow Jersey is an award winning, community horticultural project located just north of Surville Cemetery. Already, the non-profit organisation Grow have planted over 100 fruit and nut trees and over 200 fruit bushes on the field, with plans for more fruit and vegetable growing in future years.

It is a collaborative project which partners with Thrive, the Parish of St Helier and The Good Jersey Life. Working together with several other organisations, Grow provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage with nature, bringing a sense of wellbeing to all age groups and providing an opportunity to learn, amongst like-minded people, about our countryside and food production.

Many studies have identified the benefits of access to nature and most people will have experienced the uplift in their mood when they walk in the countryside or even down quiet country lanes, surrounded by trees. The field at Grow is designed for and will continue to evolve into a quiet place for rest, recuperation, and the work necessary to grow a wide range of edible plants, whilst maintaining the soil through sustainable farming techniques.

Fresh air, exercise and immersion in natural landscapes is good for our physical and mental health and Grow aims to provide this opportunity to the whole community, regardless of circumstances and ability.



Volunteers at the Grow field aim to teach people about growing food, both at the field and at their own homes. Even growing a few lettuce or tomato plants can be a very rewarding experience, and there is nothing quite as tasty as salad or vegetables fresh from your garden or your own small grow bag on a balcony.

Building more and more homes without gardens in Jersey and increasing the density of housing, together with the lack of access to open space for residents of the proposed new homes, exacerbates the problems that many people have with their mental and physical health. In addition, children may have no play areas within safe walking distance from their homes, adding to the inescapable lifestyles that modern living often imposes on us.

A lack of interaction with nature is not good for children. Built up areas do not nurture a love of the environment and makes us unappreciative of the value of nature in our lives. We end up taking



nature for granted and consequently people do not see the benefits of sustainable living; reusing, recycling, and healthy, sustainable eating. The world's biodiversity crisis will not be solved if people grow further and further from contact with nature.

Our current global food system is unsustainable. It may bring much needed cash into the economies of poorer countries when we buy French beans imported from Kenya at Christmas, but these foods are grown in high input systems, heavily treated with pesticides and fertilisers which damage the local water supply and take land from the hungry people who live in those countries.

It takes vast amounts of fossil fuels to refrigerate and ship products around the globe, just so that we can eat unseasonable strawberries whenever we feel like it.



Grow has been created for just these reasons, so that people can learn about seasonal eating. Learn about how to grow fresh produce and to engage with nature in a safe and nurturing environment. The community garden is available to everyone who wishes to come and visit or help to develop the area.

Grow is grateful to the many organisations who have provided funding for the initiative and to their partners and the organisations who have become involved with us.

If you would like to be involved with Grow, or if you work with other organisations whose members would benefit from opportunities to learn and grow in a healing environment, please get in touch with St John's Parish Hall who will put you in touch with the organising committee.



Flockdown

Twice this year, keepers of domestic birds in the island have had to house their poultry and other birds in covered enclosures for weeks at a time due to outbreaks of a highly infectious avian flu.

The virus is spread when infected wild birds mingle with domestic poultry, or is spread by clothing, boots, and farming equipment, with devastating consequences. The second outbreak was confirmed in August after the disease was discovered in flocks in two separate locations. One flock saw six out of seven chickens quickly dying from the disease and the seventh having to be culled. The virulence of this strain of avian flu has meant strong measures have had to be imposed.



During the period of housing requirements, enclosures need to ensure that wild birds are unable to mingle with domestic poultry and must be covered with an impermeable roof to prevent wild bird droppings from entering the area. The Hamptonne Country Life Museum chickens pictured here are a good example of secure housing. States Vet Caroline Terburgh explained why the housing measures are so crucial: ***"I love to see domestic poultry (chickens, ducks, and geese) enjoying being outside, but the sad consequence is that once the virus gets into a poultry flock, the results are devastating. Housing in times of high-risk periods will be the main element that is likely to save them."***

The requirement to house birds was lifted on 13th October as no new outbreaks were discovered, but chances of further outbreaks remain high.

In the wild bird population, bird flu is generally targeting seabirds, wildfowl and birds of prey, and not garden birds or pigeons, but the problem remains that garden birds and vermin could both tread in wild bird faeces and bring the disease into an enclosure.

Practising good biosecurity measures at all times can help prevent the spread of the disease. Measures include storing food and bedding away from wild birds, feeding and watering your birds indoors or under cover, and placing foot dips at the entrances to enclosures.



So, what should you look out for? In sea birds and birds of prey, signs of bird flu include unresponsiveness, lack of coordination, twisting of the head, body tremors, and gasping for air.

In domestic poultry, the signs of flu vary slightly and include swollen and blue tinged combs and wattles, respiratory distress, weeping eyes, lack of coordination, lethargy, unresponsiveness, and loss of appetite.

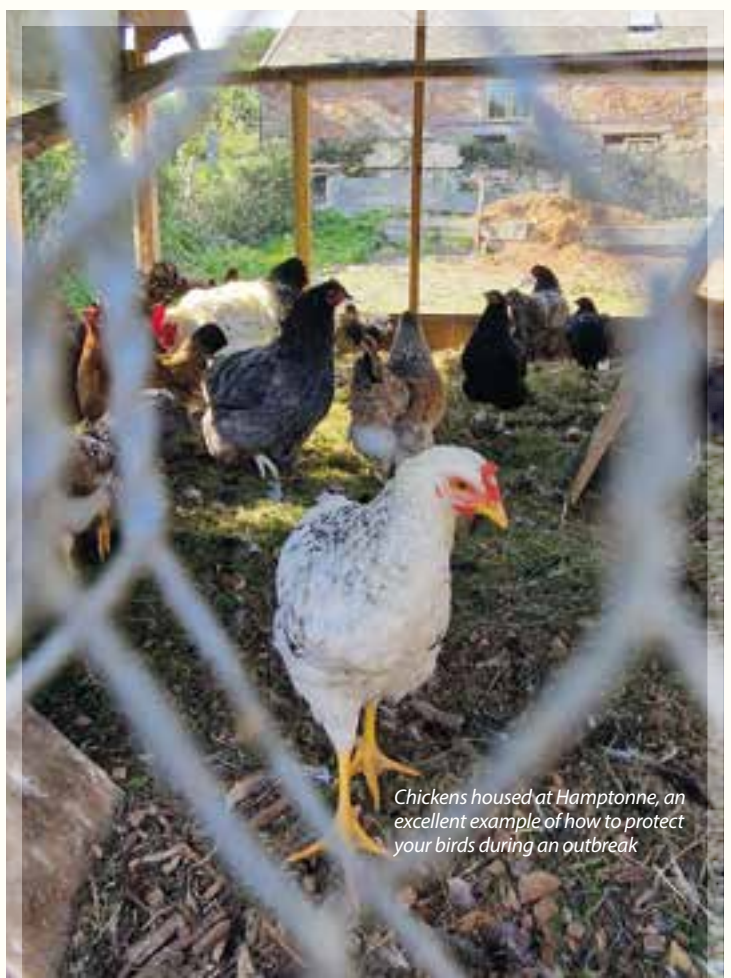
If you find a dead or sick wild bird, or you suspect avian flu in your domestic flock, call **441600** to report it.

