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on a thriving parish

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** Proposed in Budget 2027 and subject to the Budget being approved.

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Christmas made.

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From the Connétable



Winter seems to have come upon us very quickly this year, but we were lucky to have had a warm and beautiful summer to remember.

Best advice is to keep on the move, get out and about and wrap up. Luckily, we have a lot going on in the Parish and our Community Support Team are available to help.

A quick phone call is all you need. **854724** direct to our ladies at the Parish Hall.

Good news is what you want, and I am pleased to say that our Solar Panels are working well and saving us money, and we are now carbon neutral: the first parish in Jersey.

Not only that but our 'Parish Goes Green' initiative has formed a committee, joining with Trees for Life, which has not only identified fields where we can plant more trees in the Parish but also has donation funding.

We will be meeting at the end of the month to move further, and we welcome your input, so please get in touch.

We are also meeting with the Parish in Bloom team to involve them in these projects and with more sites to help promote biodiversity and pollination.

On a more serious footing, traffic and potential speeding is an issue on the Inner Road around the Church, and Rue du Maupertuis and School Road.

Ownership and responsibility are complicating issues but we have promised to investigate in collaboration with all concerned, and I welcome more input.

Meanwhile, I need to remind drivers about right of way issues on the Coast Road and speed in general.

Christmas is coming so, please check out the website to keep in touch with everything that is going on in the Parish Hall and the Community Hub at Clos Mourant.

But please stay in touch and keep warm.

Best wishes,

Marcus

Do you love your parish and enjoy communicating?

Why not become the next editor of L'Amarrage?

We're looking for a community-minded volunteer to bring our parish magazine to life by gathering stories, editing contributions and occasionally creating some content.

If you'd enjoy helping to share the news, stories and spirit of our parish, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested? Get in touch with Julien Morel at *julien@mediamasters.je*



Do you have something to **Say** or **Share?**



L'Amarrage is a community magazine, for you, about you and from you!

Got something you'd like to see in the next edition? Send us your ideas, articles or pictures or thoughts to: *julien@mediamasters.je*

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Honorary Police

What is the role of a Centenier?

Most people in Jersey will have heard the word Centenier, but unless you have had reason to contact the Honorary Police, you may not know exactly what a Centenier does or just how varied the role can be.

Here in St Clement, our Centeniers are an important part of Parish life. They are volunteers, giving their own time to help keep our community safe, provide support and reassurance to parishioners and continue a tradition of Honorary Police service that is unique to Jersey.

Your local Honorary Police

A Centenier is a senior member of the Honorary Police and is elected by the parishioners of St Clement.

One of the great strengths of Jersey's Honorary Police system is that its officers are part of the communities they serve. Our Centeniers know St Clement's roads, neighbourhoods, businesses and community and work closely with the Connétable, Chef de Police, Vingteniers, Constable's Officers, Parish staff and other agencies.

For our Centeniers, it is not simply about policing. It is about serving the Parish and being there when someone needs help.

What does a Centenier actually do?

The simple answer is quite a lot! A Centenier's duties are extremely varied. They may be called upon to: -

- assist with an incident
- deal with a road traffic matter
- respond to a concern from a parishioner
- support somebody who is vulnerable
- or work alongside the States of Jersey Police and other agencies
- They are the only people who can charge a person for court prosecutions

They can also be involved with road closures, Parish and community events, traffic management and other matters affecting the day-to-day life of St Clement. Sometimes their role is simply to listen.

Not every problem requires enforcement or formal action a conversation, reassurance or helping somebody find the right organisation can make a real difference.

Meet our St Clement Centeniers

St Clement currently has four Centeniers serving the Parish. We want parishioners to recognise the people behind the uniforms and feel comfortable approaching them.



Centenier and Chef de Police Phil Heard

They are Chef de Police Phil Heard, and Tony Maindonald, Tia Read and Lisa Irvine.

Together, Phil, Tony, Tia and Lisa form an important part of the St Clement Honorary Police team and share responsibility for providing Centenier cover for the Parish. Although each brings their own experience and personality to the role, they all have one thing in common: a commitment to St Clement and its community.

The Duty Centenier

St Clement operates a Duty Centenier system, providing a point of contact for Honorary Police matters within the Parish. The Duty Centenier may receive calls concerning a wide variety of issues. Some can be dealt with directly by the Honorary Police, while others may need to be referred to the States of Jersey Police, the Parish, another States department or an appropriate agency.

You don't need to know exactly who is responsible before contacting us. If we can help, we will and if somebody else is better placed to assist, we will try to point you in the right direction.

A unique role in Jersey

The Centenier holds a special position within Jersey's legal system. As well as community policing responsibilities, Centeniers have legal responsibilities, including duties associated with the Parish Hall



Centenier Lisa Irvine



Centenier Tony Maindonald



Centenier Tia Read

Enquiry system and the charging and presentation of certain cases at court.

It is a position of trust that carries considerable responsibility and requires commitment, sound judgement, discretion and, above all, a willingness to serve others.

More than a uniform

Behind every Honorary Police uniform is a volunteer. Our Centeniers have jobs, families and commitments of their own, yet give up evenings, weekends and other personal time to undertake duties on behalf of St Clement and we are very proud of them.

Much of their work happens quietly and without recognition, but it makes an important contribution to our Parish. Our Centeniers are supported by our Vingteniers and Constable's Officers, who also voluntarily give their time to serve St Clement. Together, they make up our Honorary Police team.

A small request from our Duty Centeniers

We would ask parishioners to please consider the time of their call, particularly late at night.

Our Centeniers are volunteers and, when they are on duty, the Duty Centenier telephone is with them at home. A late-night call may therefore wake not only the Centenier but also other members of their household, including children.

Of course, if you genuinely need the Duty Centenier, please do not hesitate to make contact. However, if your call is late at night and the matter requires an immediate police response, it may be more appropriate to contact the States of Jersey Police on 612612 as they may be able to respond more quickly when required.

We're here for St Clement

Whether you need assistance, have a concern, would like some advice or simply want to say hello when you see one of the team, please don't hesitate to approach us.

Contact your Duty Centenier

Telephone: **01534 786680**
Email: ***dutycentenier@stclement.je or policeliaison@stclement.je***

For emergencies or where there is an immediate risk to life or property, always call **999**.



Community Support Team NEWS











Afternoon tea and bingo

On the afternoon of 1 October, many parishioners joined the team for a successful afternoon tea and bingo with our resident caller Mike Lanyon ably assisted by Bev Anthony who sorted out the prize money.

The bingo was accompanied by a sumptuous afternoon tea prepared by several volunteers from the Community Support Team. There was a raffle organised by Cynthia Hamon and Cynthia Davidson. Once again, thanks must go to all those who helped in the organisation of this successful event.

Coffee mornings

The coffee mornings take place on the third Thursday of every month from 10 to 11.30 am and all parishioners are welcome to come along. Do come along to our festive coffee morning on Thursday 17 December and join in the Christmas spirit.

At our quarterly meeting on the 8 October, we welcomed Chris Hamon and Nat Morgan from Mercury Medical, a branch of Mercury Distribution. Chris, a former registered paramedic and now a trusted assessor for Mercury, visits people in their homes and can prescribe low-level medical aids they may need.

Look out for our event schedule for 2027, when we look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information.

Volunteer Evening

We had planned to hold a Volunteer Evening in September, but unfortunately this did not take place as planned. However, we are hoping to hold this event soon. This event will be for:

- Our existing volunteers to thank them for their hard work and edicated service to our parishioners
- Our new volunteers to give them the opportunity to meet those who have been involved for some time
- Any other parishioners who may want to know more about the work of the CST with a view to possibly becoming involved.

If you do have a few hours to spare and would be happy to drive parishioners to hospital or doctor appointments, would like to help at events etc, please do not hesitate to contact us directly or via the Parish Hall office.

Chris Le Cornu

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Chris Le Cornu. Chris was a very active member of the Community Support team from its inception many years ago and was chairman of the team for many years.

He helped to develop the activities and work of the community support team in St Clement. Our sincere condolences extend to Chris's wife and family.

If you would like to help in the Parish and have time to drive some of our Parishioners to hospital appointments, help them with shopping, help with monthly coffee mornings or other events, please contact **Bernadette Cooper** by email at ***bernadette.cooper@stclement.je*** or by phone on **07797 736316**.

Notice Board

Annual Rates Returns

These are due be sent to property owners in December. Please remember that completed returns should be submitted by Friday 15 January. Failure to make a return in the time allowed may result in a penalty (maximum £1,000).

Father Christmas Visit

Father Christmas will be visiting children at the Parish Hall on Thursday 10 December at 4.50 pm. Come along for festive fun and a chance to meet Santa himself!

Reminder – Over 70s Christmas Lunches

This year's Christmas Lunches will be held on Tuesday 8 December and Wednesday 9 December at Hotel Ambassadeur at 12.30 pm and the Parish would like to invite Parishioners age 70 and over to join in. Application forms are available from the Parish Office.

Office Hours Update

With Christmas around the corner, here are our office opening hours over the festive break:

- **Tuesday 22 December** - close at 12.30 pm
- **Wednesday 23 December** - Closed
- **Tuesday 29 December** -open 10 am – 12 noon
- **Wednesday 30 December** - open 10 am – 12 noon
- **Thursday 31 December** - Closed
- **Monday 4 January** - as normal

Your Parish – Your Voice – Your Say!

Did you know that you can help make a difference in your Parish?

Parish Assemblies give parishioners the opportunity to have their say, ask questions and be involved in decisions that affect our community.

By attending, you can help shape the future of our Parish and ensure your voice is heard.

Your opinion matters, your involvement counts, and together we can make a difference!

Get involved – come along to your next Parish Assembly.

Christmas refuse collection

Monday 21 December	NORMAL
Tuesday 22 December	NORMAL
Wednesday 23 December	NORMAL
Thursday 24 December	THURSDAY AND FRIDAY'S COLLECTION
Friday 25 December	NO COLLECTION
Monday 28 December	NORMAL
Tuesday 29 December	NORMAL
Wednesday 30 December	NORMAL
Thursday 31 December	THURSDAY AND FRIDAY'S COLLECTION
Friday 1 January	NO COLLECTION

Your community needs you – join the Honorary Police!

Could you make a difference in your Parish?

We are looking for enthusiastic, reliable and community-minded individuals to join our Honorary Police team.

Being part of the Honorary Police is more than volunteering it's an opportunity to give something back, meet new people and play an important role in keeping our community safe.

You don't need previous policing experience – just commitment, common sense and a genuine desire to help others.

Whether you're looking for a new challenge or simply want to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you. Interested in finding out more?

Contact your Parish Hall by emailing ***policeliaison@stclement.je*** for further information about joining the Honorary Police.

Exciting Times

St Clement's School has a new playground

by St Clement's School Councillors

You may have seen driving past the school over the summer, some building works going on in our new playground!

This has been a year in the making. As school councillors, we understand the UNICEF Rights and Child, Article 31, which states every child has a right to play. Using this, we began to gather thoughts of everyone in the school about ways we could improve the play at school.

We had lots of different ideas, and we tried to ensure everyone had a say. We do this in our Oracy Assemblies. It's a time in school, every fortnight, where we come together and discuss ideas with different children across the school. We listen to feedback and record our peers' comments. We then meet as a School Council and find common ideas and make a plan.

Once we had initial ideas, we began to draw up some sketches of what the playground could look like, which included a road that could be used with scooters and tricycles.

Our teachers then helped us to find a company *(as there are some adult things to do with building works)*. We then selected some real examples of the play frames and equipment, using everyone's ideas.

We presented these in our Oracy Assembly, and the whole school voted for which pieces they liked best. We collected the results in, and our teachers shared these ideas with the company which designs playgrounds.



After a few months, we received some drawings of what the playground could look like, and we couldn't believe how good it looked! We once again, shared these with the school and collected some feedback about what the school would like to change.

