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It's high summer and our beautiful Island is really at it's best. The hedgerows and gardens are a riot of colour and all the months of hard work put in by the parish floral societies are abundantly clear for us all to see and enjoy.

It's a time for families to get together and we see young and old out and about on the beaches and at our wonderful, traditional fetes. It is fantastic to see so many Islanders walking the Scarecrow trail or gathering at Rocquaine to share the gentle fun of the Regatta.

There's something for everyone when the West Show opens at L'Eree in August, whether you go to see the animals and the produce tents, or to have a thrill on the fairground.

It's a great event and we have details of this year's entertainment in our West Show article.

However you chose to spend these long, golden days, whether in the sea or on the land, we wish you all a wonderful summer.

The Editorial Team



Torteval scarecrow picture by Emily Kirby

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for the western parishes
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Around the West

Knit and Natter

Meeting on first Wednesday in the month from 2pm to 4pm, in the Forest Church, all are very welcome.

Spinning Group (wool variety!)

Meet on the first Thursday in the month from 10am to 12 noon, in the Forest Douzaine Room.

First Friday @ Five

Restarts after summer on Friday 6th September 5:00pm - 6:30pm in the Torteval Church Hall - Youth Group for Infant / Junior aged children. A time of crafts, games, songs and bible stories

Ignite Discuss

Sunday 22nd September 6:00 - 7:30pm at Julie's.

An evening of food, fun and faith for those of secondary school age.

Tea on Thursday

Tea at St. Peter's Church with a Guernsey French Table on Thursday afternoons. It takes place between 2.30pm and 4.30pm; cakes, tea and coffee are served in the Church itself, and outside during the summer.

Tea on Tuesday

Continues through the summer on Tuesday 6th August and 3rd September 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the St Saviours church hall - join us for afternoon tea and a chat.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Takes a break for August, but restarts on Saturday 14th September 8am - 9am at St Saviours Rectory - a chance for ladies to come together for breakfast and prayer - for more details contact Revd Tracy on 263045.

St Saviour's WI will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Les Adams Methodist Hall in St Peter's (Perry's Guide: 20C1), starting at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Sue Tilleard on 267671.

The Western Good Companions

St Peter's Good Companions

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that the St Peters Good Companions will be closing down after their last meeting in July, due to dwindling numbers.

Caley on 263856, Judy on 263442 or Margaret on 264085.

Little Gems

Playgroup for children aged 0-3 years and their parents/carers. Every Thursday from 10am to 11.15am at New Life Church, Les Bordages, St Saviour's. All are very welcome. For more details please contact Chloe Newman on either 266241 or 07839 198504.

United Reformed Church (Perelle)

Wednesdays (term time): from 10am to 11.30am for Mums and Toddlers group.
Thursdays: from 10am to 11.30am for a coffee morning.

The Western Community Library at St. Saviour's Community Centre

Open on Tuesday afternoons, 3.00-5.00 pm and Wednesday mornings 9.30am to noon. The Community Library offers fiction and non-fiction, large print books, audio books and children's books.

Alternatively, just come along for a cup of tea, a few biscuits and chat.

Story & Rhyme Time sessions are held every Wednesday at 11am during term-time. All pre-school children welcome. Free admission: no booking necessary.

Users of the Western Community Centre

Library need to be members of the Guille-Allès Library to borrow items - if you're not already a member, you can join at the community library.

Torteval Scarecrow Festival

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th August 10am - 5pm

The trail starts at the Parish Church of Torteval, Perry's Guide 26D3

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Come and see the amazing scarecrows on the Torteval trail and then stop and enjoy the stalls and refreshments. A day out for all the family.

Peter Bourne (clarinet) and Hugo Degorre (accordion) in

Concert at St Saviours

Tuesday 6th August 7:30pm - Free entry, retiring collection. Come and enjoy a fantastic evening of music.



St Saviour's Church
TUESDAY
6 AUGUST
7.30pm

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HUGO DEGORRE - ACCORDION

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Retiring Collection

Stephen Le Prevost (organ), Kirsty Dempster (soprano) and George Russell (guitar) in Concert at St Saviours

Friday 16th August 7:30pm - Free entry, retiring collection. Our second August concert with some really talented performers.

Dads vs Children "Mad Sports" Activity Afternoon

Sunday 1st September 3-5pm. Team skipping, tug-of-war, limbo, LandRover pull, to name but a few events.

Mums welcome to come and watch, and laugh. A chance for children to beat their dads. A chance for dads to remind everyone "who's the daddy"?

For more details contact Revd Mark



Dads v. Children Family Afternoon !!

1st September 3pm-5pm

St Saviour's Rectory

Mums welcome too...

come along to watch and enjoy the fun !!

The Guernsey Probus Club

The first Probus Club came into being in February 1966, and we were founded in March 1976. Probus is an association of autonomous clubs throughout Britain, Ireland and the rest of the world. The word is an abbreviation of PROfessional and BUSiness, but membership is not restricted to these two groups. The Guernsey Probus Club is open to all retired or semi-retired men and is in essence a Social Club. It is a non-sectarian, non-political organisation, and is run by six elected members. The aim is to get together for a relaxed meal, in quiet surroundings, with a group of like-minded men from differing backgrounds.

We meet on the first Monday in the month (except for Bank Holidays, when the meeting is held on the following Monday) for Luncheon at La Villette Hotel in St. Martin. Our meeting time is normally 12.30 for 12.45. However, many of us arrive by 12.15 to gather in the bar beforehand. The Luncheon is a three course set meal followed by coffee (at a most reasonable cost) arranged by the Hotel. Special dietary requests can be arranged with prior notice. Dress is Jacket and Tie.

The cost of becoming a member is kept to the bare minimum: There is a Joining Fee of £15.00, which covers the cost of a name badge, which is worn at Lunch (it avoids the need for introductions!) and a Probus Lapel Badge plus an annual Subscription of £10.00 which covers the administration costs.

We have three events per year when wives/partners are most welcome:

1. In June or July we have an Afternoon Tea.
2. In December the Ladies join us for our festive meal.
3. In February we have a Ladies Night,

which is a Black Tie event and normally held at the Royal Guernsey Golf Club.

The Club do not fund raise. There is real pressure these days to help the many worthy charities, but we feel it best for members to support those of their choice in their own private way. However, on occasion we have used excess Club funds to make a donation to a charity nominated by the family of a deceased member or made donations to other local charities.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and should anybody be interested, they are invited to contact the Secretary, Hubertus Lau, on 01481 233207 or by email: handklau@cwgsy.net. He will arrange for them to attend one of our meetings as a guest. They can then be invited to join and at a subsequent meeting will be expected to give a very brief résumé of their career.

