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# Dear Parishioners...

As winter draws to an end and we eagerly await the arrival of spring, it's a good time to reflect on beginnings and endings. This issue we celebrate new life on our hedgerows in an article by Trees for Life, who are working hard to plant new trees and preserve and protect our banks and hedges. We also take a look at new life in the village precinct with the arrival of Dough Rye Me, a fabulous artisan sourdough bakery.

We celebrate the hard work and dedication of outgoing Procurer Steve Hewlett, and we look back at the life of Carl Hinault, a man who dedicated his life to the service of his parish and the island, culminating in six years as Connétable.

We have a moving story about four young islanders who died off the shores of St John trying

to escape during the occupation. Their brave attempt to escape to France may have ended in tragedy, but their names are not forgotten, and their families gathered recently to place a memorial stone on the headland.

If you are looking for a new hobby, take a look at the user's guide to the Recreation Centre. We are fortunate to have such a great facility in our parish, and it's amazing to see such an array of clubs, classes, and user groups based at the Centre. Perhaps you will be inspired to try something new! It's also a good time to focus on the future. Have a look at the exciting plans for the area near the church, school and parish hall in the centre pages of this issue, including detailed architect's drawings.

My thanks, as always, to all the wonderful contributors. It's great to hear from anyone with a story to tell, so please do get in touch as I'd love to hear from you. My email is

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Happy reading!

Sarah Grigson



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# Words from the **CONSTABLE**

## As I write this at the end of February I am questioning where has time gone?

Essential Roadworks in the village passed without too many issues. Our thanks to the contractors, businesses and residents who all collaborated to minimise disruption whilst the work was being carried out. You will read elsewhere in the magazine that we are working hard to make further improvements in and around the village area.

Whilst writing about the village, I want to recognise our local businesses, both old and new, who are working hard to make the area more vibrant than ever. There is a real buzz around the place; this is being enjoyed not only by Parishioners, but we are also seeing an increase in customers coming from all around the Island to experience what there is on offer. As is often said, use it or lose it, so I would ask that if you are able to support our local businesses, please do so and encourage others to do the same.

As a practical way of supporting businesses within the Parish, I am also working with business owners to form a new St John Business Forum. We have had an inaugural planning meeting and we hope to invite local businesses to the first of what we hope will become regular meetings in the near future. This will provide an opportunity for businesses to network and collaborate, and for the Parish to meet with businesses collectively.

Volunteers are what make our Parochial system so special, so it was an honour to attend a ceremony recently where Honorary Police officers received their Queen's Jubilee Medals. It was encouraging to hear the Bailiff, Attorney General and the Police Chief all acknowledge the efforts of the Honorary Police, and I am particularly proud of the excellent team of volunteers we have here in St John.

Looking forward to the year ahead, in addition to the consultation about the village, we also look forward to celebrating both the Coronation and Liberation with a community event at the Recreation Centre on the 7th of May. A small team is working hard to put on an afternoon of events and more details will be circulated shortly.

Andy Jehan

Connétable

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# Living on the hedge

Winter is a busy time for the Jersey Trees for Life team, thanks in no small part to their annual Hedgerow Campaign. While many of us are tucked away in airconditioned offices or sat at home with a piping-hot cuppa, the charity's hardy team of arborists will be out and about, braving the conditions to protect and enrich our local environment – while of course spreading the love of trees.

The Hedgerow Campaign was launched in 2007 and has been going strong ever since. Funded by members, sponsors and donors, Jersey Trees for Life has planted thousands of metres of native hedgerow species, comprising the likes of blackthorn, field maple, hawthorn, holly, and wild privet.

There are three stages to the campaign, which operates on an annual cycle. The late autumn to winter months, from November to March, are when planting takes place. From April to September, the team shifts its focus to maintenance, with every hedgerow receiving two visits per year. Autumn months are then spent assessing land in preparation for the following campaign.

Since the 2019 - 2020 campaign, Jersey Trees for Life has planted 8,325 whips in St John, covering a length of 2,081m, making it the campaign's busiest parish of recent years!

So far this season the team is scheduled to plant a further 232 whips in St John, over 58m bordering Field J563, which is on the right-hand side of the road near the north-west end of Les Chenolles.



Healthy hedgerows are a vital part of our ecosystem, providing a surprisingly diverse range of benefits to wildlife, landowners, and the wider community. They reduce soil erosion by acting as a barrier to water runoff while stabilising the soil surface with their roots, which help to absorb water faster. This

is just one of the ways in which hedgerows can serve as a means of flood mitigation, in addition to reducing silt in waterways and absorbing and transpiring soil water.



The role of hedgerows as windbreaks is another crucial factor, especially

on a windswept isle like ours, as strong, cold winds can cause all manner of crop damage. Shelter keeps soil warmer too, which in turn can extend the growing season.

Increased biodiversity is naturally another major benefit, with hedgerows providing food and shelter for a vast array of birds, mammals, and insects – including pollinators such as bees, which are fundamental to crop yields. Hedgerows also provide a natural habitat for predators of crop pests, leading to reduced need for pesticides.

Thanks to the campaign, an island-wide network of wildlife corridors – connected areas of habitat across human-dominated areas – has been created, helping our local wildlife to thrive.

It's easy to see why hedgerows are so important and how the campaign benefits the community. If you're interested in helping Jersey Trees for Life, plenty of options are available, such as becoming a member, registering as a volunteer, or sponsoring a tree or hedgerow. You can also donate as much or as little you like, whether as a one-off, regular payment or even as a legacy.

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**Hedging hint:** Keep an eye on your hedgerows and trees! The earlier you spot a disease, the likelier it is to be manageable. The team at Jersey Trees for Life are happy to answer relevant questions and help with diagnosis.



## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Presentation**



**Picture Left to Right:** Constable Andy Jehan, Centenier David Ward, CO Sharnie Olliver, Centenier Jonathan Plunkett, Centenier Andy Bisson, CO Sue Baudin, CO Robin Le Boutillier. **Other members awarded the Medal:** Vingtenier Maxine Fergusson, Vingtenier Ian Syvret, CO Christopher Rudd, Mr Manuel Pereira and Mr John Fosse.



## Dough Rye Me...so far, so good

Man cannot live on bread alone, but you may want to try after tasting the delicious sourdough bread from the latest addition to St John's precinct! New bakery Dough Rye Me opened its doors in January and has had a fantastic response from its customers, selling out within two hours of opening on the first day. Since then, loaves, focaccia, and buns continue to fly off the shelves.



The bakery is the passion and brainchild of Pawel Zygiewicz. A former hospital cook, he discovered a love for baking bread when a colleague brought some homemade sourdough to work in 2019.

*"She shared it with me, and I was like 'Wow, this is so nice,"* he explained. *"I was very curious about how she made it. She* 

explained the rough process and I thought I'd have a go so I came home and mixed my first portion of starter and water to make a mother dough. It takes two weeks for the fermentation process, so I waited two weeks and then baked my first loaf of bread. From that moment I knew this was it, this was my life now and I have baked every single day since."

> Over the following year, Pawel pursued his passion at home, installing a second

storing flour behind the sofa, until his wife pointed out they were running out of space. Taking a leap of faith, Pawel left his job at the hospital and rented space with SCOOP (The Sustainable Co-operative) and started his own micro-bakery. Then in September last year he decided the time had come to look for new premises so he could scale up production. He fell in love with St John and the new precinct bakery was born.

Pawel is delighted with the response he's had since opening. "I had some forecast and feeling about the place but it's 500% more than I was expecting. People love it."

There's a kind of magic to sourdough production. No yeast is added to the dough, instead it takes natural yeast from the air. It

goes through a process of lacto-fermentation over 36 hours, which digests a lot of the gluten in the bread before the baking. This makes sourdough easier to digest than other breads and gives it a lower glycaemic index.

oven in his lounge and

"The lacto-fermentation is good for our guts. It's a completely different product to conventional bread, it's much better for you and tastes better too! It's a very natural process. It's all about simplicity – just a few highquality ingredients - this is the key. The sour dough is just water, flour and salt, nothing else. It's the most basic food you can imagine."



It might come from simple ingredients, but the resulting sourdough bread is delicious and, judging by how quickly Dough Rye Me sells out each morning, residents in the parish and further afield clearly agree.

