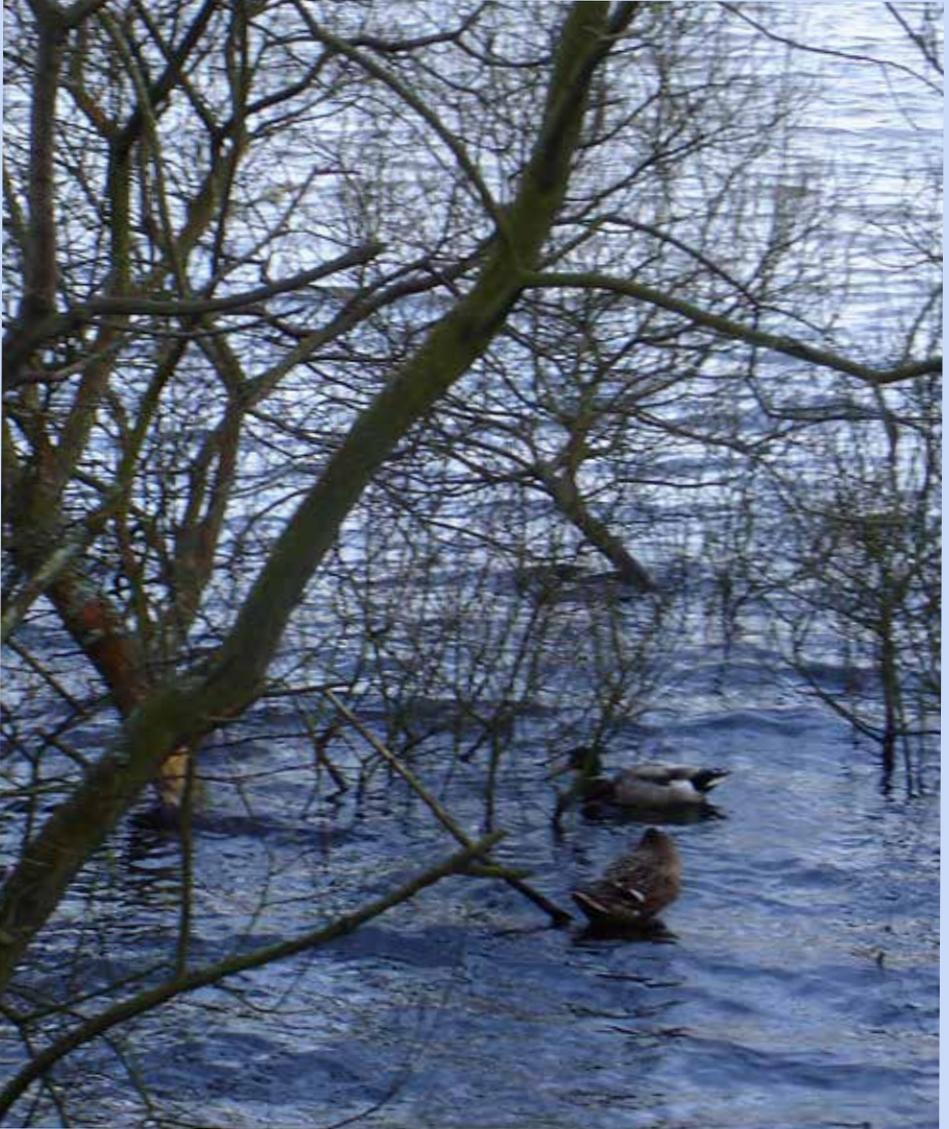




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Our Western Parishes are home to about 3,091 households and as the country parishes it might be assumed that, especially in the darker months of the year, there is nothing much going on out West.

The truth is quite the opposite, there is an unbelievable amount on offer! Every issue we devote many pages to all the various activities which are happening in our glorious western parishes and it never ceases to amaze me just what a wide range of activities we have to choose from.

Our church communities offer far more than the Sunday services. For those of you who love to knit there is Knit and Natter and wool spinning in the Forest. There are a wealth Mother and Toddler groups offering young families an opportunity to socialise together and afternoon tea being offered in several parishes.

Our Community Centres are also a hive of activity. There are fitness classes for every level, from Yoga and Pilates to TRX and fit blast. There are classes to learn to paint or to sew and the opportunity to sing together for fun.

There is no excuse for us to sit at home alone this Autumn. I am off to the Parish hall for tea and cake after I have done my Body Combat class – See you there!

Cover picture

Ducks at St Saviour's Reservoir. N.S.

MORE COVER PICTURES NEEDED!

have a go and send them to us as a JPEG or PDF

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The community magazine
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

Meets on Friday 4th October and 8th November 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 6th & 20th October, 3rd & 17th November 6:00 - 7:30pm. 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

Tuesday 1st October 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the St Saviours church hall - join us for afternoon tea and a chat. In November Tea on Tuesday moves to Thursday 7th November in church - an afternoon with the Chelsea Pensioners and the chance to see the wonderful Remembrance Displays.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 14th September and 9th November 8am - 9am @ 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.

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.

Special Events in St Peter's
“Consider the birds of the air”

An evening with Rod Ferbrache on Tuesday 9th October at 7 p.m. with photographic exhibition.



Rod Ferbrache has a passion for bird watching and photography and has a vast knowledge of bird life in Guernsey. Rod has the rare gift of being able to convey this knowledge in an accessible and inspiring way. On Tuesday 9th October at 7 p.m. he will be launching a photographic exhibition and giving a talk, with photographs and audio recordings, at St. Peter's Church. The evening is free but there will be a retiring collection and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Community Barn Dance at Styx Centre Saturday 19th November from 6 p.m. onwards

Dry stone walling and truth

An evening with Nicholas Gold on Tuesday 12th November at 7 p.m.

