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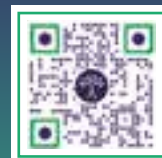
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Dear Parishioners...

The sun is here, and the parish is in full bloom, looking at its most beautiful! The hedgerows have been looking particularly spectacular with their wildflowers and diverse flora. With the first Visite du Branchage scheduled for Thursday 29th June and the second on Thursday 7th September, spare a thought for the wildlife that live or are supported by the hedges and banques. Check for nests and hedgehogs before you start any work.

Think about what is needed - a light cut to remove overhanging vegetation will often suffice and mean less disturbance to wildlife and also help stabilise the banques and reduce erosion. See more branchage tips alongside the article on the National Trust's Green Grid Planting programme in the parish.

Although the weather was not quite so generous throughout early Spring, the clouds didn't stop parishioners coming out in force to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. This edition of L'Étaile du Nord shows the breadth of festivities, from the school's royal picnic to the fantastic Family Fun Day at the Rec – a joyous sell-out event.

History is important, whether looking back at royal events or something more local, as it defines where we have come from and connects our forebears and our environment to ourselves. In this edition we look at St John's Hotel during the Occupation, which was the site of an OT camp. We also look back at the halcyon days of Sion Youth Club, a thriving club in

the 60s through to the 80s. Perhaps you will spot yourself, family members or friends in the photos!

As well as providing an amazing venue for the parish's coronation festivities, the Rec did its own celebrating in March for the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Billy Butlin Memorial Hall. Take a look at the article on the history of how it got to where it is today.

Back in the present, we have a number of articles celebrating the progress being made around the parish. Take a look at the plans for the school playing field and read up on what the Climate Group have been doing. There are also two questionnaires asking for your views on the plans for the Memorial Garden and proposed changes to speed limits in the parish. Now's the time to have your say.

My thanks, as always, to all the wonderful contributors who provide such fantastic articles and help promote and celebrate the wide variety of great things St John has to offer. I am always happy to hear from anyone with a story to tell, so please do get in touch. My email is

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Happy reading!

Sarah Grigson
Editor



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Words from the **CONSTABLE**



There is only one place to start this article and that is with my very sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way, and to all those who attended, our St John Family Fun day in May. You will see elsewhere in the magazine a report and plenty of pictures from this fantastic day out that showed what an amazing community we have here in St John.

We are entering a very busy period: by the time you receive this magazine we will have hosted the Council of Ministers who will have answered questions on a range of topics. Earlier this year we hosted the Health Minister and had a good attendance, demonstrating the interest that there is within our community, for parish and island matters.

We also recently held a key stakeholder drop-in, followed by a three-hour workshop for potential village improvements. We'll be following this up with an online consultation as well as an online survey.

We also have a survey on various speed limits in the Parish and our neighbouring parishes; there are plans in the Parish Hall and online and the closing date for comments will be 28th July.

Proposed plans for the Memorial Garden are also included in this edition of the magazine, as well as being on display in the Parish Hall, until the 28th of July. We welcome comments (***we have taken on most of the feedback from the previous plan***) and I would hope to submit plans for the community space during Q3.

The village has once again entered the **Parish in Bloom** competition and judges will be in the parish on the afternoon of **25th July**. I'd like to thank James Bonny for his continued efforts as well as members of the Climate Group who have helped us with pollinator patches and a new initiative of herbs in the precinct. This is a great initiative, and anyone is welcome to the herbs they've grown.

On the 9th of September we will be hosting the "Repair Café" at the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for people to bring along items for repair. The team have had great success in St Brelade and Grouville. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact me.

If you'd like to hear more about any of these initiatives or want to raise an issue or an idea, I'm available at the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings between 5 and 7pm or you can contact me directly at a.jehan@gov.je or M: **07797 758086** H: **864916**

We will be holding our all-important **Rates Assembly** on **Wednesday 19th July** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. This is the parochial equivalent of a report to shareholders, and it is not to be missed if you want to hear detailed information about the parish's current financial position and planned expenditure for the coming 12 months.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a great summer. In July I am looking forward to attending the Island Games in Guernsey, as a spectator, but not looking forward to a big birthday - it seems time catches up with us all.

Andy Jehan

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Celebrating the Coronation...



...the St John's way

Parishioners came out in force to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III and Liberation Day at the Family Fun Day at the Recreation Centre on Sunday 7th May. Filled with community spirit, great food, and plenty of smiles and laughter, it was a sell-out event with around 550 people in attendance.



There was a wide variety of entertainment on the stage, beginning with the Jersey Ukelele Club and Optimistic Voices. This was followed by some fantastic dancing where our Connétable joined in a demonstration. The Northern Lights Church and Community Choir, led by Brian and Heather Woods, had everyone singing along in the crowd with their enthusiastic performances of ABBA, Status Quo and a special Coronation song.



Sam's Hog Roast (Brunch Café) and BBQ was eagerly devoured, and the refreshments were flowing from the St John's Inn stand. With children's entertainment in the form of bouncy castles, garden games and a carousel, not to mention face-painting and a crown competition, the kids were having a ball.

The day's entertainment was topped off by a fantastic performance by local band Inside Job, who filled the dance floor and kept the party going long enough for the sun to come out!





Winners of the crown making competition



Optimistic Voices



The Northern Lights Church and Community Choir



A TEAM EFFORT

Thank you for an amazing day

Our thanks to everyone who made the Family Fun Day possible. The organising committee, pictured here, did a fantastic job in pulling the day together. Special thanks to Sue Baudin who helped us raise money for the British Red Cross and to those who donated prizes. A massive thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up and fold down tables and chairs and a big thanks to all those who attended, bringing such enthusiasm and community spirit. Team St John did the community proud!



Left to right: Sue Baudin, Janice Paterson, Sue Morin, Andy Jehan, Judy Jehan, Nigel Perree, David Morris, Alison Fosse

REPAIR Café

coming to St John

Volunteers from the St Brelade Repair Café (SBRC) will be running one of their events at St John's Parish Hall on Saturday 9th September from 9.30am-1pm.

Repairers and helpers come from all over the Island from a shared pool of volunteers from all three repair cafés - St Brelade, Grouville and St Helier, covering parishes in the west, east and town.

You are welcome to come along with any broken or faulty household items, which can include things like clothing and fabrics, bikes and e-bikes, toys and tech, computers and gadgets, electricals and electronics, ornaments and sometimes furniture. If you can carry it, they can try to fix it!

On the stage providing live music will be volunteer musicians/singers, and tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes will be available free (there will be a donation pot by the door for anyone feeling generous). It will be great fun with a wonderful, friendly atmosphere.

Details and dates of all three repair cafés can be found on their respective Facebook groups.



Robin Pittman

Chiming for Charles

You may have heard the St John's Church bells ringing joyously to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May. In the morning, parishioners were invited to have a go to 'Ring for the King'. This was followed by a special quarter peal in the afternoon by the church bellringers to mark the coronation.

One local man who participated in ringing the bells for King Charles III is no stranger to tolling for royal occasions. Robin Pittman began ringing bells in Essex at aged 14 when a verger of his church suggested that he and two other friends give it a try. He quickly became a keen bell ringer and two years later, in 1952, he participated in his first full peal, three hours half-muffled, to mark the death of King George VI.

A year later he joined in another full peal, this time to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He continued to bell ring throughout

his youth and university days, stopping when he took up his first post as a history teacher. Mr Pittman worked as a teacher and then a Headteacher, for 31 years, and on his retirement, he took up bell ringing again, this time at St John's Church which is one of only two churches in the island with a ringable bell tower (*St Mark's is the other*).

Now, 70 years after ringing for the Queen's coronation, Mr Pittman rang for the coronation of her son, Charles III. *"It's just like riding a bike, you don't forget how to ring the bells!"* he enthused.

School Playing Field

By Connétable Andy Jehan

UPDATE

If you have driven along Rue de La Mare Ballam you will see the great progress being made with the new development of affordable homes.

My predecessor Chris Taylor worked hard to get the scheme passed for 16 affordable homes and a playing field for the school, and with over 200 names on our list there is clear demand.

The allocation of the homes is still to be done due to several delays. One of these was due to the amount of money Property Holdings wanted for connecting the drains. After many months of wrangling, I was pleased to get the support of the Infrastructure Minister, Tom Binet. As a result, we significantly reduced the cost resulting in a £7,500 difference per household; this could be the difference between someone being able to afford a home, so it was worth pursuing.



As part of the planning process, several conditions are attached to the development. For example, anyone successful in being nominated by the parish, will have to meet the affordable housing gateway criteria. Details of the criteria are available on the [gov.je](https://www.gov.je) website.