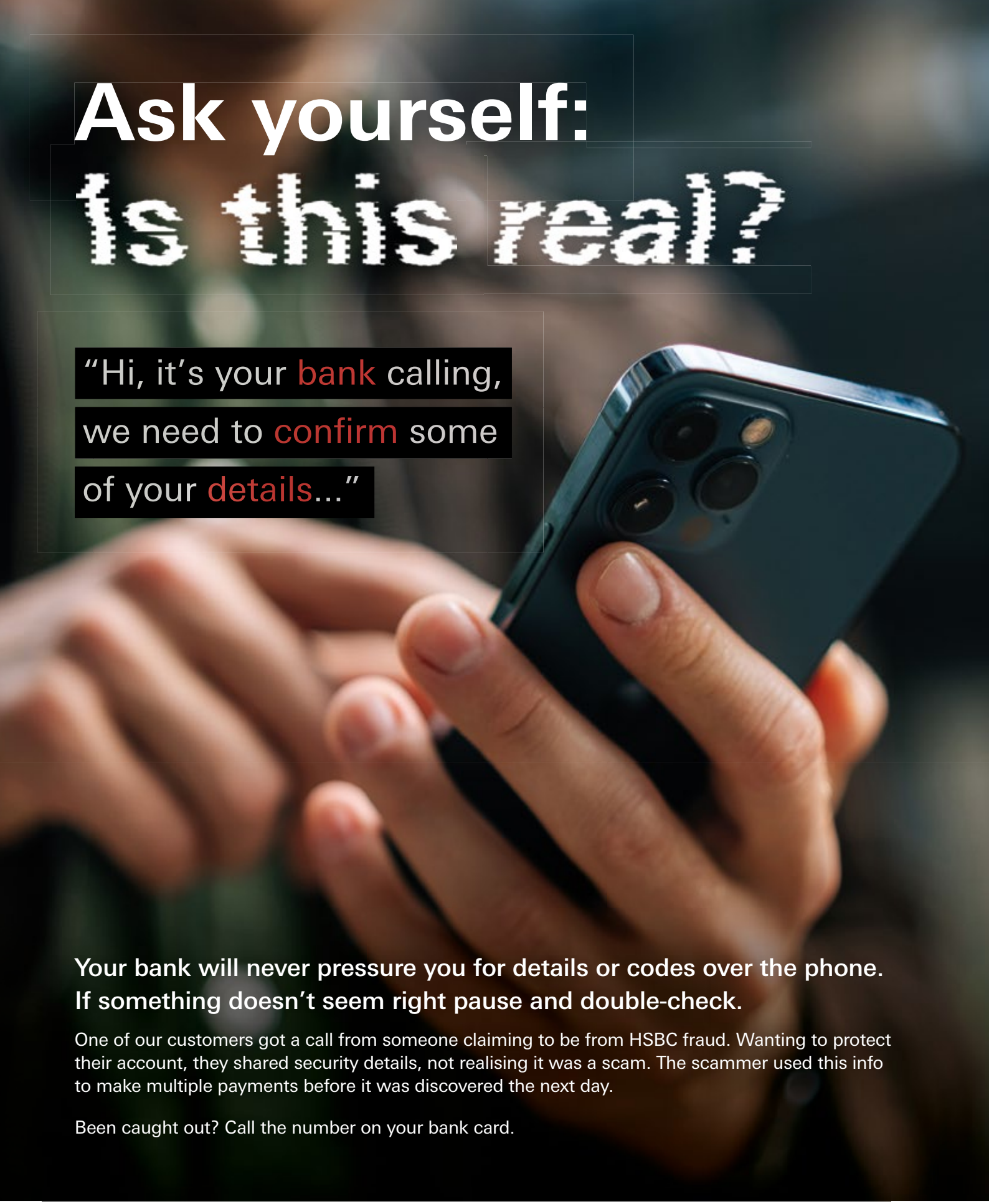
After making some minor changes, we had the final design! We shared this at our summer parent walkabout for everyone to see.

When September came round, the excitement was overwhelming and everyone couldn't wait to use it!

We're so happy and thrilled with how it turned out and we're so proud to have such an amazing playground for everyone at our school to use and enjoy!

Here are some quotes from pupils about the new playground:





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What's on in Normandy?

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Maison de la Normandie & de la Manche

TOURISM



From **5 December until 3 January**, the **Borsberg circus** will perform spectacular shows in **Caen** (Calvados).
www.cirqueborsberg.fr



From **10 December to 2 January**, **Mont et Merveilles** comes back to illuminate the **Mont-Saint-Michel** (Manche).
www.montsaintmichel.gouv.fr



From **30 January to 14 February**, join the science-fiction festival **Mycéliades**.
www.myceliades.com

CULTURE



Throughout December and **until 3 January**, **Deauville** (Calvados) is hosting **Planches Contact**, a photography festival exploring the theme of "Generations" as part of the bicentenary of photography.
www.planchescontact.fr



From **20 to 24 January**, join readers **across France & the world** for **Reading Nights**, a series of events celebrating the joy of reading and exploring the theme of "Childhood".
www.nuitsdelalecture.fr



ECONOMY



Experience Normandy's Christmas magic at **Canon Castle** in **Mézidon-Canon** (Calvados) from 19 to 30 December or explore the **illuminated villages** of the **Orne** throughout **December**.
www.chateaudecanon.com
www.villagesillumines.fr



For brocantes lovers, **Les Puces Rouennaises** returns to **Rouen** (Seine-Maritime) from **15–17 January**.
www.pucesrouennaises.com

SPORTS



On **4 & 5 December**, join one of the many **Téléthon** events in France for a weekend of solidarity.
www.afm-telethon.fr



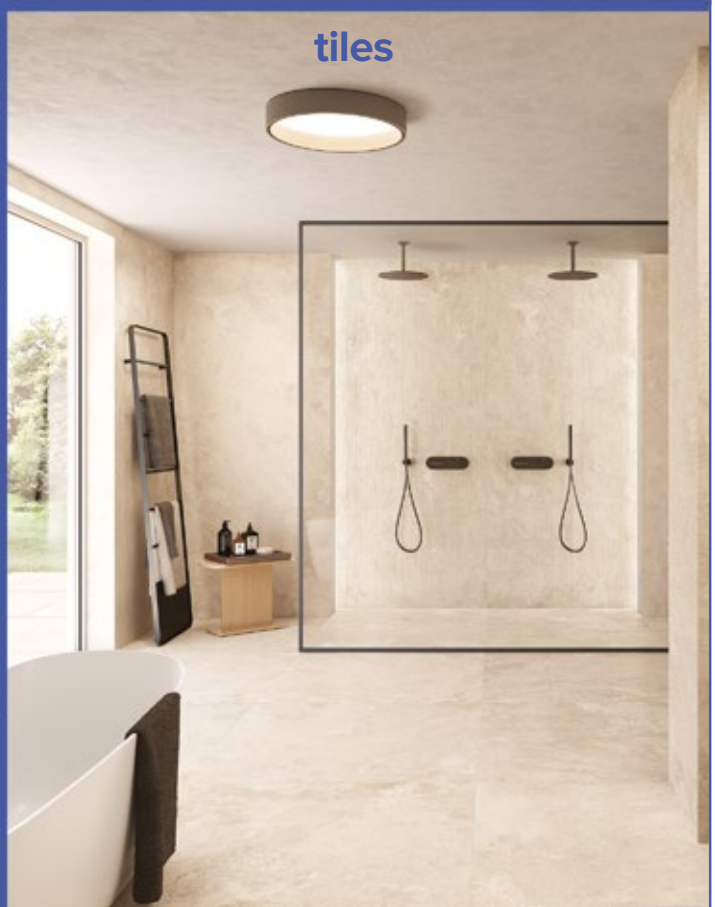
Visit **Caen** (Calvados) from **13 to 16 December** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the **Caen Open** tennis tournament, then return on **9 January** for the **Winter Battle**, an exciting breakdance event.
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A word from your Deputies

Deputy **Karen Wilson**

From speeding outside schools to dangerous parking, difficult crossings and traffic diverted onto residential roads, concerns being raised by residents show why road safety cannot be treated as a problem for one community alone.



Road safety is often discussed after an accident, when residents are understandably asking why something was not done sooner and we know from various planning and incident reports that many concerns are raised well before a collision occurs. The issues may be different from one road to another, but the underlying questions are remarkably similar: are vehicles travelling too fast, can pedestrians cross safely, is parking restricting visibility, and is the response quick enough when residents identify a danger?

In February 2025, the government published its *"Collision and Casualty Reduction Plan for 2025–2034"* providing an island-wide framework that proposes to build "a road system where risks are identified and reduced, and safety is prioritised at every level."

Our Honorary Police and Roads Committee do a great job in addressing matters relating to Parish roads but this needs a concerted effort by all relevant stakeholders if the ambitions of the Collision and Casualty Reduction plan are to be achieved.
Over the last three months, I have been raising residents' concerns with States officers which include the 'visibility' issues at the junction of Rue de Causie and Le Grande Route de la Côte, 'speeding' traffic along Green Road - an issue many of you raised during the election campaign - and difficulties with access and egress to and from buses along the coast road (particularly where no pavement or filter is present).

Having met with officers already and despite a willingness to offer solutions, it was clear that there are several constraints that needs wider involvement to advance some of the intractable issues. As a start, officers agreed to conduct some traffic studies over the next few months to get some real time data on road activity.

During October I was pleased to meet with resident Alastair Mitchell whose interest in road safety has also previously involved working with officers on plans to develop an eastern cycle pathway. While 'walking the route' we looked at the area of the coast road at Pontac (heading west) leading up to Le Hocq Tower, the junction where Rue de Hocq meets La Grande Route de La Côte, and where Rue Pontileut meets La Grande Route de la Côte and the narrowness of the coast road just beyond this junction.

We discussed measures that had been taken in other parishes to alleviate similar problems e.g. chicane system in St Martin and how the introduction of some simple and cost-effective measures would improve road safety. "People should have more options for safer travel in this part of the island e.g. cycling pathways and the introduction of better road markings that would make it safer to walk along the Coast Road" he said.

However, road safety is not just about moving traffic. Another resident approached me concerned that parked cars (at certain junctures) were causing difficulties for some residents whose line of sight was being obstructed when trying to turn out of their driveway onto the coast road.

The hazard is further compounded by the twists and turns in the road and vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Poorly positioned or prolonged parking can narrow a driver's field of vision, obstruct a junction and make it harder for a pedestrian to see approaching vehicles and enforcement of speed limits critical.

These issues will not be resolved overnight but I am working to bring together those who can help make a difference; however, local delivery is crucial. Safer roads depend on turning policy into practical improvements that residents can see.

My next step is to seek an update on what measures the government is planning for the major roads in St Clement under the Collision and Casualty Reduction Plan and to ensure the views and suggestions expressed by residents are incorporated into any development.

As the colder, wetter weather and darker nights draw in, please do take care and look after yourselves on the roads - both drivers and pedestrians - and especially when it comes to enjoying the Christmas festivities, I hope you have a great time while remembering it is safe to not drink and drive.

À tous, jé vos souhaite un Bouan Noué!

Karen
k.wilson2@gov.je

Deputy **Alex Curtis**

Since my last update, the States have returned from their summer recess, and it has felt like a slower than usual start in the Assembly - with few propositions or debates being held. Beside this, however, Committee and Scrutiny work has truly started - and the Planning Committee which I chair has now held two Meetings, and determined several prominent applications and reviews.



Work on the Planning Committee requires a deep understanding of our policies and how to weigh up competing factors in decision making. Across September and October, all Committee members (new and old) have now participated in meetings, and I have been pleased with the professionalism and detail that all members of our committee have shown in their deliberations in public. I look forward to watching this committee develop and lead the 'front line' of Planning decisions for the Island.

The Government have now published their proposed Budget for 2027, and their 'Common Strategic Policy' for the four-year term. As I am not a member of the Executive, I have not had input in to either of these. I will be scrutinising the areas relevant to the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel's remit, although I am also preparing amendments that I will lodge to both of these, to deliver on what I have heard from parishioners, and what I stood to represent for the parish and Island in June - watch this space.