Hubertus (“Huub”) Lau, Hon. Secretary

**St Saviour's Church
Concert Series**

**7.30pm
FRIDAY
16 AUGUST**

Stephen le Prevost
Organ Recital
with
Kirsty Dempster Soprano
George Russell Guitar

**No tickets
Retiring collection**

We are fog bound!

*There's silence at the airport
No engine sound is heard
Not a single thing is flying
except the occasional bird.*

*There's silence at the airport
The passengers are glum
Planes overhead are circling
Will their landing ever come?*

*Impatient children, frustrated friends
Wondering when the nightmare ends
Chaotic queues for coffee,
or something else to eat*

*Tired passengers searching
for the last remaining seat.*

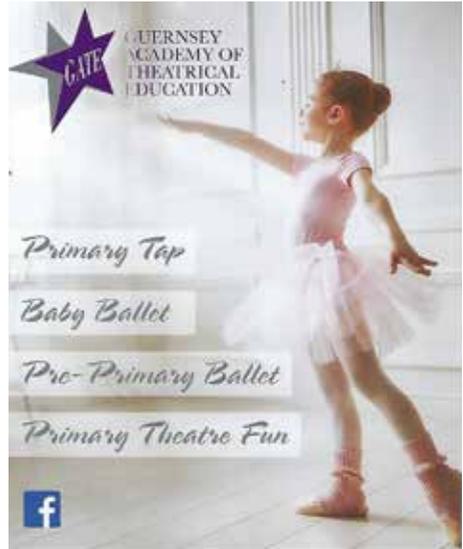
*"Airline, do not cancel, just delay
Everyone wants to get away".*

*There's silence at the airport
And things are pretty grim
The last plane has departed
And nothing else is getting in*

*"Flight cancelled, please re-book"
Passengers abandoned, airline off the hook
Missed connections and onward flights
What a mess, what stress, what plights
Some passengers go home dejected
Others remain, not yet affected*

*There's silence at the airport
And some silence in the States
Is a sensible strategy being devised
By the meddlers in our fates?*

*Lakelandgrey
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Regular Services

St Saviour's (Church of England)

- 8am BCP Communion (1st Sunday)
9.30am Family Communion (1st Sunday)
9.30am Parish Communion & Sunday
School (2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
5pm Meditation (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Torteval (Church of England)

- 8am BCP Communion (3rd Sunday)
11am Family Communion (1st Sunday)
11am Parish Communion (2nd & 4th
Sundays)
11am Family Service (3rd Sunday)
6pm BCP Evensong (2nd & 4th
Sundays)

St Pierre du Bois (Church of England)

- 8am BCP Holy Communion (no
sermon)
10am CW Eucharist
10am Family Service with St Peter's
Church Band (3rd Sunday only)
4pm 4pm @ St Peter's (except 3rd
Sunday)
6pm Sung Evensong (3rd Sunday
only)

Forest (Church of England)

- 9am BCP Communion (4th Sunday)
11am Family Communion (1st
Sunday)
9am Puppets and Praise (3rd Sunday)
11am Parish Communion (2nd, 3rd &
4th Sundays)
6.30pm BCP Evensong (1st & 3rd
Sundays)

Regular Midweek Services

- Forest
Thursdays 9am Morning Prayer
St Pierre du Bois
Wednesdays 11.30am - shortened
Eucharist

Western Parishes Methodist Churches

Les Adams Methodist Church

Sundays at 10.30am, morning worship.
Second Wednesday of each month at
2.30pm, "Adam's Apple", meet old friends
and make new ones over activities along
with tea and cake.

Torteval Methodist Church

Please note, services will take place in the
Parish Church at either 9.30am or 11am.
Children's activities available each Sunday,
all are very welcome.

Forest Methodist Church

Sundays at 8.45am, 'God and Marmalade',
an informal breakfast cafe-style service for
all ages, with activities for children.
Sundays at 6pm, evening worship.

Special services and events at the Methodist Churches

Sunday 8 September

4pm : Messy Church: Sowing and Growing
- a fun afternoon of activities and craft
particularly suited to families and featuring
a short time to reflect and worship as well
as a simple hot meal.

Sunday 22 September

11am : Harvest Festival - a celebration
service for all ages in praise of all good
things God gives us. The service, which
is in place of God and Marmalade, also
features lunch and donations from the
lunch will be made towards the the work of
Mission Aviation Fellowship.

United Reformed Church (Perelle)

Sundays at 10.30am, morning worship.

Special services in St Saviours and Torteval for August / September 2019

Sunday 4th August 10:00am Torteval Scarecrow Service.

Come and join us in the Scarecrow Field for our outdoor service held jointly with Torteval Methodist Church. (There will be no 11:00am service in church)

Sunday 15th September 5:00pm Taize Service at St Saviours.

Join us for a reflective, candle-lit service of Taizé chants, Bible readings, prayers and silences following the pattern of worship at the Taizé community.

Sunday 29th September 10:00am Joint Family Communion at St Saviours

A combined service of Torteval Anglicans, Torteval Methodists and St Saviours Churches, as we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

Sunday 29th September 4:00pm - 6:00pm Messy Church at St Saviours

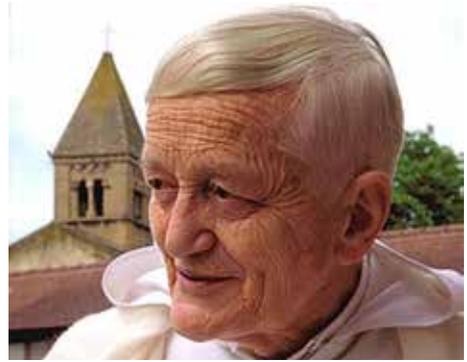
An afternoon of activities, a service and a meal - This event is for people of all ages, but children do need to be accompanied by an adult.

Taizé

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of about 100 brothers who come from Protestant and Catholic traditions. The brothers come from about 30 countries across the world. The monastic order has a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation.

The Taizé Community was founded by

Frère Roger in 1940. He pondered what it really meant to live a life according to the Scriptures and began a quest for a different expression of the Christian life.



“Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with men determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything.”

The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world pilgrim to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation.

The community, though Western European in origin, has sought to include people and traditions worldwide. They have sought to demonstrate this in the music and prayers where songs are sung in many languages, and have included chants and icons from the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The music

emphasises simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon.

At St. Saviour's Church we will be trialling a monthly service, on 3rd the Sunday of the month at 5pm, starting on Sunday 15th September.

(Then 20th October, 17th November and 15th December)

It will be a reflective, candle-lit service of Taizé chants, Bible readings, prayers and silences following the pattern of worship at the Taizé community.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this service, come and give Taizé worship a try.