"It's hard work. I have to get up at 3 o'clock in the morning, working until late at night, but it will settle down once we get more organised, and I love it." Pawel enthuses. He hopes to increase his small team in the coming months by bringing in a couple more staff. In the meantime, if you want to get your daily bread before they sell out, go early!

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# Stephen Hewlett Retires

### After 40 years' service in the parish, Stephen Hewlett didn't seek re-election at the end of his last term and finished as Procureur on 10th March.

Stephen first became involved with parish life in 1983 when he took on the task of Roads Inspector from his father-in-law, Stan Morin, who showed him the ropes and took him around the Vingtaine to point out all the trouble spots. In those days, Roads Inspectors would often go out complete with drain rods, spades, and suchlike and give the drains a good *"service"*.

Stephen notes that there were no specific health and safety rules in those days, so you had to be careful about standing in a safe place, although that was not always possible! He remembers organising the by-roads to be cleaned and swept. Roads Inspectors were paid by the yard for their work and had to keep records for subsequent repayment from parish funds. Bannelais (road sweepings mainly consisting of leaf mould) would be collected by local farmers for use on the land. Nowadays this job is all done by machinery, but not necessarily as well as in the old *"by hand"* days.

During the same period, Stephen also served as a Constable's Officer in the Honorary Police from 1989 until 1998. He only used the **"Blues and Twos"** once (sirens and flashing lights) to test his driving skills, but the task in general involved a lot of traffic management along with attending a few road accidents.

#### "The Honorary Police were also invited to assist at the Battle of Flowers where all of us had grandstand views and a thoroughly enjoyable time too, with no cost involved," Stephen remembers fondly.

Promotion came in 2004 when Stephen was elected to the Roads Committee. This job entailed inspection of roads for repairs, obtaining quotes, liaising with contractors, and generally supervising all work to ensure that it was within budget requirements. One highlight came when he used his 1952 Bedford lorry to carry as many of the municipality as possible around the parish on the Visite Royale. Everyone became very animated, not unlike a Sunday School outing, and great fun was had by all.

Direct involvement with the parish roads came to a halt when Stephen was elected to the post of Procureur du Bien Publique in December 2014. This was a very much more difficult and supervisory role as the entire parish budget had to be allocated, its spending justified, and the amount of rates chargeable calculated. All payments were made only on the agreement of the Procureurs to the allocation asked for by the Connétable.

As March 2023, and his 40th year of service approached, Stephen decided to retire from the administration of the parish in favour of younger talent! We thank him for his long years of service and wish him well in the future and hopefully he will now find more time to devote to his hobby of classic car restoration, maintenance, and driving.



A great day out when he took many of the municipality in his vintage Bedford lorry on the Visite Royale P10 SPRING 2023 L'ÊTAILE DU NORD



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St John resident Michael Gautron started his career learning stonemasonry in the family business. After many years as a mason on the island, he tried his hand at sculpting in granite in his spare time, producing some beautifully rendered animals. But it was a job doing some welding on machinery five years ago that led him to discover an amazing talent for sculpture in a different medium - steel.

Michael is fascinated by nature and his exquisite sculptures capture a diverse range of animals. One of his larger pieces is on show at Durrell. Michael was commissioned to make a sculpture inspired by Durrell's male orangutan, Dago. He used Corten weathering steel, the same steel used to make the Angel of the North, to give the impressive ape its distinctive rusty colour, with orange streaks that become prominent under the sun.

Many of his sculptures are made of marine grade stainless steel, which can be polished, and he uses wax to rub into the grain, darkening areas to create texture. Each sculpture is handmade directly in steel, without casting as used in other forms of metal sculpture, so every piece is unique.

Michael starts by creating a frame for the animal. "I use solid stainless-steel rods stacked on top of each other like plasticine to build the foundations," he explains. "I bend the steel to form the shapes and then fill it in by taking pieces and welding them on, then I use grinders to shape it. I use every little piece of steel, even the tiny pieces. If you have a little hole, you tack it in and weld round it, so there's no waste at all." Michael's diverse array of animal sculptures show his skills as an artist. He has captured a wide range of creatures, from scampering squirrels to a majestic life size peacock, and even a four-foot toad. Self-taught, with each piece he has learned new skills and techniques.

He explains how he creates his designs. *"I download loads of pictures on the computer, print them out and laminate them so I have references to look at. I also look online at other sculptures to check no one else has done anything similar so that all my work is totally original and unique. I've learned different techniques over time and if something doesn't work, I just cut if off with the grinder and start again."* 

You can see more of Michael's work on his Facebook page MA Gautron Sculptures.





# A tribute to Description of the second seco

Carl was born on 14th January 1940 at Temple View, St. John. Later that year his parents, Frank and Agnes Hinault, moved to Greenfields in Rue des Buttes where they started farming. This was an uncertain time in the Island, as indeed it was elsewhere, as World War Two had been declared the previous year. Carl remembered little of the years leading up the Liberation in 1945 but did recall the day itself and the celebrations that took place in the Island to mark the end of those five dark years. In 1948, his family moved to Les Landes Farm on part of which Carl and Daphne eventually built La Petite Hure.

Carl's education started at St. John's School where he was very pleased to find that his class teacher was fluent in Jèrriais as up to then Carl had been using that language at home, as was so common with youngsters living in the country parishes in those days. In 1952, at the age of twelve, Carl moved to Hautlieu School as part of the first intake where he enjoyed a number of sports. Football was his clear favourite and his love of the game stayed with him throughout his life; he was a keen follower of Manchester United.

On leaving school, Carl joined his father on the farm but, after a few years, decided to set up a haulage business. It was around this time when enjoying a Saturday night out with friends at West Park Pavillion, or *"The Pav"* as it was generally known, that he met and fell for a young Daphne Le Seelleur. This led to their marriage in October 1964, resulting in fifty-eight very happy years together. In 1976 they were blessed with their daughter, Julie, who has been such a tremendous support to Carl, together with her partner Paul, during his recent stays in UK and local hospitals.

Shortly before their marriage, Carl and Daphne took on a grocery business at Greencliff Stores in St. Martin which they ran for five years. After their marriage, Carl decided to return to the family farm where he constructed glasshouses to grow tomatoes and flowers.

Carl regularly played football for St. John's Football Club and was eventually elected President. He was also a founding member of the Jersey Tug-of-War Association and took part in trips to the UK, Europe, and South Africa. In 1977, Carl's efforts in promoting the sport were rewarded in no small measure when he was elected as Vice-President of the Tugof-War International Federation – the same year as Jersey proudly hosted the World Championships.

Carl's involvement in the Honorary System began in 1974 when he was elected as a Constable's Officer. Six years later he was elected as Centenier – a post he held until 1983 when he joined the States of Jersey as Deputy for St. John.

In August 1994, he reached the pinnacle of his honorary service when he was elected Connétable of his Parish, and he held that important office until his retirement in December 2000.

Also, as part of his strong commitment to the honorary system, Carl was elected an *"Apprécieur des Terres"* in 1989 and a *"Procureur du Bien Publique"* for a three-year term in 2001.

During his time in the States representing his Parish, Carl was elected as President of two very busy committees - Public Services and Planning & Environment, where he served with a firm but fair hand.



Carl also joined the board of Jersey Water as a non-executive States Member, being subsequently elected as an independent Director. He was also involved in the establishing of a passenger ferry service which ran from Gorey to Portbail for a number of years.

Anyone who has worked with Carl on a committee or in the running of any Island organisation or club will agree that if you if you were fortunate enough to have Carl on your team you knew instantly that you had a man on whom you could totally rely - a man always ready with sound advice, always fair and diplomatic and a man who possessed that other great attribute - integrity.

Carl was also a popular and hardworking member of Jersey Freemasonry. He was proposed and initiated into his beloved Loge La Césarée No. 590 in April 1970, and served the Province of Jersey with great distinction and zeal for over fifty years, culminating with being promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 2007. Prior to that he had risen through the ranks to become Worshipful Master of Loge La Césarée in 1980, following which he served as Charity Steward, Director of Ceremonies and latterly as Secretary of the lodge. Over the ensuing years Carl joined and took office in other Masonic Orders including La Césarée Chapter No. 590, Caesarean Mark Lodge No. 74, The Order of the Secret Monitor, The Ancient & Accepted Rite, Knights Templar, The Royal Order of Scotland, and The Order of the Scarlet Cord, none of which would have been possible without the constant support and encouragement of his dear wife Daphne.