Sadly, once avian flu is detected in a flock, it is necessary to cull all captive birds on the property to prevent unnecessary suffering and to keep the virus in check.

Whilst it is a legal requirement to register large flocks of poultry (30 or more birds) with Natural Environment, it's a good idea to do so even if you only keep a few birds as pets in your garden, as this ensures that you will be kept up to date on the latest news and guidance.

A full list of symptoms and other essential information and advice about avian flu can be found on the Government website at the following link:

www.tinyurl.com/5n6dnd28



Chickens housed at Hamptonne, an excellent example of how to protect your birds during an outbreak



Parish of St John **RECYCLING SURVEY**



The Parish of St John has set up kerbside recycling to make it much easier for all of us to reduce the waste that we produce. Kerbside recycling means that your recyclable materials (metal, plastic, paper, and cardboard) will be picked up directly from outside your house, from colour coded boxes (not your dustbin), which are free to collect from the Parish Hall.

Recycling not only reduces waste, but it also protects our oceans and our countryside from litter and the need to dispose of our incinerated rubbish. It reduces our global impact from mining and protects wildlife.

Despite this, many people in St John do not use the kerbside recycling facility. We would like to better understand the barriers to people who remain unconvinced about the benefits of recycling and who do not use the kerbside collection facility. The Parish would be grateful if you would take the time to complete the attached questionnaire in order that we can better help everyone to engage with this important activity.

This survey has been created by the St John Climate Group to better understand recycling habits within the Parish and we would appreciate your participation. All responses to this survey are anonymous. Results will be collated into statistics and may be shared in the parish magazine or on social media.

Please return your completed forms to the Parish Hall. An online version of the form will also be available soon on the parish website (www.stjohn.je) and will be advertised on social media in due course.

1. How many people live in your household?

2. How would you rate your general knowledge of what, where, how and when you can recycle?

☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Poor ☐ Very poor

3. How important do you think recycling is for helping to protect the environment?

☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Not very important ☐ Not important at all

4. Do you recycle? (If yes, please complete questions 5-11. If no, please go straight to question 12)

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. What do you recycle? (Select all that apply)

☐ Glass ☐ Paper ☐ Cardboard ☐ Metal Packaging ☐ Plastic Bottles
☐ Batteries (not available kerbside) ☐ Mixed Textiles and Clothes (not available kerbside)

6. How often do you recycle?

☐ Always ☐ Most of the time ☐ Sometimes ☐ Not very often

7. Why do you recycle? (Select all that apply)

☐ To help protect the environment ☐ To help reduce landfill
☐ To help reduce the need for new raw materials ☐ To conserve energy
☐ To create jobs ☐ To reduce pollution ☐ No specific reason, I just choose to

8. Do you use the Parish kerbside recycling scheme?

☐ Yes ☐ No - if no, please explain why not?

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9. Would it help you to recycle more / more often if there were recycling depots / bins around the Parish, so you didn't have to wait for the kerbside collection?

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. What would you recycle more of / more often if there were recycling depots / bins around the Parish? (Select all that apply)

☐ Glass ☐ Paper ☐ Cardboard ☐ Metal Packaging ☐ Plastic Bottles
☐ Batteries ☐ Mixed Textiles and Clothes

11. Do you have any suggestions on where would you like to see recycling depots / bins located around the Parish?

If you don't currently recycle, please answer the following questions:

12. What are the reasons you do not recycle? (Select all that apply)

☐ Did not know it was offered in the Parish ☐ Don't have space to store the recycling until collection
☐ Don't believe recycling collected is actually recycled ☐ It is too confusing ☐ Do not want to
☐ Other (please provide details)

13. What would encourage you to recycle? (Select all that apply)

☐ Better guidance ☐ Recycling depots / facilities around the Parish
☐ More frequent collections e.g. fortnightly ☐ Other (please provide details)

14. Did you know that St John offers kerbside recycling?

☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Do you know when (what days and how often) St John kerbside recycling is collected?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16. Did you know you can collect free recycling bins from the parish hall?

☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Would you recycle if there were recycling depots / bins around the Parish, so you didn't have to wait for the kerbside collection?

☐ Definitely ☐ More likely ☐ Still wouldn't

If so, do you have any suggestions on where would you like to see them located?

Thank you for taking part in this survey.

Did you know?

- You can collect recycling bins free of charge from the Parish Hall.
- Parish kerbside recycling is once a month on a Thursday or Friday.
- You can recycle paper, cardboard, metal, plastic and glass via the Parish kerbside recycling collection.
- Batteries can be recycled at the Parish Hall.
- There is a book and puzzle swap located at the Parish Hall.
- You can contact the Parish on **861999** or at parishhall@stjohn.je to find out more.





St John

Household recycling collection 2023

This guide explains how to use the St John household recycling collection. A collection planner is included so you know when your recycling will be collected.

Every home in St John receives a recycling collection, in addition to the existing rubbish and glass collections. Recycling collections will be on the same day as your glass collections.