Ignite Youth Group – open to anyone at Secondary School / 6th Form

Run by members of St Saviours and Torteval Churches.

One of our young people writes;

“Ignite..... where do I start?”

Ignite is like a family, a place where everyone is accepted and a safe space to discuss and expand our faith. We have two ‘branches’ of Ignite, Ignite Discuss where we meet up on Sundays every other

week and Ignite Socials when we meet on Saturday evening once a month.

Ignite Discuss

Every two weeks we meet up either at St Saviours Rectory or Julie's house. We start off by eating a range of food usually consisting of sausages, pizza, crisps and cake. After we have eaten we move on to the session, this is where we start with an ice breaker; something like giant human hungry hippos. Once we have done this we sit down whilst Mark gives us a quick summary of what we will be doing. Then we either watch a DVD clip of a bible story or we read one, then we split into two groups and answer some questions and ask questions. We then come back and discuss our answers. Finally we say a prayer.

Ignite Socials

This is the Ignite that is a chance to meet up with the youth of church and have fun with no pressure from school or anything. With this Ignite we get up to so much from meals out to outdoor activities and the annual quiz night when we compete to win a trophy. There is always good food to be eaten and a lot of laughs.

But one of the best things we do is the trip away in Lihou. This year with Mark, Julie and Charlotte leading us on our 2 night trip, we relaxed together, did lots of outdoor activities, cooked and washed up after all the meals and based our discussions around the DVD of Sister Act.

Ignite is a vital part of church life for the youth and it is so much fun for us all. And I hope it will carry on for years to come.”

If you want to know more, please contact Revd Mark on 263045 or charmley@cwgsy.net

From the Rector of St Saviours and Torteval

Waiting. We do it daily; waiting for the toaster to pop up or the kettle to boil, waiting in a queue at the shop or bank, for a flight or ferry.

Sometimes we wait for more serious things; waiting for exam results, in our house that's true this year as we await both GCSE and A-levels this August. Waiting for a hospital appointment or test results. And often when we wait, certainly for the more serious issues, it can be a time of stress and uncertainty, with sleep-loss, inability to focus or do things, irritability with others. If you know anyone going through this sort of thing, be kind to them. Try and be supportive and encouraging, give them a little latitude, another day it could be your turn.

And if you are going through difficult waits, be kind to yourself. Take the offers of support when they are given, don't be a martyr and soldier-on alone. Seek help, find people to talk to, to bear the load.

And know that God is with you, to quote the Footprints poem;

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.

He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

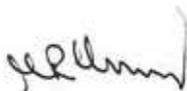
This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

With every blessing
Revd Mark Charmley



Les Buttes

The St. Pierre du Bois Open Garden event took place on 8th and 9th June, and it was lovely to see people out and about enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the parish, music, food, teas, and of course, a seemingly endless array of beautiful gardens – many thanks to all involved. The event itself revolved around the Church and Les Buttes, or ‘the green.’ The recent usage of this misleading term caused me to reflect on the history of the area, and the name Les Buttes as it has been known since time immemorial.

The place name Les Buttes is present in three out of the four parishes represented in this publication, the exception being the

Forest. However, one source says that ‘Les Buttes’ appears in a nineteenth-century document relating to property at Le Mont Marché.

As the name suggests Les Buttes are archery practice ranges, or Butts, and they date back to the mediaeval period. Following with King John (our Duke)’s loss of continental Normandy in 1204 the Islands were under threat of invasion from France. History tells us that in 1294 the French raided and 1,500 men, women and children (including the Bailiff) were killed (25% of the population), town was burnt, and churches despoiled. It is likely that many more unrecorded raids took place. During 14th century, around the time of the start of the Hundred Years War in



the battle of Crecy



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1338, the French invaded and managed to capture and hold the island.

Many of Edward III's great victories during the war were attributed to the skill and efficiency of the English longbowmen who were obliged to train at butts from an early age. Practice took after Mass. A fully trained longbowman was able to shoot 6 arrows per minute at a range of 250 yards. The French at this time used the crossbow which fired 1 crossbow bolt to every 4 arrows from the longbow.

It is believed that by 1350 the defence of Guernsey was organised on a parish basis. In order to practise archery a thoroughfare was widened in each parish to create Les Buttes (the best-preserved example of this is in Torteval). Les Buttes were generally located near to the church; this would have been convenient for men to practice archery following Mass.

Any invasion would have come from the sea with defence organised on the shore or from vantage points on land. It is unclear as to whether our Guernsey forebears preferred the longbow with its high trajectory over a long distance and effective saturation fire, or the crossbow which is more effective over a shorter range. However, it is clear that in times past men regularly practised archery at Les Buttes.

The 1481 Papal Bull of neutrality brought about a period of peace and trade for the island, presumably the need for a defence force waned, as did the need for archery practice. It is therefore very likely that the state of many of the parish Buttes was deteriorating by the beginning of the 16th century. However, they were probably given a new lease of life towards the end of that century with the renewed threat of invasion, this time by France and Spain.

So, when you next see the name Les

Buttes, or enjoy another parish event there, spare a thought for our invasion-fearing ancestors and archers of old, and maybe reflect on the relative peaceful times in which we now live.



Les Buttes Torteval

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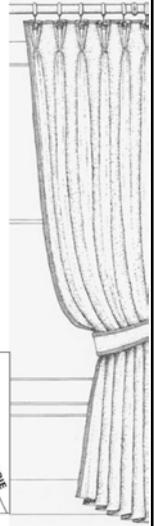
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14:00 - 16:00

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(Lihou Room) www.u3asites.org.uk/guernsey/

15:00-17:00

The Western Community Library

open to all

18:00 - 19:00

StepFitness

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19:00 - 21:00

Spectrum Photography Club

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19:30 - 21:00

Healing

with Guernsey Healing and Spiritual Centre

(Herm Room) www.spiritualguernsey.com

Wednesday

09:30 - 10:30

Pilates

with Polly Mann (Herm/Jethou Hall)

Please email polly_morton@hotmail.com

09:00 - 11:00

St. Saviour's Toddler Group

11:00 - 11:30

Story and Rhyme Time

(Sark Hall) Free of charge to all

09:30-12:00

The Western Community Library

10:30 - 11:30

Pilates

with U3A (Herm/Jethou Hall) Please email jlemaitre@cwgsy.net

13:00 - 16:00

U3A Water Colour Workshop

with Pearl Guille (Lihou Room)

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18:00 - 19:00

Pilates

with Juliet Ozanne
(Sark Hall)

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19:00 - 20:00

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(Sark Hall) robertalemon1@gmail.com

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with The Youth Commission
(Andy's House) www.youthcommission.gg

18:00 - 19:00

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18:15 - 19:15

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19:30 - 21:00

Healing

with Guernsey Healing and Spiritual

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Friday

09:30 - 10:30

Pilates

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10:30 - 11:30

Pilates

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Saturday

09:00 - 10:00

StepFitness

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10:30 - 12:30

Worship

with The Fort Christian
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(Andy's House)



Floral St Saviour

As part of our Floral St Saviour community initiatives we wanted to work with the Church Sunday Club, to encourage young people to become involved and to introduce them to the joy of gardening.