We look forward to families moving in over the summer and their integration into the village community and parish life.

Playing Field

Part of the agreement for the development of Field 525 was for the provision of the long-awaited playing field for the school.

At last year's Rates Assembly, the meeting approved that the parish receive the land from the developer and then enter into a long-term lease with the school. This is scheduled to go through court on completion of the works.

Revised plans are currently going through the process, and these include a playing field as well as a running track. The plan is for the playing field area to be in the centre with a path around the perimeter. The provision of allotments and growing area is included, as well as areas with potential for outdoor learning.

Footpath

The new development will have a public footpath and cycle path running through to Rue des Buttes from Rue de La Mare Ballam. The existing footpath from Clos de L'École will be diverted to join the new path and the current wooden fence will be removed to enable the playground to be extended to the south.





Crowning Glory

by Jamie Hazley - Headmaster

At St John's Primary School, we celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on Monday 5th May.

We were part of the **"Crowning Glory"** island-wide initiative and each class created crowns to coronate a king in their classrooms. Some crowns were decorated with natural resources foraged from the local environment whilst others built their crowns from old newspapers taking the importance of the structure into account. The products created were incredible and were testament to the creativity and eye for detail of our cohort of children.

Two of our classes participated in a special workshop using a fine selection of classical music inspired by the coronation. It was presented by leading musicians from the Jersey Chamber Orchestra including members of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. The learning experience focused on how the composer uses music creatively to portray culture.

For major royal occasions, the standout part of any celebration must be the street party, the English celebratory picnic lunch. So, at St John's we did it in style with our fabulous PTA preparing a very impressive spread for all our children. A massive thanks must go to Mrs Kerry McBrearty and her PTA team for another wonderfully organised event that was delivered seamlessly.

With all that we do at St John's we reflect upon our School Values: Thinking, Learning, Caring.

Our children showed their capacity to think when considering the importance of the date in history and the time that had elapsed since the last coronation of a British monarch.

Our children showed their desire to learn, as we discussed the timeline of the British monarchy and the **"passage of power"** that they may well experience in their own lifetimes.

Our children showed their caring nature, as they always do, in the manner that they enjoyed the day together, the respect they showed one another and the encouragement they offered their peers.

THE ST JUFF'S WALK

The St JUFF's walk (St. John's Unite for Funds) has been an annual event at school for several years now with all classes completing some part of the walk. There are four cleverly designed loops that took us across numerous lanes in the Parish that I never knew existed! All children participated in the event and were all very proud of their achievements.

Sponsor monies are still rolling in, so we have no final total to share just yet.

St JUFF's refreshment stop



However, we plan to use the funds raised to purchase new literature to add to our redesigned and redeveloped reading area in the main piazza in our school.

Thank you to Francois and his team of Honorary Police Officers for keeping us safe when crossing roads and crossing junctions. Thank you to Mrs Surcouf for supporting the organisation of the event, and finally thanks to all members of the School Community and Parish that came out to offer well wishes as we plodded around the parish. Your words of encouragement helped the children to find the perseverance to complete the challenge.

Walking above Bouley Bay



WORKING TO BUILD A GREENER AND INCLUSIVE JERSEY

It's been a year since I was elected for the first time to represent Trinity, St Lawrence, and St John. At times it has been tinged with tragedy and loss, which has developed my deeper understanding and greater respect for the emergency services, Honorary Police, and all those that support our community in the time of greatest need.

Highlights have been my interaction with the parishes, from holding a Parish Surgery nearly once a month, special events for Liberation Day and Remembrance Sunday, supporting individual parishioners with their concerns and hopefully managing to solve a few issues, to going to schools to talk about my role as a States Member and my responsibilities around Energy and Climate Change. I was delighted to be invited by a pupil to visit St John's School Student Council, to discuss with them what the school and the students could do to make a positive impact on our environment. Some great ideas came out of our discussion and I look forward to seeing these being actioned.

After a year of States Assemblies, I am getting used to the format (and the discomfort of the chairs!). It is a very daunting experience as a newcomer to work out how and when to input in the debate, how to formulate what you want to say and ultimately which way to vote. I brought my first proposition, proposing an independent Climate Council, that was unanimously agreed by my fellow States Members, which will form part of the important accountability process for the Carbon Neutral Roadmap.

My work as Assistant Minister for both Environment, where I am responsible for energy and climate change, and Home Affairs, where I am responsible for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, is extremely busy. So far, I have launched incentive schemes for e-bikes, low-carbon heating and energy efficiency improvements, supporting Green Skills development, promoting sustainable transport use, and meeting stakeholders and experts to make sure we develop a secure, affordable and sustainable future energy policy. Home Affairs was a new area for me and I have enjoyed building my knowledge rapidly, focusing especially on building an action plan for diversity and inclusion and policy that focuses on early prevention and community safety.

My manifesto called for 'a green and inclusive Jersey' – my main roles that I have been appointed to in Government speak to these two areas and I am working hard to make sure we can show progress.

I hope to meet many more Parishioners. The next surgery will be on Wednesday 5th July from 6pm-7.30pm at the St Lawrence Parish Hall with Andy Howell and Elaine Miller. Keep an eye on social media for future dates. If you are unable to make any of the official timings, I am happy to meet separately.

Please do get in touch at h.jeune@gov.je

Hilary Jeune



The New Boy!

By Julian Guegan

It was only recently, having (semi) retired that I felt that I had time to fully commit to a voluntary role and give back to the parish that I love. When the opportunity to stand for Procureur arose, it was the right role for me at the right time in my life. After encouragement from my wife, Sheri, and a number of parishioners, I was elected in September 2021 as Procureur du Bien Publique for St John.

The role is very important to the parish as I am one of two trustees, independent of the Connétable, with responsibility to safeguard the parish finances and property.

Now almost two years in, as I expected, there is still lots to learn, but I am enjoying the challenge whilst gaining a better understanding of how the parish ticks. The history of the parish alone is so interesting. I am very much the **"new boy"** although Michel Larose always addresses me as **"ma boy"**. With both Michel and Stephen Hewlett having retired as Procureurs after giving an incredible number of years of service to the parish, I suppose I am actually now the **"old boy"**!



I lack their experience and they are a hard act to follow, but I feel I can bring a fresh viewpoint to the role. I am grateful to them both, especially Stephen, whose experience I was lucky enough to benefit from over the past 18 months working with him.

I hope to meet many parishioners during the course of my duties as Procureur and listen to their views, but for those that don't know me, I am 63 years old, happily married to Sheri and have three children and four grandchildren. We moved to St John in 2002, so are relative newbies, but we love the parish and the unique and very strong community spirit that it has. We could not imagine living anywhere else — why did it take us so long to move?

I worked in the finance industry for almost 40 years with a career spanning a range of areas at a senior level from financial accounting, management of large teams, project management and delivery, to IT service management and consultancy. In those roles, it was a necessity to ensure that my team and I adhered to strict levels of governance, and this has increasingly become a critical part of the role of Procureur.

Now semi-retired, I provide IT consultancy on a part time basis to a small number of institutional clients.

I like to keep active, and my hobbies include golf, DIY and simply enjoying the fresh air in Jersey. I am a rubbish surfer, but enjoy the sea, although the surfboard hasn't seen much use lately. Perhaps this year...

We like to travel when we can, though generally not in summer. After all, why go elsewhere when Jersey and St John are at their best!

St John's Climate Group

Pollinator Patches and a Community Herb Garden

On Monday 8th May 2023, in recognition of the Big Help Out initiative, members of the St John Climate Group got together to plant the first pollinator patches between the trees along Rue des Issues and Ville des Chenes. We also started the planting of a variety of herbs such as marjoram and oregano in the village where, in time, we hope to create a community herb garden that all can use and enjoy. These projects intend to be beneficial to both the community and the environment.

If any residents would like to donate any herbs to be included in the community herb garden, these would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at the Parish Hall. We are looking for any herbs such as sage, rosemary, thyme and lavender etc.

We plan to plant further pollinator patches at Haute Croix Triangle, behind the bus stop in the village, at the cemetery, around the church and by the bus stop in Sion village.

Pollinator patches offer numerous benefits to the environment, animals, and the community.

Pollination: they provide a vital habitat for bees, butterflies, birds and other pollinators. These creatures play a crucial role in pollinating flowering plants, including crops, which promote healthy ecosystems and contribute to food production.

Biodiversity: they support biodiversity by attracting a wide range of pollinator species. Diverse pollinators contribute to the overall health and resilience of ecosystems. Additionally, these habitats often include a variety of flowering plants, which further enhances biodiversity by providing food and shelter for other wildlife species.

