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Welcome

What a year it has been! Looking back over 2021, it seems to have been very unsettled, and for many, an upsetting year. Changes to the way we live caused by events and their repercussions beyond our control, in particular Brexit and the Covid 19 pandemic, have impacted many lives. Let's hope 2022 is a better year. Who knows, the local elections might be just the tonic we need!

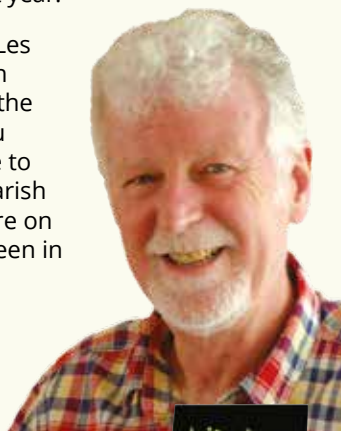
Well, there is some light relief in this edition of Les Clefs with the return of the Wisecrack Crapaud who has some japes to help ease us into the Christmas season, some 'Did you Knows', a Wordsearch and a Brain Teaser – all of which, due to advertising pressure, had to be dropped from the autumn edition.

This is a community magazine and once again our parish community has contributed some great pieces. Feel the enthusiasm in the air for the year ahead as St Peter FC's Brian Foulser updates us with news from the club. Take inspiration from the 'Woodland Wanders' piece and get out in the fresh air for a walk in beautiful St Peter's Valley. Crafts are great for lifting the mood so, for the more artisan minded among you, we have part one of a detailed piece on rural craft in which the writer's passion shines through.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to bringing you more news and features next year.

If you would like something published in Les Clefs or would like to get in touch, you can email me at: lesclefseditor@gmail.com or the Parish Hall at: parishhall@stpeter.je. If you would rather put pen to paper, then write to 'The Editor' and post or drop it into the Parish Hall. You can also telephone the staff there on **481236**, they will let me know you have been in touch and I will contact you.

Ray Pike



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Recycling STATISTICS

The latest stats from Premier Waste Management:

JULY

PAPER & CARD:	10,040 kilos (11 tons)
PLASTIC:	1,980 kilos (2.1 tons)
METAL PACKAGING:	960 kilos (1.0 tons)

AUGUST

PAPER & CARD:	11,680 kilos (12.8 tons)
PLASTIC:	1,010 kilos (1.1 tons)
METAL PACKAGING:	880 kilos (0.9 tons)

SEPTEMBER

PAPER & CARD:	15,500 kilos (17 tons)
PLASTIC:	890 kilos (0.9 tons)
METAL PACKAGING:	940 kilos (1.0 tons)

To take a look at the full statistics on-line, visit www.premierwaste.org.uk/recycling-data

The Village Tearoom

Now that life is returning to near normal, here at the Village Tearoom we are so pleased there are many more people coming in to dine. With autumn in full swing and winter on the way, from 1st November we will be introducing our 'Winter Warmers'..... chilli in a jacket potato, Bean Crock, sausage, mash and onion gravy to name a few. Why not pop in when you are passing to see what's new on our menu.

We look forward to welcoming customers old and new and would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of their Community Tearoom.

Opening hours are as follows:
Monday to Saturday - 8am to 3pm with last orders for hot food at 2pm.



Les Clefs Online

Readers of Les Clefs can view this publication in PDF format by visiting the parish website by going to 'parish.gov.je' click on 'St Peter' then look for 'Quarterly Parish Magazine' on the side bar.



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READER'S PHOTO £30 winner

Les Clefs is offering £30 to the successful entrant who submits either a letter or a photo which is chosen for publication. The idea is to encourage readers of Les Clefs to play a part in providing some content for their Parish magazine.

Congratulations to Stephen Gallagher who sent in this lovely photo of a beautiful Jersey cow. Stephen, who subtitled his photo "How many licks...or likes can I get?", will be receiving £30.

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to participate. So get creative, put on your thinking caps and start writing (no more than 250 words) or take a photo. The subject matter can be anything you like; past, present or future, topical, nature, ecology, hobbies – parish or island-wide, the variety is endless. Send your letter or a photo to Les Clefs either by email: 'lesclefseditor@gmail.com' or drop it in to the Parish Hall. Please head your entry "Reader's Photo/Letter" and don't forget to include your name, address and phone number.

Limitations: You must live in the Parish of St Peter to enter. Only one prize can be claimed, per letter or photo, per



person. By submitting a letter or photo you consent to its publication and assert there are no copyright restrictions on such letter or photo. Les Clefs is not a vehicle for political expression, letters or photos submitted in this vein will not be eligible.

BATTLE OF FLOWERS ASSOCIATION Plan Open Day

Here is an update on St Peter's Battle of Flowers Association's plans for 2022. The good news is that the juniors, under the guidance of Karen McGlinchey, will definitely be entering a float into next years' parade - they will also be entering the Fête de Noué if it goes ahead - we are still awaiting confirmation.



Will St Peter be a part of the Battle parade in 2022?

However, the future of the main float is uncertain - many of our members who have previously given hundreds of hours have decided that, for various reasons, they are unable to commit the time as before and, sadly, some will no longer be an active part of the team.



The team having fun flowering the 2019 exhibit Music Evolution

Without a dedicated team of people who are able to commit, the float will not come together. We need younger people with a passion to be creative, have time to give, and enjoy the community spirit that 'Battle' brings. We hope that we will find enough people to enter a parish class float next year. With that prospect in mind, to encourage new members and to give anybody interested a

chance to try hares-tailing, flowering, leafing and all the other creative skills, and show the enjoyment of being part of a battle team, we will be holding an 'Open Day' in the Parish Shed on Sunday 5th December from 12 noon until 3pm. There will be experienced people there to talk to and guide anyone wanting to see if they can be creative and artistic with some unusual media. It is planned to advertise well to encourage people to come along - so if you fancy seeing what it is all about please drop in and have a go!

We will be making our popular wreaths again this Christmas, they will be ready to collect from the Parish shed on **Saturday 11th December** between **09.00 and 12.00** and cost **£18.00**. If you would like to order one please phone **Pat** on **481557**.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022

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A Tribute to Rozelle Huelin

On 30th September, the Parish of St Peter lost one of the most dedicated community workers with the death of Rozelle Huelin, at the wonderful age of ninety eight.

Born in 1923, Rozelle grew up in a farming environment and had a very active childhood and as time moved on she got very interested in many social activities within the Island. However, at the age of seventeen, everything was about to change with the occupation of the islands by the German forces over the next five years. Many opinions were expressed between the Renouf and Du Feu families who lived in the two Francief properties in St Brelade.

Following the occupation, clothing and many every day items were hard to come by and Rozelle had a talent to make and mend dresses and all types of clothes. Rozelle kept herself busy with seasonal work as life was getting back to normal, and work experience extended to 'Le Brocq's General Stores' (located on the site now occupied by the Co-Op Grande Marche store), St Peter's Post Office and Mauger's (later to be Le Riches) opposite the New Star car park.

With the parishes starting to organise Fetes, Carnivals and Concerts, Rozelle was already very active with fund-raising for the St Peter's Football Club with well supported Whist Drives, helped by husband Bert, who was a player and committee member. Followed in later years by forming the St Peter's Senior Citizens Club, with the Whist Drives supporting this, and many other activities within the Parish, including fund-raising for a new mini-bus to be able to take the senior citizens on drives which would end up with lunch or tea. Going to France or the Opera House for shows. Rozelle was delighted when, after raising £8,000 for the mini-bus fund, the Parish agreed to match that total pound for pound, by donating £8,000 to meet the full cost.

Liberation Day was always very dear to Rozelle and she was delighted with the parish's entry in the 'Best Liberation Day Lorry' who competed for the Bailiff's Cup, with St Peter being the last winners of it being held. In addition, Rozelle

then stood in a Parish election for a place on the newly formed Maison Le Marquand committee and was successful in placing third out of twenty candidates. She was very proud of her role and held the position of secretary for twenty one years along with her great friend Cynthia Du Feu, who was chairman also for twenty one years.