Lastly, I would like to thank those parishioners who have been in touch and who I am working with on certain specific areas. A key theme that has emerged from several parishioners is around how to best ensure road safety - and it is a good example of where we have diverse views on what the solutions should be.

I look forward to the continuing conversations on this.
All the best,

Alex
a.curtis@gov.je

Deputy **Barbara Ward**

Since the election, I have been busy with individual and community parishioner matters. Attending the monthly coffee mornings, Community Markets and Battle of Flowers tabletop sales and events - meeting up with as many parishioners as possible.



Now that the Ministerial Government has been agreed, I have rejoined the Legislation Advisory Panel, and I am waiting to hear back from the Policy and Procedures Committee to see If I have retained my seat on their Pensions and Machinery of Government sub-committees. I am also waiting to hear if I have attained a seat on the Health and Social Scrutiny Panel, which I have been on previously, 2022 to 2024.

Information on the proposed Budget has recently been released, which I am working through and researching in reediness to make comments. The Budget is due for debate during the December sitting of the States Assembly.

If parishioners have any queries, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

May I be the first to wish everyone seasonal greetings and all the best,

Barbara
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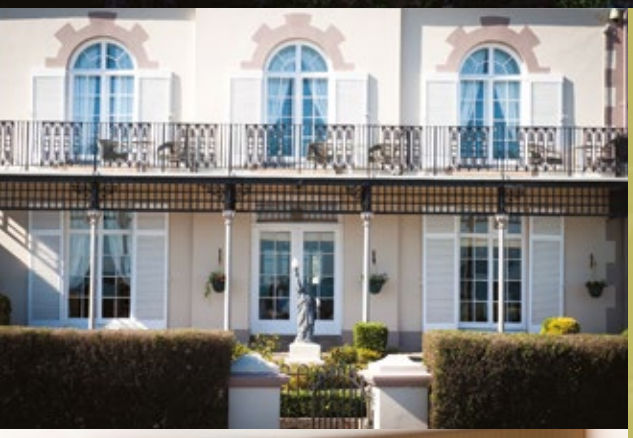
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We look forward to welcoming you all back when we reopen in April 2027.





Overlooking sandy St Clement's Bay, The Pontac House restaurant offers | **sunday lunch** | **daily dinner** | **table d'hôte** and **à la carte** menus that focus on local produce and seafood.

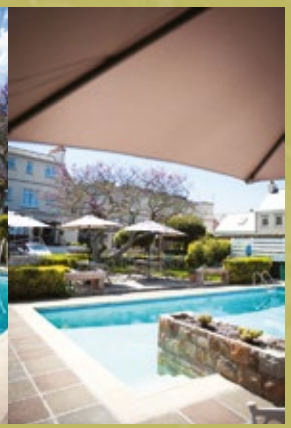
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Clos Mourant Community Hub

The Clos Mourant Community Hub was set up in partnership with the Parish and Andium during 2024/25 and has gone from strength to strength.



Since January 2026, there have been regular activities, which we hope will continue to grow, and new ideas from Parishioners are welcomed.

Board games activities on Tuesdays 10 am to 2 pm a nd Thursday evenings 6.30 pm to 10 pm.

Arts and crafts on Tuesdays 2 pm to 5 pm.

Bingo is on every third Friday at 6 pm to 9 pm.

The next Tabletop sale date to be confirmed.

Dates for Christmas celebrations, carol singing and a visit from Santa also to be confirmed.

Check out the notices displayed on the Clos Mourant Community Hub door.

Contact details

- For room bookings, parties and special events, please contact the **Parish Hall** on **854724**.
- For general enquiries, please contact **Karen Quinn** on **07797 738188**.
- The Community Hub Committee needs support, including a Treasurer, so if you are interested in joining this small team, please get in touch with **Karen** on **07797 738188**.





Autumn treasures in St Clement Parish churchyard

by Alli Singleton



Ivy bees



Rhubarb and Custard



Autumn Lady's-tresses

As we know, Parish in Bloom celebrates all aspects of the Parish, and at the top of the list is the Church and its community. Our churchyards are not only places of worship, remembrance and reflection, but can also be valuable havens for wildlife.

A timely reminder from the Parish of St Martin prompted me to visit St Clement Parish churchyard to count the Autumn Lady's-tresses orchids. St Martin had been celebrating their special orchids, and I was delighted to be able to share their news on our local Botany and Wildlife Facebook pages.

Firstly, I must thank everyone involved in managing the churchyard so thoughtfully, allowing wildlife to flourish alongside the needs of the church and its community.

This year, I counted 135 spikes of the protected Autumn Lady's-tresses; a wonderful success, particularly given the exceptional weather conditions we have experienced this summer.

I have asked that these areas are not mown until the orchids have finished flowering and have had time to set seed, allowing them to complete their natural life cycle and helping to ensure that this beautiful little orchid continues to thrive.

While counting the orchids, I was delighted to spot a small, brightly coloured moth flying through the grass. Affectionately known as the 'Rhubarb and Custard', the Rosy-striped Knot-horn (Oncocera semirubella) has caterpillars that feed on Clover and Bird's-foot Trefoil, both of which are growing amongst the grass.

It was another lovely reminder that allowing a little wildness in our churchyards can provide food and habitat for an astonishing variety of creatures.

Another wildlife discovery was Ivy Bees (Colletes hederae) nesting in the bare ground and short turf. These small, autumn-flying solitary bees are peaceful around people. The males cannot sting, while females rarely use their sting against people.

Their life cycle is fascinating. The males emerge first in early autumn, followed by the females. After mating, each female excavates a nest tunnel containing several chambers. She stocks each chamber with pollen and nectar before laying a single egg. The developing larva feeds on this food before pupating and eventually becoming an adult bee. The new generation remains underground until the following autumn, when the cycle begins again.

If you see small holes in bare ground or short turf, with tiny bees flying close to the surface, you may have discovered an Ivy Bee colony. Rest assured, these bees are not something to be alarmed about and, where possible, their nesting areas should be left undisturbed.

What a wonderful example St Clement Parish churchyard is of how careful management can provide a home for plants, insects and other wildlife, while remaining a peaceful and welcoming place for the whole community.

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Le Squez Youth Project

by Ciaran Doherty

Le Squez Youth Project has had a fantastic start to the academic year, with plenty happening both in the youth club and out in the community. It has been great to see so many young people attending sessions, sharing ideas, learning and getting involved in activities.



We have been reflecting on the final weeks of our summer programme with highlights including an exciting water sports and outdoor learning day, where young people had the opportunity to challenge themselves, build confidence and try something new, as well as a trip to the skate park which proved popular with both experienced skaters and beginners thanks to the support of coaches from the Skate Park Project.

The summer programme was a great success and provided lots of opportunities for young people to have fun and make lasting memories.

As the new school year began, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 5 members into their youth club session. It has been lovely to see them settle in and become part of the club. Young people have also been helping to plan activities for the term ahead, ensuring their ideas and interests remain at the heart of what we do.



September is also an important time for our Year 7 members as they transition to secondary school. Our youth workers have been visiting Le Rocquier to check in with young people, offer support and help them navigate this important change. Maintaining those relationships and being a familiar face during the transition has been a valuable part of our work.

There is plenty to look forward to over the coming months. Young people are currently organising a series of inter-club football matches, taking the lead in planning and bringing different youth projects together. We are also excited to be launching a new baking club, giving young people the chance to learn practical skills, get creative and have fun together.











One of the most exciting developments this term has been the launch of our new Members' Group. The first meeting has already taken place, giving young people the opportunity to represent their peers, share ideas and play an active role in shaping decisions within the youth club. We are looking forward to seeing the group grow and develop throughout the year.

We have also started taking some of our work out into the community to better understand the needs and interests of local young people, particularly those who do not currently attend youth club sessions. These opportunities are helping us engage with more young people and ensure our project continues to meet local needs. If you see us out and about, say hello and share your thoughts with us!

We have recently welcomed new members of staff to the team, but as always, we would still benefit from some more volunteers to support our sessions. If you would be interested in finding out more about these opportunities, please get in touch.

It has been a busy and rewarding few months at Le Squez Youth Project. We are incredibly proud of our young people and look forward to putting all their ideas into action!

If you want to find out more, email *ciarandoherty@jys.je* or *matthewdaly@jys.je*.







BOOKMARKS
Stocking fillers roundup

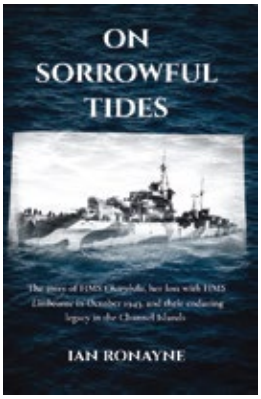


NEW

On Sorrowful Tides

By Ian Ronayne

New book explores one of Jersey's most memorable Occupation stories



What is the story behind the distinctive wooden cross war cemetery in Howard Davis Park? A new book by Jersey historian and author Ian Ronayne explores the events that brought 38 Royal Navy servicemen to Jersey's shores during the German Occupation and led to the creation of this unique burial site.

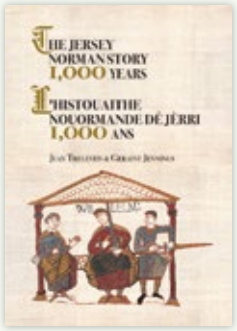
On **Sorrowful Tides** tells the story of *HMS Charybdis*, a distinguished Royal Navy cruiser sunk off the Brittany coast in October 1943 alongside *HMS Limbourne*, with the loss of more than 500 men. In the weeks that followed, victims of the Battle of Sept Îles washed ashore around Jersey.

The book examines the tragedy, the establishment of the Howard Davis Park cemetery, and the anguish endured by hundreds of families after false reports suggested some survivors had reached France. It also explores the battle's enduring legacy in Jersey and the Channel Islands.

NEW

The Jersey Norman Story 1,000 Years

Price £9.95 / By Jean Treleven and Geraint Jennings



2027 is the European Year of the Normans – the chance to discover Jersey's Norman heritage, a story that started over 100 years before1066 and continues to the present day.

The bilingual booklet, **The Jersey Norman Story 1,000 years** provides the perfect introduction to the 2027 celebrations and gives readers the opportunity to discover some of the rich heritage contained within the Jèrriais language. It is now in its 2nd edition and is also available in a French/ Norman version.

Both books are available locally from The Maison de la Normandie et de la Manche, The Société bookshop, The Museum Bookshop and The Harbour Gallery.

10 Books to read

The Jersey Bookworm at The Harbour Gallery Jersey selected ten locally written books that you might like to read at Christmas.



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Dreena Collins - £11.99

HISTORICAL FACTUAL

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Diane Monier Moore - £22.00

Chicken Soup and Tears
Alan Walters, WW2 Poland/Jersey Jewish Community - £10.99

Illustrated Tales of Jersey
Paul Darroch - £15.99

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL

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Ricky Weir - £24.50

A Life Well Swum
Graeme Lowe- £12.99

FACTUAL

If you love walking in the beach, take this little book with you....

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Jo Logue - £12.00

This is just a choice from the 50+ local authors on the Jersey Bookworm....not forgetting the books for children.

Navigating A Passage Through Life

Price £14.99 / By Mike Fennell / Copies from mlpfennell@googlemail.com

Frank Lawrence is a bit of a Jersey legend, but rather more for his endeavours off Island rather than on terra firma. That's because he made his mark on the high seas, first as a 14-year-old deckhand on board his grandfather's cargo boat, the L'Espèrance, before finishing his sea-going career as the captain of a cross-Channel passenger ferry.



Samarès School

by Headteacher Jenny Posner

Potions and monsters help Samarès pupils get hooked on books

This year, Samarès School will be introducing the Open University Reading for Pleasure initiative, an evidence-informed approach that promotes reading as an enjoyable and meaningful lifelong habit.



Jack Meggitt-Phillips

Research shows that children who choose to read for pleasure not only develop stronger reading skills, vocabulary and comprehension, but also achieve better outcomes across the curriculum. More importantly, they begin to see themselves as readers, developing confidence, curiosity and a love of learning.