Christmas and New Year Schedules for refuse and commercial collections

Christmas Week 2022

Monday 26 Dec 2022	Refuse	Collected as normal
Tuesday 27 Dec 2022	Refuse & Commercial Glass	Collected as normal
Friday 30 Dec 2022	Commercial Refuse	Collected as normal

New Year Week 2023

Monday 02 Jan 2023	Refuse	Collected as normal
Tuesday 03 Jan 2023	Refuse & Commercial Glass	Collected as normal
Friday 06 Jan 2023	Commercial Refuse	Collected as normal

Glass and Recycling Collections 2023

Month	Recycling	Glass
January	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th
February	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
March	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
April	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
May	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
June	Thursday 1 st	Friday 2 nd
July	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
August	Thursday 3 rd	Friday 4 th
September	Thursday 7 th	Friday 8 th
October	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th
November	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
December	Thursday 7 th	Friday 8 th

All refuse, recycling and glass out before 5am please



For more information, visit gov.je/recycling
For collection enquiries, contact Germ Busters Ltd.
Tel (01534) 869918
Email info@germbusters.je



Please fill the recycling boxes with your:

- **Mixed paper and card:** blue box/bin with blue sticker
- **Plastic bottles:** red box/bin with red sticker
- **Metal packaging:** black box/bin with black sticker

Around a third of Jersey's waste is currently recycled, together we can improve on this.

Everything we collect for recycling is sent for recycling and the parish of St John is making it even easier for you to reduce your waste and recycle more.



Metal packaging Your black box or labelled bin



- | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| ✓ Yes please | ✓ Metal lids | ✓ Cans | ✓ Foil |
| | ✓ Aerosols | ✓ Tins | |

Please make sure everything is clean and empty



Plastic bottles Your red box or labelled bin



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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| ✓ Yes please | ✓ Water & drinks | ✓ Shampoo, showergel | ✗ No thank you
✗ Pots, tubs, trays and black plastic e.g. food trays |
| ✓ Plastic bottles | ✓ Bleach & cleaning | ✓ Bottle tops | |
| ✓ Ketchup | | | |

Please make sure everything is clean and empty



Paper & card Your blue box or labelled bin



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|---------------------|---|--|---|
| ✓ Yes please | ✓ Newspapers | ✓ Shredded paper - recommended for confidential papers | ✗ No thank you
✗ Milk or drink cartons
✗ Polystyrene or plastics |
| ✓ Magazines | ✓ Cardboard packaging and boxes - cut up large pieces of card | ✓ Greeting cards | |
| ✓ Comics | | | |
| ✓ Catalogues | | | |
| ✓ Envelopes | | | |

Your glass bin You are required to provide your own bin for glass

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|---------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| ✓ Yes please | > Remove corks, caps or lids | ✗ No thank you | ✗ Electrical/ electronic goods* |
| ✓ Glass bottles | > Remove plastic labels (paper labels can be left on) | ✗ Plastic bags | ✗ Cardboard |
| ✓ Glass jars | | ✗ Lightbulbs* | ✗ General rubbish |
| ✓ Broken glass | | ✗ Ceramics (cups, mugs, plates, etc.)* | |
| > Please rinse | | | |

*These items should not be thrown away with your general rubbish and should be taken to the Household Reuse & Recycling Centre at La Collette, thank you.



How Rubis is broadening its sustainable efforts

By Nick Crolla, Head of Sales & Marketing at Rubis Channel Islands



Globally, substantial efforts are being made to improve energy efficiency, engine technology, electric vehicles, and to increase the uptake of biofuels to reduce the use of fossil fuels. We recognise that the choices we make around fuel and energy as a community play an important role in achieving climate goals for our Islands.



Reducing carbon emissions and offering alternatives to fossil fuel products with renewables and energy efficient solutions is at the heart of Rubis Channel Islands strategy since 2019. With a growing range of climate friendly products for vehicles, for homes and businesses, and for marine use, Rubis has been transitioning for last three years as a business and is committed to help improve the environment. We are already delivering solutions using multiple energy sources to make our Islands cleaner for tomorrow. From renewable fuels to solar power and super efficient technologies, we're driving change so we can have a healthier environment for generations to come.

For your vehicles

The first wave of Rubis' transition was more than three years ago, when we launched 100% renewable diesel - Rubis RD100 in the Channel Islands, and Sion Garage was the first garage in the British Isles as well as Europe to sell the new grade.

Made entirely from 100% renewable materials, the revolutionary fuel outperforms other biodiesels and fossil diesel and will cut global carbon emissions from diesel engines by up to 90% over its lifecycle. It is a drop in alternative to regular diesel, which is fully compatible with any existing diesel distribution infrastructure and diesel combustion engine, with no need for modifications to make the switch.

Since the launch, there has been a lot of demand especially from businesses using commercial vehicles to promote behavioural change within the organisation, that made them switch to renewable diesel. Woodside Logistics & 4Hire were the first to make the switch to RD100, with many other organisations starting to trial the product including The Jersey Royal Company and States of Jersey. For drivers of diesel vehicles, this fantastic alternative fuel is also available at selected forecourts - First Tower and Falles Airport, besides Sion Garage.

For your homes and businesses

After the success with renewable diesel, we also introduced an immediate solution to reduce carbon emissions for oil-heated households and businesses in the Channel Islands in 2021 – a 100% renewable heating oil under the name EcoHeat100.

We believe if a customer wants to be carbon neutral they should have a choice between energy providers and not have to spend thousands of pounds on a new heating system. EcoHeat100 enables heating oil customers to do just that – switch their fuel rather than their entire heating system. Whilst EcoHeat100 is slightly more expensive than traditional heating oil, for those looking to switch to other electricity to be more environmentally conscious, EcoHeat100 is a cost effective option in comparison to installing a new electric heating system.

At Group level, Rubis has recently announced a strategic acquisition of French solar energy firm Photosol to accelerate the transition to renewable energies and decarbonation. In Jersey, we carried out our first solar PV installation in 2021 and are now moving to develop this offering since the announcement.

Rubis is evolving as a business and leading the liquid hydrocarbon transition locally. Our focus is on providing the most advanced products and solutions to aid the energy transition in the Channel Islands.





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A Ray of Light

Solar Project Officer James King explains how Jersey Electricity is harnessing the sun to diversify Jersey's energy mix

We have been investing in the Island's energy infrastructure to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand for electricity for almost 100 years. As energy technology has evolved, so have we.

Now we are answering calls for on-Island renewables to contribute to Jersey's energy mix and increase energy sovereignty by forming partnerships to make local renewables affordable.