In addition to her many duties, Rozelle was elected to the Youth and Community Project committee charged with investigating the proposal to build a Community Centre. After hundreds of hours and forty meetings later, the parish community have a wonderful facility which you can see today.

Rozelle was also a very active member of the Parish Church Choir for many years, along with being a very prominent member of the St Peter's Women's Institute.



One of the many lunches at the Living Legend

Many recall the wonderful times she had at the Living Legend for lunches and many other functions when Rozelle, along with a band of helpers, worked so hard to give everyone who attended a special and enjoyable time and in the process raised thousands of pounds for many charities to the benefit of so many people.

Rozelle Huelin was a remarkable lady. One who knew what she wanted and how she was going to achieve it, with all sorts of plans as to how she would bring joy and happiness to so many people in the parish that she loved. A few lines from 'Rollo May' I believe sum up Rozelle very well:

"The hallmark of courage in our age of conformity is the capacity to stand on one's convictions - not obstinately or defiantly, nor as a gesture of retaliation, but simply because these are what one believes."

Rozelle certainly had the courage, capacity and conviction to get things done and the belief that brought so much joy to so many people.

Dear Rozelle may you rest in peace and rise in glory with your beloved Bert and adored son Steve.

TJDF



Presentations made to Violet Holmes, Nigel Gillard, Cynthia Du Feu Rev. Barry Giles and Rozelle Huelin to commemorate their twenty one years service on the Maison Le Marquand Management Committee

PARISH NOTICE



Paroisse de St Pierre

Public Meeting

update and discussion sessions with your
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11th January 2022 • 6pm to 8pm
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Q. What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?
A. A Holly Davidson!

Q. What carol is sang in the desert?
A. O camel ye faithful!

Crapaud's Christmas Crackers



Q. What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
A. Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

We all need a laugh to lighten our lives a little.
Here are a few mirthful moments for you.....
Send in any that make you smile
lescleftseditor@gmail.com.

Q. What's green, covered in tinsel and goes ribbet ribbet?
A. A mistle-toad!

Q. What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A. A Christmas Quacker!

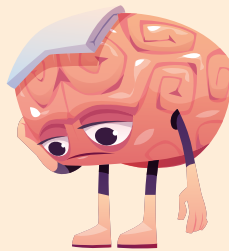
Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A. Frostbite!

Brain Teaser

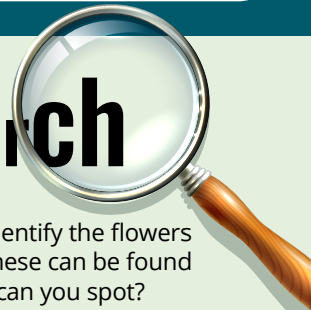
Thanks to John Heys for sending this to Les Clefs

You have 12 steel balls, one of which is either heavier or lighter than the others. Using a pair of weighing scales only 3 times. Find the odd one and whether it is heavier or lighter.

You will find the solution on page 36.



WordSearch



You don't need to be a botanist to identify the flowers hidden in this grid, in fact many of these can be found in any domestic garden. How many can you spot?

Find the words from the list in the grid of letters. They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, and may be spelt forward or backwards. Once you have found all the flowers, the unused letters will reveal a not so well known flower! *Have Fun!*

P	O	R	D	W	O	N	S	M	B
E	S	O	Y	S	I	A	D	E	R
M	B	S	R	P	I	L	U	T	O
A	N	E	M	O	N	E	S	A	O
P	E	O	N	Y	Y	A	U	I	M
N	E	M	A	L	C	Y	C	L	N
Y	L	I	L	A	C	S	O	H	T
H	E	D	L	O	G	I	R	A	M
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MARIGOLD
LILY
IRIS
ANEMONE
TULIP
SNOWDROP

CROCUS
ROSE
CYCLAMEN
DAHLIA
BROOM
DAISY

PEONY
LILAC
ASTER
WISTERIA

The solution is shown on page 36

Did You Know?

Sometimes we come across an interesting 'fact' that can be surprising. Here are a few that may astound you, at least one of which is out of this world!

Octopuses lay 56,000 eggs at a time. The mother spends six months so devoted to protecting the eggs that she doesn't eat. The babies are the size of a grain of rice when they're born.

You only have two body parts that never stop growing: Human noses and ears keep getting bigger, even when the rest of the body's growth has come to a halt.



Thanks to 3D printing, NASA can basically "email" tools to astronauts. Getting new equipment to the Space Station used to take months or years, but the new technology means the tools are ready within hours.

The Eiffel Tower can grow more than six inches during the summer. The high temperatures make the iron expand.

Elephants are the only mammals which cannot jump.

23rd Jersey Scout Group

The 23rd Jersey Scout Group have been making the most of the dry autumn weather, having fantastic outdoor experiences together while working towards lots of badges. The group meets on Wednesday evenings and is open to all. We are very fortunate to have use of the beautiful grounds of St George's School in St Peter and Bel Royal School in St Lawrence.



The Beavers have been learning all about our local apples

Beavers turn 35 this year and our Beaver colonies celebrated this special anniversary with cooking activities, party hats and games. The Beavers have also been learning all about our local apples this autumn by picking, chopping, tasting, crushing, juicing and even playing games with apples! Fresh apple juice squeezed by hand is hard to beat. The Beavers have also been working towards their Experiments badge by having a go at lots of different experiments using lemon juice, bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and food colouring. Who knows, we may have a future Nobel prize winner in the making!

Our Cub packs were very lucky to be invited to have a trial Jiu-jitsu session with the Gracie Barra BJJ & MMA Academy club, learning lots of new physical skills as part of a healthy lifestyle. They have been honing some of their traditional Scouting skills too, such as lashing and knot tying. It's amazing how focused the knot tying is when you are allowed to eat the strawberry laces and bread sticks once you get the clove-hitch right! The Cubs are well on their way to earning their Pioneer badge.

This term the Scout Troop has also been focusing on traditional skills. They used problem solving and map reading skills to navigate their way between chip shops in town for their annual Chip Shop Challenge. Many



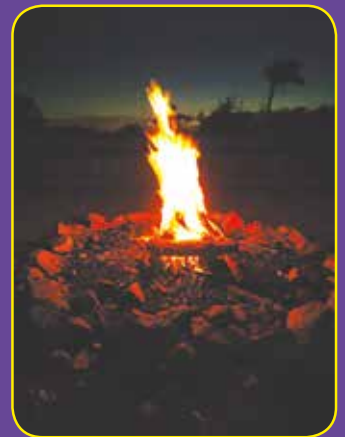
Scouts hit the bulls eye



Cubs on a trial jiu-jitsu session

thanks to Jersey Telecom for sponsoring a set of trackers, which enabled the Scouts to be slightly independent of their leaders, while still being safe. The Jersey Archery Society very kindly provided the Scouts with the opportunity to have a go at Archery this term too and by the end of the session most were hitting the bulls eye!

In October all sections took place in an annual worldwide Scouting event called Jamboree on the Internet/ Jamboree on the Air. Scouts from all over the world log into chatrooms and use radio to share information and experiences about Scouting where they live. This year Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 23rd chatted with Scouts in Australia, Cote D'Ivoire, Sweden and Indonesia to name just a few. We found that Scouts around the world love doing the same things as us: camping, toasting marshmallows, earning badges, playing games and singing funny songs!



If you would like to get involved in Scouting, please contact **Elisabeth Blampied** (e.blampied@scouts.org.je) or scan the QR code which will allow you to register on our waiting list. As ever, we are always looking for extra adult support for all Sections.



No scouting expertise is required, just a passion to be outdoors and help young people of today develop #skillsforlife.