The initiative encourages children to engage with a wide range of high-quality texts, share recommendations with their friends, and explore their own interests through reading. By giving children opportunities to make choices about what they read, we aim to foster positive reading identities and create a community where books and stories are valued by everyone.

For our school, this approach will help develop enthusiastic and motivated readers while supporting wellbeing, empathy and creativity. Reading for pleasure enables children to experience different perspectives, cultures and ideas, helping them become thoughtful and informed citizens.

Most importantly, at Samarès School, we hope to inspire a lifelong love of reading. When children read because they want to, rather than because they have to, they gain a skill and enjoyment that can enrich their education, future careers and personal lives for years to come.

Reading for pleasure is not just about learning to read, it is about reading to learn, imagine and thrive.

Year 4 pupils from Samarès School recently enjoyed a visit to the Festival of Words, where they met children's author Jack Meggitt-Phillips.

Jack shared the first chapter of his new book, The Potion of Doom, and had the children hooked from the very beginning. There were plenty of laughs as he brought the story to life and invited the audience to help create a monster by suggesting different features and ideas. The children loved being part of the process and seeing how imagination can help shape a story.

The pupils also had the chance to ask Jack questions about his books, where he gets his ideas from and what life is like as an author. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand about the writing process and what inspires a writer.

A particular highlight of the day was that every child received a copy of The Potion of Doom, kindly funded by the charity Every Child Our Future. The children were delighted to meet Jack at the end of the session, have their books signed and chat with him in person.

The visit was a fantastic experience that inspired the children to read, write and use their imaginations. We are very grateful to the Festival of Words and Every Child Our Future for making such a memorable day possible.



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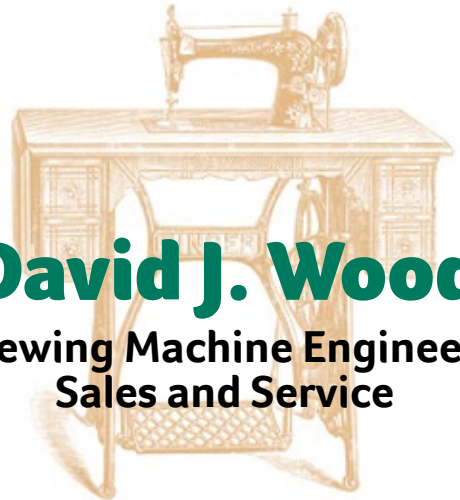
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The decorations are in shop windows, festive plans are taking shape, and many of us are beginning to think about Christmas.

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For Jersey Post, Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year. More than **30% extra mail** and parcels pass through the Sorting Office during the festive period, with Posties delivering **up to 65,000 items** on the busiest days.

"Behind every Christmas card, gift and parcel is a team working hard to keep loved ones connected," says Julie Thomas, Chief Operating Officer at Jersey Post. *"Ordering and posting early gives customers greater choice and peace of mind and helps our Posties and Operations team handle the festive rush, getting those special deliveries where they need to be in time for Christmas."*

Cards remain a cherished festive tradition. This year's Jersey Post stamps celebrate the unique character and charm of Christmas in Jersey. They're a wonderful way to share a touch of island Christmas spirit with family and friends, wherever they may be around the world.

Customers are encouraged to buy stamps early and check the recommended last posting dates at **www.jerseypost.com/christmas** to help ensure cards and gifts arrive in plenty of time.

Make sure to plan ahead when shopping online to get ahead of the Christmas rush. If a retailer doesn't deliver directly to Jersey, ship2me provides customers with a UK delivery address, making it easier to access a wider range of products and retailers.

"Many islanders are surprised by how much extra choice ship2me can offer," says Julie. *"It's a simple way to shop with retailers that usually don't deliver to Jersey, which can be especially helpful when searching for those Christmas treats – whether that's a party dress, a gift or a household essential."*

With Christmas fast approaching, now is the time to buy stamps, order gifts, and post cards early. A little preparation today can mean fewer worries later and more time to enjoy what really matters.

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Twinning Update

by Bernadette Cooper

A busy year of twinning in St Clement

It has once again been a busy, though enjoyable year for our twinning committee here in St Clement.

Fun bingos, quizzes and games evening over the winter were followed by a 'Le Saint Valentin'-themed party at the Parish Hall, Easter scavenger hunts and a poster competition

Two of the year's highlights were our trips to Cancale, including in May, when we took part in the Cancale Carnival. Once again, we were representing our wonderful parish, but also our Island. I wish there was more acknowledgement from Visit Jersey. The ladies were dressed as Jersey maids and the men as traditional fishermen to fit in with the theme of 'Terre et Mer'

Bastille Day this year was a huge hit for us and we were staggered by the number of parishioners who attended. It was great to see many of them wearing red, white and blue with lots of berets evident. Aperitifs, namely Kir Bretons, were served in the orchard followed by food and drink.



John Doublet is thanked by chair Bernadette Cooper for his long service to the Twinning Committee

We were hoping to finish our year with a Fest Noz, a Breton summer evening party, but feel that it may be the wrong time in September to do this and will look to revisiting this event earlier next summer when it is still warm in the evenings. In preparation for this event, however, we did have a couple of fun sessions in learning basic Breton dance steps.

Once again, our French lessons took place and it was great to see, yet again, people grow in confidence in speaking the language and dealing with everyday situations. The course will run again next year if we have enough interested adult parishioners.

Thanks must go to George Gaudin and Lyndie Walker who have been a great help over the past couple of years in delivering this very practical course.

Events don't just happen! I am so fortunate to have the best committee anyone could wish for. They are enthusiastic, ready for anything, and we have fun. Being a twinning committee member is not onerous. Meetings are restricted to an hour and take place when needed.







In spite of Brexit, poor travel connections and political influences, it is important for us, as a small island, to maintain our links with our closest neighbour, France, and in particular Cancale.

One of our long-standing committee members in twinning has 'retired' from the Twinning Committee. John Doublet got me involved in twinning in 2016 to try to establish links with Cancale Petanque.

This we managed successfully and both he and his wife Nina have been active supporters of all our twinning events and trips to Cancale. At our recent agm, we presented John with a small gift and framed thank you and invited him to be an honorary member of the Twinning Committee. Un grand merci John!

Look us up on Facebook: ***St Clement~Cancale Twinning***





Our 2026/27 Committee

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DIARY DATES

Saturday 28 November
Twinning stall at St Clement Christmas Fayre selling decorations, French biscuits and stocking fillers for young children.

Thursday 3 December
Christmas activities for primary-age children 3.30 - 6 pm. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

Saturday 16 January 2027
Quiz evening, 7 pm.

Saturday 13 February
Le Saint Valentin. Celebrate Valentine's Day with us. Food and entertainment, 7 pm

Saturday 20 March
Easter bingo, 7 pm

Saturday 17 April
Quiz evening, 7 pm

Saturday 29 May
Fête des Voisins party, 4 pm. Bring a picnic, enjoy refreshments and entertainment - and a neighbour(s). This is celebrated in France and several European countries at the end of May.

Saturday 19 June
Fest Noz: a summer evening party with music, dancing, entertainment, food and refreshments. All ages welcome. These are often celebrated in Brittany during the summer months.

Wednesday 14 July
Fête de La Bastille. Red, white, blue: come and help us to celebrate France's national day.

French lessons

We are offering a ten-week course of French lessons, either on a Monday afternoon or a Thursday evening starting the week beginning 18 January 2027. This course will be for adults of all ages and adopts a practical approach with a focus on everyday conversation.

Please look out for details of all these events over the next few months or contact **Bernadette Coopèr** on **07797 736316** or email ***bernadette.cooper@stclement.je*** for more information.

BOOKMARKS
A roundup of local publishing

A new book by local author Sarah Grigson takes a fresh look at the occupation through 100 objects left behind. Some objects are rare and historically significant, others are humble, even mundane, but each carries a story. Here we look at another of the objects: an animal ration card.

The OCCUPATION of JERSEY in 100 OBJECTS

Difficult decisions had to be made by families about their cats and dogs throughout the occupation. The JSPCA, also known as the Jersey Blue Cross, played a huge role in the lives of the island's pets in this period.

When Jersey was declared an open town in June 1940, there was widespread panic about whether to evacuate, and nearly half the island's residents initially signed up to leave. One of the considerations for people, along with leaving their homes, their families, their friends and their businesses, was what to do with their pets, and many people made the difficult decision to take their animals to the JSPCA Animals' Shelter to have them destroyed.

A report by the Jersey Blue Cross described the sad scene: 'One watched the never-ending stream of people either carrying a cat, some birds in a cage or leading their old pal along on a lead, then that last pat, a handshake and goodbye. It took all the strength one had to carry on. The one happy thought behind it all was that those thousands of folk, leaving their homes, their all, still found time to bring their pets to us and not to abandon them.'

In the four days leading up to the last evacuee boats leaving the island, the JSPCA destroyed over 6,000 dogs and cats. Following the air raid a few days later, just over another hundred dogs of nervous disposition were also put down.

The next problem was feeding the thousands of dogs and cats remaining on the island. Food, and especially meat, were under strict ration control, and there was little spare to share with any family pets. The Animals' Shelter issued their own animals' meat ration cards and obtained horse meat and meat from condemned cows, along with any flour that was deemed unfit for human consumption, to provide meat biscuits for some of the animals. Each day there would be a queue of people waiting outside the Animals' Shelter for the rations.

Pets had another danger to avoid in the form of reckless German drivers. The JSPCA staff attended more than 2,240 accidents during the occupation involving animals and vehicles. A few dogs were also killed when they wandered into minefields around the coast, and the Germans issued a notice ordering dogs to be kept on leads near minefields or they risked being shot.

The JSPCA were allowed to continue their usual work during the occupation and managed to maintain an ambulance until February 1944, after which animals had to be brought in by cart or on foot, although the police van helped out in cases of great emergency. Over the five years of the occupation, they treated more than 12,000 pets in their outpatient department, over 2,000 in the animal hospital and they boarded 566 animals, many of whose owners had been deported.



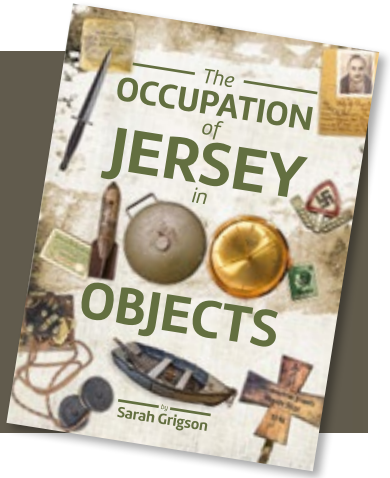
As the food situation became seriously perilous in the winter of 1944–1945, there was a new threat to people's pets, as starving German troops began stealing and slaughtering cats and dogs for food. The JSPCA reported that, 'hundreds of cats and dogs were stolen or, which was worse, wounded in attempts to capture them. During this period of terror, which it was for all animal lovers, we received into our hospital nearly 200 animals suffering from bullet wounds.'

The work of the JSPCA during the occupation was unbelievably valuable to the island's pets and to the families that loved them. Amazingly, due to staff evacuating, they accomplished it all with no more than three staff at any given time. For those people who were able to keep their pets, there is no doubt they brought immeasurable comfort in a very dark period.

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Be Part of the East's Own Lifesaving Team

The Island's northeast corner has its own RNLI lifeboat station, which is looking for more volunteers, with both sea- and shore-based roles available.

Parishioners who want to give something back to their community are being asked to consider volunteering to join the crew of St Catherine's Lifeboat Station.

The RNLI station currently has around 40 members and while it is fully capable of carrying out its important live-saving duties, it is always open to more people supporting it, not only sea-going crew but also shore-based crew, including launchers, tractor drivers and mechanics.



Unlike the St Helier lifeboat, St Catherine's Atlantic 85 rib Eric W Wilson is kept on a trailer at the station and is launched and recovered from the beach using a specialised tractor and winch.

While all prospective crew are welcome, Station Lifeboat Operations Manager Jonathan Jones said that increasing the number of shore crew was a particular priority. He added that the station would also like to recruit more women to every role.