An evening with Nicholas Gold telling his

story of how he began dry stone walling. Walls are like truth because everyone puts their stones in a different way. Nicholas started dry stone walling in 1964 in Aidan, now part of the Yemen, and continued doing this in Northamptonshire, Yorkshire, Arizona, Australia and of course Guernsey. He shares some interesting reflections.



Amazingly, the walls Nicholas built in Arizona are labelled by Google Earth as “the ancient burial ground of Navajo Indians.” His talk with accompanying projected photographs will be at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday 12th November - 7 pm for 7:30 pm.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a retiring collection. All welcome.

St Cecilia Concert with Max Wong and guests - Saturday 23rd November at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. in St Peter's church.

Christmas Market at Styx - Saturday 30th November 2019 at 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Around the West Extras.....

Swinging Statins Concert at
St Saviours

Friday 18th November 7:30pm

No tickets, just turn up. Free bar and retiring collection.

Torteval Church Harvest Coffee Morning

Sat 19th October 10:00am - 12noon

Come and see the beautiful harvest displays and have a coffee and cake.

Welsh Male Voice Choir

Concert at St Saviours

Friday 9th November 7:30pm

No tickets, just turn up. Free bar and retiring collection.



Music at St. Peter's



St. Cecilia Concert

with Max Wong & Jacob Wright violins
Carmen Craven-Grew viola, John Surcombe cello

7.30 p.m. **Saturday 23rd November**
at
the parish church of St. Pierre du Bois

Refreshments from 7 p.m.
Retiring Collection



Jazz Night
with
The Swinging Statins!

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Friday 18th October- 7.30pm



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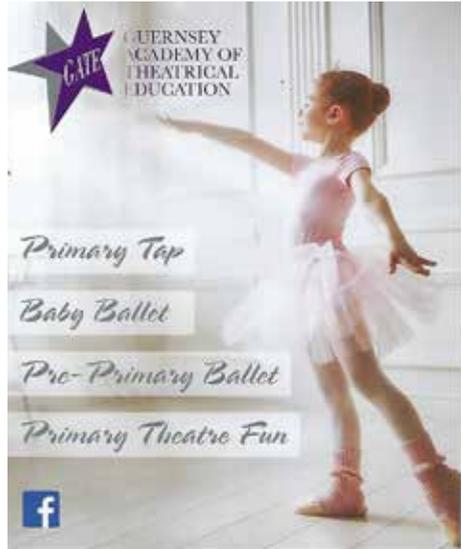
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Western Parish Churches

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 Every Sunday during term time
there is the 4pm@stpeters
Children's Clubs and contemporary
worship with High Tea
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
St Apolline Chapel
Thursdays 10am - 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 Forest Methodist Church

SOUP LUNCH

Saturday 19 October 12pm - 2pm
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United Reformed Church (Perelle)

Sundays at 10.30am, morning worship.

Special services at St Pierre du Bois

Sunday 20th October at 10 a.m. - Harvest Service and Gift Day for new Church servery

Sunday 10th November at 10 a.m.
Remembrance Day Sunday Service with Act of Remembrance

Sunday 3rd November at 6 p.m. - A quiet service and time of reflection to remember and honour loved ones who have died

Special services in St Saviours and Torteval

Sunday 6th October 9:30am Harvest Family Service at St Saviours.

Celebrate all God's wonderful gifts to us.

Sunday 13th October 4:00pm Deanery Service at St Saviours

A service for the whole Deanery to celebrate the work of Lay Readers and to welcome Sarah-Jane Allen as our new Lay Reader.

Please note the 5pm Meditation at St Saviours and the 6pm Evensong at Torteval has been cancelled so we can all attend this service.

Sunday 20th October 11:15am Harvest Family Service at Torteval.

Torteval's chance to celebrate God's goodness.

Sunday 20th October 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 3rd November 6:00pm - Memorial Service at Torteval. For those who have lost loved ones, come and join us for a service of readings and prayers as we remember those who have died.

Monday 11th November 7:30pm - Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance at St Saviours. A service organised by the Western Branch of the RBL as we remember all who have died in the service of our country.

Sunday 17th November 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.

Special services & events at Ste Marguerite de la Forêt

**Saturday 5th October 2 - 3.30 p.m. Let's
do Harvest!**

Fun craft activities for children,
refreshments and puppet play

**Sunday 6th October 11.00 a.m. Harvest
Thanksgiving Family service** followed by
'bring and share' lunch

Wednesday 9th October 10.30 – 12noon
Coffee morning in the church – all welcome

**Sunday 20th October 9 a.m.
Puppets & Praise!**

Breakfast followed by songs, story and
puppets for families with young children

**Sunday 3rd November: 4.00 p.m. All
Souls Commemorative Service** a short
service of remembrance followed by
refreshments

**Sunday 10th November: 10.50 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday** service starting
with laying of wreaths at the lych gate war
memorials

**Wednesday 13th November 10.30-
12noon**
Coffee morning in the church – all welcome

**Sunday 17th November: 9 a.m. Puppets
& Praise!**
Breakfast followed by songs, story and
puppets for families with young children

**Sunday 1st December: 11.00 a.m.
Family Christingle service**
including the opening of the Christmas
Tree Festival



**Puppets &
Praise!**

in the Forest

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young children.**

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All are welcome!



**Something new
in the Forest!**

**Coffee mornings in
Forest Parish Church
every second Wednesday
Oct 9 & Nov 13
from
10.30 -12
parking in
nearby field**

Dear Friends,

“The incredible thing about miracles is that they happen.....” wrote G K Chesterton in his Father Brown stories. There are so many miracles around us here in Guernsey. Last month Lydia, my teenage daughter, and I were swimming at Vazon and a small group of dolphins came to join us. We were together with them for around 10 minutes. In its own way, it seemed quite miraculous and somewhat surreal.