Carl and Daphne were also for many years organisers of Loge La Césarée's annual Carol Concert held at the Masonic Temple – an event which not only raised funds for charity but brought Masons and non-Masons together during the pre-Christmas period.

One of Carl's major contributions to Jersey Freemasonry was in his capacity as President of the Jersey Masonic Charities Association where his administration skills and fund-raising efforts will be long remembered.

Carl's other interests, when he found time in his otherwise busy life, were playing golf, walking and regular card games with a group of fellow **"St Jeannais"** which no doubt provided an ideal platform to debate many an interesting and perhaps controversial local issue! Carl and Daphne also enjoyed travel including holidays to Australia, Canada, and South Africa.

Finally, Carl's family wish me to thank on their behalf, the many doctors, nurses, and members of staff at Bournemouth Hospital, at the Jersey General, at Jersey Hospice Care, and at Jersey Family Nursing and Home Care for the excellent care and kindness shown to Carl during the last difficult months which is deeply appreciated.

> May he rest in peace

# Memorial Stone Dedication, Ry Martin Whitley La Saline

In the last months of Jersey's occupation there were many attempts to escape from the island to England or France, to such an extent that on the 20th of September 1944 the occupying forces issued a public warning notice that any further attempts to escape could 'no longer rely on being rescued by the German forces.'

## **The Escapees**



#### Ronald (Ronnie) Gordon Bisson, aged 19, from St Saviour who was living at the time of the escape with Madeleine at Beaumont, St. Peter. He was born in St. Helier.



#### Madeleine Annie Bisson,

née Milon, Ronnie's wife of 4 months, aged 22. She was born in St. John but spent much of her youth in St. Lawrence and was living at Beaumont at the time of the escape.



**Roy Elie Jean** Luciennes, aged 20, from St Martin.

Seven weeks later four young local residents made an attempt to reach France that ended in disaster. Their families recently placed a stone at La Saline, St John in memorial to these four young people.

The nature of the four young people's friendship is not known but family anecdotes suggest that André and Roy may have known each other. There was also a fifth individual who was planning to join the group, Jack Buesnel, but Jack's father forbade him to join the escape attempt and he subsequently withdrew on the day. A story written by the late Eileen Le Sueur notes that André had approached her for some petrol intended for her farm and he had stated that the 'Frenchman' Roy Luciennes had organised it all.

#### The four young people had planned to 'borrow' a boat from a Mr Robert Louis Kempster, a States Fisheries Inspector. It is not known whether Mr Kempster was complicit in the escape attempt or not. André had obtained the additional petrol from Eileen Le Sueur and their belief was that they could row out of Gorey and start the engine when far enough out to sea and that the 14-mile journey to liberated France would not take long. The plan was simple, but sadly their knowledge was limited.



André Louis Gorvel, aged 19, from St Saviour.

### The Escape

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On the 12th of November 1944 Ronnie and Madeleine walked from their marital home at Beaumont to Ronnie's family home in Langley Avenue where they told the family of their plan to escape that evening. From there they met up with André Gorvel and Roy Luciennes and travelled onward to Gorey where the boat was moored. It's believed they started out rowing the boat, which suggests it was a relatively small vessel, until it was out of sight and sound of the beach. It was around 8 o'clock in the evening and the weather must have been cold, as the temperature at midday had been measured at only 6 degrees C. The wind was high, and the seas were rough. We can only imagine that the engine did not start. It's likely that the four youngsters were unaware that all boat owners had been ordered to disable their vessels, often by the simple removal of distributor rotor arms. What is known is that they drifted and struggled throughout the night until they were seen the next morning near La Saline Bay, St John.

The story is taken up by the inquest report into Ronnie and André's deaths in the Evening Post (EP) on November 17th, 1944:

To the memory of lour young islanders who on the 13th November 1944 tragically lost their lives in a doomed attempt to escape the island during the Occupation when their small boat was dashed on the rocks being when their small boat was dashed on the rocks being the four were. Ronnie & Madeleine Bisson, nee Milon, Andre Gorvel and Roy Luciennes Andre between 19 and 22 years of spa

Mr Edward Cloarec and Adolphus Fromage were called to give evidence at the inquest. They stated that they were employed as guarrymen by the Labour Department. Adolphus Fromage stated that on Monday the 13th of November 1944 he was working at the quarry overlooking La Saline Bay when at about 08:30 to 08:40 in the morning he sighted a boat about a mile off the coast to the North-East. It seemed to remain there for about an hour but after lunch they noticed it had drifted more westward and closer inshore. They watched and at about 10:45 they saw it strike a rock: it was struck by a wave and then another dashed it against the rock known as La Rouge. Just before it struck, they perceived there were four persons aboard. The whole thing happened in a very short time. They only heard one cry for help. One of the occupants was trying to start the engine up until the last moment. In reply to the Solicitor General, the witnesses said that when the boat had entered the bay it looked waterlogged.

It's not known whether the German Authorities were informed or would have attempted a rescue given their recent Public Order.

### The conclusion

The four young people sadly lost their lives. Ronnie and André were found in La Saline Bay very soon after the event. Roy Lucienne's body drifted back toward Bonne Nuit and was found in Giffard Bay. Of Madeleine there was no sight until the 6th of December when her unrecognisable body was found thirty yards from Le Braye slip in St Ouen. Her family identified her by her wedding ring which bore the initials RGB and MAM 1.7.44. The clothes were also identified as being those of Madeleine Bisson. It's an irony of fate that Madeleine was born in St John on July 29, 1922.

Reverend Beverley Sproats conducted a service of memorial to the four young people in November and families attended from Jersey, UK, France and the USA. Following the service, daffodil bulbs were planted around the stone before the attendees returned to St John's Parish Hall where Connétable Andy Jehan hosted a Vin D'Honneur.

# A chance to question **your Deputies**

**Your Parish Deputies** - Andy, Elaine, Hilary, and Kirsten would like to welcome you to their public surgeries to discuss any parish or island-wide issues you are concerned about. You are welcome at any of



the Parish surgeries, and we have also added a lunch time surgery in St Helier for parishioners who work in town and who might find it easier to attend during a lunch hour.

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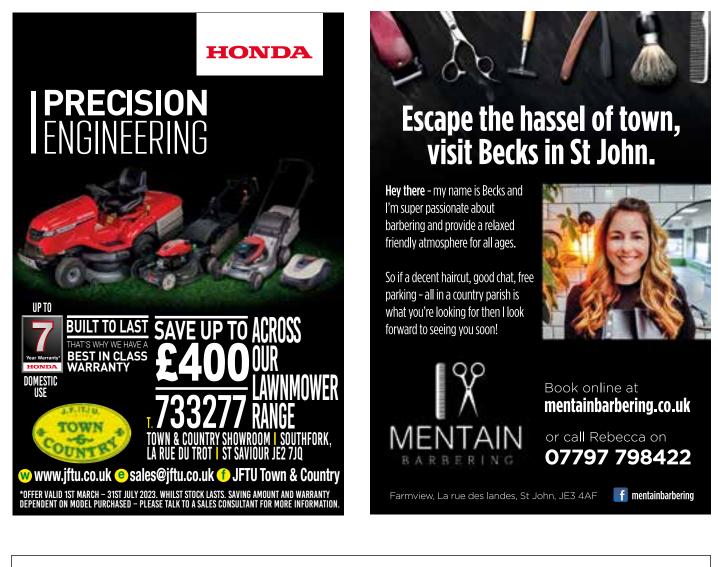
## Tortoise Takeover it's in the bag!

As part of the Tortoise Takeover Trail, an island-wide public art trail organised by Durrell, St John's School are purchasing a small tortoise sculpture and every student at school has produced their own individual design for it. Elements from all the individual designs will be incorporated into the main tortoise design which will eventually be homed in the library at school.

The school PTA have been selling Tortoise Tote Bags at school (tipped to be the must have accessory for 2023!!) but we thought that St John's parishioners would also like an opportunity to purchase one, therefore they will also be on sale at the Parish Hall. They are priced at £5 each and would be perfect for carrying all your purchases from the fabulous local shops we have in St John's Village.

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# A Bad Year for Hsian Hornets!

For those who are shy of buzzing, stinging insects, learning that 2022 was a "bumper" year for Asian hornets might be unwelcome news. However, Jersey must face the reality that this invasive, non-native species, having arrived in 2016, is here to stay. To contain the problem and limit its potential impact, a programme of control involving a coordinator at Natural Environment and a group of experienced volunteers (the Jersey Asian Hornet Group) has been carried out since 2017 and will continue in 2023.