We were inspired by the Liberation Day Tulips, which were planted at the Church War Memorial in memory of the fallen soldiers. In liaison with the Church Warden, Floral St Saviour came up with the idea of creating a Remembrance Garden around the war memorial, as a tribute to our fallen Parishioners.

The garden surrounds the war memorial and is to have an edging to protect it from the mowing. Floral St Saviour researched the language of flowers and have planted flowers that are associated

with remembrance, including Rosemary, Gladioli and Statice, as well as Poppy plants, seeds and some wildflowers. Lavender was also planted as a symbol of endurance and virtue. The garden planting will change with the seasons. This summer we will add blue Cornflowers; the symbol of remembrance in France; and Zinnias in memory of lost friends.

The Sunday Club enjoyed planting all the plants and sowing the seeds and have created a rota to keep the garden well watered throughout the summer months. It's a wonderful community initiative as it links the young Parishioners with those of the past and the resulting garden is something that we can all enjoy.

In November, we will be planting Liberation Tulips and Forget me Nots in the garden, as well as creating a display for Remembrance Sunday.





Forest Floral Group

Many thanks go to the company Granite Le Pelley for building a new low wall around the tree at Le Bourg free of charge. Now the plants will be better rooted, and the water won't run away.

Our volunteers have been busy preparing the parish for our entry into the Floral Guernsey Community Competition and the results will be announced in September. Though the parish was judged in July, deadheading will continue throughout the summer months to end of September to keep the blooms looking good for the visitors.

Have you got an hour to spare on a Monday morning? Why not join us deadheading the displays and do your bit to enhance the parish and we always finish with refreshments afterwards and a chance to have a chat.

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Guernsey and Her Island Fiefs

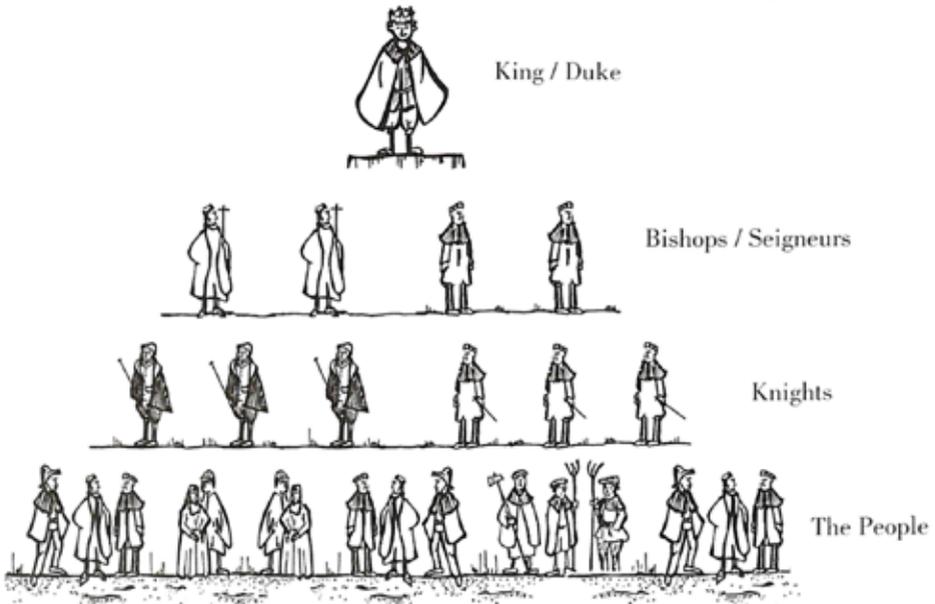
One of the most enduring effects of Guernsey's association with Normandy is the system of fiefs in the island. The island's link with the Crown is feudal, as the Queen is still Duke of Normandy (... yes "Duke " ...see our article The Queen, Our Duke), and homage is due to her from the Seigneurs of the island fiefs. Many place-names perpetuate the link with the former Norman Seigneurs.

The Feudal System

The Norse conquerors of Normandy adopted the fief system as an effective method of organising the collection of revenue and the administration of justice in the conquered territory, which was divided up into areas known as "fiefs" among the Norman Knights who were known as "Seigneurs". In return for the revenue

derived from the arable lands of their fiefs the Seigneurs had the duty of homage to the Duke, and of supplying armed horsemen for the ducal army; as a reward for undertaking these responsibilities the Seigneurs enjoyed the exclusive right of hunting on their fiefs, and the status symbol of a dove-cot, "colombier", standing apart from their residence; inferior feudal grades were allowed a "tourelle" attached to their house, while still lower grades had to be content with pigeon-holes cut in the gables. In addition, the Seigneur owned the mill or mills on his fief to which his tenants were compelled to bring their corn.

The Tenants benefited from the system as they received the military protection of the Seigneur's armed men, and they enjoyed security of tenure so long as they paid their feudal dues. As coinage was almost unknown in rural areas, all dues were payable in kind. Land rent was payable in corn on St. Michael's day at the end of



September after the harvest, and house rent was paid in chickens (poulage), usually two chickens for each house per annum, to make up for the corn which could have been grown on the land occupied by the house. In addition, tithes were payable to the Church. Rents were often expressed in terms of spurs, e.g. silver spurs and gilt spurs. Other dues recorded on Guernsey fiefs were a cartload of ashes, a chaplet of roses thick “as a man’s arm”, and ten butter flies.

Dividing Up The Island

The earliest record of a grant of fiefs in Guernsey is dated 1020 when Duke Richard of Normandy made a roughly diagonal division of the island from N.E. to S.W., giving the south-eastern half containing the parishes of St. Sampson’s, St. Andrew’s, St. Peter Port, St. Martin’s and the Forest, to Néel, Vicomte of the Cotentin, while the remaining parishes in the western half of the island were allotted to the Vicomte of the Bessin (The Clos du Valle—Vale Parish—at this period was an island and waste land). Part of the Vicomte of the Cotentin’s lands were, during his disgrace, given by William the Conqueror to religious foundations such as Caen, Coutances and the monastery of Ste. Helene near Omonville, which was associated with the great Abbey of Marmoutiers.

Land Holdings in Guernsey circa 1020

The Vicomtes in their turn delegated their duties to the lower grades of Knights on their Norman fiefs. Guernsey place-names such as Anneville derive from the Norman castles of these Seigneurs.