Our zero-carbon future

Our vision is to inspire a zero-carbon future and we fully support Jersey's ambition to cut emissions to net-zero by 2050. Jersey Electricity has an important role to play in helping the Island achieve this.

We know that there is strong support for solar. Jersey's imported energy is low carbon, so generating solar energy on-Island will not contribute to decarbonising our economy, but it still has many benefits.

Harnessing the sun

Jersey Electricity is building partnerships to deliver commercial-scale solar installations that contribute electricity to the local grid. By leasing roof space or land from owners, we are providing them with a secure income stream for otherwise unused space.

We currently have rooftop solar installations at La Collette Power Station, our Queen's Road Solar Hub, Woodside Farm and Jersey Dairy. The largest installation at Albert Bartlett will start generating half a million units of electricity (kWh) when it is completed in the New Year, and we have several arrays in advanced stages.

In St John, work is currently underway to convert Ronez's bagging shed roof into a solar array. On completion, the installation will supply 80,000 kWh annually – generating enough energy to power 80 electric vehicles each year.

Solar advances

Recent advances in solar technology mean that energy outputs can be generated using significantly less land than previously required and this has improved the viability of ground-mounted solar photovoltaics (PV).

Ground-mounted solar arrays are temporary structures with no concrete foundations, allowing the land to be easily returned



to its natural state at the end of the array's life. Jersey Electricity partners with ecologists to ensure that developments will protect and enhance existing habitats, improve hedgerows and increase biodiversity.

Jersey Electricity is progressing consultations for two new ground-mounted solar arrays and hopes these will be the first of many partnerships. These sites, in St Clement and St John, have been carefully selected due to the discreet nature of the sites, their proximity to the grid and the certainty that the development will have a long-term positive impact on the local environment.

Compared to UK installations, Jersey's ground-mounted arrays will be small but could bring the total capacity of on-Island solar PV up to 10MW within a few years. That equates to 11 million kWh a year, enough to power over 1,500 fully electric homes.

Energy diversity

Jersey's latest solar projects complement our imported low-carbon energy from France, which gives us clean and affordable energy and has enabled us to keep electricity prices around half the level of UK prices whilst allowing Islanders to benefit from local renewables.

Partnership and innovation will play an important role in helping Jersey to tackle the climate emergency and Jersey Electricity has a role to play in helping achieve our net-zero aspirations.



Steven Jeanne Memorial Charity Motocross Day

By Nigel Gregory

The motorsport family of Jersey came together on a late September weekend in memory of the very popular former Motocross rider and Hillclimb record holder Steven Jeanne and at the same time to raise money for the charity Mind Jersey.

The annual event attracted over 60 competitors at the Sorel Point Motocross track to provide what was to be a fantastic day's racing across the groups of both Junior and Adult competitors.

Raffle tickets were sold on the day with over £3000 raised for Mind Jersey. This may have been assisted by the fact that the tickets were being sold adjacent to the Paddock Bar on site for the event!

Following the hard work of the Motocross committee and volunteers, a brand-new track layout awaited the riders with the track changing because of the ongoing quarry extension by Ronez. Long term a new fully irrigated track will be put in place on completion of those works and will be worth the short-term disruption.

The proceedings started with an immaculately observed minute's silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II, followed by practice sessions for the classes. These sessions continued throughout the day in each block of racing for several riders, some as young as 4 years old, who are too young to compete officially. This is something the club is very keen to develop.



The numerous spectators present were witness to some top-level racing throughout the day, particularly from the club's elite riders in the Adult A group. Two of those riders, Kieran Gregory and Bradley Le Feuvre, both riding Yamaha YZF250's, have been competing at top level in the British amateur Championships this season and getting regular top ten finishes, so as would be expected both featured strongly in their groups' racing.



Iris Jeanne with the Jeanne Bowl winners Jason and Isobel Hamon

The overall MX1 class was won by **Sam Allix**, 2nd **Sam Touzel**, 3rd **Damien Bowyer**.

The overall MX2 class was won by **Kieran Gregory**, 2nd **Brad Le Feuvre**, 3rd **Mathew Le Brun**.

Mathew Le Brun was awarded rider of the meeting by the MX committee.

Two very special trophy presentations were made by Stephen Jeanne's mum Iris and widow Claire respectively. The first, the Jeanne bowl, was very deservedly awarded to Jason and Isobel Hamon of Normandy Rescue who provide on an annual basis Paramedic and Trauma specialist treatment and coverage for not just Motocross events, but all motorsport events held by the JMC & LCC.

The second, the spectacular Steven Jeanne Memorial Trophy, a stainless-steel replica of Steven's #38 Honda CR 250, is awarded by the riders of the event to the rider they feel is not just the best on the track, but who displays sportsmanship, assists other riders, and promotes motocross in whatever manner. This was awarded to an emotional Kieran Gregory.



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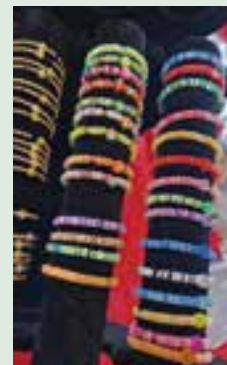
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La Route Du Mont Mado, St. John

Makers Market

If you're looking for gift ideas in the run up to Christmas and are keen to support local artists, the Makers Market is an exciting new monthly event, bringing together creatives from all over the island for a Sunday indoor market in the beautiful setting of St John's Parish Hall.

The first Makers Market took place in July this year and was a great success, with a steady stream of visitors. Organisers Katie, Nina and Hazel were delighted with the reception. *"The community support has been so touching, everyone has been very welcoming and positive. It's a community event for everyone to enjoy and a great opportunity to meet new people."*

The intention is to have different stalls at each market to keep it looking fresh and new. With fifteen stalls at each Makers Market, there is plenty of choice. Fourteen stalls are dedicated to selling handmade goods including textile decorations, handmade cards, resin art, crochet accessories, jewellery, candles, wax melts, pottery and much more. The last stall is always dedicated to delicious, sweet treats.



The organisers pride themselves on having a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and the market certainly has a lovely vibe.

So, if you're looking for unique gifts this Christmas, come along to the upcoming market for some inspiration, friendly chat and beautiful, locally made products. The next market will be held in the Parish Hall on 11th December from 10am – 3pm.