Habitat preservation: many pollinator species face habitat loss due to urbanisation, agriculture, and other human activities. These patches provide a refuge and stepping-stones for pollinators, aiding their survival and maintaining healthy populations.

Educational opportunities: educational programmes centred around pollinator patches can raise awareness about conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable practices and provide hands-on learning experiences for children and adults, allowing them to observe and understand the importance of pollinators in ecosystems and food production.

Aesthetics and well-being: they enhance the visual appeal of neighbourhoods and public spaces, creating a welcoming environment. Spending time in these natural settings can have positive effects on mental well-being and foster a sense of community connection with nature.



Saluting His Majesty

St John resident and long-time gunner with the 1781 Jersey Militia, Francois Le Luyer, participated in the recent 21-gun salute at Government House to mark His Majesty, the King's Birthday reception.

The traditional event was extra special this year as it marked both the birthday of the new monarch, King Charles III and was the first to be hosted by the new Lieutenant Governor, Vice Admiral Jeremy Kyd CBE and his wife, Dr Karen Kyd.

Francois is the owner of two canons and is often joined by his son, Fabian, on ceremonial occasions.

Another St John resident and stalwart of the Jersey Militia, David Wood, was unable to attend as he was in France visiting the First World War cemetery at the Menin Gate where he laid a wreath dedicated to The Fallen.



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Lager Prien: a slave labour

By Jean-Pierre Hamon-Cole

Adolf Hitler's directive to fortify the Channel Islands presented a number of problems for the local German authorities.



Not only would they have to feed, equip, and house a German division on a tiny group of islands but also, they would need to construct suitable defences. Responsibility for building the Channel Island fortifications fell to Organisation Todt (OT), a military engineering firm attached to the German state. It was quickly decided that the local workforce

was not large enough to meet this demand. It was therefore decided that a significant proportion of the labour would be undertaken by forced, or slave labourers, from all corners of occupied Europe. This presented its own issues, namely, where to house these labourers when the islands' housing infrastructure was already at breaking point.



This problem would be solved up the erection of makeshift camps, which were uniformly placed as close to the building sites as possible and run by OT camp guards. The re-opening of Ronez Quarry in early 1942 meant that a labour camp needed to be constructed in St John, to house the forced labourers working at the quarry. This camp would be centred around the St John's Hotel (now the St John's Inn). The building had started life as a manor house in the 1870s but had been utilised as a hotel from the early 1900s. The hotel was being run by Mrs Eliza Salou by the time of the German invasion and she was evicted from the premises not long after this. A barbed wire perimeter was erected around the building and three additional wooden huts were built adjacent to the hotel. The camp became known as 'Lager Prien' after Leutnant Gunther Prien, a German U-boat commander who had sunk the H.M.S. Royal Oak.



The first residents of the camp were Spanish labourers; refugees who had settled in France after Franco's victory in the Spanish Civil War. These exiles were then handed over to the Germans by the collaborationist Vichy government in exchange for French POWs. Considered as 'communists' by the German state, they were set to work as manual labourers constructing submarine pens in the South of France before making their way to Jersey from December 1941. These Spaniards came from all sectors of society

ur camp in St John

(doctors, clerks, shopkeepers, etc.) and most were poorly suited to the gruelling work of quarrying. They were quickly replaced by slave labourers from the Soviet Union, who started arriving in the island by mid-1942. In the eyes of their German captors, these labourers were collectively referred to as 'Russians' yet the majority of these labourers were Ukrainian.

The Soviets were at the bottom of the racial hierarchy in the eyes of OT and were usually assigned the most difficult and dangerous construction jobs. The Soviets were poorly fed, forced to work eleven-hour shifts for six days a week and were given substandard equipment. Beatings and maltreatment of Soviet workers by the OT guards were also common. Given this, it is no surprise that the death rate amongst the Soviet workers far outpaced those of the Spanish or French labourers. Seventy-three Soviet workers were buried at Stranger's Cemetery at Westmount over the course of the Occupation, compared with only nine Spaniards.

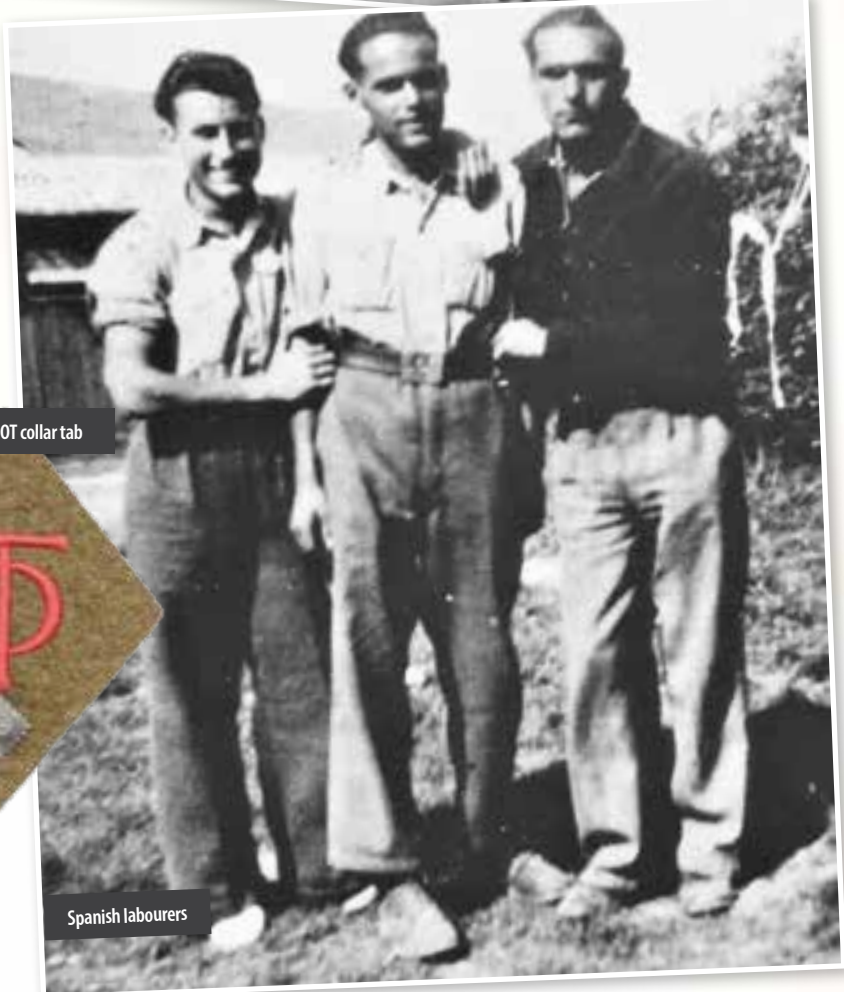
Conditions within the camps were so horrendous that some of its occupants regularly escaped to steal food from neighbouring farms and houses. This inevitably brought them into contact with the locals and some farmers were assaulted and killed by these marauding Soviets. Lager Prien had its fair share of runaways, to the point where the Connétable of St. Mary complained to the Bailiff that a "considerable number of Russians" had escaped from the camp and were terrorising the parish.

By 1943, the problem could no longer be ignored by the German authorities. The Feldgendarmarie (German military police) teamed up with the States Police and the honorary police to do regular patrols of the rural parishes in hopes of capturing these vagabonds. On the 10th of September 1943, three escaped Soviets were apprehended near St John's Church.

Lager Prien closed shortly after the quarry at Ronez ceased operations in early 1944, with the camp residents being swiftly transported back to Europe. Before they left, three interns of the camp attended a church service at St John's Church on Christmas Eve 1943. The lager was left abandoned for the rest of the Occupation and its wooden huts were probably dismantled for firewood during the harsh winter of 1944/45. Like many of the OT camps in Jersey, very little evidence remains today of the actual camp. The original building resumed as a hotel after the German surrender in 1945 until it was demolished in the 1970s and replaced by the St John's Inn.



OT slave workers at L'Etacq quarry



OT collar tab



Spanish labourers



1935 Map of St John's Village

Hello again from St John's Youth Project!

Welcome to this edition's update from the St John Youth Project. It's been a busy few months; here are a few of the best bits from the start of the year!

I thought it might be helpful to see what a typical session may involve. We always offer a cooking activity; this has ranged from cakes and pizzas to nachos and waffles. And it's not always unhealthy! We have also made smoothies, vegetable stir-fry and lots of pasta. One week, instead of cooking, we made edible slime using coconut milk, playdough, and salt dough.



The Friday Juniors session enjoy lots of arts and crafts; we've made pom poms and decorated our own bag or pencil case. I unfortunately didn't get a chance to get pictures of our competition involving spaghetti and marshmallows as the mess was extreme!