I think that so often we can see the extraordinary in the ordinary if we stop, pause and look. Perhaps the Caribbean saying “do less, achieve more” has some sound advice embedded within it. So often we are in such a rush that we can miss the beauty, the wonder and the provision in front of us. In the season of Autumn there is much beauty, colour and change to observe and note.

Psychologists have shown that there is considerable power in keeping a “Gratitude Diary”. Every day recording one thing for which you are particularly thankful. Research has shown that even doing this for 30 consecutive days can have a beneficial effect on people’s emotional health and well-being. Why not give it a try? It will be interesting to see what you may notice differently.

This Sou’Wester covers Harvest Festival and Remembrance Day - two important occasions where we stop and give thanks for different and important reasons. We do not take physical provision or political security and peace for granted. The words of a modern Harvest prayer sum this up:

“Lord God, heavenly Father,
we thank you that you have again
shown your kindness
by giving us the fruits of the earth
in their seasons.
Help us to use them rightly,
to your glory,
for our own wellbeing,
and for the relief of those in need.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.”

Yours thankfully and with love and prayers,

Adrian Datta, Rector, St. Pierre du Bois



Adrian Datta



Styx Centre is delighted to announce the installation of a public Defibrillator, providing the Community with 24 hour access to this life saving device. Anne Thomas, Centre Manager, is thrilled that this facility has been made available to the Centre's User Groups and wider Community by kind donation and support by Specsavers Group.

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Friday 18th October

Session 1: 12.30-1.45pm

Session 2: 2.15-3.30pm

Session 3: 7.00- 8.15pm



L-R. Dame Mary Perkins, Specsavers Group; Anne Thomas, Styx Centre; Mike Froome, Cardiac Action Group.

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Floral Forest

You will have to hang on until the next issue to hear the results of the Floral Guernsey Community Awards, which came out too late for this edition, but no doubt you will hear all about it through the Guernsey grapevine.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in enhancing the parish and helping with our fundraising events to enable us to not only enter the Community competition, but also make the Forest parish a pretty place to live. A **‘Thank you Party’ will be held at the Forest Douzaine Room on Wednesday 9th October at 7.00pm and we look forward to welcoming you.**

Though dead heading the displays has stopped over the winter, our team of volunteers continue to meet up on the first Monday of the month for coffee. If you want to join us, you are most welcome. Give us a call or email, details are on our website www.forestfloral.org.gg



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19:00 - 20:00

Pilates

with Juliet Ozanne

(Sark Hall)

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Tuesday

10:00 - 11:00

U3A French Workshop

with Sue Devine

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

14:00 - 16:00

U3A Sewing & Design Workshop

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

15:00-17:00

The Western Community Library

open to all

18:00 - 19:00

StepFitness

with The Body Studio (Sark Hall)

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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

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Wednesday

09:30 - 10:30

Pilates

with Polly Mann (Herm/Jethou Hall)

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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

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(Sark Hall)

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19:00 - 20:00

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19:15- 20:15

New Waves

(Herm/Jethou Hall) Nutrition Fitness
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Thursday

09:00 - 12:00

Giggles and Squiggles Toddler Group
Full - closed group

09:30 - 10:30

Yoga

with Roberta Lemon
(Sark Hall) robertalemon1@gmail.com

17:30 -19:00

Youth Club

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

18:00 - 19:00

FitSteps

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10:30 - 12:30

Worship

with The Fort Christian
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(Andy's House)



A lunar window

As an astronomer I have for some time wondered about the significance of a stained-glass window in St Saviour's Church. It shows St Francis of Assisi, and depicts prominently what could almost be taken to be a solar eclipse, but which must be a thin crescent moon, the unlit part of the moon's disc illuminated by earthshine and clearly visible. The phase would suggest perhaps a day-old moon, ie one day past New Moon.

Intrigued, I consulted the authority on ecclesiastical history, the Reverend Leslie Craske, who had been Rector of St Saviour's. In a pamphlet he had written about the windows in the church, he described it as "an exquisite little portrait of St Francis, given anonymously to commemorate a parish mission in which the Franciscans took part. The artist is Lawrence Lee, who also designed the windows in the Chapel of St Apolline in the parish. He was among an outstanding group of artists who, in a radical break with tradition, designed the seventy windows in Coventry Cathedral after the war." The 10-day Franciscan Mission which the window commemorates was in October 1975 and consisted of two Friars and two Sisters.

He was able to throw some light on the significance of the moon, drawing my attention to the Canticle of the Creatures, composed by the saint, and which includes the verses:

*Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you when we look at
him.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,
and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely
in the heavens.*

I thought that perhaps the window could be regarded as being based on the words of St Francis's canticle, showing the moon partially illuminated by the sun (and earth). The window depicts St Francis with birds, a rabbit, tree, flowers, fruit, and possibly stars, his hands outstretched as if to show that all these creations are reasons to praise God. He believed that all creatures should show such praise and that humans have a duty to protect nature. He himself had a great love for animals and the environment. In this respect he was perhaps hundreds of years before his time. The Roman Catholic Church regards him as the Patron Saint of Ecology.

Reverend Craske points out, however, that St Francis was himself referred to as Brother Sun, with Sister Moon referring to St Clare, the founder of the Franciscan Order which bears her name (known as the 'Poor Clares'). This is confirmed by Franciscan Tertiary Christine Shaw, who says that the name 'Clare' means 'Light', and that St Clare is the Patron Saint of Television! She does not know why the window appears to depict an eclipse, unless it is to make us think, which it certainly does!

Reverend Craske says that at the time of the window's dedication in 1978 there was considerable interest in the two saints, encouraged by an American film called 'Brother Sun and Sister Moon'. Symbolism in Christian tradition is that Clare, in founding her Order of Poor Clares in imitation of Francis and his friars, was the New Moon reflecting the light of the Sun. He feels sure that is what the window portrays.