Some of the Norman Knights holding Guernsey fiefs accompanied Duke William on his conquest of England in 1066, and were rewarded with grants of fiefs in

England. Over the next 150 years some of the fiefs changed hands as the Seigneur’s either backed the winners or losers in the strife that engulfed Normandy and England over the succession to the English throne in the 12th century.

Increase of population and agricultural expansion at this period brought much former waste-land into cultivation, and many new sub-fiefs came into being which bore the name of island families such as Grantes, Malmarchy (Mauxmarquis), Vaugrat, etc.

1204 And All That

The loss of Normandy by John in 1204 caused a conflict of loyalties among the Norman holders of the island fiefs who had to decide whether to pay homage to the French King or to John. In order to safeguard their Norman possessions many Seigneurs abandoned their island fiefs, and these were seized by the English Crown, and granted to island families such as Le Marchant, de Beauvoir, etc. The last major distribution of fiefs was brought about by the seizure of the property of Alien Priories by Henry V in 1413; this action resulted in the fiefs which had been granted to Norman Abbeys and Monasteries passing into the control of the Crown, which still holds them, and at the present time the Crown Receiver answers at the Court of Chief Pleas for the Abbess of Caen, the Bishop of Coutances, etc. The fief of the Abbey of Blanchelande was sold by the Crown to Nicholas Carey in the reign of Elizabeth I (1563).

Feudalism & Sark

Elizabeth I’s reign saw a remarkable revival of the feudal system when in 1565 the Queen granted the Island of Sark as a Fief Haubert (A fief or fee held by the tenure

of knight-service) to Helier de Carteret, Seigneur of St. Ouen in Jersey, on condition that he maintained 40 men in the island for its defence. Helier fulfilled his liability by setting up 40 tenements, each with a holding of land sufficient to support a household, and with the liability of keeping in the house one man armed with a musket and ammunition for the defence of the island.

Fief Courts

The Fiefs made a very important contribution to the maintenance of law and order in the island through the exercise of the judicial functions of the Fief Courts, at which attendance was compulsory for all tenants on penalty of a fine. The Tenants were also liable to provide the officers of the Court, which included a Seneschal, a Grangier or Greffier, a Prevot or Sergeant, and Vavasseurs. On the larger fiefs the Court assembled at a Court House such as the Fief de Sausmarez at Sausmarez Manor. The smaller fiefs met at some central point on the fief in the open air.

The Courts settled all disputes and encroachments, and were responsible for the compilation of the “Livre de Perchage” which detailed the exact holdings of each Tenant. These Livres which were revised and brought up to date every 20 years constitute an unrivalled record of island family history.

With improved communications and the establishment of the centralised authority of the Royal Court, and of the Greffe for the registration of contracts the importance of the Fief Courts gradually vanished away, and though dues are still payable on many fiefs, the Seigneurs have

long since ceased to perform any useful function in return to their Tenants.

Robert

For more informative articles on an eclectic range of subjects please visit www.guernseydonkey.com, internet fluff with a Guernsey twist.

Little Bears Nature Pre-School's Pollinator Patch

Little Bears Nature Pre School, as the name suggests, promotes nature learning and therefore encourages its ‘Little Bears’ to embrace their natural surroundings. ‘Naturally’, alongside its very own purpose-built log cabin, growing area and wild nature field, it now has a dedicated Pollinator Patch: an area set aside where nectar producing wildflowers grow for the benefit of pollinating insects.

The ethos of Little Bears Pre School is that projects like these belong to the children, and so staff have involved them, and they have played an important part in the preparation and care of the patch. It is beneficial to the children’s development and these activities form part of their learning journeys.

“The children were very enthusiastic and excited to muck in and remove the turf ready for our precious wildflower seeds. Along the way the children loved finding lots of worms and finally scattering the various seeds Vanessa bought along. Vanessa spoke to all the children on the importance of growing a pollinator patch and showed them images of the six Guernsey Bees”, Sarah Gibson Deputy

Manager and Outdoor Learning Leader.

“We are delighted that Vanessa and the Pollinator Project Team have chosen to support our Nature Pre School. We are so grateful to have been included in this project which raises awareness through the creation and supporting of habitats for our bees, butterflies and pollinators. All of our pre-school children aged 2-5 years have shown an interest in the patch and are enjoying watering the seeds and watching them grow” Karen (Owner/ Manager).

The Pollinator Project Team offered invaluable advice, they came along to offer help and enthusiasm. Vanessa Crispini-Adams from the Project remarked, “.. Such a beautiful natural environment for young people to learn and develop and you already have some budding wildlife landscapers in the making!”

While providing an area for learning about nature, the Pollinator Patch also nurtures a natural setting for learning Guernesiais, e.g. the children can learn the names of flowers such as d’la berbiaette (daisy), du pid d’l’liaon (buttercup) & du laitraon (dandelion) and insects like: des aïsses (honey bees), des papillaons (butterflies) & des bourdaons (bumble bees).

Little Bears’ Pollinator Patch is more than simply an area for encouraging pollinator-friendly plants, it is also home to a bee box. This is one of a batch of boxes that have been installed at various Pollinator Patches across the island. These boxes are produced locally and

designed to attract solitary bees to breed in the holes, they are kindly supported by Swoffers Estate Agents.

“The Pollinator Project aims to raise awareness within Guernsey of the small but invaluable actions we can all take as individuals to support butterflies, bees, hoverflies and other pollinators. Private gardens make up a third of land in Guernsey and together we could transform the environment for wildlife. We partner with individuals, businesses, schools and community groups to create beautiful and wildlife friendly”.

You can find out more about Little Bears Nature Pre School on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LittleBearsPreSchoolGuernsey>
You can learn more about the Pollinator Project at pollinatorproject.gg
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Our Residents and our Migrants

August is a quiet month for birds, most adults, who have had a busy two or three months building nests and feeding young are not only resting, they are also going through their moult--shedding old feathers and growing new ones -- so, they keep very quiet so as not to reveal their whereabouts.

One bird sound that we do hear in August and indeed throughout the year is the chirp of the House Sparrow. These birds lived alongside the first farmers some 10,000 years ago, feeding on the seeds and grain which they produced; they have lived near man ever since.

Often overlooked they are attractive little birds: the male's grey cap and chest, chestnut shoulders and black beard and bib, combine to make a handsome bird. The female is less striking, her striped body and head with the same colours as the male has a charm of its own.

You certainly will not need to go far from your house to see these amiable

little birds. Sadly though their numbers have decreased by 65% since 1970. This is probably due to changes in farming methods and overuse of insecticides which decreases the number of insects which the chicks need.