If you would like to contact the organisers, you can do so at makersmarketjersey@gmail.com

New Lieutenant Governor visits St John

Jersey's new Lieutenant Governor, Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd, CBE, made his first parochial visit shortly after arriving in the Island and it was to St John.

His Excellency was visiting the four war graves in the Parish and was accompanied around the Parish by Constable Andy Jehan and Reverend Beverley Sproats.

Students from Year 2 at St John's School laid a wreath and also performed a poem and a song for the Governor.

As the Constable said in his welcome: *"They normally save the best until last, but Your Excellency you have started with the best first!"*



His Excellency meeting the Cudlipp family at Macapela Cemetery, Sion



Left to right. Phil Rondel, HE Vice Admiral Kyd, Constable Andy Jehan, Harry Rondel



Left to right. HE Vice Admiral Kyd, Sean Courtney, Dulcie Courtney, Dorothy Perritt (TBC), Phil Rondel, Dene Cassin, Harry Rondel, Constable Andy Jehan

Carl Hinault RIP

As we prepared to go to print with the Winter edition of L'Étaile du Nord, we heard the news of the passing of former Deputy and Constable, Carl Hinault.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and his many friends at this very sad time.

A full recognition and obituary will be published in the Spring.



Go-karts and Germans

To the east of Ronez Quarry, there is a small stretch of headland known as Ronez Point. Now the site of a modern go-kart track, which snakes around the cliff-top, it is also home to several somewhat out-of-place concrete structures. These are the remains of a World War II defensive position, which the Germans referred to as Sorel A. This site, in conjunction with the nearby Sorel Point defences, formed a self-contained strongpoint in the parish of St John, capable of repelling any nearby seaborne landings or land assaults from the south.

Due to constant road resurfacing and sections of the site being returned to farmland, most of the fortifications of Sorel A have been buried and are not visible to the naked eye. Continuing the series on the German defences in St John, this article intends to shed some light on how the site would have looked during the Occupation. In this article I have grouped the defences of Sorel A into two sections; those residing outside the loop-road, and those located within the vicinity of the track.

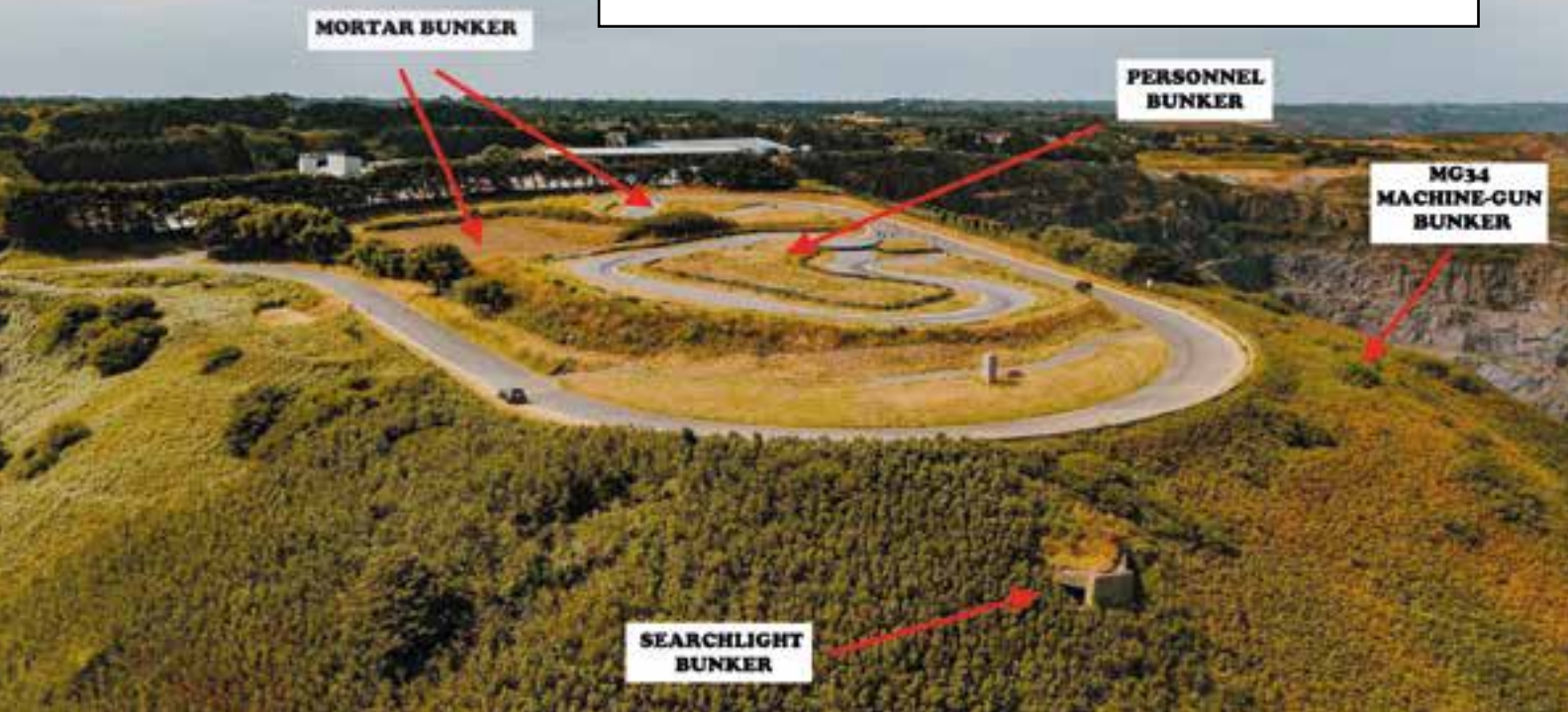
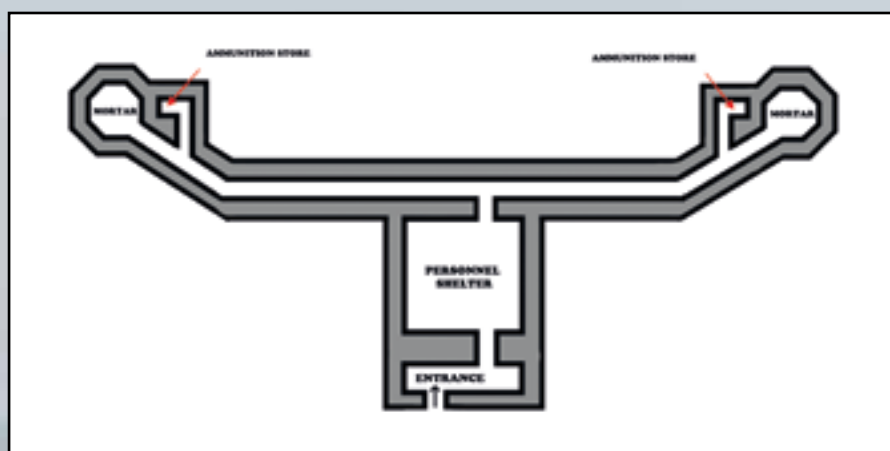
Outside the track