I am grateful for this interpretation of it, which enhances my appreciation of this beautiful window.

David Le Conte

Local Astronomy

The Observatory of the Astronomy Section of La Société Guernesiaise will be open on Thursday the 31st October from 6.00 pm to observe the stars and other night-sky objects. Talks and slide shows will also be given, and the event will go ahead regardless of the weather.

It will have a Halloween theme, with bats and moths in evidence. Park at La Houquette School and follow the signs. Donations are welcome (suggested £2 adults, £1 children).

The Observatory will also be open for one hour, from 1.00 to 2.00 pm on Monday, the 11th November to observe a transit of Mercury across the face of the Sun.

Park at the Observatory, behind the large bunker a hundred yards up the road from the school, in Rue du Lorier.

David Le Conte



Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden

Butterflies and Day - flying moths in the garden



painted lady

Walled gardens can provide a relatively sheltered and warmer environment compared to the outside world and these conditions suit butterflies well. Several different species have been recorded in the Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden at Saumarez Park since the spring of 2007 when our restoration project was in its early stage. Much clearing and digging took place in that first year with many weeds and grass clumps remaining in the untackled areas but the butterflies were not affected and 12 species were noted during that year: Red Admiral, Small White, Large White, Holly Blue, Speckled Wood, Painted Lady, Meadow Brown, Common Blue, Gatekeeper, Green-veined White, Wall Brown and Peacock were all seen in that order of appearance from April to October. Over the next eight years five more species were spotted: Small Copper, Comma, Purple Hairstreak, Clouded Yellow and finally a Small Tortoiseshell in July 2015.

Purple Hairstreaks live in the oak tree canopy next to the walled garden but are rarely seen at ground level so it was very exciting to catch sight of a female on the garden soil close to where I was working early one Saturday morning in July 2011. This butterfly was possibly taking up moisture or could even have just emerged from its underground chrysalis. More excitement followed in June 2013 and August 2014 when single Clouded Yellows were observed flying and briefly stopping to nectar in the walled garden; this very mobile migrant is a relatively uncommon visitor to Guernsey.

Hummingbird Hawk Moths are also mainly summer migrants to our island and are always interesting to watch as they hover with fast beating wings, sipping nectar with their long proboscis. This moth species usually visits the walled garden several times a year – one has been seen as early as 23 March, nectaring on virginia stock and one as late as 2 November feeding on verbena bonariensis. Other day-flying moths that have been recorded include the Jersey Tiger, Silver Y, Oak Eggar and on one occasion a Cinnabar Moth which was very pleasing to spot as it rested on a





red admiral

wooden edging board. In recent years we have grown a good selection of flowers and herbs which provide easily accessible nectar for our insect life: virginia stock, verbena bonariensis, cosmos, french marigold, chrysanthemum carinatum, mignonette, borage, chives, mint, lavender and thyme are all useful.

Our chive flowers proved to be a great attraction to 10 Painted Ladies which descended en masse in early June 2009 during a major influx of this migratory butterfly species to the British Isles. That was certainly one of the best wildlife treats we have experienced in the walled garden.

Ian Hall

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Gone But They Haven't Forgotten

The ingenuity of the people of Torteval together with the tramp of hundreds of feet belonging to Homo erectus and in some cases not so erectus, have repelled the advance of Corvus corone corone (crows to you and me). I can vouch for this as I encountered several squadrons of the black menace occupying the lands of Le Friquet Garden Centre, like the Taliban's retreat to the Tribal

Territories. BUT BE WARNED THEY WILL BE BACK. I have already spotted a rearguard they left behind to alert them, when it will be safe to return. High on a springing branch of a pine on the borders of my neighbour's garden one remained, alert as ever and irremovable. The parishioners went well beyond the main purpose of scaring unwanted predators and took the opportunity to comment on Island life, politics, history and the idiosyncrasies of humanity. The scariest exhibit to me was the huge, obviously genetically modified cow of

Home Farm, which alone could have kept the States Dairy busy for three days. She might upset the Guernsey Breeders Association, but the last time I passed the Glebe Field she was still on watch, holding the attention of that rearguard crow. Naturally Island Wide Voting inspired or terrified many, including this reporter. Election Day with its list of suggested candidates caused many a giggle as did the Matthews' windy bean jar. I also enjoyed the Wrexit Motors by



the Addlesees, that was simple but very effective.

The overall and worthy winner “You know It’s Summer when all the Annoying Creatures are around” left you to ponder whether the bugs or the three abreast cyclists were the most annoying; at least one is allowed to swat the bugs! And the most complex and most extensive was Aladdin’s Cave from the residents of the Chateau des Tielles Retirement Home. It was pleasing to see the number of entries submitted by Groups and Businesses, fourteen out of a total of 53 exhibits. Amongst these were contributions from the Douzaine, Torteval Pre-School, Youth Choir, St. Peter’s Scouts, GSPCA, Autism Guernsey as well as from family groups and friends, all of which demonstrates that the sense of a community coming together to have fun is still very much alive out west.

Following last year when the Sunday was an almost complete wash-out, the weather was ideal; a mixture of sun and cloud, so not too many were tempted away to the beaches. This was important to both the public attending and thank you to them for continuing to support our festival, but also for the exhibitors. Creating the displays has to be done during the last few days before and takes hours of graft by each and every one: so, a big thank you to all of them and to all those organisers, helpers, tent raisers and stall constructors. This event has grown over the sixteen years since it all began, to become one of the major contributors to the Guernsey Summer Scene. But remember they will be back and so will we for number 17.

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The last few months have seen a wealth of concerts at Forest and St. Saviours churches and it's been wonderful to witness these local and high quality performances being so well attended. The healing power of music is well documented and I can say that these were not only musically inspiring but also thoroughly happy occasions. Thanks go to organisers and performers alike.