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

ANNUAL RETURNS 2022

The Rates year begins in January and all property and land owners can expect to receive an Annual Return Form for completion. The Forms are usually sent out mid - January and the completed forms should be returned to us within fifteen days. If you can be prompt in returning them then this is of great assistance to us.

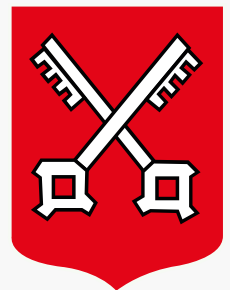
DOGS

Dog owners are required to renew their dog licences annually during the month of January. Please note that application forms can be downloaded from the Parish website and payment can be made over the phone if

required. The fee is £10 per dog. Late applications (received after 31 January) will incur a fee of £20 per dog.

Hopefully there will be more parish events taking place in the Parish in the New Year as many clubs and associations are now meeting again.

Should anyone wish to contact the **Parish Hall Office** please telephone on **481236** or email at parishhall@stpeter.je or by post.



Scavenger Hunters

.....get answers



A first for Les Clefs and, if the feedback received is anything to go by, it may not be the last.

Following the submission from a kind reader, the autumn edition of Les Clefs included for the first time, a scavenger hunt. Variety is apparently the spice of life and, judging by the feedback given to the editor, many readers enjoyed taking part in the hunt for the answers to over 60 questions whilst walking some of the quieter lanes of St Peter.

Unlike the traditional car based scavenger hunt, where all participants venture forth within a short time of each other and then return to the start for the count and prize giving, this variant meant anyone could start whenever they wished and discover the answers at their leisure by email request to the editor. There were no prizes as it would have

been difficult to adjudicate an event in this format. Nevertheless, the simple pleasure of

taking the air and strolling through the lanes for a couple of hours, perhaps with young children joining in with the challenge, was enough to give much enjoyment to those who participated. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to try the scavenger hunt it's not too late as there is no cut off date, but bear in mind some answers may not be found due to seasonal changes!

Thank you to everyone who has taken part so far, thank you for your feedback and a special thank you to the person for taking the time to set the questions and sending them in for readers to enjoy.

If any reader would like to submit something for publication, please get in touch by emailing the editor: lesclefseditor@gmail.com

Jersey Barn Owl

CONSERVATION GROUP

Colin Queree of the Jersey Barn Owl Conservation Group gives us an update on progress since his last piece in the winter 2019 edition of Les Clefs.



Some of Team West: (Left to right) Colin Queree, Mark Peters and Mark Blanchard with Matt Lamy (far right) of Somerleigh Farm.



The new resident



A room with a view



One of the new owl boxes in John Coleman's chestnut tree, clearly showing the entrance at the top

Over the years a lot of owl boxes have deteriorated and, having the entrance hole situated at the lower part of the box, we found that chicks could easily fall out. The Jersey Barn Owl Conservation Group's Team West have been busy renewing a lot of these boxes which now have the entrance hole cut at the top rather than the bottom.

Team West look after 150 boxes, 30 of these being in St Peter. Due to a difficult 2020, because of Covid, we still managed to visit most of these boxes. There were 4 chicks and 5 adults using them in 2020, and 5 chicks and 7 adults this year. In 2021 the west area produced a total of 53 chicks and all of these have been ringed.

Following interest by parishioner John Coleman in our last article, we managed to fit a box in a chestnut tree on his land early in 2020. We are pleased to say an owl, which has been ringed, has been using it this year.

Studying our map of owl box locations, we noticed a huge area of fields where we don't have any boxes. Looking at these fields we found they were mostly farmed by Somerleigh Farm. Speaking to Matt Lamy of Somerleigh we found he was really keen to have some boxes installed. This is great as not only does it help us fill some of these vacant areas, it also helps Matt reach a LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) accreditation for the countryside. We have fitted 2 owl boxes and one kestrel box, and we are looking forward to seeing some barn owls attracted back to these areas. We will let you know how this works out in our next update in Les Clefs.



What is it?

Whilst walking around the lanes of Coin Varin, a reader spotted this peculiar item. Looking for all the world like an amphibian holed up in a tree, it is actually a species of fungus. If anyone knows what variety please get in touch.

Should you come across any interesting or unusual sights when out and about, please send them in. Either drop them in or email to the Parish Hall: parishhall@stpeter.je or directly to the editor's desk at: lesclefseditor@gmail.com.



News from helping wings ...your local flying charity

by Eveline Hawkin

Enabling the disadvantaged and the disabled of all ages to share the exhilaration and fulfilment of flying.

This summer has proved that, to a certain extent, we have been able to live alongside Covid...



Flying with the Royal Air Squadron

Apart from some ad-hoc flights provided by our volunteer pilots we were delighted to be included in the Royal Air Squadron visit to Jersey when they offered to fly 17 HW guests from local charities with their parents and/or carer. We were also able to run our October day for young children although the numbers had to be restricted. After weeks of wonderful weather, Saturday 2nd

October turned out to be just about the worst possible day weather wise! At least the decision whether to fly or not was easy – all flying had to be cancelled.

However, the day did go ahead and yet again, we have to thank the airport fire service team who were with us for most of the day entertaining the children and their families.

The children were also kept busy by our team of helpers who were at hand to guide them to make some wonderful Christmas decorations for the St Peter Christmas Tree Festival – Best decorations ever...

Since then, our pilots have been busy trying to catch up with all the 19 cancelled flights to ensure that each family gets a



The worst possible day weather wise

Macular disease in her left eye which means that she does not have any central vision in that eye. However, this is not stopping Nicole getting on with everyday life as well as wanting the challenge to learn to fly. Amongst her many activities, she has recently been nominated deputy cadet of the year by St John's Ambulance.

The second bursary, sponsored by the Butlin Charity family Trust, has been awarded to Ant Lewis who suffered a stroke in 2007 leaving him with Aphasia - a communication disorder. Ant is a keen sportsman and he too, is determined that his disability will not stop him from learning to fly. We hope that they will both enjoy their flying and look forward to sharing their experiences.

We are also looking forward to having the hand control unit fitted in one of Synergy Flight training's aircraft, which will allow our current lower limb disabled students to resume their flying. This is sponsored by the Sir James Knott trust.

So, all in all, 2021 has so far proved very kind to Helping Wings.

For further information about Helping Wings, go either to www.helpingwingsjersey.org and our [Facebook page](#).



The airport fire service team saved the day. Pictured here with the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Stephen, and Lady Dalton, is Wayne Boschhat and two young Helping Wings guests

Could you spare some time each week to help children in Jersey?

Every Child Our Future is a local educational charity that supports children in Jersey primary schools with their literacy and numeracy. We help hundreds of children each week, and focus particularly on those children who need extra support. If children are behind with their numeracy and literacy in primary school, it is hard for them to catch up, and their secondary school success, employment opportunities and ultimately their quality of life, can be affected.

You can help!

Every Child Our Future supports these children through our amazing team of volunteers, who we train up to go into schools and work with the children. We are currently recruiting for more volunteers to start in schools in January 2022.



Volunteers go into schools for an hour or two a week. They work with the same 3 children each time they go, and spend around 20 minutes with each child on a one-to-one



every child
our future

basis. Our numeracy volunteers on the Number Starters programme play fun games with the children, helping them to improve their understanding of early number. Our literacy volunteers, on the Ready to Read volunteering programme, listen to each child read and gently support them. We also have a third programme, Story Starters, in which volunteers read to children in pre-school nurseries, to help improve their vocabulary and communication skills before they start school.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering for us, visit our website at

www.everychildourfuture.org or email us at info@everychild.org.je. We hope you can join us!

Occupation memories

Do you have any stories about the Occupation?

Les Clefs is looking for any family anecdotes about life under German rule here in the island but particularly with links to St Peter, which may be published in the spring 2022 edition.