September "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as John Keats put it, heralds, dependent on weather systems, the start of the Autumn Migration. Birds which bred here and north of us are returning south to avoid the oncoming winter. Watch for Swallows gathering on telephone wires, twittering to each other before they begin their epic journey back to Southern Africa. Scan areas of open grass and shorelines for Wheatears, flashing their white rumps as they fly off. Not all migrants are easy to see so, look in bushes and bramble hedges for Blackcaps and other warblers as they feast on berries to fatten up for their journeys south.

On the coast look for waders feeding up on their way South. Sadly, numbers of these are also rapidly decreasing, for many reasons. One wader which stays with us throughout the year is the Oystercatcher. You cannot mistake them

for any other bird: jet black and brilliant white, with pink legs and a long, thick, orange bill, they stand out as they gather in flocks on the beach or fly off to another roost or feeding place, their piercing calls are unmissable. Mussels are their preferred food, not oysters! They also take cockles, worms and insect larvae. Their bills are well adapted to prise open shells and probe in the sand.



House Sparrow



Swallow (feed me!)

To help you find many of these birds you may wish to join one or more of the following RSPB walks:

Wednesday August 7th---meet at L'Eree car park(Perry's P20 B1) at 7pm

Monday August 19th--meet at La Corbiere car park (Perry's P 28 A5) at 10am

Saturday September 7th--meet at Moulin Huet car park(Perry's P 30 D3) at 9am

Thursday September 19th--meet at the car park at Rue de la Rocque

(Perry's P 12 A5)at 10am

Sunday September 29th--meet at North car park Saumarez (Perry's P15 G1)at 8-30am

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The making of a Queen

Honey bees are social insects in that they live together in a large well organised family and act as a single superorganism. They are highly evolved and engage in a multitude of tasks through their short life to ensure the longevity of their home within the hive that we beekeepers provide or if in the wild in a suitable enclosure such as a hollow in a tree.

During the summer a colony of bees consists of three castes, the queen, worker's [females] and drones [male] The worker's number in their thousands as many as 45-50,000 at the height of summer. The drones can number about a thousand and the colony has a single queen.

The social structure of the colony is maintained by the queen's presence and she continually produces pheromones which the worker's spread through the hive by contact with her, from feeding and grooming her. The distribution of chemical pheromones among the colony and communicative "dances" are responsible for controlling the activities necessary for colony survival.

The queen is queen in name only and whilst she may be considered to reign over the colony, she herself and her activities are controlled by the worker's. Whilst the release of her pheromones does encourage or curtail some activities within the colony, she is simply an egg layer. Chosen by them to ensure the survival of the colony, laying eggs to replace worker's as the older ones die and each spring producing drones who will mature to mate with virgin queens from other colonies.

Her activities are controlled by the amount of food she is given and it is this food "Royal Jelly", which is fed to her from her birth which ultimately makes her into a queen. The queen is fed royal jelly throughout her life, which has been known to last up to five years but two to three is average. All of the brood as it hatches is fed royal jelly for the first three days of its life but then for the worker's and drones the food changes to what we beekeepers know as beebread, a mix of honey and pollen, which is lower in carbohydrates and protein than the royal jelly. Royal Jelly is such a complex substance it cannot be synthesised and the young nurse bees produce it from glands in their head.

When the queen lays an egg, she decides

by measuring the size of the cell whether the egg she lays is to be male or female, female cells are smaller than drone cells and eggs laid in them are fertilised by a single sperm held with many others in the queen's abdomen.

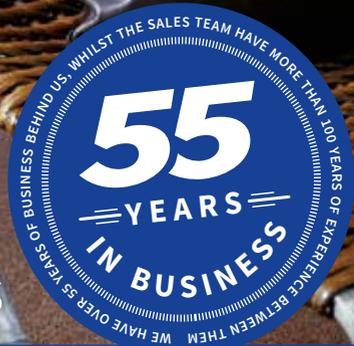
In the early summer the colony may decide that it will swarm, which is the division of the colony.



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The old queen leaves the hive after laying eggs into queen cups, with the older flying bees. When these eggs hatch they will be turned into queens by the worker's or nurse bees, one of these will replace the old queen to "head" the colony.

The eggs chosen by the worker's to potentially become the queen and I say potentially because not every queen raised survives to "head" the colony, receives far more attention than the other bees. The egg is laid in a "queen cup" and fertilised in the normal way and on the third day just like the worker's eggs hatches into the start of a much larger cell built on the face of the comb as the larvae develops.

From then on, the attention that each royal larva receives changes, the larva is fed more and continuously until at eight days old, the cell is capped. It is this continual source of nourishment fed to the larvae as it develops within a larger cell than the worker's that initiates the development of the ovaries and size of the queen. The larvae in the capped cell[s] now pupate and eight days later emerges as a virgin queen. In the next issue we will see how the young queen takes over the hive.

Chris Tomlins

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Our 2 main arena acts this year are Bolddog Lings Freestyle Motocross Display Team and Eagle Heights, Eagle and Vulture Display Team. Both acts will be performing two 30 minute shows each day as well as providing interactive static stands for the public to meet the teams.

Bolddog Lings claim to be UK's number 1 freestyle motocross display team whose show features the UK's top ranked freestyle motocross riders who will perform heart stopping tricks usually only seen on TV. They have made numerous appearances on TV including performing on Britain's Got Talent in 2014.

Eagle Heights are a Wildlife Foundation based in Kent who now offer a bird of prey display up and down the UK. Their show involves 7-8 birds who will glide, swoop and float around the arena, showing off

transporting the audience back in time to the days of Vaudeville. Another 2 unique and popular attractions which are enjoyed and admired by adults and children alike.

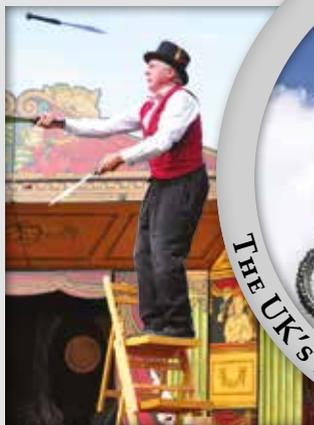
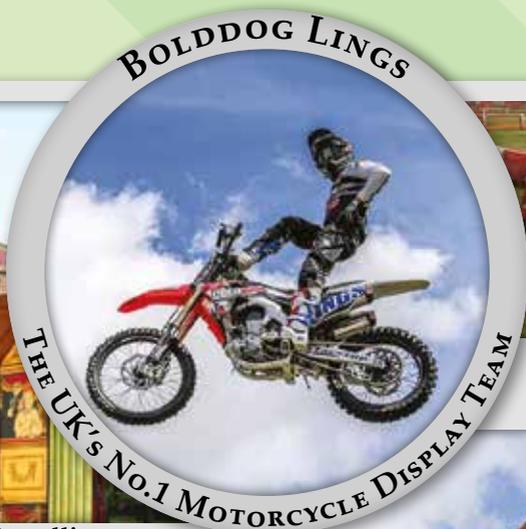
As well as local produce and animals exhibited we have a traditional Guernsey Evening of dancing and Bean Jar all juxtaposed with the fast and furious lawnmower racing which is not to be missed.