BUT it doesn't stop there!!

Audiences are in for a real treat on Saturday 23rd November at St. Peter's with the annual St. Cecilia's day concert. The concert has been put together by violinist Max Wong, who has a very special link with the church, having married there last month.

Max is a Guernsey and London-based violinist who has given concerto performances in the UK, the US and China. On Guernsey, Max gave a recital at St James in 2018 and performed Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time in Town Church over the Liberation Weekend. He is currently pursuing a doctorate at the Royal College of Music and represents the Royal College of Music in solo recitals throughout the UK.

Joining Max are cellist John Surcombe and violinist Jacob Wright, both regular performers across the island and members of St. Peter's family service band and choir.

Completing the line up is Guernsey's

outstanding viola player, Carmen Craven-Grew. Carmen attended the Yehudi Menuhin School at the age of 8 when she also toured France and Germany, playing in festivals and recitals.

After completing her studies at the Royal Northern College of Music she played with The Halle, Opera North and BBC Philharmonic Manchester.

Carmen is now Head of Strings with the Guernsey Music Service and regularly performs both on the island and in the UK.

The hour long programme includes works by Bach, Handel and Leclair for solo violin, violin duet and viola, concluding with Schubert's beautiful Rosamunde string quartet.

Mary Cordall



The GYCT Little Theatre Co meets on a monthly basis and is open to anybody who has an interest in all things to do with theatre. September's meeting had a go at the Greek Classic, *The Frogs* by Aristophanes (and I resisted the temptation to say we 'reddit').

There is a full programme planned up until July 2020, hopefully with something for everyone. Most evenings start at 7:30 ready for 7:45 finishing around 9:30 p.m. although everyone is welcome to stay on for theatre talk

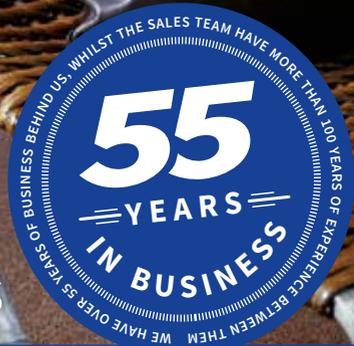
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Monday October 7th A MASKS WORKSHOP evening led by Vanessa Mee. "Man is least himself when he talks in

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Monday November 4th WAR OF THE WORLDS In the United States an alien invasion threw humanity into chaos, but was it real or simply the Orson Welles’ 1938 radio broadcast? 81 years later, the GYCT Little Theatre Company recreates that infamous evening. Complete with vintage commercials and sound effects you can be part of this re-creation of the radio broadcast that shocked a nation. Free entry. All welcome. Meet at 7:30 for a 7:45 start. The Lion’s Den (upstairs at The Golden Lion in Market Street). Anyone is welcome.

Monday December 2nd ANOTHER CHRISTMAS CRACKER Join us in party mood for our take on Christmas past, present and future. Meet at 7:30 for a 7:45 start in The Lion’s Den (upstairs at The Golden Lion in Market Street). Anyone is welcome

Monday January 6th POSTS A workshop led by Dean Hollingsworth, exploring a technique for performance writing. The theme of the source material will be Guernsey and its folklore. Meet at 7:30 for a 7:45 start at our usual venue in The Lion’s Den

More details about the Little Theatre Company at gyctlittletheatreco.simplesite.com. It truly is open to anyone with no previous experience or skills.

Martin

martincordall@cwgsy.net

STORM

*Did you hear the crash when the
wind arose,
Or the tinkling when rain drops fell?
When the wild wind blows through
the tall Pines,
What does their whispering tell?*

*The howl of a storm, far screeching
of gulls,
Or cries of men drowning, who
knows?
The sighing of Tides as they wax or
wane,
When the howling Sou-Wester
blows,
Or the faraway rumble of thunder,
Or of distant cannon sound,
And cries of wounded dying Crew
Shipwrecked and run aground
Far away on a distant coast,
When Napoleon hove into view.*

*From Days long ago in the night
calls
The dong of a lone ship’s bell -
Calling for help but nobody hears -
Sounding its sad Death Knell !*



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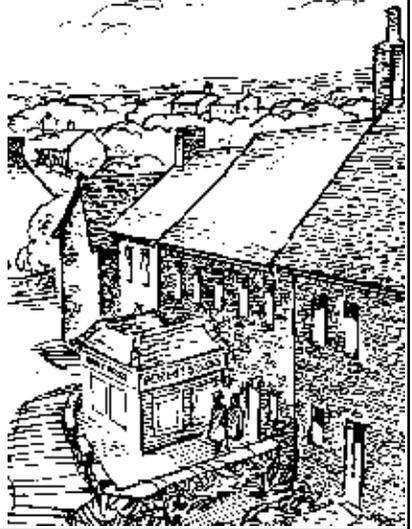
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Autumn Birding

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A bird to see in the countryside or even maybe your garden is the Brambling. This attractive little bird breeds across Scandinavia and Russia, occasionally Scotland, where they nest in birch and pine forests. Each autumn they fly South in search of seeds; some of their favourites are beech nuts; they will, however, come to gardens for seeds if others are scarce. They look similar to our chaffinches, dark heads, peachy tones to the body and tortoiseshell

like mottling on the back and sides. Watch for white rumps which show well as they fly. They often join chaffinch flocks so watch out and you may be lucky.

Around the coast you may be fortunate enough to see one or both of the waders called Godwits. The one we are more likely to see is the Bar-tailed Godwit; it can be a winter visitor (it stays here a while) or a Spring migrant (visits on way North). The more scarce winter visitor and spring migrant is it's close relative the Black-tailed Godwit. They are difficult to tell apart but the answer, as often is, is in the name. The Bar-tailed indeed shows 'bars' across its tail, and, in winter, has a much greyer appearance than the Black-tailed. It, of course, shows a black tail. When in flight the two are more easily told apart, the black-tailed shows a vivid white wing stripe and a black tail, the bar tailed shows a plain wing and a 'barred' or striped tail.