He said: "We are always ready, 24/7, 365 days a year, with a duty sea-going crew on call one week in three, when you must be within ten minutes to getting to the station. We are fully aware that family, work and other commitments change, which is why we are always keen to welcome new volunteers.





"Starting as shore-crew is a great way to get a feel for life as a RNLI volunteer. It gives you an understanding of the commitment, the roles, the training and the jobs that need to be done.

"Driving a tractor with the boat at the front is a skill in itself; we also have the head launchers, who are responsible for the tractor, the shore-crew and the boat until is in the water. The shore-crew can really take the pressure off the sea-going crew – especially after a long or difficult shout by washing everything down and getting the boat ready for its next launch.

"In my view, the more shore-crew we have, the happier the station is."

In terms of readiness in an emergency, Jonathan said that, broadly-speaking, anyone living east of St John's Road could join the St Catherine's crew, and that includes St Clement parishioners. St Clement is also within the realm of the St Helier Harbour so there are more voluntary lifesaving opportunities there.



Anyone can volunteer for the RNLI from the age of 18, and you could give as much or as little time as you choose, depending on the role.

He added that most roles required no previous experience or specialist skills, and when training was needed, the RNLI had a fantastic college in Poole, which sea-going crew, mechanics and tractor drivers would attend for courses of various lengths.

"We usually exercise once a week and there will be upwards of 20 shouts a year," he said. "The station covers most of the north coast and the entire east coast, including Les Ecréhous and Les Dirouilles, and we work very closely with the Coastguard, the St Helier Lifeboat and other emergency assets."

Involved with the station for eight years, Jonathan said that being an RNLI volunteer had been deeply rewarding.



He said: "I love the fact that we're helping people who really need it; I love the fact that this role really connects you with the sea and our huge tides; and I love the camaraderie of the station – we all come from different walks of life but all share that common purpose. I also love the variety that the role offers.

"In many ways, I wished I had joined years ago but I had family and work commitments. That's life and we all understand - but if anyone can find the time, I would thoroughly recommend it."

Anyone interested in finding out more can drop **Jonathan** a line at **jonathan_jones@rnli.org.uk**

What's in a name?

by Sarah Grigson

Have you ever wondered about the origins of the name of your road or those near you? In 1986, Jersey Place Names was first published by La Société Jersiaise and is a treasure trove of information showing the rich variety of place names which reflect Jersey's long history.

Many of the road names in the parish are in French, or occasionally Jèrriais, and they can be broken down into various origins: some reflect the names or surnames of the people who owned, lived on, or worked the land in the past, some reflect natural features, and some refer to man-made features or uses.

Wonderfully, the road and place names give us an insight into who lived in St Clement in the past and how the land looked.

Some of the surnames which appear in parish road names include **Blancq**, **Blinerie**, **Jambart**, **Pontliétaut** (from the family Liétaut), **Laurens**, **Prince**, **Hamel** (from Duhamel), **Graut** and even **Mont Ubé**, which is a corruption of the surname Le Tubelin.

Field names in the parish give further insight to the families who worked the land, carrying family names such as **Cabot**, **Le Breton**, **Baudains**, **Collas**, **De la Cour**, **Coutanche, Doré** (Dorey), **Du Feu**, **Hamptonne**, **Mallet**, **Messervy**, **Mollet** and **Pinel**.

A few of the road names have religious overtones such as **Presbytère** (rectory), **Croix** (which probably refers to a medieval wayside cross that stood here), **Chappelle** (where a chapel dedicated to St John the Evangelist once stood) and **Bénéfice** (which refers to land that yielded revenue to support an ecclesiastical living).

Areas in the parish linked to natural features include **Genestet** (the place where broom grows), **Plat Douet** (a flat stream), **Pré** (a water meadow), **Nouettes** (a small marshy meadow), **Rocquier** (a large rock or crag), **Rocqueberg** (a conspicuous outcrop), **Samarès** (a salt marsh), **Squez** (a rivulet which dries up in summer leaving a marshy area) **Marais** (marsh), **Motte** (a mound or embankment of earth), **Souailais** (damp land), **Lande** (a wasteland or heath), **Mielle** (sand dune), **Hurette** (stony, barren ground), **Lecq** (creek), **Haugie** (land liable to flood), **Sauscie** (willow-grove), **Fontenelle** (a little spring), **Bocage** (a copse or thicket) and **Pré de Moillepied** (a meadow that wets the feet).

These names certainly paint a strong picture of how St Clement would have looked in days gone by – a marshy, damp, stony area.

There are a few roads named after unusual natural features such as **Maupertuis** (a dangerous hole), **Grève d'Azette** (grève is a sandy beach and this one is named for the blade of an adze which has a pronounced curve, like the sweep of the bay) and **Hocq** (a cape or spur of rock, from the same derivation as the Hoek or Hook of Holland).







Traditionally, most fields in Jersey have names as well as a field number and a couple of the fields in St Clement have names which are particularly descriptive of their shape, including **la pièce du bourg et le dos d'ane** (a piece of land with a resemblance to a donkey's back) and **la jougue** (a jug).

Some roads give a clear indication to the historical use of the land, for instance **haugard** which is a stack-yard where cereals would have been stored on top of **les pierres de haugard**, which are the granite mushroom stones often seen in gardens and yards these days, on which planks and branches were laid with the cereal ricks rested on top, out of the way of vermin.

Other road names that come from usage include **charrière** (a cart track), **fosse** (a ditch or embankment), **houguette** (a small burial mound), **bourg** (homesteads grouped together for defence or convenience), **forge** (a blacksmith), **moulin** (a mill), **sente** (a footpath) and **causie** (a causeway or dyke, presumably to help parishioners traverse the soggy marshland).

A chasse would have been a hunting ground for rabbits, privately owned, reserved for rabbit hunting by the King or his minions which would have been jealously guarded from unauthorised intruders.

Meanwhile, **Rue du Pignon** is named for a gable-ended house, which was probably conspicuous from the sea and could be used as a valuable landmark for sailors. Many gable-ended houses were marked on 18th and 19th century charts for this reason.



There are names that refer clearly to the salt pans that were once found in St Clements, including **le mondin du sel** (an embankment or mound to protect against flooding of the pans) which is located between Le Dicq and Plat Douet.

Unlike in other parishes, there is a dearth of place or road names with a military overtone, with the possible exception of **Pontac**. The meaning of this area may have come from 'pont-aguets', meaning a lookout bridge and it was often spelt pontague in the 19th century.

Certain places in St Clement feel like they have stories behind them which are long lost, with just an echo remaining, such as the fascinatingly-named **La Rue Crèvecoeur** (heartbreak lane). We can only ponder on whose heart was broken and by whom or what. Meanwhile **Rue de la Lourderie** means heaviness or clumsiness – was this road name a slur on a past inhabitant or was it just very uneven?



It's not only inland place names that evoke interest. There is an area of beach opposite Green Island called **La Sordonnière**, which means a place to find sea-slugs. And there are many rocks off the coast of St Clement with interesting names, including **Equerrière** (a haunt of cormorants), **Taulpied** (a tiresome young woman), **Têtards** (pig-headed or headstrong), **Noire** (black), **Cambrette** (curved), **Barsière** (a place where bass is found), **Sambue** (a bull-like roar), **Sellière** (saddle-shaped) and **Herbeuse** (grass-topped).

Icho Tower itself derives from the norse word 'hou' for islet and possibly 'wicce' for witch. An iron cross was mounted on the rock in the Middle Ages, which is unsurprising if the church thought it was a witches' haunt!

As you're walking the parish lanes this winter, take a moment to think about their names, the people who lived here in the past who named them, and why.





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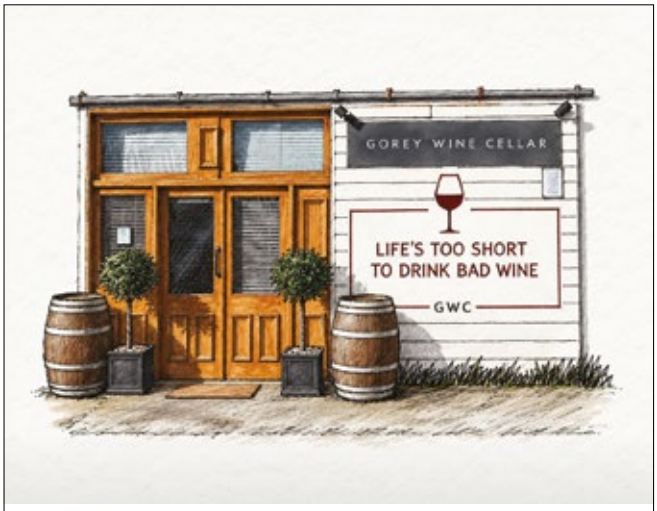

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Encourage, Equip & Empower

by Liz Lambotte



At Pathways, we are passionate about working with children and young people and believe that giving them the responsibility and the chance to try new things helps build confidence, teamwork, resilience and a greater awareness of who they are and what they are capable of.

There is certainly no shortage of opportunities at Pathways!

Muddy Fun Run

Each year we join the Lions Club for their Muddy Fun Run. It is exactly what it says on the tin – muddy, messy and great fun! You may return from the challenge covered from head to toe in mud, but you will also have had a fantastic time, encouraged your friends and achieved something together.



Jersey Marathon

Our young people also get involved in the Jersey Marathon. We help at Water Station 7, where there is plenty of clapping, cheering and whooping as the runners make their way past. It can make such a difference to someone who is feeling exhausted and weary to hear a child shouting, "You can do this!" or "Keep going!"

Some of our older young people take their involvement even further by running the full marathon themselves or joining with others to make up a relay team.

Residentials

We have two residential weekends each year for our younger children, held at the Queen's Silver Jubilee Residential Centre at Crabbé and the Scout Centre along the Five Mile Road. Residentials are a wonderful opportunity for young people to spend time together, work as a team, take on new challengers, and perhaps more importantly, begin to see their own strengths and the true character of others.

Our AGM Celebrating Achievement

Our AGM is a very special time because it gives us the opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our children and young people. It is a chance to say thank you for their dedication, hard work, commitment and the enthusiasm they bring to everything they do for Pathways.

Our young people are also recognised through the Lions Club Leaders in Service awards, which acknowledge the hours they have given to helping others at our holiday clubs and at the many events we take part in throughout the year.

Holiday Clubs Young Leaders in Action

Our holiday clubs are where we really see our young people's leadership skills coming to life. From Year 7, young people can join our leadership teams and take responsibility for a group of younger children attending holiday club. It works brilliantly! The young leaders build really positive relationships with the children and become fantastic role models. It is wonderful to watch them grown in confidence as they take on responsibility, solve problems, encourage others and discover that they really can make a difference.



These are just a few of the opportunities happening this half term – but we certainly keep our young people busy! In between all the planning, organising, leading and helping, we make sure there is plenty of fun.

At Pathways, we believe that every young person has greatness inside them. Sometimes they just need someone to give them the opportunity to discover it.

If you would like to know more about Pathways, our clubs or our holiday clubs, please visit ***www.pathwaysjersey.co.uk*** or email ***hello@pathwaysjersey.co.uk***

Creating 'Community Harbours'

Ports of Jersey wants to help bring users of our historic harbours together to share ideas and avoid any potential conflicts



Islanders who perhaps love a swim at Bouley Bay, a paddleboard at La Rocque, a fish at Bonne Nuit or a sauna at St Brelade's are being encouraged to mobilise as Ports of Jersey seeks to promote and develop the concept of 'community harbours' around the Island.

Over the past few years, possibly influenced by the pandemic and our two-hour window to get some exercise (remember that?), the number of people sea-swimming, kayaking, rowing, pier-jumping, running and generally being active around the coast has increased substantially.

Alongside this, so too has the opportunity to visit our outer reefs, take a snorkel tour, join an organised coasteering group, learn to surf or sign up to a physical challenge that involves getting in or up close to the ocean.

Our reconnection with the great outdoors has perhaps been one of the upsides of covid.