Stacy from our outdoor learning team kindly came along and ran an archery tag session for our Tuesday night Inters. We couldn't persuade the girls to get involved but all the boys enjoyed the competition!



NEWS!



I wanted to make a special mention to thank all the volunteers who give up their time every week to make sure the sessions can run and that our young people have the best possible space to enjoy. I particularly want to praise the Young Workers who are always here and are an essential part of our youth work philosophy. Thank you!

We do need more help. St John Youth Project relies on its committed volunteers to keep the project running. If you can help at the sessions, you will be provided with training and a DBS check, not to mention a huge sense of reward! We also need people to sit on the project committee. If you would like to find out more, please email **Nicola Benge** at nicolabenge@jys.je.

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Smoking Deliciousness

They say there's no smoke without fire and a bit of smoke has definitely fired up one family in St John. Tucked away in the country lanes of the parish at Farm View, The Smokey Shed and the Jersey Little Biltong Company are run by the entrepreneurial Cotillard family, making biltong, dry wors (a spicy sausage), beef jerky and smoked salmon.

They've been producing smoked salmon for 10 years now, having started literally in their garden shed. Business owner Neil Cotillard explains, *"I love food and I love smoked salmon. I first tried out making beef jerky, which is hot smoking, on a BBQ we built. I had a 'how to smoke on your BBQ' book and there was a recipe for cold smoked salmon, and I thought I'd give it a go. The first time we tried was absolutely awful; I over-smoked it, used the wrong wood and it was so bitter. So, I read up more and tried again and second time it was amazing. We used to do four or five sides of salmon at a time and split it out amongst the family. Then guests at dinner parties would ask for some and from there it just escalated."*



The business grew under the name of The Smokey Shed, mostly through word of mouth and Facebook to begin with. Now, they smoke salmon every week, taking pre-orders for collection. They use farmed salmon from Scotland and oak wood chip imported from Wales. A whole side will feed a dinner party of 15, but you can order a half side or a quarter side as well.

So, what's special about this smoked salmon? *"The commercial smoked salmon you buy in the shops has a shelf life of six weeks because it's heavily salted. We only give ours two weeks' shelf life as we don't do that. When you cut into*

it, it's really nice and soft." And according to feedback from their customers it's the best smoked salmon they've ever tasted.

Following the success of The Smokey Shed, the family have branched out, buying the Little Jersey Biltong Company from founder Mark Pinnick earlier this year. The company already has a large following in the island. Made entirely from Jersey beef, it's a Genuine Jersey product, using only the best cuts of topside and silverside Jersey beef which are marinated in a mouth-watering concoction and then seasoned with a delicious blend of herbs and spices before drying, to make a tasty snack.

The two businesses are very much a family affair with Neil's children Lily, 15, Ella, 12 and George, 10 all helping. *"Quite a lot of this is about teaching the kids business and we discussed it with them before buying the Biltong company. They help with the Facebook posts, my wife Rebecca does the accounts on Quickbooks and shows them how to do it, what's profit, what's gross, what's net, things they don't get taught at school. They also learn about food hygiene, the law, paying tax. We're teaching them all these life skills,"* Neil explains.

The Biltong products and the smoked salmon are available online at thesmokeyshed.com. The salmon is collection only and the Biltong, dry wors and beef jerky are delivered via Jersey Post. The Little Jersey Biltong Company products are also available at St John's butcher, various pubs, and can be found at Ransoms, Love Wine and Dunnell's.





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

Month

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

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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



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| ✓ 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.



St John's Village

Proposed Plans for Memorial Garden

by Andy Jehan - Connétable

I am delighted to include in this edition the latest drawings for the proposed Memorial Garden.

Following the rejection of plans in 2021, we have taken the opportunity to reflect and review what we do with the land opposite the Parish Hall.

During the Bridging Island Plan debate in 2022, I took a successful amendment that rezoned the land for community use. We would hope that any plans that we take forward after a period of consultation, will find a smoother path forward and we can finally create a space for community use for all ages.

We continue to have dialogue with Infrastructure about taking over the land to the west of the Church (subject to approval at a Parish Assembly). We would like to tidy up this area and return the views of the Church from the west. We have now had an opportunity to look at the potential to move some of the trees and shrubs into the new space, creating some mature planting in the new area (see images 1&2).

St John Primary School is the only school that has cars parked in an active playground, this is not sustainable with valuable play space used by cars and the new plans would create parking outside of the playground.

The proposal has evolved to include a labyrinth and we are also keen to see natural materials used for play in the area. The inclusion of a shelter for the Pétanque pitch has also been suggested (see images 3&4).

We would like to hear your views – [please see the questionnaire on page 26.](#)

There is an opportunity to complete the questionnaire and provide comments on the proposals. I would encourage as many Parishioners as possible to give us feedback on these plans and this will be open until 28th of July.



Site of proposed Memorial Garden including pétanque, parking, a wooded area and a labyrinth





Lane to the west of the Parish Church



Northern part of the plan: event space, wild flowers and cycle path



Proposed shelter for the pétanque pitch



Possible natural play area



Feedback questionnaire and comments



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YES NO UNSURE

Do you support retaining the Cenotaph in its current location?

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Do you support the inclusion of a Labyrinth?

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Do you support the inclusion of a Pétanque pitch?

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Do you support the provision of a shelter for Pétanque?

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Do you support the replanting of trees and shrubs from the west of the Church to the southern end of the Garden?

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Do you support provision of parking for the school in south east corner?

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Do you support the provision of natural play areas in the proposed garden? (see image 5)

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Any other suggestions or comments

CONTACT DETAILS (optional)

Name

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Please return completed forms to the Parish Hall before 28th July 2023.

Memorial Garden

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The Green Grid Partnership

St John joins in with the fun of The Hedge Fund

As part of its hedge project, the National Trust for Jersey has planted an additional 11,000 hedging whips to the 30 plus miles of hedgerow established to date. This is the fourth consecutive year and the first with the support of the three utility companies; namely Jersey Electricity, JT Global and Jersey Water, forming a partnership entitled the #Green Grid.

In St John and St Mary, the Trust has planted 10,831 hedging whips this winter, covering an area of 8,125 metres. Maintenance will be carried out in the summer months and for at least the next two years, with the assistance of our Green Grid Partners. It is anticipated that planting in St John will continue next year in order to complete our target of connecting the wooded areas of Le Mourier Valley to the west with the existing, mature, woodland at Bonne Nuit and La Vallette in the east.

This additional five miles of habitat will be of great benefit to insects, invertebrates, mammals and birds. The extra flowers produced in the spring by the hawthorn, blackthorn and crab apple will boost the food source for pollinators. The fruit that is subsequently produced in the autumn will provide an abundant food source for birds and wasps, the latter possibly not being everyone's favourite insect, however, since there are less bees in existence, wasps now play an important role in pollinating flowers as well as preying on other troublesome insects such as aphids and caterpillars. As new hedges are planted or gaps in existing hedgerows filled, the 'green grid' will grow and spread in areas that are lacking in trees and hedgerows.

The Green Grid partners have pledged to support the project both financially as well as providing valuable assistance from their staff and this winter they planted over 1,750 hedging whips covering a distance of 1.35km between St John's village and the north coast.



The Trust is very grateful to the Government and the Environment Department in particular for its support via the Countryside Enhancement Scheme to date and also to The Jersey Royal Company for its assistance in putting landowners in touch with the Trust.



If any St John parishioners can spare a few hours during the week or on a Saturday, there are opportunities to get involved in the hedge maintenance programme. This involves cutting back vegetation by hand to prevent the hedging whips being smothered as they grow.

Please email enquiries@nationaltrust.je for more information.

BEST BRANCHAGE PRACTICE

- **DO** use your skill to raise the flail head enough to avoid exposing bare soil.
- **DO** try to remove all cuttings, do not allow them to cover the banque or fall into the road.
- **DO** check for the presence of wildlife in the vegetation, hedges and trees.
- **DO** contact the JSPCA if you find an injured animal (724331).
- **DO** cut with hand tools wherever possible.
- **DON'T** cut the vegetation around the base of trees, shrubs or hedges.
- **DON'T** destroy nests, or roosts, or injure nesting birds, bats, hedgehogs or other wildlife.
- **DON'T** cut so severely that bare soil is exposed.
- **DON'T** cut lower than 10cm.
- **DON'T** use herbicides for routine branchage practice.



Billy Butlin Memorial Hall

40th Anniversary

In March, the St John's Recreation Centre celebrated 40 years since the opening of the Billy Butlin Memorial Hall. We take a look back at four decades of changes.