If you would like to share any family memories of that time, please either email the editor (lescleftseditor@gmail.com) or drop them in to the Parish Hall marked for the attention of the editor, and please include either a contact email address or telephone number.

Courtesy of Marion Lamy



Jersey Fortification Study Group

By Gareck Meise

As usual The Jersey Fortification Study Group have been busy, opening for the usual guided tours of our personnel bunker at El Tico and further investigation of another site.



The mines are risk assessed

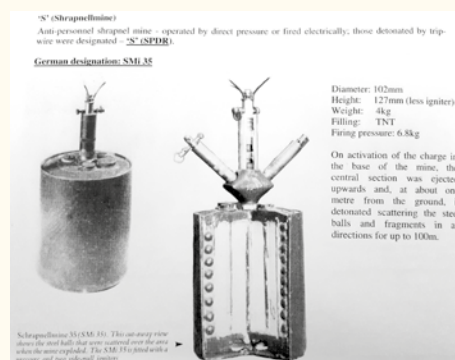
In late August some group members had the very fortunate opportunity to investigate and explore a property used by German forces during the latter part of The Occupation. During the search with metal detectors a very unexpected "hoard" came to light, not a hoard of gold but of

land mines or "*S mines*" - anti personnel devices nick-named by allied forces as "*Bouncing Betties*". Nasty as when disturbed it lifted out of the ground and at chest height exploded its contents of ball bearings or shrapnel.

Needless to say explosives expert Mr Stewart Elliot was good enough to put his lunch on hold and oversee the excavation, in this case the large number found were of low risk, - a note of caution here - in this case we knew what we had found and left it to the experts, anyone finding anything they are not sure about - report it!

Many thanks to the land owner, the neighbours, and Mr Elliot.

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Education and Mental Health Recovery

By Dreena Collins



Dreena Collins works as Service Manager for the Jersey Recovery College, having previously spent 18 years in Education.

Nelson Mandela said: *'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'* I am inclined to agree.

I have long believed in the transformative power of education, in providing opportunities and enhancing life chances. As a teacher, I have seen countless young people develop through education – not only in their confidence and skills, but because studying, learning, and advancing oneself (however, and in whatever area) can also lead to personal development, satisfaction, and growth.

On a broader scale – globally – access to education for all sectors of society can make fundamental strides within complex social issues such as challenging gender inequality, tackling poverty, or reducing preventable illnesses. And mental health is no different.

That's why I was so attracted to the post of Jersey Recovery College (JRC) Service Manager when it was advertised earlier this year, ultimately taking up my post this September. JRC takes this concept of education as transformative – or as Mandela says, a tool to change the world – and provides opportunities and hope for those experiencing mental health difficulties.

But how, exactly?

Mental Health Education with a Difference

The Recovery College model is not unique to Jersey. Worldwide, these developed from the *'recovery movement'* – a non-medical approach to mental health, which spread globally from the late 1980s. But this is education with a difference, involving those with mental health as equal partners at every stage.

There are now more than 80 colleges in the UK, where students are taught strategies to manage their difficulties, or – as friends, carers, family members etc. – to understand and better support others.

SLaM Recovery College (South London and Maudsley) encapsulates the premise beautifully: *"Recovery is about a personal journey towards a meaningful and satisfying life. It is about hope, control, and opportunity. It is about living as well as possible,"* (SLaM website).

But it is not the course content alone that defines a Recovery College. Unlike other forms of training or education, a central tenet is that courses are co-developed and co-

delivered by people who have personal experience of mental health difficulties, alongside specialist practitioners. This is called *'co-production'* – and it gives a value to the unique insight of those people with lived experience of difficulties.

Founded in 2017, the Jersey Recovery College was developed from 'A mental health strategy

for Jersey (2016 – 2020)'

– and co-designed by members from across the island community. JRC runs community courses in a raft of subjects, including outdoor learning (such as walking and running), arts-based wellbeing courses, complementary health activities (such as mindfulness), courses around the principles of recovery, and courses that directly address specific mental health difficulties – for example depression or eating disorders. The classes change term by term, according to community need.

Likewise, we are open to all, and there is no distinction between people attending in a professional capacity and those who are service users. They are all, simply, students. They all have something to learn, and much of the learning comes from the students themselves. This is a huge shift in power dynamics from traditional approaches to health and wellbeing, where the person with mental health difficulties is a patient or client, and the clinician is the figure of authority.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, our students tell us how much they value this: *"...feeling enabled to share personal experiences, feeling equal and not like any person was better than another, is key"* (Student Feedback, Autumn 2020).

"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf." – Jon Kabat-Zinn

Of course, sadly there is no magic tool to wash away all mental health difficulties. Recovery is a journey, that may involve tiny, incremental steps – not always taken in a straight line. But what is so powerful about the Recovery College model is that the emphasis is always on strengths and solutions, rather than problems – and on what works for each individual. As a member of the community, you can choose what to attend, and how often. You can choose what to take away and apply from our courses. And you can choose what to disclose, if anything at all.

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With November now upon us, the herb garden is now looking tired although the blackcurrant sage is still showing off its magnificent display of pink and purple flowers along with the lemon eucalyptus tree which is sitting firmly in its pot.



Most of the Branchage has now been carried out except for a bit of re-planting where one of the lavenders had to be replaced. The insect hotel which from time to time has its twigs and debris pulled out, also needed tidying. New self seeded seedlings popping out of the gravel had to be defined before weeding to see whether they were weeds or herbs.

Cleaning bird boxes will be another task which will have to wait until early next year before the blue tits appear once more to lay their eggs and hatch their young. But that's a task worth waiting for.

And so the work continues. At the end of the day this is my favourite haven where I can relax, even in the autumn and winter months on a nice day with a mug of piping hot coffee with a little something in it to keep the cold away.



Woodland Wanders

Autumn and winter are the perfect time of year to put on your wellies and grab a waterproof coat, and explore our local woodlands.

St Peter's Valley, with its collection of beeches, oaks, chestnuts and sycamores is currently a delight of autumn colours, and if you're lucky, you may even spot a red squirrel or two gathering beech nuts, chestnuts or acorns for their cache to tide them over for winter.



At dusk, you should also be able to spot bats flitting around hunting insects, particularly over the Mill Pond for Le Moulin de Quétivel. There are 18 species of bats in Jersey, the most commonly seen is the Common Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrelle*). They are also called Bandit Pipistrelles because they have a mask of dark fur around

their eyes, tiny and only the size of a 20p piece, they weigh approximately the same as a tea bag.

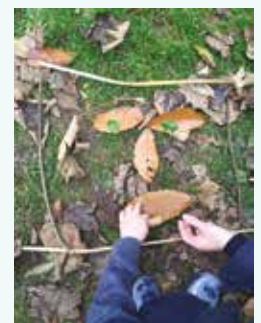
During the autumn half-term, the National Trust for Jersey hosted a series of fun activities which encouraged families to explore the woods by Quétivel Mill. The Jersey Bat Group led two 'Spooky Bat-Spotting Saunters', which included a presentation inside the top floor of the Mill about local bat species, followed by a spooky, night-time walk through the



Photo by Susan Warm

nearby woods with Bat Detectors. Daytimes saw the return of 'Treehuggers', during which the Trust's Education Officer took children for an exploration of the woodland delights of St Peter's Valley. The children learned all about the different tree species and got nice and messy, whilst adventuring and making art out of natural materials.

There is still time to get outside and explore everything that the autumn woodlands have to offer before the weather gets chilly and we all start to ready ourselves for Christmas. For ideas of things to do, the Trust has an 'Activity Hub' on its website (www.nationaltrust.je) under the 'Enjoy' section. Why not test your tree ID skills with a 'Woodland Wander' or investigate oak galls, which are falling to the ground at this time of year.