But with popularity comes new challenges: not least keeping everyone safe – which happens to be one of the responsibilities of Ports when it comes to our historic harbours.

Being the legal 'custodian' of Jersey's harbours, including its smaller havens - many with piers built from the profits of the 19th-century oyster bonanza - is one of Ports' six 'public service obligations' which were enshrined in law when it was incorporated in 2015.

The law states that it must discharge that function, when it comes to the historic harbours, "in consultation with the Connétable of the parish in which the harbour is situated".

Ports says it wants to develop that relationship further and concedes that it has not always got its messaging right: warnings in 2017 that Islanders could be fined for pier-jumping did not go down well and Ports moved quickly to address the concerns raised.

But since then, it has done far better: this summer, in consultation with users, Ports ran a trial at St Catherine to make it safer for all interests. This included installing a seasonal pontoon to encourage swimmers away from the busy slipway, a marked channel for boats to access the slip, and pushing the five-knot buoys further out.

The feedback has generally been positive. Ports is now considering a range of ideas that could form part of future consultation, including additional swimming markers and extending the seasonal Gorey Harbourmaster post to include St Catherine.





Captain Bill Sadler, who is the Island's Harbourmaster, said: "There is definitely a balance which needs to be struck between the right to enjoy the public realm that Ports is responsible for and need to make it safe.

"There are, of course, different interests – the needs of a RIB wanting to pick up passengers and that of a swimmer wishing to come back ashore are potentially hazardous – but our approach, certainly at St Catherine, has been to deconflict that.

"It is also about trying to allow people to enjoy their chosen activity at the level they're happy with – some Islanders want a gentle swim; others are training for a triathlon."

Ports now wants to build on the relationships it has with boatowners' associations, sports clubs, businesses, parishes and the other stakeholders in bays around the Island – from Grève de Lecq and Bouley Bay to La Rocque and St Aubin.



"We don't just want to be the rule-setter; we want Islanders to come up with the answers," said Capt Sadler. "If people have ideas on how an area can be improved, then let us know; if communities come together then every voice can be heard."

Of course, formal and non-formal groups already exist around the Island, as any regular at any bay – from the frequent swimmer or diver at Bouley to the fisherman or café stalwart at Grève to the Rozel hut-owner will testify. However, it is often Ports who have ultimate responsibility for the moorings and infrastructure, and many of the historic harbours will need significant capital expenditure in the years ahead.

As well as St Catherine, another blueprint could be Gorey, where Ports has worked with the boatowners' association there and the Parish of St Martin to come up with a design code for the harbour and helped to freshen things up.

This will hopefully help to attract more French boatowners to Gorey, which all the partners – as well as businesses in the area - want to see.



Harbourmaster Capt Bill Sadler

Above all, as more of us discover the joys of our historic harbours, Ports wants to keep everyone safe. And it hopes that the concept of the 'community harbour' will achieve just that, as well as perhaps encourage a greater sense of pride and identity in these gems around the Island.



The changes this summer at St Catherine "have done what Ports wanted them to do" according to St Catherine stalwart and celebrated long-distance swimmer Sally Minty-Gravett, who said that the new seasonal pontoon there had kept the 'bobbers' – those who enjoy a more leisurely dip as opposed to the long-distance swimmers - away from the boat channel leading up to the slipway.

She said: "I was a little skeptical at first, but it has definitely made the area safer by encouraging those who would otherwise hover off the edge of the slipway to swim towards the pontoon, and also marking a channel for the boats," she said. "It hasn't impacted the long-distance swimmers too much, but it is certainly an improvement."

Sally said she supported any initiative which made Jersey's historic harbours safer and a community-led approach was always sensible.

Repair Café

by Jennifer Bridge

As I write this, we are about to hold our 90th Repair Café. Ninety times our volunteers have set out their tools, put the kettle on and waited to see who comes through the door.

We have made one small change: the Repair Café will now be held on the second Saturday of every month. We hope that makes it easier for everyone to remember. Second Saturday. Every month.

There is a big date ahead too. Next year we will celebrate our 100th event at St Martin's Public Hall. A hundred Repair Cafés means a great many things mended and a great many things kept out of La Collette. It is a milestone we are proud of, and we would love you to share it with us.

We also have a birthday to report. Thomas, one of our stalwart volunteers, recently turned 18. We marked it with a cake and a voucher to buy more tools, which tells you a good deal about Thomas.
He has volunteered with us for over four years. That is most of his teenage years. He started as an apprentice under the supervision of Simon Langlois. Earlier this year he passed his Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) certificate, and he is now a fully fledged volunteer electronics and electrical repairer. Congratulations, Thomas!



Thomas and mum Louise

His story matters because it shows what the Repair Café is about. We have three aims: social, educational and environmental. All three are equally important. Thomas embodies the educational aim in action: skills passed from an experienced repairer to a young one, month after month. The environmental aim is met every time something is fixed rather than thrown away.



And the social aim? That is the reason to come along even if you have nothing to repair. There is wonderful live music. There are hot refreshments, and freshly baked cakes and biscuits provided by our volunteers. You are welcome to sit, listen and enjoy the company.

If you do have something that needs fixing, you can turn up to any Repair Café.

Our motto is simple: ***"If you can carry it or wheel it, you can bring it."*** Whether it is something you can carry in one hand or something you need to wheel through the door, our volunteers will take a look. If you have any questions, you can always send us a message via our Facebook group.

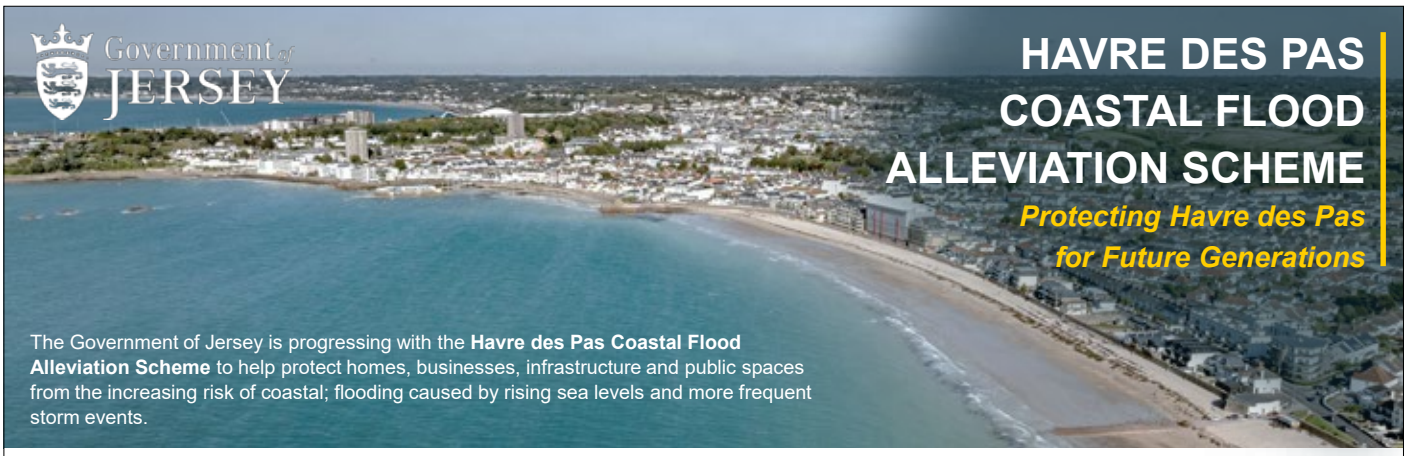
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13 November	Grouville Parish Hall
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Adam assisting with a mower

So, what is sitting broken at the back of your cupboard or in the corner of the shed? Bring it along on the second Saturday of every month. We look forward to seeing you.

Our next Repair Café out east will be Saturday 9th January at St Clement Parish Hall and everyone from every parish is welcome. For other dates and more info, please join our Facebook group Jersey Repair Café or see our website ***www.repaircafe.org.je***



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Diddly Squat arrives at The Outlet



Clarkson's Farm is arriving in St John this winter with The Outlet starting to stock products from Diddly Squat.

Diddly Squat Farm is the iconic brand created by Jeremy Clarkson and Lisa Hogan. Products are made using ingredients from their farm in the Cotswolds where possible, to their own recipes, and by local producers.

The Outlet, which opened its doors in August in the former Carpetright building at St John's Retail Park, is selling a range of products from the famous farm, including sauces, jams, crisps, snacks and beers.

Diddly Squat is one of several new food ranges on sale at The Outlet, which also include the award-winning cook-from-frozen brands Bistro Chef and FieldGoods.

The12,000sq-ft store also sells a variety of products, including homeware, kitchenware, electricals, fashion, garden and camping equipment, pet goods, toys, bikes, beauty products, season goods and luggage.

With Christmas around the corner, The Outlet – at the 'old B&Q' in St John – also has decorations, gifts and other seasonal items.

With St John's Main Road closed at the moment, it is a perfect alternative to a trip to town, especially for food and other basics.





The Ghost Army of St Ouen

This story is based on an old Jersey legend

by Paul Darroch

Where Jersey tumbles into the rough Atlantic, only ruins remain. This is where Grosnez Castle stands, a great fortress hollowed out, like the bones of a gutted whale. Seven centuries standing, and it's just a granite shell. Like a ship marooned on the headland, the timbers remain, but the crew fled long ago.

I'm standing here on a summer's evening, just as the wick of the sun is snuffed out. All in a day's work here; a flurry of hire cars, a welter of social media posts and the occasional tripod-wielding photographer. I stand guilty as charged.

We've come here to watch the sun burn down the west, and it's an immaculate view. Look north at golden hour and you'll see the Paternosters, where they say a ship of children was once shredded. Guernsey slouches on the horizon, but Sark looms much nearer - a sheer, daunting mass. In the sixteenth century, the men of St Ouen set out to reclaim that wild, barren land, to seize it back from emptiness. Now the silence has come home.



The last laughter fades, the last car nudges south, and night reclaims the cliff. Grosnez Castle is abandoned anew. Its Gothic arch has witnessed a quarter of a million sunsets. Now it becomes a frame of stars, a photographer's dream. So, I finish my work. I've taken enough shots tonight, digital and celluloid alike, another project wrapped up. After a tiring week, the imagination can start to run riot.

Once, medieval soldiers must have stood here. Braziers would have burned in the night, fierce beacons over the northern cliffs. A garrison kept watch in their solitary turrets, on permanent guard against the dangers of the north. They had no fresh water, relying on filthy barrels of lukewarm cider from the Jersey orchards. Night after night, they would scour the horizon and see nothing but sea. Some say the fort was suddenly abandoned. No-one knows why and when.

Tonight I'm cycling home, and there are miles to go. Up here the traffic is sparse, the fields are quiet and the night as thick as an eiderdown. Somewhere far below, at Plémont, the tide is swallowing up the sands.

I'm heading down the darkness of Vinchelez Lane. It's named after the ancient manor, of course. In the 15th century, a feud split the house into two – the high and low, de Haut and de Bas, a division formalised in 1605. Route de Vinchelez is the umbilical cord that binds them. For centuries, the two rivals peered at each other. Though the families squabbled, the trees reconciled and embraced and never let go. The road became a cathedral of foliage.

The Victorians, obsessed with pastoral idylls, photographed it to death. No self-respecting tourist back then could resist purchasing a tinted false-colour postcard of a tunnel of trees. Their horse-drawn carriages paused at the granite gateway of Vinchelez de Bas Manor, a pit-stop on their excursions to Plémont. A great spot to admire Arcadia. And that's when the stories, the sightings, first began.

I'm winded and so I walk my bike, soaking up the darkness, half wishing for a glimpse of what the storytellers claim they saw. It's a humid night. Fetid even, between all these trees. Silence floods in. Then my bike's lights suddenly blink in the darkness and fade away like a dying lamp. I prop the bike against the wall, and grab my phone to turn the torch on, and the battery is bleeding out. Two percent. One percent. Gone.

It's alright though, because a bright white light is rising on the roadway. Someone's barking an order, in rough and strange French. And a phalanx of military men rounds the corner. That's the moment when my heart explodes, and I jump into the shadows and scramble up a granite wall, into the exposed roots of a tree.