The concern is that we had record numbers of nests in 2022, in total 174 of them, double the previous highest year. Some of these nests were found after they may have already issued gueen hornets to build nests in 2023 and we also had late reports of hornets, indicating that some nests were missed. To compound the problem our French neighbours on the Cotentin Peninsular had a "bumper" year as well, meaning that there will be plenty of spring queens over there who may hitch a lift to Jersey on an easterly wind. This means that if you live in one of our northeastern parishes then, I'm afraid, you are on the frontline!

In 2023, Natural Environment will be working hard to continue and indeed bolster the control programme with more spring traps, increased public awareness, and more trained volunteers to track down the nests. As in previous years, the general public of Jersey are our secret weapon. The Asian Hornet control programme relies upon receiving reports of their presence at the earliest opportunity and the last six years have shown how good the public are at doing this. Last year there was a 77% reliability in public reports, from the approximately 1000 reports that Natural Environment received.

The importance of these reports is that they inform us of the presence of Asian Hornets, the first vital piece of information that leads to the process of tracking and finding of the nest. Without these reports we would be considerably worse off for hornet numbers, along with the associated impacts upon our beneficial, pollinating insect ecology and the potential for people getting stung.

So how can you help? Firstly, please report any sightings of concern: details as to how to do this are below. Secondly, the intention is to expand the spring queen trapping programme in 2023. This is designed to catch the queens when they emerge from hibernation and before they set up their nests. If you would be happy to host and monitor a trap in your area, please do get in touch with the coordinator. It's quite straightforward and training will be given.

Sightings can be reported by email to asianhornet@gov.je (if it can be done safely, a picture is key to verifying the report), or by phone to the coordinator on 441633. There is also the Asian Hornet Watch app, which is free to download from play stores and has a helpful "check your hornet ID" feature. For further information see:

### www.gov.je/asianhornet

*Alastair Christie* Asian Hornet Coordinator



# *St John's Village* Towards a more walkable village?

We continue to work with colleagues from Infrastructure to find ways of enhancing the village area in St John.

We recently held a joint meeting at the Parish Hall as this gave us an opportunity to share with the Minister and his officers the challenges faced daily by residents and visitors alike. Whilst the village is well used and community groups are making good use of existing facilities, we still have barriers to easy movement caused by the main roads and busy traffic.

The Connétable has formed an advisory board of dedicated parishioners who are working with Government transport specialists to develop proposals for a more connected village, accessible for all parishioners, to support healthy and sustainable travel habits and in line with the Parish ambitions for reducing its carbon footprint.







## The Connétable and the Board have set themselves a remit:

'St John is committed to responding to climate change and promoting active travel to reduce carbon emissions and improve the health of Parishioners.

The Board recognise the community's desire for St John's Village key amenities to be as accessible as possible by walking routes for all members of the community and all abilities. The Board also recognise that improvements for cycling and bus accessibility, also in line with the Governments Sustainable Transport Policy, should be included in options for the community to consider.

The Board also have an ambition to enhance the vibrancy and appeal of the village centre shopping area and sustain key community facilities offered, by enabling the best availability of parking by well organised and enhanced parking arrangements, in keeping with the village's unique character and within the constraints of the Island Plan Policies. The Board will ensure that community supported concepts will be promoted to the parish authority and put forward for Government funding.'

### The members of the St John's Board are:

ANDY JEHAN, Connétable of St John – Chairperson NICK LANE St Johns Roads Committee ANTON CORNILASON former States of Jersey Police Officer CLIVE RUSSELL former Fire Service and member of the Sion Group TRISTEN DODD Head Highways, Transport & Infrastructure, IHE



Under the Board's direction, options are being developed to address the barriers to movement in St Johns Village, such as improving pedestrian and cycling access to and from the main village amenities (church, parish hall, pub, school) and exploring community focused traffic calming.

The proposals will concentrate on improving accessibility and safety, while taking the opportunity to build upon the unique character of our village, to enhance the public realm and avoid unnecessarily obtrusive highway engineering.

Parishioners will also be asked for their views on speed limits and the potential for the introduction of virtual pavements in some areas.







## Milestones along the way

### MARCH

Project Board to review and sign-off traffic management and calming proposals

#### APRIL

Technical layout work and preparation of engagement materials

#### MAY

Project Board to review and approve engagement materials

#### JUNE

Publicity and Parish engagement event



In addition to the road safety initiatives, we hope to be able to share detailed plans for the long awaited memorial garden opposite the Church and Parish Hall.

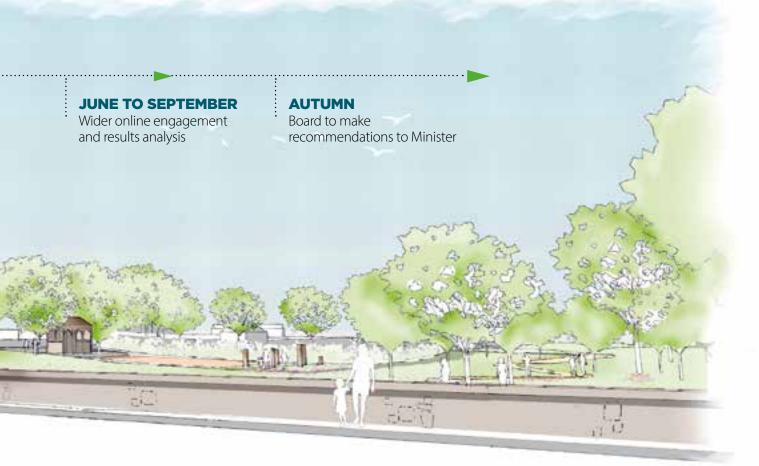
Following feedback from the previous scheme, that was rejected, we hope to incorporate a lot of the feedback into the revised design including:

- Retain the Cenotaph in its current location
- Reduce the amount of parking in the new area by more than half from 57 to around 25
- Introduce wild flowers in various areas
- Incorporate a labyrinth into the scheme
- Provision of some shelter for the proposed petanque pitch
- Screen any parking provision

The scheme will seek to improve the existing views of the Church and the Parish is in discussions with Property Holdings to take over the ownership of the four small parcels of land to the West and North of the Church. This would be subject to approval at a Parish Assembly, with the proposal that the Parish maintain this area, returning the view of the Church from the West with the potential for some cycle parking near the bus shelter and much needed additional car parking for the precinct.







"View of the proposed Memorial Garden"

Clearly it is important that the community have an opportunity to influence and help shape these proposals, to ensure any scheme meets their needs and desires for the village. To support this, a consultation will be held this summer to provide all parishioners with an opportunity to consider the proposals, how we plan to support walking and cycling and enhancements to the village's public spaces.

The feedback from this will be used to inform the Board's design proposals, ensuring that the concerns, needs and desires of the village community are properly reflected.

There will be parish communications and media publicity ahead of the event to give interested parishioners time to plan their attendance.

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### Working towards a safer, greener, community village.

"Potential view of the Church from the West"

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# Thank you!

I've lived in St John's Parish since 2015. Before I came to Jersey in 2008, I grew up in a fairly rural part of Essex and was glad to swap the hustle and bustle of St Helier for the Wilds of the North. I work at Hautlieu, in the laboratory, and as an ambulance driver at the JSPCA.

On 30th December last year, a fire broke out in our house destroying the roof and causing substantial damage to the rest of the property. Once the animals (5 birds and 3 cats, all rescues) were all out of the house and safe, the day of the fire was very much one of simply watching and wondering what was being destroyed.



Gregory with one of his rescue birds

The day after the fire most places that could provide help were closed so I called Andy Jehan, our Connétable, and I'm so glad I did. He listened to what had happened and said, "give me an hour, I'll call you back". That same afternoon he took me to see the home that I'm writing this from. Our Rector, Beverly Sproats has popped round with help and prayer - I know the modern world may be sceptical, but I reckon that it's the prayers that have got us through.



Both of my workplaces have provided storage for the things we could save from the old house along with amazing support, and so many friends have helped lift and shift. I've been on the telly, and my friend James set up a JustGiving page to help us replace lost things.

There's really not enough room here to properly give credit to all the folk who have helped, but many, many thanks to everyone.