Godwit

Whether you see these birds or not you are guaranteed to see birds wherever you go, in greater or lesser numbers. Sadly, this year so far, it has been the latter for a number of birds. The reasons for this are varied but Climate Change is a definite factor.

To help you find and identify more birds you may wish to join one or more of the following RSPB walks.

Tuesday 15th October

Meet at the Scramble track car park at Pleinmont (Perry's P32 C4) at 10am

Saturday 19th October

Meet at the car park near the Imperial hotel (Perry's P 32 D2) at 9am

Saturday 26th October

Meet at the Fleur du Jardin hotel car park (Perry's P14 C4) at 9am

Wednesday 6th November

Meet at the car park North of Bordeaux (Perry's P 11 H1) at 10am

Sunday 10th November

Meet at the car park, close to Rue des Annevilles (Perry's P21 G1) at 9-30 am

The Virgin Queen

After spending sixteen days developing from an egg, she emerges as a fully developed queen in waiting, having been fed copious amounts of royal jelly to achieve this. The departing queen that left with the swarm will have laid eggs in a number of special cells and when the first queen emerges from her cell there may be up to twenty five or more queen cells in various stages of development. These cells will have been laid over a number of days but the first ones laid will emerge at much the same time so that there may be numerous virgin queens within the colony. Over these early days they call out, known as piping to each other, which brings them together. When they meet, they will engage to fight to the death, which continues until a single queen remains. The conqueror will then go around the hive searching out still developing queens in their cells, each one she finds she will break into the cell and sting the occupant killing her also. The only period in her life that she will use her

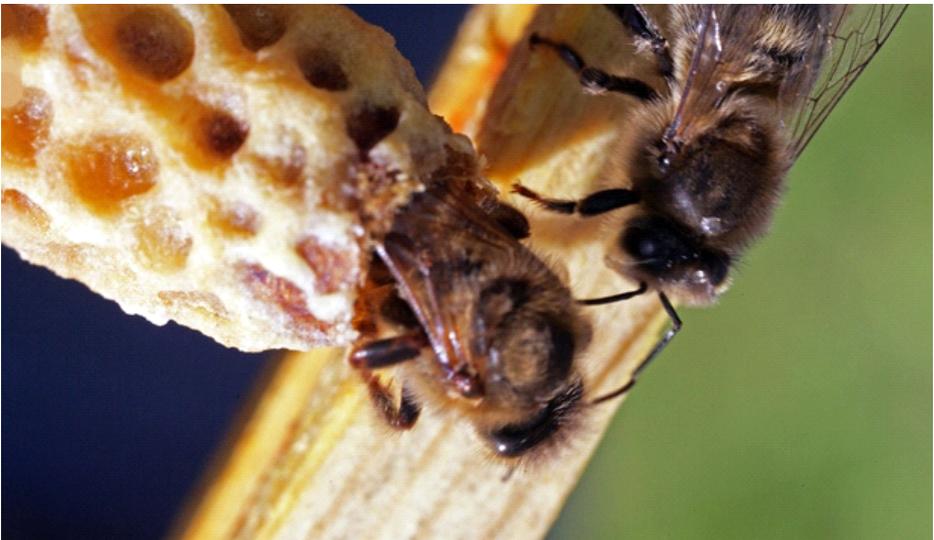
stinger.

There can only be one queen to head the colony and once she is satisfied that all her sisters are dealt with the next phase of her life begins.

Now she must leave the hive to fly and find male bees who will also be searching for virgins that they can mate with and deposit their sperm within her, which she will store within a gland called a spermatheca. She will mate with numerous drones during a period of around thirty minutes spent outside the hive on the wing and she may repeat this flight several times over a number of days.

After mating with the queen, the drones die and any drones that are not lucky enough to mate with a queen will be removed from the colony at the end of the summer, as they will no longer be needed and will be an extra mouth to feed over the winter, a liability the colony does not need.

Within around five days of emerging from the cell the young queen will be mated and ready to take over the colony. The worker bees will recognise her as their queen





and start to care for her by grooming and feeding her. Her egg laying life will commence and the colony can be assured of its survival for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile the swarm that left the colony to start up again will hopefully have been seen by and collected by the beekeeper and placed in a new hive in which to establish themselves. In this way they can be fed additional food usually sugar diluted in water to make a syrup. The colony can then build new comb and has to quickly re-establish itself in order to be of sufficient size and gather sufficient stores to sustain itself through the coming winter.

By now the summer is nearing its end and this old queen may be two or even three years old, the colony may well decide that during the coming winter she may fail, which will mean the death of the colony as they will lose their only egg layer and be unable to replace her. They will not allow this to happen and the colony will set out to replace her.

grooming the new queen

As the colony develops after the swarm has re-established the nest, the workers will build up to three cell cups into which the old queen will be encouraged to place a fertilised egg.

From these cells a new queen will emerge, be cared for by the worker's and encouraged out of the hive on her mating flight. On her return she will settle down to lay and will do this alongside her mother. The only time when the colony will tolerate two queens.

As time passes and the young queens laying rate increases, fed less food the old queen will slow and fade, her life over.

The colony now has their new queen in place and can prepare for the coming winter and the life of this superorganism will continue on, as will the original colony under a new queen, a marvellous feat of cooperation.

Chris Tomlins

The Church Year

Advent

The season of Advent marks the start of the Christian year, and is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ.