Whilst it is 40 years since the late Duke of Edinburgh opened the Billy Butlin Memorial Hall in 1983, the funding of the land purchase for St John Football Club by the late Sir Billy Butlin and the initial phase of the building actually took place three years earlier in 1980. The illustrious history of the St John Football Club goes back even further as it was founded in 1919!

The Butlin family have continued to be very supportive and generous with their support of the Centre over the years.

Whilst the building was further developed in the years following the opening of the Hall, and the Centre initially flourished, unfortunately its fortunes declined for a number of years. Nevertheless, the Centre still had a lot of support in the parish and a new chapter commenced in 2005 when a new management team was recruited, and a turnaround strategy was devised.

Our vision was to create a modern, multi-purpose and flexible facility for the community, underpinned by a sustainable and diversified revenue base.

The day-to-day management of the Centre became the responsibility of St John Centre Ltd, a registered charity. The directors of the company are all honorary roles.

St John Centre Ltd was granted a long-term lease by the Trustees which was essential in order that we could plan for the future and embark on a fund-raising campaign in order to make a substantial capital investment in the building.

We were fortunate to secure funding of £0.5m from two Butlin family trusts. We subsequently also secured more than £0.5m from a wide range of other sources including parishioners, companies, and charities.

The timeline provides a flavour of all the developments which have taken place over the years, including the flat for our caretaker, a café, the strength and conditioning clinic, the yoga room, the skateboard park and creating an additional 28 car parking spaces.

The Centre's usage levels are now at an all-time high and the article in the Spring 2023 issue of the Star covered the wide spectrum of activities which are as varied as archery, activity clubs and aerial gymnastics (and that it just our users beginning with an 'a'!). This in turn has resulted in good profits being generated which are either re-invested in the building or set aside for future capital projects.

The turnaround has been a team effort and would not have been possible without the support of the wider community.

The management team looks forward to the next 40 years with confidence!

Angus Spencer-Nairn
Chairman



Timeline



Lady Butlin and the Duke of Edinburgh at the opening ceremony, 1983
(Courtesy of the Jersey Evening Post Collection at Jersey Archive)



Construction work, April 2012



Lady Butlin and Angus Spencer-Nairn at the re-opening ceremony, May 2012



Strength and conditioning clinic

March 1983 Billy Butlin Memorial Hall, along with additional rooms and bar, is opened by the late Duke of Edinburgh at the invitation of Lady Sheila Butlin

May 1986 Parish establishes the Billy Butlin Memorial Trust and gifts the land and building to the Trust, granting a 21-year lease to the St John Sport and Recreation Centre Club

1987 Youth Project area, shooting range and snooker room are added to the Centre

1989 Club votes for additional development however the parish vetoes it, resulting in some resignations from the committee

May 2005 Club nears bankruptcy and Angus Spencer-Nairn is invited to produce a new business plan and recruit a new management team

2006 Essential initial maintenance on the roof and façade is completed

June 2007 Opening ceremony is attended by Lady Butlin for the relocation of the Jersey Gymnastics Club

2007 Club is converted to a limited liability company, St John Centre Ltd (which eventually becomes a registered charity)

February 2008 A new long-term lease is signed between the Trust and St John Centre Ltd

July 2008 New strength and conditioning clinic opens

November 2009 New café opens

November 2010 £0.5m donated by two Butlin Trusts, Lady Butlin attends the ceremony

December 2010 Skateboard park opens

2011 CCTV system is installed, a new 1 bedroom caretaker flat is built and a new storage area is provided for the Jersey Gymnastics Club

February 2012 New yoga studio opens, and the car park is enlarged

2012 Changing room and toilet facilities are re-designed and modernised, phase 1 of St John Youth Project development is completed including a new kitchen, toilets and office, along with various improvements to external areas including new patio decking and landscaping

May 2012 Official re-opening of phase 1 building works with Lady Butlin in attendance

2012-14 Additional £0.5m of funds is raised

2014 Phase 2 of St John Youth Project development is completed consisting of a two-storey extension with a glass fronted mezzanine recreational area and a doubling of their floor space. New changing rooms, toilets and showers for the St John Football Club are also completed.

March 2023 40th anniversary of the opening of the Billy Butlin Memorial Hall

Temps Passé: SION YOU



Camping in the 1960s

If you grew up in Sion in the 1960s, 1970s or 1980s, there was a good chance that you attended the Youth Club at Sion Chapel. For many young people in the southerly tip of the parish, the club formed the beating heart of their social lives.

Sion Youth Club was part of the Methodist Association of youth clubs, although you didn't need to be a Methodist to join. Richard Dupre joined at aged 11, *"As soon as I was old enough, I joined the club! Initially it was run by John and Diana Mauger, who were the caretakers at the church, but they left to emigrate to Australia and their places as leaders were taken over by Don and Dulcie De La Haye. Under their guidance the club really flourished."*



The first club members (taken around 1959)

Activities at the club were wide ranging. Besides regular games, members took part in table tennis, swimming evenings down at Bonne Nuit, camping at weekends, and a variety of competitions against other youth clubs. They made two floats for the Battle of Flowers and did a few shows on the stage in the hall, in which most of the members took part.

The club saw particular success in the early 1960s with their 5-a-side football team, made up of David Dallain, Richard Blampied, Peter Williams, Ken Corbin and Derrick Frigot, with Don de la Haye as Coach. The team beat their biggest rivals Aquila Road Youth Club to become island champions. They then beat Guernsey's Les Capelles club, the biggest in the Channel Islands, gaining the team a spot in the All-England finals in London where they were eventually knocked out by the cup winners. Not bad for a small club from St John!



Sion Youth Club 5-a-side team (l-r) David Dallain, Peter Williams, Ken Corbin, Richard Blampied, Derrick Frigot, Don de la Haye



The Sionists (l-r) Ken Corbin, Martin Maurant, Richard Dupre, Bobby Kingston

TH CLUB



Battle of Flowers entry



"The club was a really happy time for us all," Richard recalls. "A few of us started a band called The Siontists and we played quite often at the Rainbow Room ballroom! We also spent months digging out under the church to make a club room and a rifle range."

The youth club had a hiatus when Don and Dulcie De La Haye retired but re-formed in the 1970s under the care of Reverend Colin Hayes and his wife Anne, who ran the club with various parents taking it in turns to supervise every Friday night.

Tracy Baudains lived in the village at that time and loved having a youth club on her doorstep. Happily, the football success from the 1960s was replicated, this time by an all-girls side. *"Girls from the club entered a 5-a-side indoor football competition in April 1981 and we won the open girls final at Fort Regent! The boys coached us,"* Tracy recalls. She also remembers a group entering a disco dancing competition getting through to the finals held at Aquila Road in March 1980 and coming a respectable third.

Another past club member, Deborah Robinson (née Shaw) also has fond memories, *"I remember playing badminton in the hall and carol singing around the lanes. We had posters of all the Pin Ups of the day in the small room at the back where it was darker and we played music."*

"It kept us out of town, and we made lifelong friends," Tracy said. *"Not to mention three marriages occurred as a result!"*



Disco dancers (l-r) Fiona Fauvel (née Buesnel), Lisa Hobbs (née Orlandini) and Tracey Bougourd (née Matson)



Girls 5-a-side: (l-r) Fiona Fauvel (née Buesnel), Lisa Hobbs (née Orlandini), Fiona Whitehead, Tracy Baudains, Tracey Bougourd (née Matson)



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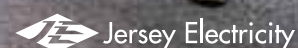
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CHANGES TO GST FROM 1 JULY 2023

There are some important changes if you shop online. These changes also include magazine and brochure sales.

OVERSEAS RETAILERS WILL CHARGE GST AT THE POINT OF PURCHASE.

From 1 July 2023 if you buy online or from a magazine or brochure, you will see 5% Jersey GST being charged at the point of purchase by a number of retailers that sell to Jersey customers. This will apply to all goods, including low value items.

THE GST DE MINIMIS IS BEING REDUCED.

The de minimis remains as an administrative measure for goods that have had no GST charged at the point of purchase, but it is reducing from £135 to £60.

If you buy goods from an overseas retailer that doesn't charge GST at the point of purchase, you will still need to pay GST to Customs before they are delivered, unless the de minimis amount applies.

WHY IS THIS CHANGING?

We need to create a level playing field, as domestic retailers have always had to charge GST on all goods.

The only reason there is a 'low value' threshold for online goods is purely for logistical reasons.

Since 2021 the European Union and the UK have required all goods that go across boundaries to be charged at the VAT/GST rate of the receiving Member State. Jersey has always planned to quickly follow those changes.

This has meant that we have been able to update our law, requiring that the overseas retailers who sell the most to Jersey customers, register for GST in Jersey.