# Where there's a wheel, there's a way!

Enjoying Jersey's breath-taking beaches is an experience that should be available to all. The soft sand between your toes, the smell of sea salt in the air and not to mention sunny beach days spent with loved ones. It's our mission at BeachAbility to make that a reality.

BeachAbility offers specially adapted wheelchairs designed to glide over sand and stone with ease. All our wheelchairs are available for loan, free of charge, at 7 Jersey beaches including Long Beach, La Mare, West Park, Bel Royal, Gunsite, St Brelade, and Le Braye to anyone with permanent or temporary mobility complications.



We are excited to share with

you the developments over the past year at our Le Braye site. Our facility is now located at the Healing Waves Surf Therapy Centre, allowing wheelchair users more space to transfer into the beach wheelchairs and, with a newly installed changing facility equipped with a changing bench, shower, and hoist at Churchill Memorial Park nearby, Le Braye is sure to meet the accessibility needs of you or your loved ones.



Le Braye also houses one of our Hippocamp chairs which have proven popular among our younger wheelchair users. The Hippocamp chair (pictured above) races across the sand and skims along the water's edge. A priceless experience all children should enjoy!

For more information on our beach locations or to make a booking please call us on **07797 935088** or visit

### www.beachability.org

We can't wait to see you at the beach this summer!

# NOT A LOAD OF RUBBISH

A reduction in waste is essential to tackle the climate emergency and reach net zero emissions.

Remember it's...

**X REDUCE** the amount you buy and waste

• **REUSE** and repair what you've got

A RECYCLE what you no longer want

...in that order.



**Climate Emergency JSY** 

We want, and need, to burn less rubbish. The stuff you chuck into your household bin tends to end up at the Energy Recovery Facility at La Collette where it gets burned, producing carbon emissions which, in turn, cause climate change.

In 2022, your parish delivered 800 tonnes of waste to the Energy Recovery Facility. In total, 70,676 tonnes of rubbish from across the Island was burned there last year alone, resulting in 11,866 tonnes of incinerator bottom ash that had to be shipped to the UK for specialist recycling. They're big numbers, but we've got big ambitions to bring those figures down as we all play our part in tackling the climate emergency.

Delving into some of Jersey's wheelie bins, we discovered that much of what's in there is actually not a load of rubbish! It's stuff that doesn't need to be in there. It's clear we all need to reduce, reuse and recycle. In that order.

The best thing you can do is **reduce** the amount of waste you produce. What can you do without? Can you buy things differently, so you don't have so much to throw away? Were you ever really going to eat that many yoghurts before the expiry date?

**Reuse** things as much as you can. Consider different uses and look at fixing things instead of replacing. Don't forget the St Brelade and Grouville repair cafes can help you mend things - and they are on tour! Also, you can pass things on via second-hand shops, and social media selling and donation pages and groups – don't forget to check there yourself if you need to get something. **Recycling** isn't the best solution as it still uses lots of energy to turn your unwanted item into something entirely different. Nonetheless, recycling is still a better alternative than the rubbish bin, so do make sure you recycle what you can. Details of your parish recycling can be found at **gov.je/ParishRecycling** 

How full is your bin each week? How many times do you empty your kitchen bin? The challenge is for you to halve how much waste your household puts in the rubbish bin:

- Reduce the amount you buy/waste
- Reuse and repair what you've got
- Recycle what you no longer want
- Putting it into the rubbish bin should be your very last resort!

Did you know around 40% of the rubbish in Islanders' wheelie bins is garden and kitchen waste? We aren't just talking food that has gone off (bread is the most wasted food in the UK), but we're talking what was left on your plate, peelings, bones... the whole shebang.

To help you make a real difference to your bin, we will be offering you the chance to buy a discounted hot composter or food digester.

A hot composter turns food waste (including cooked food, meat, fish and dairy) and garden waste into good quality compost in a short matter of months. You can then use the compost in your garden!

A food waste digester efficiently disposes of all food waste - including cooked food, meat, fish (even bones) and dairy - with no turning or stirring required. These don't make any compost.

Keep an eye out for this discount which will be coming your way soon!

### gov.je/ClimateEmergency

# P28 SPRING 2023 L'ÊTAILE DU NORD St John's Recreation

We are lucky in the Parish of St John to have a fantastic facility on our doorstep at the Recreation Centre. There's delicious food available at the Brunch Café, a skate park, green space for fun and games outdoors, and the centre hosts a wide variety of classes and user groups. A handy list of all the groups based at the centre and their contact details are listed below. Perhaps there's something new for you to try today.



### **AERIAL GYMNASTICS**

Aerial performance drop-in classes teaching hoop, silks and hammock skills (winter season only). Contact Hayley Wray on 07797 736 798 or at hayley 2887@ hotmail.co.uk

**BONHEALTH** (I-Move Freely Studio) Bonhealth is a nutrition and fitness company offering health coaching, digestion and female hormone health courses, small group training and personal training. Contact Mandy or Martin Bonhomme on 07797963036 or at mandy@bonhealth.co.uk or Laura Jacques on 07797 914 352.

### **BRUNCH CAFÉ**

Delicious food available Monday to Saturday from 9am-3pm (last orders 2pm). Wednesday nights are pizza nights from 5-8pm and the terrace will be open in the summer for drinks on pizza nights. Keep an eye on social media for their Hog Roast events. The café is also available for hire for private events. Contact Sam Coutanche on 07797 937 844 or at sam.coutanche@ hotmail.com



### **CLOUD NINE ACTIVITY CLUB**

Cloud Nine is a fun holiday activity club for school aged children from 4-12 years old. The holiday club is action packed with a variety of activities to help build epic childhood memories in the school holidays. CEYS registered. Contact Natalie Quenault on 07700 353 126 or at natalie@cloudninejersey.com

### JERSEY ARCHERY SOCIETY

The Archery Society aims to provide a safe and fun club to participate in the sport of archery and welcomes archers of all levels, whether you want to compete socially or competitively (winter only). Contact Dan D'Orleans on 07797 758 002 or at courses@jas.org.je



### JERSEY GYMNASTICS CLUB

Gymnastics classes for 3-4years, 4years+, 7 years+ and advanced. If you are interested in registering for a class, please visit the website jerseygymnasticsclub.co.uk and use the link on the Classes page. Contact Ben Frith on 07797 778 629 or at benfrith@yahoo.com

JULIA RENAULT (adult art classes) Art classes for adults in the new art studio at the Rec with local artist Julia Renault. Beginners welcome. Classes include oil painting, beginners drawing, watercolours and portrait drawing and group lessons range from four-week courses to long courses. Private group lessons are also available. Contact Julia Renault on 07797 766 302 or at juliarenault22@gmail.com. Website: www.juliarenault.com

### **PERSONAL TRAINING**

To book personal training sessions tailored to your needs, contact Ben Harding on 07700 722 608 or at bigbenharding@hotmail.co.uk

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### **SIGN TIME**

Sign Time run courses designed to teach signing to babies aged from 0-1 years old and toddlers aimed at 1-3 years helping to bridge the gap between babies' desire to communicate and their ability to do so, with fun singing and BSL signing. Contact **Lisa Herivel** on 07700 795 405 or at **lisampalmer@hotmail.com** 



### SQUASH / RACKETBALL

The court is open to the public - a token which operates the door & lights can be purchased from the village shop or Brunch at £6 for a 40-minute session. The booking system is simply a sheet outside the door to the court which shows court availability for up to 3 weeks in advance. Contact **Franck Matthews** on **07700 883 155** or at **franck.matthews@gmail.com** 

### ST JOHN FOOTBALL CLUB

St John F.C. are affiliated to the Jersey Football Association and play in the Jersey Football Combination Championship. St John FC have three senior teams, First Team, Reserve Team and Walking Football Team. We would love to start a Junior football section, so if anyone is interested (training would be provided) please call Nigel Perree on 07797 716 321 or at ncperree@gmail.com

### **ST JOHN SHOOTING CLUB**

Learn to shoot prone small-bore rifle on Monday nights or pistol on Wednesday nights safely and accurately with expert tuition. The club opens from 7pm onwards. For more information and costs please contact **Peter Quimby** on 07797 775 568 or at peterquimby@ hotmail.com



### **ST JOHN SKATEBOARD CLUB**

St John's skatepark is a much-loved community space. It is a popular facility and is used by all different age groups of skateboarders and scooter riders. Contact **Sophie Kiltpatrick** on *07700 862 188* or at *stjohnskateparkassociation@yahoo.com* 