Although it is a season of preparation, the characteristic note of Advent is expectation, rather than penitence. In this way it has a different mood from Lent. Commercial pressure has also made it harder to retain an appropriate sense of alert watchfulness in our anticipation of Christmas but, for many Christians, the Church's preparation for the coming of Christ is a powerful reminder of the real meaning of the season.

In the northern hemisphere, Advent falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The progressive lighting of candles on the Advent wreath, acts as a liturgical Advent calendar, and is a valuable way of involving children in the liturgy.



As Christmas draws nearer, the focus falls on John the Baptist and then, finally, on Mary, as she prepares to give birth to the Saviour.

Christmas

The celebration of Christ's coming among us at Christmas, the incarnation, is one of the two poles of the Christian year, along with the narrative of his death and resurrection.

Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth: it reminds us of the central truth of 'the word becoming flesh and dwelling among us' (John 1.14),

fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 7.14 that the virgin will conceive and bear a Son, who will be called Emmanuel, 'God is with us'.

One of the challenges for the Church is to continue to celebrate the season of Christmas after the secular world has turned its thoughts elsewhere. Historically Christmas would have extended at least until the Epiphany (the twelve days of Christmas) or as a more extended marking of the incarnation until 2 February, a celebration of forty days.

Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany on the 6th January marks the beginning of the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means manifestation and the traditional observation begins with the celebration of the visit of wise men from the East. It then explores other ways in which Christ reveals himself to be the Son of God: the celebration of the baptism of Christ by John, when the voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son; and Jesus's first miracle, when he turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana.

In this perspective, the season of Epiphany provides an opportunity for the Church to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls appropriately in the Epiphany season.



The end of the season is marked the Feast of the Presentation on the 2nd February. Jesus is brought to the Temple by his parents, according to the Law of Israel. There he is recognized by Anna and Simeon, who declares him to be 'a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel.' The traditional service

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makes use of a procession of candles as part of the liturgy, and so the Feast is often known as Candlemas.

Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the observation of Lent the most solemn time of the Christian Year. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence: from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by marking Christians with the sign of the cross in ash on their foreheads. The season is traditionally marked by self-examination, fasting and preparation for Easter. It is a time when Christians reflect on the biblical account of Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13).

It also became a time when those who were to be baptized at Easter were instructed in the Christian faith. It became customary for the whole Christian community to join them in study and self-reflection, through a period of forty days, corresponding to the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens. Bible readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death. Holy Week begins with the re-enactment of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of a journey of the imagination which takes us to the Upper Room for the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, through Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion on Good Friday. Easter Eve, or Holy Saturday, is a day like no other, a day of desolation and despair. In the Easter Vigil, the Church gathers to call to mind the mighty works of God through reading of scripture, in preparation for the proclamation of the resurrection, which

marks the beginning of the celebration of Easter.

Easter

The Easter Liturgy has included baptism or the renewal of baptismal promises from the earliest times. Those who are baptized are united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Traditionally, new fire is kindled and from this the Easter candle is lit and held aloft with the proclamation: 'The light of Christ'. This Easter liturgy can provide a real experience of new life. This passing from darkness to light offers hope to all the faithful, as the Church celebrates the risen Christ.

The season of Easter is celebrated for fifty days culminating in the feast of Pentecost. Since the late fourth century, on the fortieth day there has been a kind of staging-post celebrating Christ's ascension to heaven. This marks the end of his earthly ministry and it is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. Matthew's Gospel ends with Jesus's final words to his disciples, that they should go to all nations and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28.19-20). In John's Gospel, Jesus instructed his followers to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14.15-17).

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the account of the Holy Spirit coming on the disciples empowering them for mission (Acts 2:1-47). Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Morris Chevauchée

In May

Dawn, 1st of May and Morris dancers all around the country were dancing to welcome the summer sun. Everywhere that is, except here. The fates were against us this year.

However, Guernsey Morris Belles and Broomsticks were determined to do something to mark the season. It was decided to make a day of it on the 6th May Bank Holiday Monday. We set our selves the challenge to dance in each parish in one day. To travel from Parish to Parish in effect a Morris Chevauchée.

Thus all ten parishes of Guernsey were treated to some traditional Morris dancing to the accompaniment of our band on fiddle, accordion, melodeon, sousaphone and drum to mark the start of May.

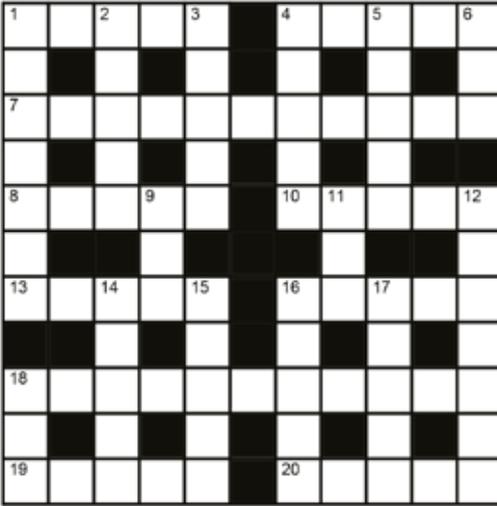
Starting at 10 o'clock at Petit Bot in St Martin's and the Forest, and finishing at the Liberation Monument in St Peter Port, we achieved it in 7 hours having gone at a fairly leisurely pace. In all places we were received by appreciative audiences. Although the herd of heifers at the Vauxbelets were somewhat bemused.

“In previous years we have actually danced on 1st May, at sunrise, which is the oldest Morris tradition” said John Gillson, Squire of Belles & Broomsticks, “but we decided to make a day of it by dancing in every parish. We had a great day and chose some spots that gave us two parishes in one stop; at Petit Bot, where we entertained a hardy group of bathers warming up with hot drinks from the tea room after their swim, and on the Bridge where we danced on North Side, Vale then processed along the road to South Side, St Sampson's much to the bemusement of passers-by.”