Bearly Recognisable

What do you do with the old uniforms and sports wear when your little ones move up from primary school? What if there are no others in your family to whom you can hand them down or they are worn in all the usual places, making them unsuitable to give to anyone else?



Fearne with mum Tracy and Penny the bear

At the start of this autumn term Fearne Pallot moved to secondary school. All Fearne's old uniforms have been passed to others to use, all except her last. Tracy, her mother, wanted to have something

made which would be a reminder of all those wonderful experiences enjoyed during Fearne's education at St Peter's Primary School. She had a great idea which not only re-purposes the fabric, giving them a second life, but also serves as a charming and lasting memory jogger.

Fearne's various items of uniform:

cardigan, dress, PE kit, tie, badges and all were taken to a local business, Crafty Quilters where with great skill, the pieces were lovingly cut up and reassembled into the form of a fantastic bear that Fearne has named Penny.

As a school uniform it is 'bearly' recognisable but what a lovely way to give it a second life.



Former Miss St Peter Ties The Knot

Stephanie Bourke, who was crowned Miss St Peter in 2011, recently married Michael De Sousa Luis following an engagement of two years. Stephanie arrived at the church in a vintage car – 1921 Model T Ford, driven by her brother Declan. The ceremony, which was conducted by the Reverend Michael Phillips, took place at 2pm on 28th August 2021 at St Peter's Church. St Mathieu's Choir, from St Mathieu's Catholic Church at Coin Varin were in attendance.

The bride grew up in the Parish of St Peter, having been christened at St Peter's church and then went on to attend the local primary school.

Adding something a little different were six musicians from Music Manager, who performed "All you need is love" after the signing of the register and as the bride and groom walked down the aisle.

Stephanie was accompanied by chief bridesmaid Claire Vautier (who also will be married in October this year),



Stephanie and Michael being chauffeured by Declan in the 1921 Model T Ford

Natasha Hutchings as bridesmaid, and Lana Vieira, the grooms niece (who is two and a half years old) as a flower girl.

A reception was held after the ceremony at La Mare Vineyards, to which Stephanie and her husband arrived in perfect style, as they were again transported in the Model T Ford, with Declan at the wheel.

The bride and groom danced to "All of Me" by John Legend for their first dance, and Stephanie and her father (Peter Bourke) then danced to "Baggy trousers" by Madness, getting the crowd to then join in.

The weather was simply perfect, everything went as planned, and even the newly lifted COVID-19 restrictions, made this a truly memorable day.

Having spent ten days on honeymoon in Ibiza, the couple will be making their home in St Martin.

We wish them a long and happy marriage together.

Should anyone wish to hire the Model T Ford 1921 for their wedding or any special occasion, then please feel free to contact Michael at - theluiscollection21@gmail.com



Keeping busy before and during Covid-19 lockdowns, Eric Payn shows his passion and skill in creating a Windsor chair.

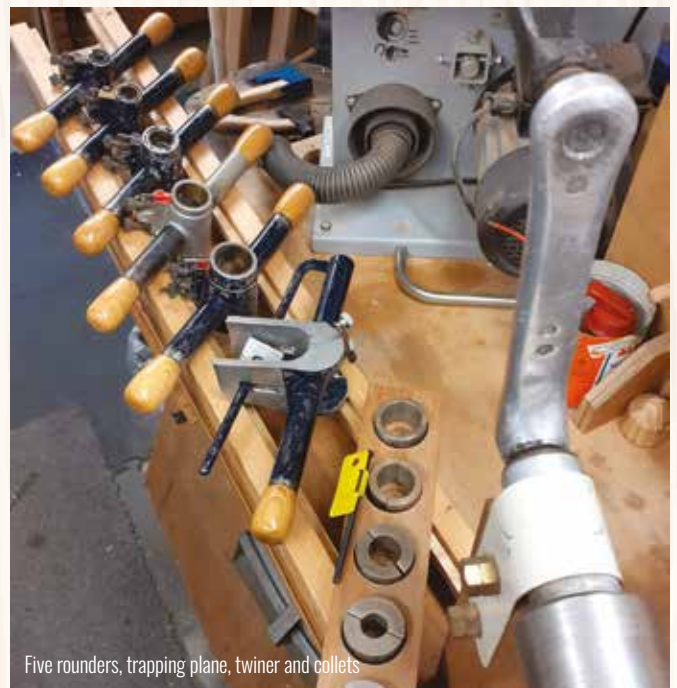
Once upon a time, long ago, well, between September 1962 and 1965, I trained as a woodwork and metalwork teacher at the then, Worcester Teacher Training College (now University of Worcester) with Rural Craft / Rural Science as my subsidiary subjects. Fred Lambert was my inspirational tutor in Rural Craft and Metalworking, very hands on and ideal for me as I came from a practical farming back-ground here in St Peter.

Rural craft & chair making

By Eric Payn



Fred had found his niche at Worcester as it then had a major course in Rural Science, which included teaching labs, a farm with a herd of some forty Jersey cattle, many milking goats, a really stinky billy goat and a flock each of hens and geese. Green houses and plant / vegetable production were also included. He worked closely with the RS tutors, designing items that were made by students that could then be made by youngsters in schools. This included milking platforms for goats, practical chicken houses for laying hens, hazel wattle hurdle fencing for sheep husbandry, small timber hay rakes, gardeners plant raising frames and so much more. Further to this, he had rediscovered the old midland ways of making rounded stails (rods) from freshly split timber, usually coppiced ash. These were originally for making the rungs of ladders used in the plentiful fruit orchards of Worcestershire and Herefordshire and other places, using wooden rounding planes which he redesigned. We as students cast them in high grade aluminium (i.e. ex truck diesel engine pistons bought for pence from the scrapyards) in home made steel moulds, the cutting blade and cap iron idea borrowed from metal spoke shaves.



Five rounders, trapping plane, twiner and collets

Please bear in mind that these rounder tools were designed to be used in schools with and by children from the age of eight onwards, often working in pairs. Five rounders of different diameters were cast, in those days 1/2", 3/4", 1", 1.1/4" and 1.3/8". Toughened up with a ring of appropriately sized brass set in the outlet end when cast, they have proven to be very hard-wearing tools. A further item, called a trapping plane, with a gape of 1.1/2", was made that allowed tapering or barrelling of these timbers once rounded but this had to be used as the rod was rotating, so a twiner assembly was designed using as its basis the base bracket, pedal crank and pedal of a bicycle! In its chuck head, collets were made to fit, each one sized as per the rounders. We turned these items on the metal work lathes in the workshop and I still use these to this day in my chair making.

Fred had done his local research and come across an old Victorian chap called Philip Clissett (1817 - 1913) who lived and worked near Worcester.



An original Clissett chair and my Clissett chair made in 1965

He turned his chair legs on a pole lathe and used round joints in all his chair work. Round mortices and tenons were often used in "country" chairs though not the norm for the more up-market items. He also finished off his chairs with rush seat, or more likely, his wife and children did for him! This job is done with damp, softened rush and is VERY trying on the fingers! Fred picked up on this and designed a series of country style chairs that ranged from occasional, to dining, through to rocking chairs, mostly using locally sourced timbers, only one of which used rushes for the seat.



A froe, beetle, also known as a fromard (mallet), side axes, chopping block, shaving horse and a draw knife.

Then as now, tools and timbers used have interesting names. Ideally, the rails and uprights will be of quickly grown coppiced ash of about nine year old, the seat, if timber, of elm, BUT, these are now very hard to get. English elm is almost non-existent, as soon may be ash due to ash dieback disease. Luckily, I can still get wych elm and ash in Scotland

(our middle daughter, Carol, lives in Aberdeenshire near a timber yard where all its timbers are air dried) and when I can afford it, bring it back by car. However, the ash is not from fast grown, knot free, coppiced material which is a shame. When I can get it, the fresh ash billet is cleft (split) for strength, using a beetle (hefty mallet) and a splitting froe which must follow the pith down to give best timber strength, trimmed roughly 2.1/2" round using a side axe on a chopping block, and fettled further down almost to chair leg diameter on a shaving horse using a draw knife (a curtain ring of appropriate size slipped onto the timber used as a guide is useful). This then is taken down to chair leg size of 1.3/8" and shaped using the rounders described earlier. Similarly, the thinner leg rails are worked to size.