### 🐌 ST JOHN TENNIS CLUB

The cost of using the main hall for tennis (winter only) is 1 token (£10.00) per half hour session. Tokens can be purchased from the village shop or Brunch, using cash only. Anyone wishing to make regular court bookings should contact **Angus Spencer-Nairn** on *861716* or at *asn@rhj.je* 



### **ST JOHN YOUTH PROJECT**

The Youth Project runs youth clubs at the Rec each week with Inters on a Tuesday night from 7-9pm for years 7 and 8, Seniors on a Wednesday night 7-9pm for years 9+ and Juniors on a Friday night 7-9pm for years 5 and 6. Contact **Nicola Benge** on *07797 765 439* or at *nicolabenge@jys.je* 

### **HOT YOGA WITH ZELIA**

Hot yoga is a series of 54 postures done in a heated room which helps to detox the body, whilst warming it up to allow deeper stretches. Classes are on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings and drop-in is available. All levels are welcome. Contact **Zelia Leca** on 07700 870 777 or at *zelialeca*81@gmail.com

### TRAPEZE YOGA (Awareful)

Trapeze yoga is a fun class for all fitness levels with inversions - our students love being upside down! Classes can relieve back pain, increase strength, develop flexibility, restore balance and improve overall fitness. Classes are held on a Wednesday evening and a Saturday morning and can be pay as you go or payment in advance for a block of 6. We can also arrange a class for children's parties or Hen Dos etc. For further information or to book please send a WhatsApp message to **Belinda Martins** on 07797 767 686 or at trapezeyogajersey@gmail.com.

### SANJEEVANI YOGA

Classes run in 10-week blocks with the first class free as a taster session. Sanjeevani yoga is a traditional yoga practice that includes yoga poses, breath work and relaxation and is suitable for complete beginners and more experienced students. Contact **Manju Hegde** on **728961** or at **sanjeevani-yoga@hotmail.com**. **Website:** www.sanjeevaniyoga.com

### YIN YOGA

Yin Yoga is a slow-paced, gentle, physical practice, in which poses are typically held for up to five minutes at a time to encourage increased flexibility. Gentle, but powerful! There are three classes a week at the Centre - Tuesday afternoons 2.00 - 3.30pm, Friday mornings 9.30 - 10.45am and 11.15am - 12.45pm. All levels of experience (including complete beginners) are welcome. Contact **Alastair Torvaney** on **625357** or **07700 725 357** or at **theyinsterjersey@gmail.com** 

### NATURAL MINDS AF TER SCHOOL CLUB



A new after school club is being considered for September. For enquiries and more information, please contact **Indigo** at *naturalminds19@gmail.com* 

# Hitler's Russian Army

Most islanders are well aware that Russians were used as slave labourers to build the massive German fortifications during the occupation. It may surprise you to know that these were not the only Russians in Jersey and that there was an entire battalion of Soviet collaborators stationed in Jersey fighting for the Third Reich. These troops were part of an organisation known as the 'Russian Liberation Army'; a unit made up of former Red Army soldiers who had changed sides to fight against Joseph Stalin. I have referenced these eastern volunteers in previous articles for L'Êtaile Du Nord and this article will focus in-depth on what events transpired to cause a unit of former Red Army soldiers to be posted to Jersey.

Though the Russian Liberation Army did not officially exist until 1942, Soviet collaboration with the Germans occurred from the beginning of Operation Barbarossa. The rapid advance of the German Army in 1941 led to the encirclement and capture





of entire Soviet armies. German field commanders enlisted hundreds of thousands of these captured troops to help the German war effort. Many of these volunteers served as "Hilfswillige" (auxiliaries) in non-combat roles such as nurses, interpreters, lorry drivers, or stretcher-bearers. Others were formed into security units and took part in antipartisan operations.

From the onset, Adolf Hitler was vehemently opposed to the creation of an official Russian collaborationist army but there was significant propaganda value in claiming that this formation existed. After all, the Soviet



ROA uniform badges from a uniform worn in a Jersey battalion. Thanks to the Channel Islands Military Museum for supplying the photo.

Union was an empire which contained many different nationalities and ethnic groups who were more than willing to swap one totalitarian master for another. Many Soviet servicemen were deeply anti-Communist due to Stalin's purges and the Germans hoped to utilise this to break apart the cohesion of the Red Army. Dr Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry disseminated leaflets along the front lines suggesting that thousands of Soviets had joined a 'Russian Army of Liberation' to help the Germans overthrow Joseph Stalin. No such organisation actually existed but the rumour alone caused many Russians to desert their posts in the hopes of joining this mythical unit.



Given Germany's manpower shortages by late-1942, the recruitment of non-Germans into the Wehrmacht was becoming more essential. This led to the creation of the Russikaya Osvobditel'naya Armiya (ROA) or Russian Liberation Army in early 1943. There were other units within the German forces made up of Soviet volunteers, but the ROA was reserved solely for Russians, Belarusians, and Ukrainians. These troops were dressed in German uniforms although there were some subtle alterations. The German eagle was removed from the right breast as it was seen as an 'Aryan' symbol and not fit for Slavs. Additionally, a shield displaying a blue diagonal cross on a white background was sewn onto the left sleeve. The letters 'POA' were embroidered above this crest which was the Cyrillic translation of 'ROA'. These units were also supplied with captured Red Army weaponry and equipment.

The ROA was less of an 'army' and more a series of independent battalions that were attached to larger German divisions. ROA battalions were commanded by Russian-speaking German officers but were staffed with Russian junior officers and NCOs.

By 1943, however, it was becoming evident to these defectors that they had backed the wrong side. This led to a sharp increase in the number of desertions amongst the non-German units, including in the ROA. An entire brigade of Russians serving in the Waffen

S.S. even defected to the partisans in July 1943. This incident was enough to persuade Hitler that these Slavic volunteers could not be trusted, and plans were put into motion to transfer

the majority of these units to the Western Front. The idea behind this was that it would be virtually impossible for these men to desert, seeing as they would now be thousands of miles away from their homeland. Two of these battalions ended up in the Channel Islands; a battalion of Georgians to Guernsey, and the 643rd Battalion of the ROA to Jersey. Islanders soon took to nicknaming these soldiers as **"Pals of Adolf"**, a reference to the letters **"POA"** on their uniforms.



Russian Liberation Army troops

The German commanders in the island had little faith in these ROA troops so it was decided that they would guard the coast from Le Mourier Valley to Archirondel. This included the defensive positions at Bonne Nuit Harbour, La Crete Fort, Sorel Point, and Ronez Point, spoken about in previous editions of L'Etaile du Nord. This area, with

its strong natural defences and lack of suitable landing bays, would be less likely to face an Allied amphibious invasion. Headquarters for the 643rd Battalion were located in two properties on La Profunde Rue in Trinity. The headquarters for the 1st company was situated at Melbourne House on La Rue de la Mare Ballam in St. John. It is not

> known what exactly happened to these Soviet collaborators after the liberation of the Channel Islands, however, given the terms of the Yalta Agreement, they were most likely repatriated to the Soviet Union and then sent to a Siberian gulag.







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### 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.

### **Glass and Recycling Collections 2023**

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All refuse, recycling and glass out before 5am please



For more information, visit gov.je/recycling For collection enquries, 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 blacksticker

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.

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Reuse & Recycling Centre at La Collette, thank you.



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# And they're off!

The 2023 horse racing season is galloping towards us with the first race meeting of the season taking place on Easter Monday, 10th April. We have 9 meetings this year and above are the dates and contact details you will need to plan your day out, or to become a member for the season.

Despite the torrential rains in January/February, which required water to be pumped off the surface daily, work has been ongoing to ensure the track is in good order for the first meeting. A huge amount of work goes into the planning of each race day. Jersey Horse Racing is regulated by the Channel Islands Horseracing Authority, and we have stringent rules to adhere to. Each meeting requires volunteers, sponsorship, bookies, tote, security, marquees, caterers, entries, declarations, starters and weighing room staff. We also are required to have a trauma trained doctor, paramedics with a fully equipped ambulance, a fully staffed St John's ambulance and vets on site for care of all. There are 40 horses on the Island currently in training, with 5 registered trainers on the island. Add to the mix our 'UK Raiders' we can look forward to some exciting racing this year. Jersey Race Club is delighted to report that this season we have Derek Thompson (Tommo) commentating, a prolific commentator in the UK who needs little introduction. Also Mattie Batchelor, so many times Champion Jockey in Jersey, who will be Head of the Start Team.