These are starving men. That's the very first thing I notice, as the fiery crackle of their electricity sends a shock through me. They're young, but they're bony, ribs poking from gaunt flesh, teeth rotting or already missing. Their faces are suffering, their shoulders are twisted, weighed with chainmail, hungry for home. A few carry the scars of plague survivors.

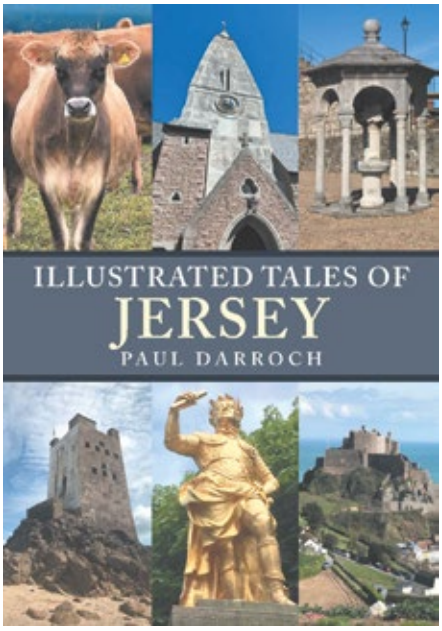
They're leaving because the game isn't worth the candle, because the French king has sued for peace, because the firesides in St Ouen's village will welcome them home. They're not a defeated army, but an exhausted one, sick of this isolated watch, pining for the comfort of a warm hearth and a jug of ale.

They're a ragtag army, and their sadness crosses the centuries, as melancholy as a Grosnez sunset. One shining soldier turns his face square to mine, and I see no malice, just desolation in his eye, a longing for home. Now I understand exactly where these soldiers went, and why.

Danger makes fools of us all. My trusty old mechanical 35mm camera is in my bag, and I have the temerity to snatch a few shots as the ghost army marches past me along Vinchelez Lane, trudging away into history. Then I cycle home like a madman, shaking with fear, and collapse into a twelve-hour sleep.

The photographs are developed soon enough. Some great images of Grosnez, the fortress at the edge of the world, the lonely watch of the north. But the remaining images are pockmarked and shadowy, and they are in the shape of tears.

Paul Darroch's latest book, Illustrated Tales of Jersey, is available at Waterstones, Amazon and across the Island.





Looking Beyond the Acute Hospital at Overdale: Kensington Place and St Saviour's Health Village

For many years, Jersey has talked about having a new hospital and so some Islanders might naturally consider that this objective will have been met on the completion of the new Acute Hospital at Overdale. While this hospital will provide essential emergency and specialist services, it is only one part of the wider New Healthcare Facilities Programme.

The Acute Hospital is part of continuing plans for a network of facilities that support different types of care, in appropriate settings across the island. Importantly, this does not represent an expansion of healthcare sites, but a consolidation of services currently spread across numerous locations into a smaller number of modern, 21st-century, purpose-built facilities. With Enid Quenault and Samares at St Ewold's already delivered, and the Acute Hospital under construction, there are two additional key healthcare sites within the NHFP: Kensington Place and the proposed St Saviour's Health Village. Many of you will realise that we have been progressing concepts for these two sites as part of the meaningful progress funded in Phase 1. However, within this term of government, I will be making the case for more funding to continue progressing these important proposals. Together, these facilities will help create a healthcare system that is designed around patients' needs, ensuring care can be provided in the most appropriate environment.

Specifically designed facilities are required to accommodate the growing demand for rehabilitation, therapy, mental health support and long-term care. By creating dedicated spaces for different types of care, patients can access services in settings that are better suited to their diagnosis, treatment and recovery, while specialist hospital facilities remain focused on acute and emergency care.

Kensington Place: Accessible Care in the Heart of St Helier

Kensington Place and the current Jersey General Hospital site, is expected to become an important centre for ambulatory and outpatient services, providing care that does not require an overnight hospital stay.

Located in the heart of St Helier, the site was identified through the programme's feasibility work as an accessible location for patients attending appointments, consultations and day treatments. Its town-centre location makes it easier for people to access routine healthcare services while reducing the need to travel to the Acute Hospital for non-emergency care.





The plans for Kensington Place include a range of services that may include outpatient clinics, urgent treatment services, diagnostic facilities, day surgery, pharmacy services and specialist treatments such as oncology and chemotherapy. Bringing these services together in one location can help create a more convenient experience for patients while supporting closer collaboration between healthcare teams.

The wider site, including land acquired as part of the programme and the former Andium-owned site, provides an opportunity to create a healthcare facility that can adapt as services change over time. In addition to clinical services, planning work has explored opportunities for supporting functions such as administration, education and community-focused facilities that complement healthcare delivery.

As healthcare continues to evolve, Kensington Place is expected to play an increasingly important role in delivering services outside a traditional hospital setting, ensuring patients can access the care they need in a location that is both convenient and connected to the wider healthcare network.

St Saviour's Health Village: Supporting Recovery, Wellbeing and Long-Term Care

While Kensington Place will serve as a town-based healthcare hub, St Saviour's Health Village is intended to provide a different type of healthcare environment.

The Health Village is being planned as a home for services that support people over longer periods of time, including areas such as mental health care, dementia services, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and other community-based healthcare services.

These are services where environment can play an important role alongside clinical care. The proposed countryside setting offers the opportunity to create facilities designed around wellbeing, recovery and quality of life, with access to green spaces and quieter surroundings that support a more therapeutic environment.

Rather than relying on a single site to deliver every service, the Programme aims to provide care in locations that are best suited to patients' needs.

Together, these facilities will help create a healthcare estate that is more connected, more accessible and better equipped to support Islanders throughout every stage of their healthcare journey.



St Clement's Parish Church

by Rev James and Katie Porter

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

As Christmas approaches, we all look forward to wonderful celebrations with friends and family, each with our own Christmas traditions and events. But when we look at the news every day, there is much that is not wonderful in the world around us.

Christmas - the celebration of the coming of Jesus - reminds us that God came to be with us - to live alongside us - in the complexities of our world and our lives. So, at St Clement Parish Church this Christmas, we want to provide plenty of opportunities to celebrate 'God With Us', and the difference Jesus brings to life.

Our Christmas events and services are listed below, and all in our parish are invited! Whether it's traditional carols & readings at our Parish Carol service on 20 December, remembering the Christmas story at our Christingle services on Christmas Eve, or celebrating as all-ages that Jesus is born on Christmas Day, we hope there is a service for you to engage with the meaning of Christmas this year.

We're providing a few new things for families in our community - Carols and family activities at The Community Hub at Le Clos Mourant on Saturday 12 December, and a family Christmas Movie on the Saturday before Christmas in our Caldwell Hall - festive fun for all!

Further details of all our Christmas events and services can be found on the leaflet that was posted through your door at the beginning of November and can also be found on our website, ***www.stclementschurch.org.je***. Come and join in the celebrations, as we remember that God is With Us this Christmas.



It may be for you that Christmas throws up some of the bigger questions of life. So, when all the decorations will be packed away again, and the house returned to normal, why not take the opportunity to unwrap the Christian faith at an Alpha Course? At Alpha, you'll gather with other people on a midweek evening, to unpack a big question of life, faith & purpose. Over a number of years, Alpha has helped hundreds of thousands of people to explore the Christian faith. Our next course will start mid-January, and further details can be found on the QR code in the poster. Why not come along, and see what you think?



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St Clement church is a Christian community, serving our local parish of St Clement, seeking the flourishing and blessing of the whole community.

We have 2 worship centres:
the Parish Church of St Clement
&
St Nicholas Church at Greve d'Azette

We gather on a Sunday at the following times:
9am @ St Nicholas *(BCP communion service)*
&
10.30am @ the Parish Church
(Communion service 1st & 3rd Sundays
Morning Worship on the 2nd Sunday
'Family' service on 4th Sunday)

We are exploring ways to serve our community throughout the week...

... why not join us on the journey?...

Contact:- stclementjersey@outlook.com

Finally, by the time you read this article, we hope to have started a Youth Drop-in at the Caldwell Hall on Thursday afternoons after school, for those aged 11-16. Simply a time to hang out together, after the school day, with refreshments, games, conversation and company - a safe space to 'be', to build community, and maybe spark some deeper conversations about life.

We are here at St Clement Church to serve our community with the transforming love of Jesus Christ, seeking the flourishing & blessing of all. As we do so, we wish you a very Happy Christmas when it comes!

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Saturday 5 December, St Lawrence | 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Where we'll be:

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- **St Brelade –** February 2027
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Jersey's next generation of low carbon heating specialists now have access to one of the most advanced training facilities of its kind in Europe, following the official opening of the Green Skills Academy at Highlands College.

Opened by Lieutenant Governor Vice Admiral Sir Jerry Kyd KBE, the state of the art workshop has been purpose built to train apprentices in the installation, maintenance and servicing of low carbon heating technologies. Featuring industry leading equipment and realistic training environments, it provides hands on experience with the technologies helping to shape Jersey's energy future.

The Green Skills Academy forms part of Jersey Electricity's £3 million investment over five years, supporting the training of 36 apprentices and creating a long term skills pipeline to meet the Island's growing demand for low carbon heating solutions.

The first cohort of apprentices has already begun training, combining classroom learning with practical experience alongside local trade partners.

To find out more, visit: www.greenskillsacademy.je

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JERSEY LIBRARY UPDATE

www.gov.je/Leisure/Library

The Queen of Crime Comes to Jersey Library

By Mark Brocklesby

2026 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Agatha Christie, one of the world's most beloved authors, and this winter Jersey Library is celebrating her life and work. In partnership with the British Library and the Living Knowledge Network, we will be hosting a special display and programme of events inspired by the major new exhibition in London, *Agatha Christie: A World of Mystery*.



More than a century after the publication of her first novel, Christie remains the world's bestselling novelist. Her ingenious plots, memorable detectives and sharp observations of human nature continue to influence crime writers today. Few literary characters are as instantly recognisable as the meticulous Hercule Poirot or the apparently harmless but astonishingly perceptive Miss Marple. From crossing continents by train to accompanying archaeological expeditions in the Middle East, Christie's remarkable life provided inspiration for many of her most famous stories and characters. Visitors to our display will discover how her real-life experiences shaped the mysteries that have entertained generations of readers around the world. Drawing on material from the British Library's exhibition, the display explores Christie's writing process, her travels, her fascination with crime and detection, and the enduring appeal of her novels.

The Living Knowledge Network is a partnership between the British Library and libraries across the UK and beyond, and Jersey Library is proud to be one of the libraries sharing this nationwide celebration of the Queen of Crime. Highlights will include an evening murder mystery event, opportunities to test your detective skills in our Christie quiz, and talks exploring both the author's life and the enduring popularity of crime fiction. Whether you are a lifelong Christie enthusiast or simply enjoy a good whodunnit, there will be plenty to discover.

Where to start with Christie

With more than sixty novels to choose from, knowing where to begin can be a mystery in itself. Here are five of our favourites:

The Mysterious Affair at Styles (1920). Christie's first novel, and the first appearance of Hercule Poirot. A poisoning at a country house introduces the Belgian detective and his loyal friend Captain Hastings.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (1926). A village doctor helps Poirot investigate a murder in a quiet English village. Its ending caused a sensation when it was published and is still talked about today. Best read before anyone spoils it!

The Murder at the Vicarage (1930). The first full-length Miss Marple novel. When a much-disliked colonel is found dead in the vicar's study, St Mary Mead discovers that nothing escapes its sharp-eyed spinster.

Murder on the Orient Express (1934). Snowbound on Europe's most famous train, Poirot must find a killer among a carriage full of strangers. A perfect winter read.

And Then There Were None (1939). Ten strangers are lured to an island off the Devon coast, and one by one they begin to die. There is no detective to save them in Christie's bestselling and most chilling novel.