We can now ensure that GST is charged at the point of purchase, removing the logistical burden from Customs and the shippers in most cases.

We expect that a high number of goods arriving in Jersey after 1 July will have GST added at the point of purchase.

GOODS BOUGHT BEFORE 1 JULY 2023

If you buy goods that cost more than £60 from an overseas retailer and it does not have GST paid, you will still have to pay GST through Customs if the goods arrive after the 30 June 2023.

GST REFUNDS

If you return any items and you were charged GST at the point of purchase, the overseas retailer will deal with your refund claim (or give credit), including the GST charged. You will no longer have to apply to Customs for a refund of the GST.

You will still need to apply to Customs for a GST refund on any returned goods where GST was charged at the point of import.

WHAT IS THE GST DE MINIMIS LEVEL?

The GST de minimis is only in place for administrative reasons. When GST was first introduced overseas retailers didn't add Jersey GST at point of purchase, so GST had to be paid at the point of importation.

The GST threshold is an administrative solution reflecting the costs of collecting relatively small amounts of GST for non-GST paid items when they arrive in Jersey. If your goods are less than the threshold there is no GST. If they are more than the threshold, then you would pay GST. If more than one item arrives for you on the same day, these are added together for the purpose of the de minimis.

INFORMATION ABOUT GST REGISTERED OVERSEAS RETAILERS.

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Comité Rurale **UPDATE**

After the Bridging Island Plan came into force last year the Comité Rurale had a short lull in activity, but this year I am anticipating a number of significant planning applications as we have already had meetings with several potential developers seeking feedback, and there are a number of public consultations already in the pipeline.

TREE PROTECTION PROCESS CONSULTATION

The consultation documents were first issued in March. Initial feedback received from gardeners and landowners in the parish along with gardening contractors and tree surgeons all highlighted the many problems with the approach adopted. Indeed, it was felt that the proposals would achieve the very opposite of tree protection and result in fewer trees being planted and a large number felled before the legislation came into force. We are hopeful that following the extended consultation period announced by the Minister and the volume of feedback provided, a more sensible approach will be adopted.

REZONING OF FIELDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In the Bridging Island Plan a number of fields were rezoned for affordable housing in the parish including J525, the field next to the school where some houses are now nearing completion and new sports facilities for the school will be provided, which already had planning approval. The remaining fields could not proceed until the Planning Department issued specific development briefs on what would be permitted at each site, and this draft guidance was finally issued for consultation in the middle of May.

The other significant sites covered by the proposed guidance are fields J1109 (La Grande Route de St Jean) at Sion, J236 (La Rue du Cimetière), J229 (La Route du Nord next to Maison Le Vesconte) and also field T1404 which although in Trinity is next door to the Co-op store at Sion. The consultation runs up to 23rd of June and the Comité will be considering its response as the draft guidance appears to be problematic.

ST JOHN'S VILLAGE MEMORIAL GARDEN & VILLAGE PARKING, ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

The parish has been developing revised proposals for a Memorial Garden opposite the Parish Hall, general landscaping and also parking opposite the school and around the precinct. The Infrastructure & Environment Department will also be consulting parishioners on potential new road safety measures around the village over the course of the next few months.

SOREL SOLAR FARM

Following an initial open presentation of the proposed solar energy farm held at the Parish Hall in September 2022, we understand that the JEC are due to submit the application for this site in the near future which we will be examining closely.

Ian Touzel

Chairman

Le Comité de la Commune Rurale de St Jean

Catholic Women's League News

Our fundraising for 2023 for our nominated charity 'Causeway' has started well!

The charity bingo was very successful and so were the Easter Bunnies and the Easter Sunday cake sale at St Thomas Church. We are most thankful for the support we have received from all our churches. We hope to present a cheque for £1,000 to a representative of Causeway at our next meeting in June.



At that meeting we will also be delighted to welcome our new National President Siobhan Garibaldi on her first official visit to our section.

At our last meeting we gave a warm welcome to Canon Dominic who has kindly taken over the role of our Spiritual Advisor after the death of Deacon Tony Ward who supported us so enthusiastically over many years.

We have planned an interesting programme of visiting speakers and social events this year including a visit to the newly opened Harbour Gallery.



We continue to extend a warm welcome to new members, please contact: **Pat Guegan** – 07797 724054 or gueganfamily@gmail.com



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CORONATION CAMP and Promise Party

A very special event was held on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd April, with just over 400 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.



On Saturday 22nd April, a joint event between the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 23rd Jersey Scout Groups started with a full day of activities at the Scout Centre at St Ouen. The afternoon was dedicated to badgework including first aid, knot tying, making birdfeeders, map work, hiking, and orienteering. As always, the campfire singalong was a particular favourite!

Following the theme of 'helping out' from the King's Coronation celebrations, and in anticipation of His Excellency Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd CBE joining us the next day, the groups set about doing some DIY including planting and weeding, power-washing, and painting.

Despite the heavy rain, just under 200 young people and adult volunteers camped, worked together, made new friends, and learnt some new skills.

Following a good night's rest (!), we were joined by a further 200 members from across the Island for our Coronation & Promise Renewal Party, which included food, dancing, and entertainment. As part of the celebration our invested Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all retook their Promise, pledging allegiance to the new King. We were especially delighted to be visited by our Lieutenant-Governor for this very special occasion.

Following the ceremony, DJ Mel kickstarted the party, with silly games, party songs and the biggest conga line in St Ouen! ***What a great day bringing the Jersey family of Scouting together!***



Quiche and Coronation

On May 16th the St John's WI enjoyed a thoroughly good evening at the Parish Hall celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with a toast and singing God Save Our Gracious King. All our members made sandwiches, quiches, cakes and much more to share.

If you are interested in joining the WI, please contact President **Terina Le Couilliard** on **07797 741281**.

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Get reading!

If you like to lose yourself in a good book, don't forget the mobile library comes to St John's village every Monday, except Bank holidays, between 2-3pm. You can find it parked in the precinct opposite St John's Inn. There's a fantastic selection of both adult and children's books to choose from and Nigel, the Librarian, can also order or reserve books for you.

There's also a Book Swap and Puzzle Swap available in the Parish Hall. Opening hours are:

Mon, Tues & Fri 9am to 4pm, **Wed** 9am to 7pm,
Thurs 9am to 1pm



News from the Pews

By Rev. Beverley Sproats

St John's Parish Church has had lots of opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and bless the community recently.

During Lent, a number of people attended the Lectio Course, learning how to hear God through praying the bible. We held three Lent lunches in the Parish Hall with delicious soups and bread, cheese and crackers. Over £1400 was received in donations to be shared between the Christian Aid DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal and the ministry and mission of St John's Parish Church.

On Mothering Sunday, we were joined by the 25th St John's Brownies who welcomed people to church and paraded their flag during the service. We have also had visits to church from

the 6th Jersey Manton and Trinity Scouts and Cubs. They had a go at bellringing, took a tour of the church with a quiz, and handbell ringing.



We had a moving Hour at the Cross service for Good Friday reflecting on the death of Jesus on the cross. This was followed by a Prayer Walk. Nine people, led by Beryl, walked through Ville des Chenes, Le Pre des Chenes and Les Tuiles, pausing to pray for those living and working there. We had a joyful service on Easter Day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the church was beautifully decorated. Little Oaks Sunday Club had an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard after the service.



Bishop of Salisbury at the Service of Confirmation



St John's Primary School came to church for their Easter service, and Rev. Beverley visited school to take an assembly, deliver Easter in a box, an interactive re-telling of the Easter story, and answer questions about Easter.

It was a privilege for St John's Parish Church to host a Service of Confirmation for all the Church of England churches in Jersey. Bishop Stephen from Salisbury confirmed 35 people, including four people from St John. Confirmation is a public statement of faith and Bishop Stephen prayed for all the candidates to receive the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to St John's bellringers who rang for the Coronation of King Charles III and for Liberation Day. The bellringers gave people the opportunity to 'ring for the King' and lots of people came to have a go at ringing.

Coffee and croissants mornings continue on the third Tuesday of the month, a great time of chatting over a cuppa and a croissant. The next ones are at 10am-11.30am on 18th July and 22nd August.

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.

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.

Save the date! Coming up on Saturday 24th June, 12pm-4.30pm, is the St John's Church & Community Summer Fete in the church grounds. There will be teddy-bear parachuting from the steps to the belltower (bring your own teddy!), a bouncy castle, face painting, cream teas, stalls from local craftspeople and businesses, a prayer tree, raffle and tombola, games for children, graffiti art and much more! That weekend we will also celebrate St John the Baptist day with

a service at 9.30am on Sunday 25th June and have our Gift Day. Scan the QR code to go to the online giving page to give a gift to St John's Church.