Chair seat shaping tools. A two handed scorp, a travisher, shaped shaves, curved plane and curved scraper with its burnisher, together with a long rule / straight edge and pencil.

Help please.

You will have noted that coppiced ash is very hard to get because it's mostly a forgotten art in our Island and to a certain degree in the UK. We also now have this real problem of ash dieback which sadly often means logs are destroyed by burning.

My last batch of such timber was cut for me by a very obliging Vicomte on his estate in Normandy, some thirty five years ago. Even so, it has still worked far better than the over hard kiln dried stuff that is occasionally available from our local timber merchant.

However, if anyone knows of old living stumps of felled ash that usually have several new growths to them, I'm looking for items of about 5 to 6" (15cm) diameter and about nine years old. It would be wonderful if I could get one fresh winter cut trunk to make more chairs for my family. This is not anti climate change as thinning one item will give the others a better chance of further, quick, straight growth.

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Les Nièmes Farm Bible

By Sue Payn

I was recently given an item which relates to St Peter's Parochial Sunday School. It is a small Holy Bible and it was given to Lizzie le Masurier in 1871. The Rector at the time was Clement le Hardy.

I checked the census returns for the parish to find the family lived in Les Nièmes Road. Lizzie was 8 years old at the time. Ten years later, in 1881, she was still at home and the address is shown as Les Nièmes Farm.

The census revealed the following information about the Le Masurier family:

1871 CENSUS FOR ST PETER, JERSEY

Anne	aged 39	born St Brelade	farmer's wife
Peter	aged 34	born St Brelade	farmer
George	aged 12	born St Brelade	scholar
Lizzie	aged 8	born St Brelade	scholar
Francis	aged 5	born St Peter	scholar
Henry	aged 1	born St Peter	

1881 CENSUS FOR ST PETER, JERSEY

Ann	aged 48	born St Brelade	farmer's wife
Pierre	aged 47	born St Brelade	farmer
Annie	aged 19	born St Brelade	farmer
Elizabeth	aged 18	born St Brelade	farmer
Francis	aged 16	born St Peter	scholar
Henry	aged 11	born St Peter	scholar
Earnest	aged 7	born St Peter	scholar

If any relative of the family would like the item, I would be happy to pass it on. As the pictures show, it is not in the best condition, but has survived for 150 years! Please, in the first instance, contact the editor at lescledseditor@gmail.com.



Record Fair proves vinyl is here to stay

After having to skip a year due to Covid restrictions, the organizers of the Jersey Record Fair were chuffed to be able to return to St Peter's Parish Hall for their 6th annual fair.

Hundreds of people came through the doors over the 2 day event which was a fantastic turnout and better than expected. Sales of records are soaring and have now overtaken CDs proving that vinyl records are here to stay!

Record collectors Ollie Michael and John Dalton set up the first fair in 2015 and have seen it

grow from strength to strength ever since. People of all ages came and were buying records, we even had a little girl "Mia" who is only 6 years old who came and bought (and chose) her very first record "A Hard Day's Night" by the Beatles, released in 1964! What a great choice.

We had great feedback from the attendees saying what a fantastic event it was and such a varied selection of records available. Although there is a lot of hard work in the organizing of the event, encouragement like this spurs us on to keep on going, so much so that it has inspired us (and by popular request) to put the fair on more regularly



6 year old Mia proudly holding her first ever record

rather than just being an annual event. Watch this space!

So all in all it was a very successful weekend, the stallholders were happy as were the customers, plus, as always monies from the entrance fee will this year be shared between local charities (total amount not yet known at time of going to press)

however the Jersey Record Fair has raised to date nearly £6,000 from the last 5 record fairs.

So in the words of the late great Errol Brown "everyone's a winner".



Co-organizer Oliver Michael

YOUTH CLUB



New Youth Worker appointed

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the parish and the community as the new St Peter's Youth Worker. I have very recently taken on this role within The Jersey Youth Service. I am really excited to work with all the young people and the community to continue a great established youth club. I have been heavily involved with the Youth Club for the last few years where I have got to know all the young people well which has helped my transition. I have met with the amazing committee which supports the Youth Club immensely. Please feel free to pop in and say hello.



Volunteers Needed!

St Peter's Youth Club values all volunteers to be part of our team. We are always on the lookout for people who wish to support and contribute to the project. Training is available and if you are interested and feel you can contribute to young people's lives and spare a couple of hours a week then please get in contact with lyndseycapern@jys.je for more information. We will be shortly holding a 'Volunteer Induction' evening with our training and development officer if anyone is interested.



Club Night Activities

We are in full swing and pretty much back to normal on our club nights after a strange year. It is wonderful to see and feel St Peter's Youth Club busy and buzzing again and young people enjoying themselves. We have been busy planning our own programmes with the young people and ensuring that we are delivering what the young people want from their youth club. We have been trying out lots of new skills including arts and craft techniques and of course cooking and baking during each session.



Young Workers

We have just recruited our next intake of keen young workers to the Youth Club. They will all be a great asset to the club, we are looking forward to helping and supporting them develop their leadership and practical skills and experience. All the young workers are learning their new roles within the club and experiencing all aspects of running a successful club session. Our amazing new young workers are Oliver Boletta, Indie Liot, Max Sawyers, Maisie Herbert, Mylie A'Court, Sydney Dicker, Cara Logan, Abi Curtis and Taylor- Jay Cooper. And of course, not forgetting our more experienced young workers Romayni Featherstone, Katia Viera, Rachel Holdridge, Harvey Sayers, Charlee Capern and James Creavy; who all continue to do a wonderful job in our Youth Club.



What we have been up to....

We have been busy exploring lots of art and crafts in the kitchen and trying out lots of recipes. We have enjoyed hot dogs for our dinner and fruit kebabs drizzled in chocolate for pudding.

We are looking forward to.....

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. We are busy planning with the Nursery for the young people to re-paint the hopscotch and the alphabet worm in the Nursery's outdoor learning environment. We are also hoping to create some targets for the children to practice their mud splatting on.

We have lots on our plan for the weeks ahead including using the Zorbs, which everyone is asking about, and wheelchair basketball.

Club Night Sessions

Our youth club offers three different sessions based on age and year group, once you have registered with your youth club, you can access any youth club on the island.

How NOT to branchage

Those who are fortunate enough to own a small bit of property that has a hedge or some other vegetation sitting alongside a public highway should be aware of their responsibility when it comes to the branchage twice a year. Most adhere to this ancient law and carry out the cut in an orderly fashion and usually with hand held tools, powered or otherwise. The fact that Constable Richard Vibert commented on how well maintained the Parish was on the whole is a testament to this.

However, sadly there are many examples, particularly where the use of large machinery and indiscriminate flailing leaves the banques in an awful state. This raises concerns about the sensitivity of the operators of this equipment, or indeed the adequacy of their knowledge. This quote by Chris Perkins, the Chairman of Action for Wildlife Jersey, which is taken from the Gov.je website, sums up these concerns nicely: "We want to ensure that landowners and occupiers understand how important it is to balance the requirements of the branchage with protecting the



The mangled remains of branches are evidence of severe flailing.



Did the ivy kill it or was it disease entering the flail cuts over several years that caused this tree's death?

"The branchage guidelines were updated in 2019 and, since then, we have seen noticeable improvements to roadside banques and hedges, but there is still more to be done; the Jersey Hedgehog Preservation Group have already received a number of hedgehogs seriously injured by strimmers and it is hoped that the campaign will reduce this number, as well as protecting other wildlife."