To the north of the coastal track, there is a triangular bunker partially covered by a thicket. This bunker did not house any weaponry, instead it was built to accommodate a large searchlight. Fixed on a long rail and mounted on to the back wall of the bunker, the searchlight could be moved from one side to the other. An opening on two sides meant the searchlight's beam was able to scour the cliffs at night. This was primarily to give the defenders visibility in case of a commando raid, which were not uncommon in the Channel Islands.

There were six MG34 machine-guns within the German arsenal at Ronez Point. One was hidden inside a concrete bunker, just to the



west of the searchlight bunker, and the remaining five were installed in earthwork dugouts, making their exact whereabouts a bit of a mystery. A German map details that at least one of these machine-guns was located at the southern extremity of Sorel A. The other four were likely positioned around the perimeter to create a hexagonal defensive shape.



Comité Rurale

UPDATE

The main long-range armament at Ronez Point was comprised of four mortars. Two of these mortars, which were produced in the Soviet Union, were kept in open positions at Sorel A, possibly placed at the southern end of the site. These mortars had a range of three kilometres and so could hit targets from Bonne Nuit Bay to L'Île Agois in the west.

Inside the track

Several German structures can still be found within the coastal loop-road. If you look closely, some are visible, but others have long been buried. On the small island at the centre of the go-kart track, the remains of a bunker entrance can be seen protruding from the ground. The bunker contained two underground rooms: one served as a personnel shelter and the other as an ammunition store. Its central location was not accidental, as it allowed troops to remain close to their battle stations during an enemy bombardment and facilitated effective resupply during an engagement.

Just south of this resides another bunker, which was quite different from those already discussed. Now hidden underneath an agricultural field, this bunker was designed to house two French mortars that were captured during the Battle of France. It contained two concrete mortar pits, connected by a corridor, and a personnel bunker at the rear.

In total, the garrison at Sorel A housed twenty soldiers and, from 1943 onwards, all of the defenders at Sorel A would have either been Russian, Belarusian, or Ukrainian (for more information on this please see my article on the Bonne Nuit Bay defences in the Summer 2022 issue). Sorel A's perimeter was surrounded by barbed wire and trenches, allowing the soldiers to move between the defensive positions under cover from enemy fire. There were also six drum-shaped flamethrowers positioned around the site.

For those interested in learning more about the German defences in our parish and the north of the island, a new book by local historian Paul Burnal called *Defence Sector North* will be released in 2024.

My term as Chairman seems to have flown by, although some of the Comité Rurale members may not agree! Looking back over the last three years, the Comité has been largely engaged with the Island Plan Review process, and has:

- Hosted many meetings and attended roadshows with the Minister or Officers of the Infrastructure Housing & Environment (IHE) Department of the States of Jersey
- Attended meetings and worked with other rural Parishes on topics of mutual interest, particularly the proposed expansion of the Coastal National Park
- Conducted a survey of Parishioners to provide the basis of a submission to the Island Plan review process
- Made submissions to IHE at various stages in the process
- Participated in the Enquiry in Public
- Tried to keep Parishioners updated via articles in this magazine

Various sites in the Parish have now been zoned for affordable housing and community use, most notably two fields at Sion. The Comité will be working with the Constable to ensure that the developers provide infrastructure improvements, and at Sion specifically, open access to communal outdoor space for all residents as part of their planning obligations.

The current Bridging Island Plan only covers the period 2022-2025, normally a full 9-year plan would have been produced but Covid and other factors limited the ability of IHE to undertake the full review exercise. Inevitably that means that towards the end of next year a new consultation process is likely to commence in preparation for the next full 9-year Island Plan, and the Comité Rurale will need to start again to prepare for that.

Participating in an Enquiry in Public for the first time was an education, and the considerable resources and time devoted to this event by various developers and planning consultants was very apparent. I would like to thank all the Comité members for their hard work and support throughout the three years particularly leading up to that event.

The Comité Rurale will be approaching the new Minister for Infrastructure to advise them of its role as a key stakeholder in the planning process and to seek early involvement with any consultations that affect the Parish.

Ian Touzel

Chairman

Le Comité de la Commune Rurale de St Jean



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Fruit Salad

No, this is not one of your five-a-day but a perfect team game as we approach Christmastide. As you may have guessed, playing games at Party HQ is taken seriously, studiously, all-inclusively and with a large dollop of fun. When it comes to Christmas games it's no exception. As Dizzy Rascal once said, 'go hard or go home'!

The family classic of Charades, therefore, is approached in an advanced, further-maths kind of way in the form of 'Fruit Salad'. If this game does not hone and perfect your communication skills nothing else will.

The outline of the game is this. You need two teams, each with a bowl (a mixing bowl is ideal). Every team member writes the name of five famous **people/things/movies** on individual pieces of paper and puts them in the bowl. The teams then swap bowls.

ROUND ONE

As seen in the ever-popular Question of Sport, one team member must describe to their own team as many of the pieces of paper as possible in one minute. You can describe it in any way other than saying the actual words on the paper and no actions are allowed. If you get stuck, passing is permitted. The team receives one point for each correct answer. After the one minute is up the 'guessed answers' stay out of the bowl, but the passes stay in. Then it's the opposing teams' turn using their bowl. Remember to keep the scores! Round one finishes when everyone has had a go. Have a round one team score update.