This year's West Show is being held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th August, advanced purchase of membership and 2 day tickets can be bought from now until Saturday 10th August, which will allow entry to the show on both days. For more information please visit our website www.thewestshow.com, we hope you'll all come down and enjoy all the show has to offer from local services and charity displays to our larger UK acts; for the young, the not so young and the young at heart.

*A little boy was overheard praying:
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Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden

Creation of a Poo display

This year at the Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden (VWKG) we had a static display of manure and fertilizer used in Victorian times which was created for our successful event “Treading A Victorian Pathway” in April. As the volunteer behind the idea, I was given the job of displaying it and thus ‘Poo’ was created.

I decided to divide the static display into **3 SECTIONS - the earth, the sea and sea shore and grass.** The earth was fairly easy to replicate by a brown piece of paper covered with compost. The sea and sea shore were more difficult but blue tissue paper did the job. The grass was artificial but looked quite lifelike. Now what to display on Nature’s surface?

EARTH: Beef bones were bought and boiled 6 times to remove all meat and gristle to avoid odour and then frozen and defrosted the night before the display. A fish backbone was procured from a local restaurant. These formed the basis for the blood fish and bone which would have been ground down together in Victorian times and used as fertilizer. On the bones I poured a good dollop of tomato ketchup to simulate blood and then placed the modern day equivalent in a jar next to the bones for comparison purposes. My kind hairdresser provided me with a nice handful of auburn hair and another friend a jar of soot and ash, all used as fertilizer.

SEA and SEASHORE: entailed some imaginative interpretation. Guano (bird excrement) was used very much in Victorian times including in Guernsey. A large metal sea gull, tall and majestic



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had a long piece of sellotape placed from its tail feathers down to the pebbles 'on the shore' and white natural yoghurt was poured down the sellotape to the pebbles. It seemed appropriate to place a sample of vraic (seaweed) in front of the seagull and a picture of c. 1900 of Guernseymen collecting vraic from the beach complimented the fertilizer used in those days. Also placed on the 'shore' was a presentation box in which samples of oyster shells and bones, actually found in our own VWKG, was placed in the front of the display.

GRASS: A farm was set out on the artificial grass. I purchased farm animals in a local store, with three main types of animals being represented: horses, sheep and pigs. These livestock provided much needed manure for fruit and vegetables in Victorian times. But how to replicate the dung?



What is brown, looks like dung but has a wonderful taste? Why, chocolate of course! So round, flat chocolate buttons took the appearance of cow pats and milk chocolate covered raisins with the addition of straw provided the excrement for the sheep and pigs. I think my favourite were the pigs as they wallowed in muddy compost looking very happy.

Jayne Spicer

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Soccer Aid at La Houquette



On Friday 14th June, La Houquette Primary School joined hundreds of schools across the UK taking part in Soccer Aid's playground challenge, raising money for UNICEF projects. This event was led by the school children as the creative obstacle course was designed and run by year 5 and the Rights Respecting Steering Group were responsible for publicity and collecting money.

La Houquette Primary School have been working with UNICEF to become a Rights Respecting School since the start of the year and have recently gained the Bronze award. As part of this, we have linked our charitable giving to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Soccer Aid supports Article 31, the Right to play and the children set themselves a fundraising target of £375, enough to build a whole community playground in Zambia so that 100 children can play. Year 5 spent part of their PE lessons designing an obstacle course that would be challenging but fun and accessible to all the children from Reception to year 6.



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On the day itself, the playground was a riot of colour as children came to school dressed in their favourite sports kit and there was an excited buzz as children waited for their turn to take on the course. Soon, the whistle blew and the first team were off, competing in teams of four and carrying a football between them over a course which included monkey bars, balance beams, a climbing wall and a penalty shoot out.

The day was a great success with highlights including a visit from the Island Games mascot Darcy the Donkey and lots of examples of the children working together and showing great teamwork and resilience. So far over £400 has been raised, smashing the initial target. Children were very enthusiastic about the day with Holly Smith (year 3) saying, “It was really fun

and exciting and I enjoyed being athletic to raise money.” Johnny Allsopp (year 5) added, “I enjoyed marshalling the event and helping the younger children tackle the course.”

The Hidden Gardens of St Peters

What could be better than taking a Medium Meander through the lanes of St Peters on a Sunday afternoon in June? This was the second year that St Peters Church had organised the Hidden Gardens of St Peters. We knew that we were in for a treat as last year we did the Rigorous Ramble. The first few gardens were like familiar old friends as we dawdled along the lanes.

The blooms of a huge rose which was trained along a high granite wall varied in colour from apricot to yellow then pink. This year there was no need to rest in the summerhouse of one garden to escape the blazing sunshine. Instead we were amazed at how little damage the wind and rain hadn't done on the Friday night.

Now we were in unfamiliar territory – going down lanes we had neither driven nor walked in the past and completely losing our sense of direction with the high grassy banks on either side. But that is half the fun of it. Then we came to our favourite garden of the day – Le Pré along Rue des Prés. This epitomized what makes a cottage garden. At the back of the house terraced beds were jam packed with well-established plants and roses galore with a grassy path just wide enough to walk along. At every opportunity we bent down and buried our noses into yet another gorgeously perfumed rose. A white rose cascaded down like a waterfall. A stream ran along the bottom dividing the garden from the meadow. Wherever you looked a new vista appeared.

La Forge had a tiny museum where we learnt that oxen couldn't stand on 3 legs when being shod so were supported with straps and ties. A dear little garden at La Marette had a gravelled area beside the house with a large metal table and chairs with numerous pots of lavender. We felt that we were in France and could have lingered considerably longer but there were still more gardens to explore. La Vielle Grange had a free standing granite gable wall with an opening in the middle. Wherever you stopped to admire the flowers or trees in this

garden the owners had created different and interesting views within one garden. Finally, meeting 3 friendly donkeys at Kingsley we forgot that we were in the flight path of the airport.

In each garden, the sound of busy bees buzzing from one plant to another to collect their precious nectar reminded us that summer was here. The dramatic skyline of looming rain clouds meant that the light emphasised the rich colours of the many roses, shrubs, trees, foxgloves, love-in-the-mist, peonies, lavender, and a myriad of other plants that we couldn't name. Returning to the green outside the parish church we could enjoy a welcome cup of tea and reflect on having had the privilege of going through numerous garden gates and stepping into more hidden gardens of St Peter's. So thank you parishioners for letting us share your little piece of paradise.