A thoroughly good time was had and we all vowed to do it again next year. A start to a new local tradition? Morris Chevauchée, we hope so.

Belles & Broomsticks are a mixed Cotswolds and Border Morris dancing side. We practice most Mondays at 7.45 at St Martin's Community Centre. New members are always welcome and anyone that thinks they might like to give Morris a go as either a musician or dancer, should contact the Belles at bellesandbroomsticks@gmail.com or via our Facebook page Belles and Broomsticks Morris. Further details may also be found on our website www.bellesandbroomsticks.com.





Fun Crossword

Down

- 1 - Up-to-date replacement (7)
- 2 - Very large elephant (5)
- 3 - Curse, or give one's word (5)
- 4 - Urge, force (5)
- 5 - Take in, hopefully!, in school (5)
- 6 Wednesday's child is full of it (3)
- 9 - Grown-up elver (3)
- 11 - Badly sick (3)
- 12 - What's left over (7)
- 14 - Handel's piece of music played slowly (5)
- 15 - Oui, sí and ja are examples (5)
- 16 - Compere given his written title (5)
- 17 - Musical instrument in the string section (5)
- 18 - Top of cooker (3)

Across

- 1 - Indian Princess (5)
- 4- Relative by marriage (2-3)
- 7 - Vehicle ID (6,5)
- 8 - One going a-courting! (5)
- 10 - Cruise ship (5)
- 13 - Could be a tasty bit of money! (5)
- 16 - Santa's little helpers (5)
- 18 - Old-fashioned musical instrument (11)
- 19 - Footwear named after the Iron Duke (5)
- 20 - Get rid of pencil marks (5)

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Funnies

We are pleased to note that there has been a change of mind by the Housing Department regarding the name for the new Housing complex for the elderly. 'St Peter's Close' did seem somewhat inappropriate.

Benjamin listened closely as Rabbi Greenbaum read from the Bible.

'May I ask a question?' Ben asked. Of course, go ahead, ask your question,' replied the rabbi.

'Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea,' continued Ben, 'also that the children of Israel built the temple, the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?'

Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did and for years he guided merchant ships all over the world. Never did stormy

seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains.

However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual. He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, then lock it back up. After, he would go about his daily duties.

For years this went on, and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope, opened it and...

The first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others. Four words were on the paper, two on two lines: "Port Left, Starboard Right."

The Starfish

Once a man was walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and forth this person went. As the man approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the result of the natural action of the tide.

The man was stuck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish one by one and throwing them into the surf. As he came up to the person, he said: "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man. He then stooped down and pick up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned back to the man and said: "It sure made a difference to that one!"



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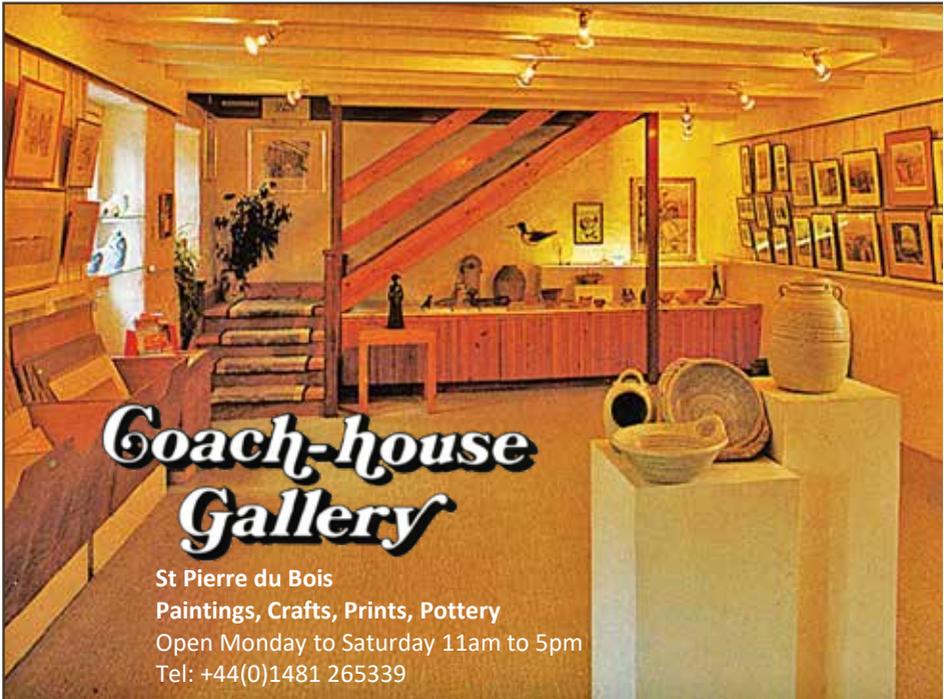
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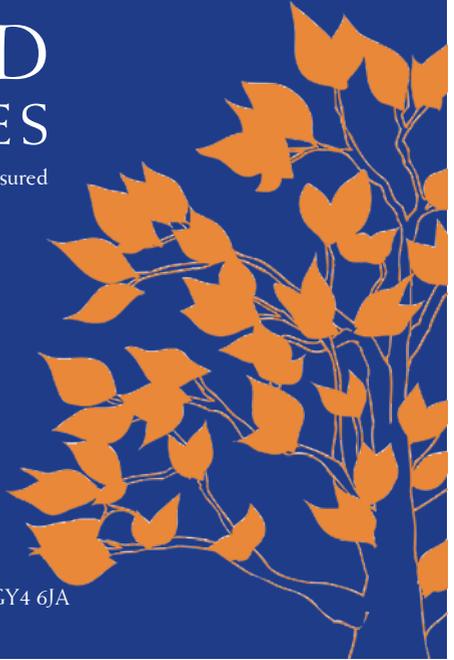
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