If you have been before, you will know you are in for a great day out, if you haven't why not give it a try? There are food concessions and a bar, or why not bring a picnic to enjoy in the dedicated picnic areas. Free parking and children under 16 free. You can also book a table with food and drink in the marquee, Tote and TV screening all within.

The Jersey Race Club would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2 staff, the Secretary and the Grounds person, for their hard work and efforts in ensuring we will be ready for the first meeting. Our thanks also to all our volunteers who work so hard to ensure the day runs smoothly.

### Come and join us this year – it is a fantastic day out for all!



Monday 10th April EASTER MEETING First Race 2:30pm

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Sunday 21st May WARWICK VASE First Race 2:30pm

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We're heading out of the doldrums of winter and racing towards summer, being outside again with cut grass and golden sunsets. It's going to be a summer to celebrate our British links, what with a Coronation and hosting Eurovision. Therefore, it is only fitting that Party HQ should celebrate a very British game.

There are many to choose from, but I believe this choice fits the bill as it's suitable for all ages and can be played in all sorts of places with minimal kit and with a variety of number of players. Here are some clues: willow, plenty of stops for tea and cake, and you can play for days with no results. It's a game reminiscent of sunny days and a totally different language of words - where else will you hear the words silly-mid-on and left-arm-around-the-wicket? Yes, it's that utterly British game, cricket. But in this case fun cricket.

The kind of pop-up cricket you can play on the beach or at the Rec. The kind that gathers together joiners-in and becomes raucous at the drop of a hat, with cries of 'catch- it' and enthusiastic 'howzat' from over-eager adults, who inevitably pull a hamstring while scoring a run that was never on.

All you need is a tennis ball, something for a bat (a tennis racket can work and is perfect for the younger ones), something for a set of stumps/wicket - a backpack, a carboard box or a pair of wellies will do the trick at one end and a jumper for the wicket at the other end. I am going to assume that readers have an idea of how cricket works, so this column is about making it fun. We all know a quick game is a good game, so concentrate on giving everyone a go. If there's lots of you, give everyone 5 balls. Start

with the youngest first and keep the bowling sympathetic. Wayward bowlers are kept in check with a confident wicketkeeper / umpire. To encourage scoring, make it hit and run.

Celebrate participation. For those who are not keen runners, get a younger one to 'run' for them. If wickets are hard to come by, I've found the 'one-hand-onebounce' rule for catching speeds things along. Then there's non-stop cricket, running side to side for those with lots of energy, and French cricket where legs are wickets and runs scored by passing the bat around the waist.

So next time you head out, put a ball and bat in the bag and have fun in the sun this spring and summer, and don't forget the tea and cake.



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## Mangi, glorieux mangi! Food, glorious food! By Sarah Grigson

When the weather is cold it can be a great time for gathering around the family dinner table for a feast and the kitchen (la tchuîsinne) was the heart of the traditional Jersey home.

You might be forgiven for mixing up the names of the meals as they differ to French. Breakfast is déjeuner, lunch is dîner and dinner is souper, which is also why you'll often hear les vièrs in the parish refer to lunch as dinner in English and to dinner as supper.

Jèrriais has some great phrases for those who like to eat and those who don't, so why not brush up on your local language and throw a few of these phrases into your dinner table chat. You could compliment the cook (la couque) or comment on your fellow diners' eating practises!

Ch'est un hardi bouan r'pas! - It's a very good meal! Tchi fricot! – What a feast! J'en ai tout pliein, merci – I've got plenty, thanks J'ai mangi trop – I've eaten too much I' bouffe son r'pas – He guzzles his meal Oulle est haînitcheuse – She's a fussy eater Il est un goumitre! – He's a greedy guts! Il êpinnoque san mangi – He picks at his food Il est gros comme eune toupie – He's fat like a spinning top Il est maigre comme un chent d'cliou – He's as skinny as a hundred weight of nails

If you want to try some traditional Jersey dishes, how about introducing some of these local delicacies (and Jèrriais words) into your daily diet.

D'la soupe d'andgulle – conger eel soup Des chuchettes et des vlicots – cockles and winkles Des pihannes – spider crabs Du lanchon – sand eels Du maqu-sé – mackerel Des pais au fou – bean crock D'la soupe dé caboche – cabbage soup Du pain sus eune fielle dé chour – cabbage loaf Des bourdélots – apples in pastry Des fliottes – dumplings cooked in milk Des gâches à vrai – vraic buns Des mèrvelles – Jersey wonders Du nièr beurre – black butter

Now who's going to do the washing up?

# Catholic **Women's League**

The Catholic Women's League continued their fundraising in November with the knitted Memorial Angels which families could take home to hang on their Christmas Trees. These proved extremely popular. We also erected Christmas Trees at St Patrick's Church, St Martin, St Thomas, and St Bernadette.

The Christmas Hamper also proved popular, and we were delighted that St Bernadette Church again helped with the selling of tickets for which we are most grateful!



In December, instead of our monthly meeting, we arranged to go out for a Christmas lunch at the Greenhills Hotel which was most enjoyable. In January we held an afternoon tea to thank members and knitters for their support and now look forward to knitting little chicks for Easter!

At the afternoon tea we presented a cheque to Carole Jordi for **£1,000** for the *Women's Refuge*, the result of our Christmas fundraising including the Angels, Christmas Hamper Raffle and Cake Sales.

We continue to seek new members and if you would like to join us, or require further information please contact **Pat Guegan** on *07797724054* or at *gueganfamily@gmail.com*.







St John's First Team (formerly the C Team from the 2021-22 season) are now playing in Division 1 and have kicked off the new season where they left off, with some impressive performances. They currently sit second in the league behind their rivals from last season, Portuguese Community Jersey who were also promoted from Division 2. The team stats are remarkable having played 11 league games, winning 9, drawing 2, and scoring an outstanding 48 goals along the way. Talisman Tom Mollet leads the way in the individual merits having scored 12 goals and providing 14 assists in his 13 appearances in all competitions.

The race for the golden boot is hotting up as new signings Alex Thompson (10 goals) and Chris De Oliveira (9 goals) together with last season's club top goal scorer Phil Wheatley (9 goals) remain in pursuit of Mollet.

It hasn't all been plain sailing however as they crashed out of the JFA Bowl in the first round to a buoyant Dragoes side, a competition where they reached the semi-final stages last season. They were successful however in the league cup first round, winning on penalties to defeat Jersey Wanderers Reserves in a game some described as "better than the World Cup Final". As the game ended and penalties were confirmed it was right-back Scott Simpson who ended up donning the gloves for the penalty shoot-out. Making two heroic saves, he sent St John flying into the next round.

As the team progresses through the second half of the season the aims are clear: gain promotion back to the Championship, remain unbeaten in the league, challenge for the title, and make an appearance at Springfield in the league cup final.



## **NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

This season St John's Reserves are represented by some old faces as well as welcoming many new players. The team joined the second division with the primary ambition of promoting local parish sport and community engagement. There is still a chance to join the team, even at this stage of the season. If you are interested, please contact us and you will be made warmly welcome.

We had a challenging start to the season, but recent results have been better, with the team playing more fluently and developing a positive style of play.

Halfway through the season, we are in fourth place out of five teams, with some teams having sadly left the league. Whilst promotion now looks unlikely, buoyed by recent performances we hope to move up the league and continue that progress into next season.

Semi-final excitement awaits as the team have progressed in the league cup, which will hopefully make up for a heavy defeat to St Lawrence in the JFA Bowl.

Turning to individual performances, Stevie Muir, our centre forward has been in red hot form with seven goals in seven games, with Jeremy Johnson not too far behind with five. Stevie is in contention for the golden boot, with only four players across the division having scored more. Special mention to Andrew Houiellebecg, our goalkeeper and arguably the most improved player. Andrew's shot-stopping and penalty saves have helped define the team's overall improvement.

Our focus for the second half of the season is to consolidate our recent improvement, hopefully make the final of the league cup, retain our existing squad, and welcome new players to join us.

Tom Mollet (first team), Nigel Perree, Jarred Camm, Alex Huelin

## **OUR WALKING FOOTBALLERS**

After a decent second season, Manager Gerry Farrell unfortunately had to step down for personal reasons, so on behalf of the whole club we thank him for the work that he undertook with the Walking Football team and hope to see him back playing as soon as he can.