SMCB



Sarnia Arts & Crafts Club

It's been a very busy summer already for Sarnia Arts & Crafts Club and there is a lot more to come over the next few weeks.

In April and May the club hosted demonstrations and workshops from two visiting UK artists, Les Darlow (pastel artist) and Jenny Aitken (Acrylics) and in June twenty-four intrepid artists braved torrential downpours in Sausmarez Park in order to enter the annual Sarnia Arts & Crafts Club's "En Plein Air" Painting Competition. The challenge of painting En Plein Air is to paint outside whatever the weather conditions and with rain washing paint off canvases as fast as the artists could apply it this was indeed a test of their skills. The results however were undeniably incredible given the conditions and the judges - Guernsey Folk & Costume Museum Manager Ali Keeling and her assistant Merrie Jee, Pat Johnson from

Floral Guernsey and Mary Bairds from the Guernsey Botanical Trust; had a very difficult time deciding which artist should win the competition.

After much deliberation they chose an acrylic painted by local artist Gill Harrison with a Pastel by

Wendy Griffin coming in second place and a watercolour by Jennie Ryland in third. Gill received a £250 cash prize and will be presented with the Sarnia Arts & Crafts Club's En Plein Air Trophy by the club's patron Lady Corder on the opening night of the Club's Summer Exhibition at Elizabeth

College in St Peter Port, which will be open to the public from Friday 26th July - Sunday 4th August.

The club will be in the Craft Tent at The West Show in August giving painting demonstrations and offering art activities for children. Their stall will also display a variety of members' work including cards, paintings and a selection of crafts, textiles, silk-work, knitted and felted goods all available to purchase.

In September UK based Chinese Brush Painting Artist Stephanie Morris will be visiting to give a demonstration followed by two days of workshops for club members. For more information about the club, the Summer Exhibition or any of the forthcoming club events please contact Liz Potter, Tel 07781 148391



Jenny Huchison painting in the rain



Floral St Saviours working with Guernsey Water to restore wet meadow habitat

Guernsey Water has worked with floral St Saviours over the last few years to enhance areas around St Saviours Reservoir Walk car parks. Steve Langlois, Guernsey Water’s General Manager said “We are very grateful to St Saviours Floral Group for their ongoing efforts and enthusiasm around the Millennium Walk, their assistance together with Art of Living and volunteers from the Bank of Butterfield, will help us to restore an overgrown area back to a natural wet meadow, which is now a rare habitat in Guernsey”

Following clearance of the site, the habitat will form part of Environment Guernsey’s overall management of the Millennium Walk. Mr Langlois said “these changes

mark the start of efforts to help protect and enhance biodiversity at Guernsey Water sites. Guernsey Water’s business plan aims to Protect our Environment, and changes to the way we manage our sites is one way in which we are working to achieve this”

Help needed please!

I don’t know if you can help us please? My father Lloyd Savident went to St Saviour’s School from 1938 until he was evacuated to Manchester in 1940 aged 9. He has an old photograph and he can remember some of the people in this photo and we are very interested to know the names of the other pupils.

I am looking to do something about the children who went to St Saviour’s School and were evacuated, where they went, or whether they stayed on island. So if you can help, please let us know, either by giving me a call on 263132 or julie@bulpitt.gg



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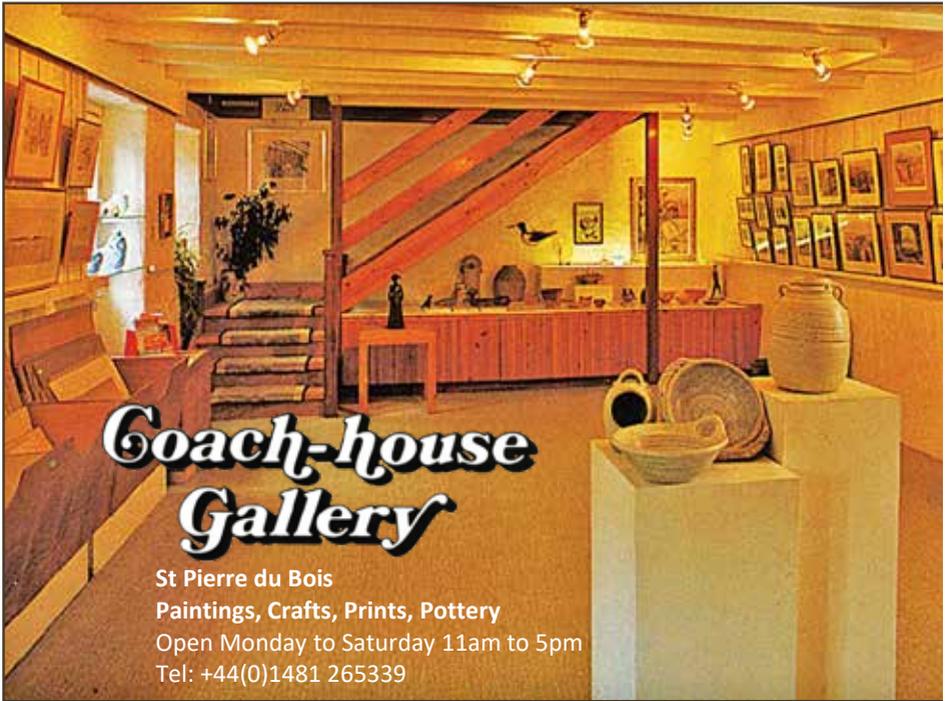
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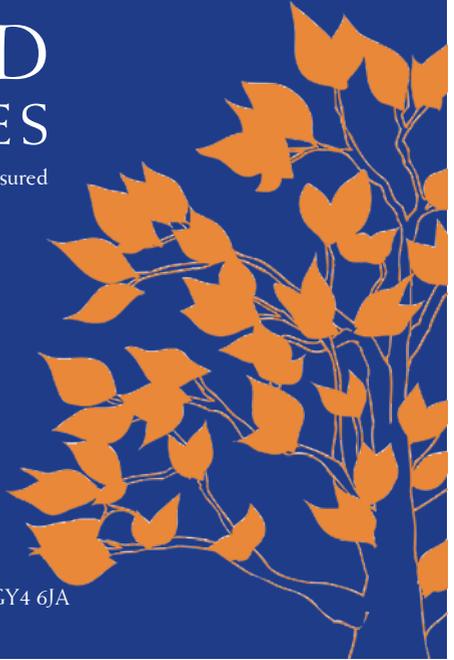
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