ROUND TWO

All papers go back in the bowl. As in the previous round each person and team take turns to have a go, but this time the 'actor' must describe the paper with one word and one word only. Remember by now the papers in the bowl should be getting familiar, and you can still pass. Correct papers stay out, passes stay in as before.

ROUND THREE

This is the final and historically most difficult round, but also the funniest. It's the same format as in the previous rounds but this time the 'actor' has their back to their team and can only emit one sound for them to guess the word on the paper, no spoken words and no actions. Just one sound!

After everyone has had a go, the winning team is the one with the most points. Compared to other games we've run there's a fair bit of detail, so stick with it, it will be worth it. Once you get the hang of it, the game will long be part of your family repertoire, lasting longer than a fresh fruit salad, or even an iceberg lettuce!

For larger groups you may need more than five names and depending on the age range you could narrow the categories on the papers. Have a go and have fun!

It only leaves me to wish you a merry and party-game filled Christmas. See you in 2023!

PARTY HQ

Taj Mahal

Top Gun

Giant's Causeway

King Kong

Sherlock Holmes



POTTY ABOUT RECYCLING

Potty Eco Pots was started in early 2021 after Kalina Le Marquand learned that a skip load of plastic plant pots is burned each week in the incinerator from Jersey's domestic waste. She decided to start a recycling project where people can leave and take plant pots to try and cut down on the waste.

"The bigger picture is about community and sharing," Kalina explains. "It's all about the gift economy which, in my eyes, is the future. It's also helping to cut down on imported goods to the Island. If people aren't buying pots, they won't be imported."

One of the first collection/drop off units is based at the St John Parish Hall carpark which was kindly built by Ashbe Construction Limited as a gift to the community. Parishioners can leave plant pots of any size that they no longer need, whether plastic or terracotta, for others to collect for free when they need them. There are already multiple Potty Eco Pot sites around the island, but Kalina is hoping to increase the number by another six units spread across the island.

"We're trying to raise £2,022 to enable Potty Eco Pots to build more collection/drop-off units to help people to reuse plant pots, saving them from the waste stream. These pots can then be reused again and again before they hit the incinerator. Your kind donations help to prevent waste and incinerator pollution, save resources and combat climate change, whilst encouraging people to grow the plants and trees we desperately need," she enthuses.



If you wish to donate to the project, you can do so at the following site:

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By Martyn Farley

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NUTS ABOUT BOLTS in the Parish

Meet Lee Morley, owner of St John's newest shop – Nuts About Bolts Limited.

Based at Temple Court, this is your one-stop shop for hardware, tools, fasteners, fixings and more. Whether you are in the trade as an engineer, welder, plumber, electrician, builder or a DIY enthusiast or just in need of a tool to finish that job around the home, come and see Lee and he will be more than happy to help.

Lee has been selling tools for a number of years now. He was a well-known and friendly face at Tools Plus before leaving to start up on his own. He brings that same enthusiasm, energy and approachability to his new business and looks forward to welcoming old and new customers alike.

Born and raised in Jersey, Lee has always been entrepreneurial. After successfully running a pub he moved into retail. For a number of years, he has sold roof racks, ply lining kits, seat covers and other van accessories which he will continue to supply from his new premises.

Lee decided to open his new business venture in his home parish of St John. Lee has lived in the parish with his wife and two children for two years and, despite having grown up in St Ouen, considers himself to now be a loyal St John-ian!



When a unit became available at Temple Court, Lee knew this would be the ideal location. Lee wanted somewhere out of town, with the convenience of parking and other amenities close by, that would attract those in the trade and the individual. He has carefully selected his stock to meet both those needs and will be more than happy to place any special orders if he does not have a particular item immediately available.

Lee's intention is to bring something new to the heart of the village as there are no other tool and hardware shops close by. *"We shop more and more online now but nothing beats the convenience of being able to pop to the shop, buy what you need for a job and take it away with you straightaway,"* says Lee. *"You also can't get advice online in the same way and have a good friendly chat – and a cuppa of course!"*

Nuts About Bolts is located at 6 Temple Court and will open its doors on Monday 5 December 2022. Opening hours will be 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 12 noon on a Saturday.

Lee very much looks forward to welcoming the parishioners of St John to his new shop. Keep an eye out for special offers and promotions!



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It was lovely to welcome furry friends and their humans to the St John's Parish Church Pet Service on 18th September, held in the churchyard.

We reflected on Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth's love of animals and found out what a dorgi is (a corgi / dachshund cross)!

It was fascinating to hear from Annie about the work of the JSPCA Animal Shelter and the love that goes into caring for the animals, especially those that have been sadly neglected.

The service was a lovely way to thank God for his creation and it was fantastic to see so many pets in attendance including dogs, cats, horses and even guinea pigs! There was so much love and gratitude for people's pets and all the animals received a blessing!

After the service we had coffee and cakes. Thanks, and well done to Lily who had a cake sale after the service to raise funds for Stepping Stones, Kefalonia, an animal rescue charity!

All creatures *great & small*

By Reverend Beverley Sproats





Getting _____ **Merry and Bright** _____ for Charity

Hey, now that it's nearly 'that time of year' please be on the lookout for the start of the St John's annual Christmas bauble sale.

Once the St John's Parish Christmas tree is erected in front of the Parish Hall, please purchase a numbered bauble for £5, insert the money into the envelope provided, then write your name, contact number and the bauble number on the front and post it through the Parish Hall letter box for a chance of winning one of the five prizes in the numbers draw!

Once you have completed the above, simply hang your bauble on the tree to help make our parish tree sparkly and beautiful.



The charities selected to benefit this year are Brightly and the Christmas Appeal.

So come on folks, let's aim to beat last year's total of £1,000 and let the world know that St John continues to be a truly caring parish.

A huge 'thank you' in anticipation of your support again this year and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Muriel

Catholic Church UPDATE

The Catholic Church in Jersey is now one Island Parish. Sadly, we said goodbye to Fr Matthew King who was needed elsewhere in the Diocese of Portsmouth, which left us with two priests and our Deacons.

We now have a new schedule for Sunday Mass and some Churches are without, only having a weekday Mass. All Churches will remain open for funerals, baptisms, marriages and other services. St Thomas, Our Lady, St Martin, and the Sacred Heart will remain open throughout the day for private prayer.