Was it really necessary to remove nearly all of the growth from this banque?



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New St Peter Rifle club's aims **may be on target**

Following appeals earlier this year, both in this magazine and the Jersey Evening Post, the resurrection of the Parish of St Peter Rifle Club now seems more likely.

An initial meeting was held on 29th September in the Parish Hall attended by 16 interested people whilst four others sent their apologies for being unable to attend. The trophies already owned by the old dormant club were on display and after discussions attracted some attention.

The cost of insurance is the main obstacle to setting up the club, however, a way may have been found around this potential problem by each new member joining the existing Jersey Rifle Association, with the St Peter's Rifle Club able to function within it.

Can those who attended the meeting please send their email addresses to Eric.

More to follow.



If you are interested please contact
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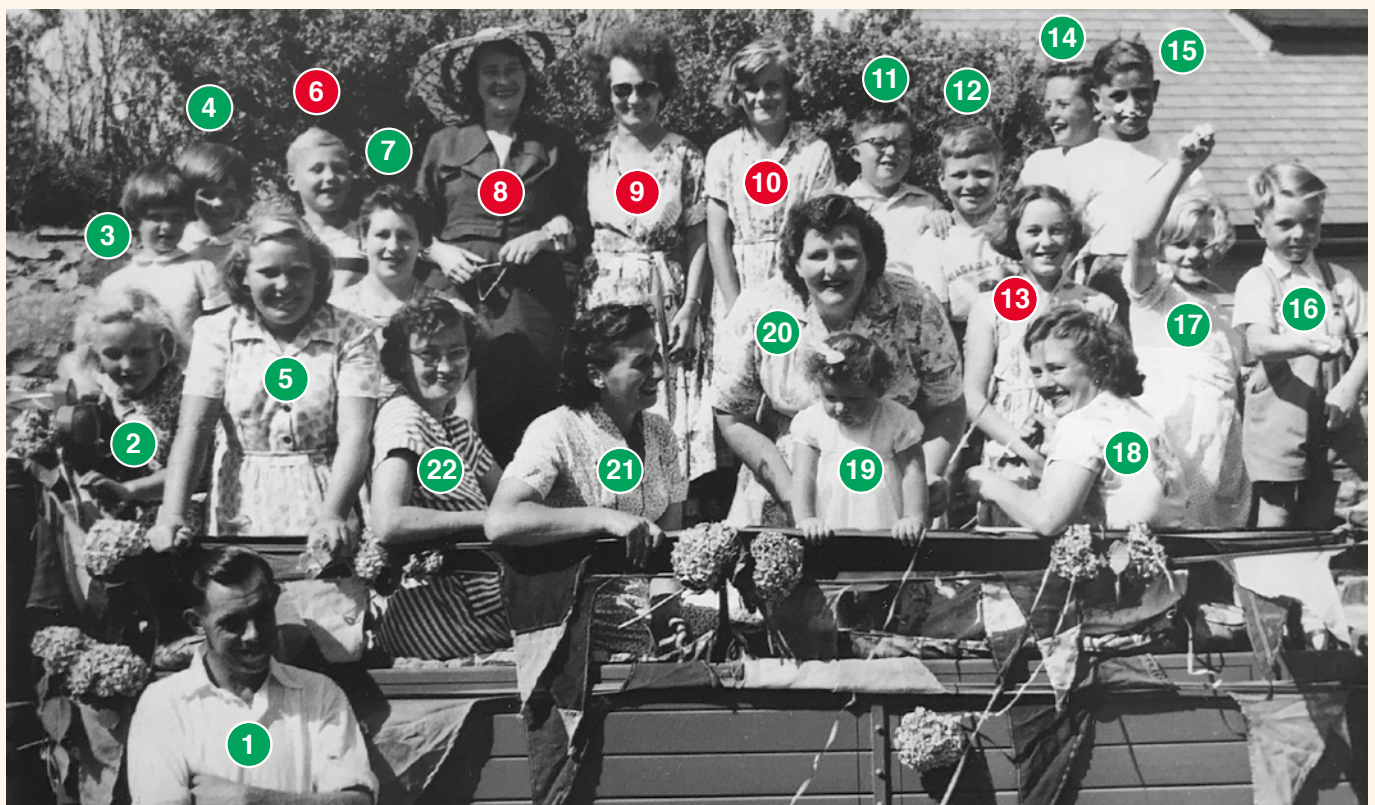
SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

Here's a picture from the past sent in by Vic Le Riche. It shows some very happy faces of parents and their children on the back of a farmer's lorry about to go on a Sunday School outing in 1955/56.

With not a seat belt in sight, the health and safety of the folk on board was never questioned – times change! The

occurrence of these outings have declined over the years, however, the balloons, streamers, singing and often a picnic tea that followed, will be fondly remembered by many.

Vic and his wife Sandra have identified some of the people but there are a few faces which remain a mystery. Were you among them, can you remember the missing names?



1. Len Le Marquand (driver), 2. Eileen Pirouet, 3. Averille Le Marquand, 4. Sandra Le Marquand, 5. Jean Pirouet, 6. ?, 7. Phylliss Le Marquand, 8. ?, 9. ?, 10. ?, 11. Neville Balleine, 12. Johnny Pirouet, 13. ?, 14. Tony Le Brocq, 15. Vic Le Riche, 16. Norman Queree, 17. Jean Vibert, 18. Pat Larbalestier, 19. Marion Balleine, 20. Eunice Balleine, 21. Una Le Brocq, 22. Phylliss Le Riche.

St Peter's Petanque Team Win Le French Festival Tournament

It is September 25th, the Corn Riots festivities are under way, and in Liberation Square, within a reasonable lobbying distance of the nearby French Market, a competition is in full swing on the terrain at Le French Festival petanque tournament.

In a thrilling Triples competition (when 3 players on each team use 2 boules each), where all 12 parishes were represented, St Peter triumphed after playing games against St Lawrence, St Ouen, St Helier, Grouville and finally St Martin. As well as the trophy and medals, the team were presented with cheese vouchers to use at the French Market. St Peter captain Vic Le Riche commented 'It was a very well organised tournament, by Derek Hart (who was also the umpire)'.

While St Peter won at Le French Festival, things are not so rosy in the Parish League where the team is floundering near the bottom. They started off well but have drawn 7 of their matches so far, and only 3 matches left to



The winners take the Boule. Left to right: Gil Le Roche, Sandra and Vic Le Riche, and Harry Le Marquand.

play this season; St Ouen (away), St Martin (at home) and finally St Helier (away). Things are not looking good.

Because of the Covid restrictions the league began late this year with the first matches being played in April instead of February. Normally matches are played at 2 weekly intervals but in order to fit them all in before the finish of the season in November, matches were held every week in September.

St Peter play at the terrain on the Village Green every Friday at 2pm. Vic said 'Visiting team St Saviour commented they wished they could pick up our terrain and take it away with them. So a special mention goes to Francis Le Gresley who keeps the terrain so well'.

Petanque is a game that suits players of many different ages. Some teams from other parishes have teenage members, who play very well indeed. It would be good to see some younger people participating in the St Peter's team, that could well help to lift them up the league table next year.

If you would like to know more either email Vic Le Riche at: vicleriche@gmail.com or drop by the terrain on a Friday afternoon from 2pm.



Team captain Vic Le Riche takes a bow to receive his medal from Christine, a representative of Le French Festival Jersey



ROLLER SKATING *returns*



Roller skating is back at St Peter's Youth and Community Centre after an 18 month break due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Dsk8-Skool is now offering 3 hour sessions on Sundays between 4pm and 7pm for all ages and abilities.