We are looking forward to welcoming His Excellency Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd CBE and Dr Kyd to the Sea Sunday service at 10.00am

on Sunday 23rd July at Bonne Nuit pier. We are also going to have a service of worship on the beach with a baptism at 10.30am on Sunday 13th August at Bonne Nuit Bay.

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/

To find out more and explore the Christian faith, please connect with us on social media [@stjohnschurchje](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchje/) or contact **Rev. Beverley Sproats** on **861677** or **07700 731 114** or beverleysproats@gmail.com

Cheval Roc

This photo was taken in March during our regular monthly visit, as we shared together the message of Easter and reflected on the words of Jesus himself when He said 'I am the light of the world.'



Jesus is reminding us here that He came as the bright light of salvation.

Four years ago, when my husband and I visited St. Paul's Cathedral where the huge original painting is displayed, we purchased a small copy, shown in the photo. As a young man the artist Holman Hunt shook the artistic world when he exhibited this remarkable painting in 1854, with it causing a sensation in both religious and artistic establishments.

In the picture there is no handle on the outside of the door, Jesus holding the lantern lights up himself, the doorway, and the way ahead. Jesus promises if we open the door of our hearts, He will come in.

The Resurrection is a pledge that authenticates Jesus' teaching therefore we know all His words are trustworthy.

Blessings, Heather Woods.





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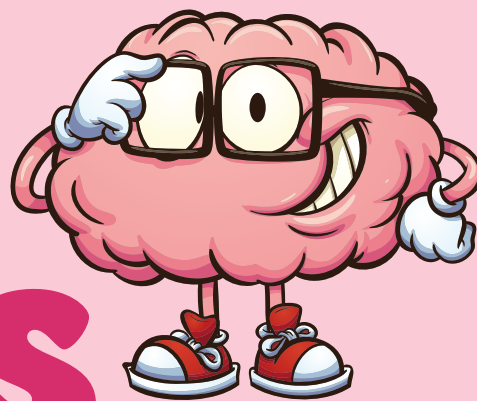
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Brain Games



We have superfoods, every kind of exercise regime you can think of, and lotions, potions and magic wands to keep us at the top of our health. But in all honesty, these are not as fun as a good game, and they forget one of the most important types of health. Mental health. After all, as we said at the very start of the first ever Party HQ: you don't stop playing because you get old; you get old because you stop playing. That includes the good old grey matter.

This issue we're going to explore one of the myriad of brain games. There are so many to choose from; the tray game, find the pair of cards or even a good old crossword. However, this time it's all about the category game. There are so many versions of category games it's hard to choose my favourite one, but we're keeping it simple. **No paper, no pens, just a gang of people** around a table or on the bus, maybe with some liquid refreshment for those of a certain age.

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS: one person thinks of a category and going round the circle each person takes it in turn to say something in that category. No repeats are allowed and, as ever, a quick game is a good game.

For the novice or with younger players go for colours, fruits or countries of the world. Bah, 'that's so easy'; I hear you say so, for an intermediate level, try **places in Jersey**, **Eurovision singers** or **makes of cars**. However, the fun starts as you get trickier. Personal favourites include films with names in or international rugby players. Some advanced games include rules such as the word must start with the last letter of the previous word, or if the word has a double letter you must change direction around the circle.

Whoever can't think of something to add, repeats a word already said, or is too slow, is out. If you prefer to give more chances and keep people playing, you could rule that the person who errs loses a point, with everyone starting on five points. Then a new category is started. You keep going until the last one standing is the winner.

Therefore, this summer, on those long journeys to your holidays or as a way to get to know new people, you can always pull out a category game to whizz away the time and keep those brain cells in tip-top health.

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The Ministerial Group overseeing the New Healthcare Facilities Programme (NHFP) have endorsed the advice provided by clinical and construction experts on a preferred option for multi-site healthcare delivery in Jersey.

Option B, of the two developed and evaluated, has been selected as the preferred option.

► Option A

- An Acute (Inpatient) facility at Kensington Place
- An Ambulatory (Outpatient) facility at Overdale
- A Health Village at St Saviour (with capacity for rehabilitation and long-term care facilities)

► Option B (Preferred option)

- An Acute (Inpatient) facility at Overdale
- An Ambulatory (Outpatient) facility at Kensington Place
- A Health Village at St Saviour (with capacity for rehabilitation and long-term care facilities)



Why is multi-site healthcare better than a single hospital?

1. It provides a plan for healthcare estate development, ensuring those services that were not in the Our Hospital scheme are provided with the future facilities they need. This includes delivery of an additional 134 beds across the sites, as well as a range of therapies like hydrotherapy and physiotherapy.
2. Building on multiple sites, and having a phased building programme, does not place all the financial or construction risk into one solution and one delivery partner.
3. It provides substantial scope for future expansion over the two sites, which could not be achieved in Our Hospital proposals.
4. Multi-site construction, as a series of projects delivered in smaller phases, provides increased opportunities for local construction involvement and is more deliverable.
5. This solution does not require substantial changes to Westmount Road, the Jersey Bowls Club or Westmount Terrace.
6. It separates emergency and outpatient services, dispersing traffic flow, reducing congestion and parking requirements.
7. It creates additional public space, especially around the old granite building on Gloucester Street.
8. It returns space and sites for other uses, such as Key Worker accommodation.
9. It reduces the impact on the natural and built environment, and the physical mass of the facilities, delivering buildings on each site that are better proportioned to their surroundings.
10. It provides opportunity for a 'spine' or 'pavilion' Acute Hospital as opposed to 'monoblock' Our Hospital structure, allowing sections to be opened and closed without closing the whole.

Why was Option B selected?

Of the two options evaluated, Option B was favoured for the following reasons:

1. Option B scored higher in all evaluation sections than Option A, and significantly higher in the evaluation by clinicians, who rated Option B 'Very Good', while Option A was only 'Adequate'.
2. The construction plan for Option B will provide an operational acute hospital by 2028, earlier than Option A by four years.
3. It uses both sites to their best potential, optimising the use of Modern Methods of Construction and minimising the delays in construction due to site size and accessibility.
4. It minimises the impact of construction vibration and noise on the sickest patients, which could be more significant in Option A.
5. It provides the opportunity for better and more efficient clinical adjacencies (where clinical teams are located) due to the larger size of the site.
6. Outpatient and day case facilities will remain in town with greatest ease of pedestrian access, public transport, and parking, including access to the Urgent Treatment Centre.
7. It will provide peaceful treatment and recovery space for inpatients at Overdale, with increased privacy compared to a town location.
8. It provides increased capacity for future expansion on both sites, compared to Option A.

To read more detailed information and to watch videos about the Feasibility Study and the ongoing work of the New Healthcare Facilities Team, visit:

gov.je/NHFP

Whilst this magazine is a great source of news and features on our parish, you don't have to wait for it to drop through your door to keep abreast of what is happening in St John.

There are a number of parish related Facebook groups which are very active, giving information on upcoming events, parish notices, discussions on hot topics and plenty more. They are a real-time source of community information, which is useful if you are about to do the school run and there's a loose cow on the road!

With over 1500 members, the St John, Jersey – Residents page is the most active parish group. To join, you must simply either live in, work in or have a close link with St John, ensuring it is inclusive of everyone who cares about the parish.

There's a great community spirit amongst users and plenty to like. There's also a dedicated group for Sion Village on Facebook at Sion Village Community.

If you are interested to follow the pages, search for the group names in Facebook and join the conversation!



St John, Jersey – Residents

Old photos showing St John of yesteryear are shared.

This is a photo taken in 1972 of the St John Tug-o-War team along with a member's Birthday Celebration. I know a few of these past members, but I would be grateful if anyone could give names of other members in this photograph that they recognise. Many Thanks



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New item by Brian Coutanche

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Relevant content from other social media pages often gets copied to the group.

Anyone know who this chap is, these are amazing pics the lady has taken, and the flip is spot on 🤩.

Lee Magenta
1 May · 🌐

So we went for a swim at Bonne Nuit this afty, and this chap gave us a great display of acrobatic pier jumping.