To reflect these changes the Catholic Women's League, which was based at Our Lady, St Martin, now hold their meetings on the first Monday of each month in the small hall at St Thomas' Church at 7pm. New members are welcome, please contact **Pat Guegan** on **07797724054**.

We appreciate there will be a period of adjustment throughout the Parish. For further information please see our website:

www.catholicchurch.org.je

or our Facebook Page: Catholic Church in Jersey.

WEEKEND MASS

St Thomas Saturday Mass at 12.15pm
St Thomas Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm
St Thomas Sunday Mass at 8am, 10am and 12pm
St Bernadette Sunday Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am
St Patrick Sunday Mass at 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Our Lady, St Martin Tuesday at 9.30am
Sacred Heart Wednesday at 9.30am
St Patrick Thursday at 9.30am
St Matthieu Friday at 9.30am
St Thomas Tuesday – Friday at 6.30pm

Cheval Roc Services

It was a privilege for a team from St John's Parish Church to lead a service of Holy Communion on 29th September at Cheval Roc nursing home. We remembered Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her faith in Jesus. Thanks to the team of Celia, Muriel, Rosie, and Sylvia which was led by Heather.

The team run monthly praise and worship services at Cheval Roc.



Thank you for the music!

By Reverend Beverley Sproats

St John's Parish Hall was the scene of some very lively entertainment recently! It was the venue for a great evening of food, fun, songs and a sketch for the St John's Church & Community Harvest Supper on 1st of October.

Heather Woods coordinated a team of people to serve a delicious meal from St John's Inn and Brian Woods directed a fantastic cabaret including a men's singing group, a women's singing group, a duet, a solo and a sketch! It was a fun and entertaining evening for all. The finale was a rousing singalong to 'Dancing Queen' that everyone could join in with!





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ST JOHN'S RIFLE CLUB

St John's had their first parish shoot after a two-year absence due to the Covid pandemic on Sunday 18th September, in glorious weather conditions at Crabbe rifle range.

Richard Benest was the top scorer at all three ranges of 300, 500 and 600 yards, and duly won the Grand Aggregate trophy, as well as collecting the Veteran's trophy.

Richard has been one of Jersey's top rifle shooters for many years, and has been an inspiration to shooters for decades, voluntarily helping teach the Victoria College Cadets.

Steve Morin came second in the Parish shoot and won the trophy for the highest score by a non-Jersey Rifle Association member, but only by the smallest of margins of two v bulls from Neil Cotillard, with scores of 97.9 against 97.7.

Neil's son Harrison won the Junior trophy, and his mum Karen won the Ladies trophy, making it a successful day for the family.

Meanwhile in other celebrations, John Renouf has given 50 years of service to the club in the role of Treasurer, a role he still holds! It's rare to have someone prepared to carry out a role for such a long period of time and the club owes John a huge debt of honour. We hope he continues for many more years.

If any parishioners would like to take part in the St John's Parish Fullbore shoot, please contact John Renouf in the first instance for the 2023 shoot which will be held at Crabbe in September.



Honorary Police Clay Pigeon Contest

The St John Parish Police won the Honorary Police Clay Pigeon Contest for the second year running, although unfortunately we were disqualified last year on a technicality as James Bonney, our Parish Gardener, was deemed not to be part of the municipality.

This year we did better and made sure all the shooters were serving police officers and the parish entered two full teams. Team A was made up of Vingteniers Ian Syvret and Janet Park and Constables Officers David Morris and Chris Rudd. Team B was made up of Centeniers Jonathan Plunkett and Dave Ward and Constables Officers Ian Averty and Fabrice Le Luyer.

Ian Syvret scored well using a unique stance and was top scorer for his team employing a recognized "ambush" technique. Chris Rudd surprised everyone by learning to shoot studying clay pigeon shooting on Facebook, thus proving social media does have a use after all!



While shooting was progressing, David Morris recorded the proceedings on his phone and provided the pictures accompanying this report. Holding up the team, Janet Park discovered a new use for hiking socks.

In the B team Ian Averty won Highest Individual, missing only two clays and Fabrice Le Luyer stunned all with his lightning-fast reflexes, hitting clays almost at the muzzle of his gun.

Jonathan Plunkett and Dave Ward both shattered clays without any practice during their once yearly outing. Roll on next year!



Macmillan *Coffee Morning*

Once again, the Parish took part in the Macmillan Jersey Great Coffee Morning on the 30th September, raising £1,452 for this very worthwhile cause.

The Parish Hall was buzzing throughout the morning, with many members of the Community supporting the event in many ways.

Our Raffle was a great success. This was once again coordinated by Muriel Poisson, who with her team of helpers ensured that no one entered or left without having an opportunity to buy tickets. Our thanks also go to those individuals and local businesses who kindly donated some generous prizes.

A large team of volunteers kept everyone supplied with tea and coffee, as well as the wonderful cakes that people had kindly baked for the event. The cakes were enjoyed by everyone, and we even had some people who returned to the hall for more.



We were also delighted to welcome Penny Godwin to the event; Penny recently completed the Walking London Marathon. The walk takes place at night and passes some of the major London landmarks. As well as completing this challenge, Penny raised more than twice her target amount with a final total of £5,280 for this great charity.

Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way, be it supporting the event, volunteering, baking cakes or donating raffle prizes. None of this would be possible if it wasn't for the hard work of the team at the Parish Hall, ably led by our Parish Secretary Sue Morin.



Penny Godwin at the finish line

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- 4th St John's Church Little Oaks Sunday club Nativity 9:30
 6th Senior Citizens Christmas lunch
 7th Santa's visit to the Parish Hall
 11th St John's Groups of Churches Candlelit Carol service 4:30
 13th St John WI – Meal at St Brelade's Bay Hotel
 24th St John's Church Christingle Services 3:30 and 5:30pm
 24th St John's Church Christmas Eve Holy Communion 7pm
 25th St John's Church Christmas day Celebration Service 10:30am

JANUARY

- 11th St John WI – Speaker from Mind Jersey
 25th Golden Age – Parish Hall 2:30
 31st Muriel's bingo Parish Hall

FEBRUARY

- 8th St John WI – Visit from a female Choir
 22nd Golden Age – Parish Hall 2:30
 25th JM&LCC MotoX training
 28th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall

WI all ladies welcome to join – see contact below

For Church updated events check Facebook page /stjohnschurchje

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