In the meantime, Mike McKinlay has taken up the charge again. After winning the inaugural Santander Walking Football Cup it was quite a different proposition to build up a new team from scratch having lost so many of our players. However, he is delighted to



have a full squad of 12 players who have shown commitment, endeavour, and a willingness to learn. Most notably the team has performed well against the leading teams in the league and clearly will have a part to play in who secures the Cup at the end of this season. Currently mid-table, players are now starting to understand that it is a pass and move game and that a good first touch and a secure pass are the key strategies to success.

Many congratulations to Mike for taking up the reins at such late notice and many congratulations to the whole squad for committing to St John's. Onwards and upwards!

## **OUR KIND SPONSORS**

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## **AND FINALLY**

This photo shows the St John FC Committee of 1956-57. Bottom left is Carl Hinault, former St John's Constable, who sadly passed away recently.



Standing (L-R): Doug Poingdestre (Secretary), Frank Pinel, Edgar Simon (President), Arthur Gedge, Frank Hinault Sitting (L-R): Carl Hinault, Lewis Rondel, Norman Parks, John Le Cornu

Carl was a great servant of St John FC where he spent many years playing, serving on the committee and as President. This committee photo also includes Carl's father Frank, standing back right. We would like to thank Daphne, Carl's wife, who kindly passed Carl's memorabilia on to the club.

Does anyone reading this article recognise the young lad sitting in front of the committee? Maybe you are related or maybe you knew this person? We would love to find out. Please call **Nigel Perree** STJFC President on **865113**.





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## News from the Pews

By Rev. Beverley Sproats

## St John's Parish Church has continued to worship God and serve the St John's community over the past few months.

We gathered together in Church and at the War Memorial in November on Remembrance Sunday to remember the fallen

where we were joined by the 25th St John's Brownies. Martin Fricker organised a Field of Remembrance in the churchyard; it was moving to see the names written on the wooden crosses placed there.



In November we had a visit from Vini Jones of Grace Trust and the Parklife Choir who led a joyful morning worship service and we all shared cake afterwards.

The Advent Service of Remembrance was a poignant service where we remembered before God loved ones who have died. Their names were read out during the service, and we lit candles in their memory and prayed.



I took an Advent assembly at St John's Primary School and delivered 'Christmas in a box' to years 2 and 6, an interactive journey through the Christmas story. We were also delighted to welcome several classes from school to Church for their Christmas



performances and the whole school for their Christmas service.

We got into the festive spirit with a visit to Ann Ruellan's house, filled with Christmas decorations! Ann kindly allowed us to collect donations for the Church.





Little Oaks Sunday Club joyfully told the Christmas Story in their nativity.

Chris Tingle put in an appearance at the Christingle services to share the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus the light of the world. On Christmas Eve we celebrated the first Holy Communion of Christmas and on Christmas Day we had a celebration service with a pass-the-parcel to unwrap the Christmas story.

In early January we celebrated Epiphany, when the three kings figures that had journeyed round the parish came back to Church to join baby Jesus in the nativity scene. We all joined in the custom of chalking the door to ask God to bless our church and homes in the coming year and this year everyone received a 'star word' to reflect on throughout the year and help them draw closer to God.



At the Plough Sunday service

we blessed the plough and the milk churn and watched a video interview with Farmer Cyril.

We have now updated the plaque in St John's Parish Church with the list of Rectors to include the finishing date of my predecessor and to include my name. It was carved by the Jersey Monumental Company and dates back to 1294!



Coffee and croissants mornings continue on the third Tuesday of the month, a great time for chatting over a cuppa and a croissant. The next one is at 10am-11.30am on 18th April.

Katie Brittain is leading the 'Anything goes' crafts group on the last Saturday of the month in the Vestry where you can enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit while working on your own craft project or try something new. The next one is at 10am-12noon on 29th April.

Little Oaks Sunday Club for primary school aged children continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30am

with an action song in church then time in the vestry together to share a bible story, craft and activity on a theme.



confirmation service on

Friday 28th April. If you are interested in getting confirmed, please speak to me and consider joining the Lent course. There will also be a preparation session beforehand.

We are continuing with services in church and livestreamed to Facebook. Usual Sunday services are 8am Traditional Holy Communion and 9.30am Contemporary Holy Communion. The church is open daily for private prayer.

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

## www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchje/

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# **Cheval Roc**

It is our joy and privilege to lead a monthly service of Praise & Worship at Cheval Roc. We always have a Biblical focus, and it was particularly special when Rector Beverley was able to attend our Cheval Roc Christmas Carol service, enabling us to include a service of Holy Communion.



Our January theme was 'Lost and found', reflecting on the parable of the widow's lost coin and likening it to the frustration when something valued is lost. An example on this occasion was the last piece of a jigsaw which went missing, however I am pleased to say it was found, and the delightful jigsaw was framed and shown to the residents!

Sincere thanks must go to our six-strong enthusiastic and supportive team who fully engage with the residents. I leave you with these wise words from Mother Teresa: 'We cannot all do great things for the world, but we can do small things with great love!'

Blessings, Heather Woods.



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<b>26</b> th	JM&LCC MotoX training	
<b>28</b> th	Muriel's Bingo Parish Hall	
<b>29</b> th	Golden Age Lunch leave P.Hall at 12:00	

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1st	Lent Lunch 12-2pm Parish Hall	
<b>2</b> nd	JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel Point	
<b>7</b> th	10:30 Hour at the Cross Church (Good Friday)	
<b>9</b> th	9:30 Holy Communion Church (Easter Day)	
11th	St John ŴI – Dr Ian Barns (working in the NHS)	
16th	JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel Point	
<b>25</b> th	Muriel's bingo Parish Hall	
<b>26</b> th	Golden Age - Parish Hall 2:30 (Pensions)	
<b>29/30</b> th	JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel Point	

## MAY

<b>7</b> th	Church Service to celebrate the Coronation and Liberation	
14th	JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel Point	
16th	St John WI – Resolutions & Coronation activity	
18th	7:30 Ecclesiastical Assembly Parish Hall	
<b>28</b> th	JM&LCC MotoX at Sorel Point	
<b>30</b> th	Muriel's bingo Parish Hall	
<b>31</b> st	Golden Age – Lunch at St John's Inn	
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WI all ladies welcome to join - see contact below

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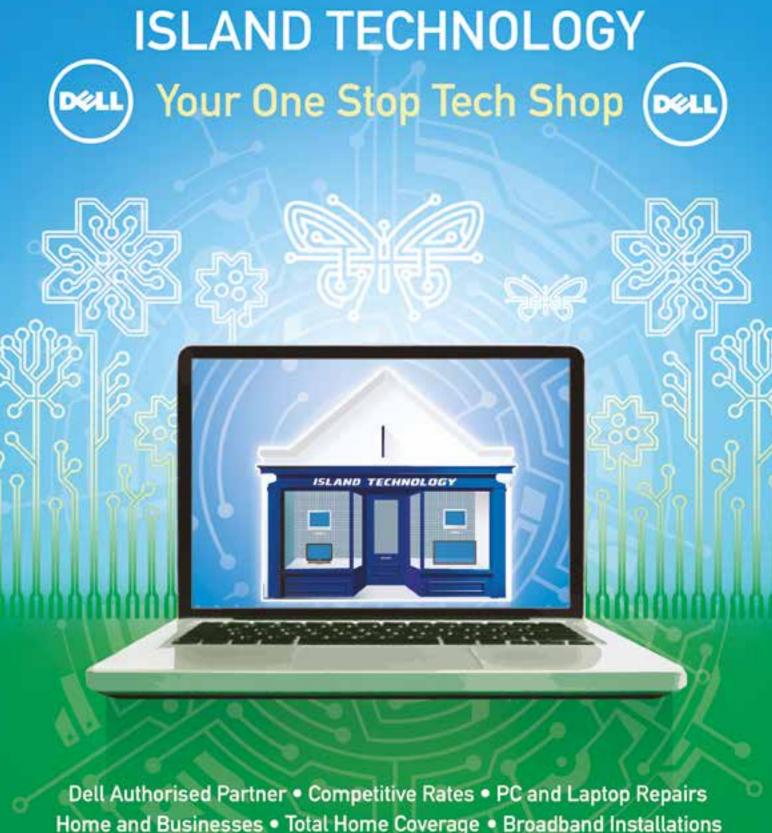
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