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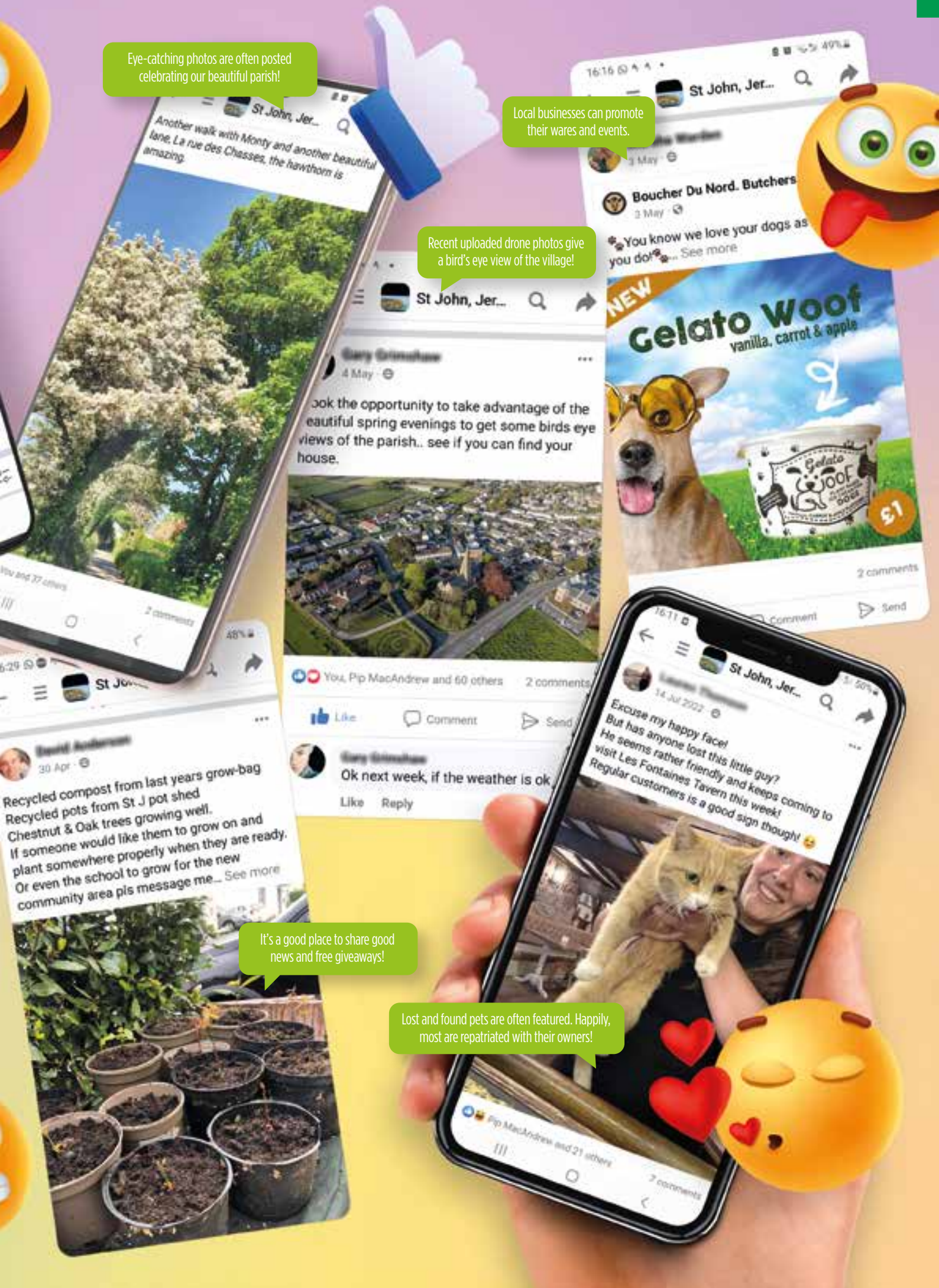
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Local businesses can promote their wares and events.

Recent uploaded drone photos give a bird's eye view of the village!

It's a good place to share good news and free giveaways!

Lost and found pets are often featured. Happily, most are repatriated with their owners!



Speed Limit *Reviews*

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We want Jersey's roads to be enjoyed by everyone

Reducing the speed and number of cars helps other road users feel safe, makes the local area more desirable, and encourages people to walk and cycle. This is especially important for those travelling to and from school.

An increase in walking and cycling helps contribute to an uptake in active travel, giving wider health benefits to the people of Jersey.

Reducing the speed limit will make our community more accessible to people living in and visiting Jersey.

Please take your time to consider these proposals and give us your views.

Please note that the online consultation covers several Parishes. Only changes relating to this Parish and some roads that cross over into neighbouring Parishes are presented here today.

St John's Village & surrounding areas

A 20mph speed limit is proposed on the following roads:

- La Route du Nord, where the speed limit is currently 30mph
- La Route du Mont Mado, where the speed limit is currently 30mph
- La Route des Issues, where the speed limit is currently 30mph
- La Route de St Jean, east of La Route du Nord, and on the approach to the junction
- La Rue de la Mare Ballam, where the speed limit is currently 30mph
- La Rue de L'Etocquet, east of La Rue du Cimetiere
- Les Clicquards
- Le Pre des Chenes
- Les Tuiles
- Le Clos de L'École
- La Rue du Temple
- La Rue de la Ville Guyon
- Melbourne Park

A 15mph Green Lane is proposed on the following roads:

- Mont Mado Lane
- North View

La Rue de Sorel and Les Charrières

- A 30mph speed limit is proposed on La Rue de Sorel where the speed limit is currently 40mph
- A 20mph speed limit is proposed on Les Charrières de Bonne Nuit where the speed limit is currently 40mph

La Rue des Servais and La Rue des St Germaines

- A 20mph speed limit is proposed on la Rue des Servais, where the speed limit is currently 40mph
- A 20mph speed limit is proposed on la Rue des Saints Germaines, in the Parish of St Lawrence, where the speed limit is currently 40mph

Please note that the Parish of St Lawrence will be subject to a full review at a later date.

Have Your Say!

We would like to hear what you think, so please share any views or ideas that you may have via our questionnaire. The consultation is open until 28th July.

There are two ways to complete the questionnaire:

- Online via: **www.gov.je/consultations**, where you will find details of the proposed speed limit changes in this Parish, as well as others being considered at the same time.
- Take a questionnaire relating to this Parish only and drop it back to the Parish Hall.

What's next?

Once the consultation closes, we will gather and analyse your responses.

The proposals, if supported, will then be submitted to the Minister for Infrastructure who will make the final decision on implementation.

The results will be summarised and made available online via: **www.gov.je/consultations**

Your comments will help us better understand any potential impacts our proposals may have on the community.

We will listen to everyone's feedback and consider all comments before we make a decision.

Framework for Speed Limits

We want Jersey's roads to be enjoyed by everyone

Managing the speed of traffic helps other road users feel safer and encourages people to walk and cycle. This is especially important for those travelling to and from school.

Speed limits are set according to a framework that provides consistency across our Island. We are in the process of reviewing all speed limits across the Island against this framework.

Details of the framework are set out below:



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The all-Island maximum speed limit is 40mph, or 30mph for vehicles over 3.5T or towing a trailer.

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All roads in the urban / built up area should be subject to a 30mph speed limit, with extensions into rural areas where appropriate



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Village Centres, typically where people might be walking between a church, a Parish Hall, a shop or a pub, for example, should be 20mph

Framework for Speed Limits



Residential areas that are not "through routes", where pedestrian and cycle movements are likely to be high should be 20mph.



Tourist bays where pedestrian and cycle movements are likely to be high should be 20mph.



Part-time 20mph zones may be signed around schools, at times when children are present

Green Lanes have a 15mph speed limit. Motorised vehicles should give priority to pedestrians, cyclists, and horses at all times



Please note that where the framework indicates a 40 or 30mph speed limit, a lower speed limit may be applied for road safety reasons.

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JUNE

- 24th Church Summer Fete (Church 12-4pm)
 27th Muriel's Bingo Parish Hall
 28th Golden Age P.Hall "Eye Can"

JULY

- 11th St John WI – TBA
 18th Church "coffee & croissants" 10 – 11:30am
 23rd Sea Sunday service at Bonne Nuit Pier 10am
 23rd JM&LCC MotoX training at Sorel Point
 26th Golden Age – Afternoon tea Leave P.Hall 2pm
 25th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall

AUGUST

- 8th St John WI – Outing to La Mare Vinyards
 6th JM&LCC MotoX training at Sorel Point
 13th Beach Service at Bonne Nuit with Baptism 10:30
 13th JM&LCC MotoX training at Sorel Point
 29th Muriel's bingo Parish Hall
 30th Golden Age – Bingo

CHURCH UPDATES

- 2nd July & 6 Aug - Little Oaks Sunday Club
 24th June and 29th July and 26th Aug - Anything Goes craft group

For event updates check our Facebook page /stjohnschurchje

WI all ladies welcome to join – see contact below

PARISH CONTACTS

Bell Ringing

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