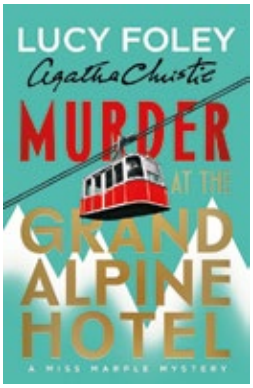
All of these titles are available to borrow from Jersey Library.



Book Review

Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel
by Lucy Foley

Perched high in the Swiss Alps, the Grand Alpine Hotel is the sort of glamorous retreat where everyone seems to have something to hide. This season's guests include a famous actress, an ambitious politician and the politician's reserved spouse, an old friend carrying secrets and a doctor with motives of their own. When one guest steps into a gondola alive but arrives at the summit dead, it becomes clear that a killer is among them. Enter Miss Marple.



A new Miss Marple novel by another author faces a considerable challenge. Hercule Poirot's flamboyant mannerisms make him relatively easy to imitate, but Miss Marple's brilliance lies in her quiet observations and apparently ordinary nature. Lucy Foley wisely avoids trying to reinvent the character, instead transporting her from the familiar surroundings of St Mary Mead to the glamorous setting of a luxury Alpine hotel.

The novel begins with the discovery of the body but then rewinds to reveal the events leading up to the murder. As tensions rise and the hotel becomes increasingly isolated from the outside world, Foley delivers both the atmosphere and the ingenuity that readers of Christie books expect. Existing fans will enjoy spotting the echoes of classic mysteries, while newcomers may find this an inviting introduction to one of literature's greatest detectives.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

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10:00 - 10:25	St Ouen's Parish Hall
10:50 - 11:15	Greve de Lecq
11:30 - 12:15	St John's Parish Hall

TUESDAY	
09:30 - 10:45	Holme Grown
11:15 - 12:45	Gorey Common Carpark
14:45 - 15:30	Jersey Zoo
16:00 - 16:30	Maufant

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Catholic Community NEWS

by Pat Guegan

Farewell Father Ambrose

A reception was held recently after the midday Mass at St Thomas' Church to say farewell to Fr Ambrose Chou. Fr Ambrose had endeared himself to Parishioners of all ages.

We were delighted to welcome his mother and sister who had come over to join him as we wished him farewell as he moves to the English Martyrs Church in Reading as Assistant Priest.



Father Ambrose with his mother and sister

During the prior few weeks collections had taken place, and he was presented with a cheque to show our appreciation of his time with us.

Soon after his departure we welcomed Fr David Bateman as our new Assistant Priest and I look forward to interviewing him once he has settled in.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul – Jersey

SSVP Jersey were delighted to welcome fellow Vincentians Ben Doyle and Kieran Stafford last September from SSVP Ireland and SSVP Global (CGI) to provide Home Visitation training to our team of volunteers and other parishioners within the Catholic Church in Jersey.

It was a wonderful opportunity to connect further with the global Vincentian family and benefit from the shared experience in our aim to reach out further to people experiencing poverty and disadvantage in Jersey.

Inspired by our principal founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam and our patron St Vincent de Paul, SSVP Jersey will, through its home visitation commencing early 2027, seek to respond to those in need in our community, which is the call to every Christian to bring the love of Christ to serve each other through our support and friendship

Parish Christmas Lunch

Come and join us for a wonderful Parish Christmas Lunch at the Ambassadeur Hotel and enjoy a festive afternoon with good food, great company and plenty of Christmas cheer. Sunday 6th December at 1pm. Booking Forms are available at the back of St Thomas 'Church.

Christmas Mass Times

Please check our Facebook Page, our Website and our Newsletter, which can be found online on a Friday or a copy is available in our Churches.

Wishing everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2027.

Facebook: *CatholicChurchInJersey*
Website: *catholicchurch.org.je*

St Clement Pétanque

by Mike Robinson

Many people are now regularly playing pétanque in Jersey and Le Hocq is one of the Island's loveliest places to enjoy the game.

It is a relatively straightforward game to play and involves throwing metal boules at a small wooden target ball called a cochonnet.

Of course, there is somewhat more to it than just that and as players progress in the game a number of skills can be developed. As well as getting your ball as close as possible to the cochonnet (pointing), you may also want to hit an opponents ball out of the way (firing) or promote one of your won boules or even move the cochonnet.

The most proficient players will try and improve in all these areas, and some specialise in pointing or firing.

Games can be played as singles or doubles, where each player has three boules to throw or triples where players have two boules each. The game originated in France where it is played outside on mainly gravelled surfaces. Any area that is set aside for a game is called a terrain and in recent years there have been a number of formal terrains constructed in the Island. They can be found in various locations in town and in every parish. One of the largest playing areas is at the Weighbridge and this year it hosted an important international competition with players coming to play from around Europe.



A roll-up at Le Hocq

St Clement boasts one of the most picturesque settings for its terrain. It is situated on the Le Hocq common just across the road from the parish hall. Like most terrains, it is a public amenity that is there for anyone to play on. It is regularly used by our own parish pétanque club who have their regular 'roll ups' every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10 am.

The club welcomes new players whether or not they have played before – just turn up at one of our roll-ups. It is a fun and sociable game and we can always provide some spare boules for those who are complete starters.

Our parish team also enter the Inter-Parish League and play home and away matches against teams from all the other parishes. At the time of writing (early October) St Clement are sitting on top of the league with only a few matches to play. They are being chased by St Brelade, last year's champions - it is promising to be an exciting end to the season!

For those who want to keep up to date the parish results are posted on the Jersey Pétanque Association website (www.petanque.je) The website also explains more about the game and has details of the Island clubs - do take a look.

For further information, please contact **Mike Robinson** at *crusoes@outlook.com* or **07797 722426**.

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Why Padel? It's fun, a social sport that combines gentle cardiovascular exercise with movement, balance and coordination. It's easy to learn and, played at your own pace, many people find it much easier to maintain rather than traditional exercise programmes. At the end of each session there are complimentary refreshments at the Padel Cafe.

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Coming soon... a similar programme for those already diagnosed with any form of diabetes.

Bill O'Brien

Chairman - Diabetes Jersey
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living with diabetes

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Infrastructure and Environment

As winter approaches we ask Islanders to take these simple steps to help keep our roads clear and protect infrastructure.



CHECK YOUR TREES

- ✓ Look for dead or hanging branches
- ✓ Watch for cracks, damage or leaning
- ✓ Get professional advice – don't climb



KEEP DRAINS CLEAR

- ✓ Clear leaves from drains and gutters
- ✓ Keep streams and gullies flowing
- ✓ Clear branchage cuttings from roads



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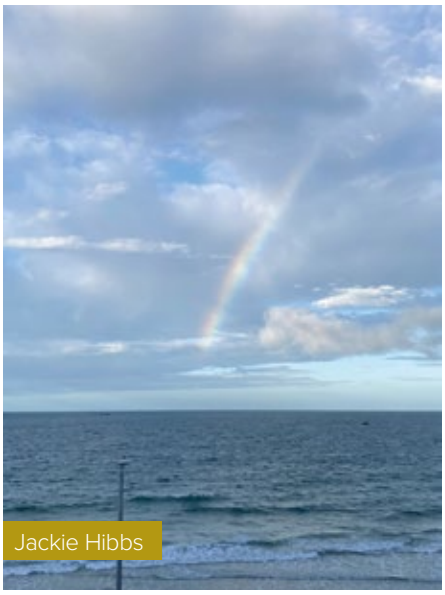
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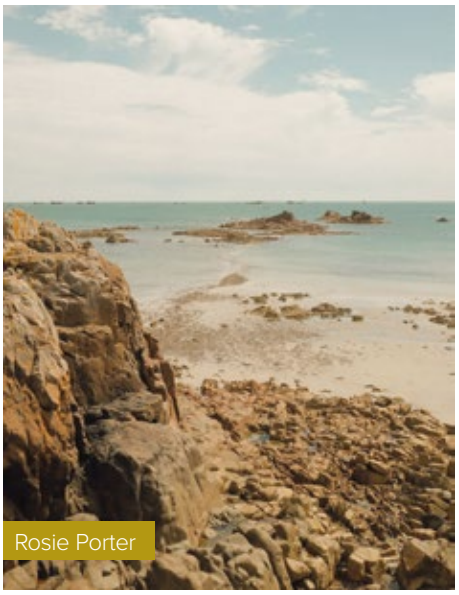
Parish Photo Gallery

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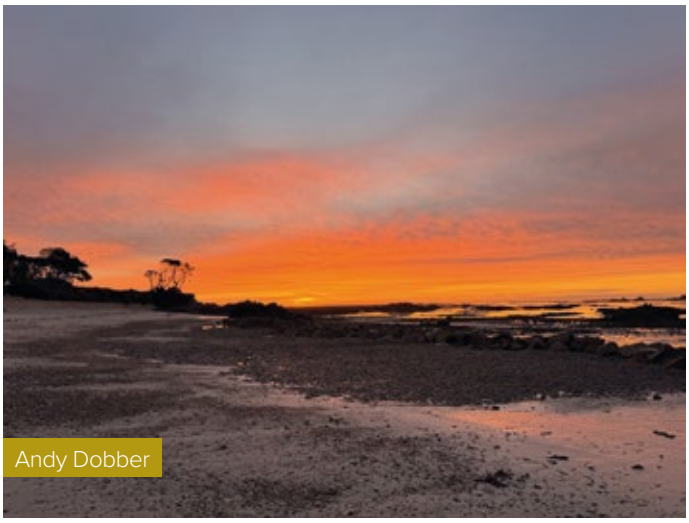
We were delighted to receive more stunning images of our Parish. We hope you enjoy them. There will be another opportunity to submit your photos in January for the Spring 2027 edition. Please add a line. Please email your photos, in high-resolution, to ***julien@mediamasters.je*** or the parish hall.

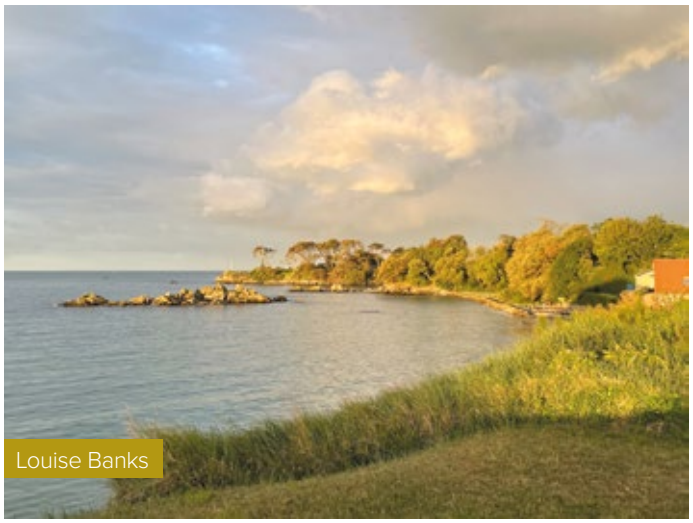

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Regular Events

Community Support Drop-in Coffee mornings
Third Thursday each month. 10am to 11.30pm at the Parish Hall on **854724**.

Parish Market
Third Saturday of the month. 9.30am to 12.30pm Parish Hall. Stalls, produce and crafts. Details from Parish Hall or **Anna Staveley, Anna.staveley@icloud.com**

St Clement WI
Second Monday each month, 2:30pm. Parish Hall. **Mary Marshall 857616**

Greve d'Azette WI
First Monday each month. 2.30pm at the Parish Hall. **Sue Manning 888542**

Le Hocq WI
2nd Tuesday each month. 8pm at the Parish Hall. **Andy Albert 525552** or **Jenny Totty 723397**.

Jersey Sugar Art
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St Clement Bridge Club
Every Friday evening Parish Hall. Prompt start, 6.45pm. Suitable for advanced beginners and upwards. **David Delauney on 720638**.

Pain Support
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PSJersey15@gmail.com or **07797 952165**. **www.painsupportjersey.com**

Slimming Together
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Good Companions Club
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Petanque Group
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St Clement Battle of Flowers
Bingo, quiz evenings (See Facebook) Contact: Chair:
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