Dsk8-Skool founder Debi Morris-Monro is a life-long skating enthusiast who has run the club for 10 years. The ages of those she coaches range from 4 to 70+ proving you're never too old to skate. Parents and children can learn together. Debi said: "I've been so looking forward to getting back on skates and in the community of people skating creates. Everyone of any age is welcome whether they are a beginner or more experienced.

"The club is such a fun place to be and skating is great for physical and mental health and well-being. We provide skates and safety equipment for hire so it's really easy to get started. We'll get anyone skating in 10 minutes!"

What: Roller skating open sessions, join for 1, 2 or 3 hours
Where: St Peter's Youth and Community Centre
When: Sundays 4 to 7pm (3 x one hour sessions)
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The Club's U18s commence the defence of the Kent FA County Youth Cup with a trip to Kent Premier league team Faversham Town FC on the 31st October.

After a frustrating stop and start during the past 18 months, due to the pandemic, the new season has started well for St Peter FC. There is an air of enthusiasm, camaraderie and anticipation throughout all sections of the club. Approaching the end of October, the first team lie 3rd in the Premiership, the reserves top the Championship and the C team are in mid table in the first division. The older players performing in the walking football league are playing their part, holding second place in their league. Pre-match lunches have re-started and have been very well attended, as have all the matches. It seems as if all the supporters are relishing the chance to take in a game and meet up with both old friends and make new ones. A highly successful Southampton FC Coaching week, open to all Island youngsters below the age of 14, was attended by around 100 enthusiastic young players in August and Southampton has already announced they will be returning to St Peter FC next April 2022, during school half term (details can be found on the St Peter FC web site).

2021/22 tournament. This is a very tough fixture as Faversham U18s play in the Kent Junior Premier league. As cup holders St Peter will be seen as the team to beat and competing teams will be preparing thoroughly for their visit.



Faversham Town were one of the 6 teams defeated last season en-route to the final when St Peter finished 1-0 victors in the semi final. It can be taken as read, the home side will be fighting doubly hard, as this game offers the opportunity to put the 'record straight'.

Head Coach Karl Benest is looking forward to re-engaging with Kent teams and said *"Last season our team grew in confidence as the season progressed and rose to the challenge magnificently. Although we have lost a number of last seasons squad, as they are now over age, we have some fine players coming through and this is an opportunity for the next generation of talented youngsters to step into those shoes and show what they are capable of."*

The team will be playing at one of the best stadiums in Kent, The Aquatherm Stadium, at Salters Lane, Faversham. Last seasons semi final was played on the Club's 3G pitch as the main stadium was undergoing major refurbishment.

The 'Lillywhites' as Faversham are known, have a long and fascinating history having been formed in 1884. They moved to their current home in 1948 and their senior first team play in the Isthmian League at the same level as Guernsey FC, one level higher than Jersey Bulls are performing at this season. Interestingly their youth section was only formed in 2013/14 however, similar to St Peter FC they now

provide junior football across all age groups from 5 to 17 and created a pathway into their senior squad with the formation of an U23 team.

The refurbished stadium is now one of the best in Kent with seating for 320 and covered standing for 1800



Football is thriving and back in full swing at St Peter FC

By Brian Foulser

The Academy is thriving in terms of total numbers and is currently running two teams in three younger age groups, U11s, 13s and 14s. However, they can still accommodate new players, particularly, they urgently need new recruits at U15 and U16 age levels. If you are keen to enjoy football and to develop your abilities through benefitting from the attributes of the FA qualified coaches who operate at St Peter FC, the club would be pleased to hear from you. Just let them know your interest and contact number by emailing enquiries@stpeterfc.com and the relevant person will make early contact with you.

Last season finished on a high for the Academy when their U18 team became the first Channel Island junior side to win an English FA County Cup competition, beating Bexley FC 2-1 in the Final of the Kent FA County Youth Cup at Chatham Towns stadium on the 31st May. Two fantastic goals from Ryan Marcinko and Toby Ritzema retrieving a 1-0 deficit at half time. 64 teams started the competition and St Peter FC battled through 6 matches, all away from home, to become worthy winners of this prestigious competition. On the 31st October, this seasons young squad travel to Faversham Town FC's Aquatherm Stadium for their first game in the

spectators and offers a special opportunity for the Jersey youngsters to experience playing in a top stadium. Faversham Town U18s play in the Premier Division of the Kent League and have made an inauspicious start to this season, winning just one of their 6 league matches to-date but scoring 11 goals along the way. This is a second round match as both teams received a first round bye when the teams they were drawn against withdrew from the competition after the first round draw was made.

As Benest noted "The standard of football in Kent is at a high level and our lads can enjoy the occasion and test their abilities against some of the top teams in the South of England.

The draw is always an important factor in Cup tournaments but we are really looking forward to this competition and have high hopes and lots of determination. The lads are well aware the standard has been set by the performance of our teams over the past two seasons reaching the semi final the season before last and winning the Cup in 2020/21. When you reflect that all 11 matches have been played on our opponents ground after a long journey on each occasion, this emphasises the level of achievement"

New Academy Chairman Peter Vincenti commented "These young players will face a different task defending the trophy, other clubs will be aware they are a team not to be taken lightly, their capabilities will be recognised and they will prepare accordingly. It is however a challenge our youngsters are all

looking forward to and we are looking for them to rise to the occasion when they meet what I am sure will be a very well organised Faversham Town side on the 31st October. Football is a game of confidence and if we can negotiate this first hurdle it will certainly promote and encourage their self-belief."

The 16 man squad to travel on the 31st October will be **Pierce Roche, Harry Gladdish, David Highfield, Jake Stanton, Harry McManus, Leo Barker, Noah Risby, Joel McKinley, Harry Scott, Tom Proffitt, Lewis Steel, James Murphy, Finn Hougardy, Ethan Hutchinson, Sam Harvey, Calvin Antunes.**

The Coaches in charge of the squad will be **Karl Benest, Jody Byrne and Joe Byrne.**

The match is scheduled to **kick off at 12:30pm on Sunday 31st October** at Faversham Town FC's Aquatherm Stadium, Salters Lane, Faversham ME13 8ND.

The final word is with Coach Jody Byrne "Make no mistake, this is a big game for our young St Peter squad and it will be tough, we have the quality and the ability in the team and the real test is whether we have the resolve, energy and application that will be required if we are to emulate the performance of our squads over the past two seasons. This enables our team the opportunity to test themselves against different and top opposition and this can only be good for the players individual development".

From Deputy **Rowland Huelin**



"Christmas is cancelled" scream the headlines.

Given that I am writing this in October, it's hard to think about the festive season. But I must, and as we reflect on the year that has gone, it has been another year of challenges. On top of the spectre of COVID that continues to hang over us, we now face supply chain and staff shortage issues that have been compounded by Brexit. Like COVID, we are in the grips of a global problem. Nobody, regardless of age or wage will be left unaffected. The Council of Ministers is actively addressing this and our initial fears about a lean festive season will hopefully be eased.

Regardless, despite the death toll and suffering that COVID brought the world, we can all see that the pandemic has changed the world for the better in many ways. Like everywhere else, we have adapted and shown resilience.

We have seen communities come together and learnt that kindness, compassion and consideration are the qualities that will get us through the challenge. Again, we will adapt and be resilient and I have no doubt that the community of St Peter will once more come together with care and consideration and ensure that, regardless of what Christmas looks like this year, we will be patient with staff working long hours and join together to help our neighbours, those who are being hit hardest and remember the true meaning of Christmas. There may or may not be turkeys or toys, but I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, whatever it looks like.

Rowland Huelin
Deputy of St Peter



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This edition of the magazine should reach you shortly before Christmas and it does not seem like a year has passed since I wrote to you advising that the Parish Christmas Lunches held for our Senior Citizens, and other parish activities had been cancelled due to the Covid outbreak. Thankfully this year the lunches will go ahead although the hotel has had to restrict numbers to some extent. I know many of you look forward to these lunches and the opportunity to meet up with friends that you might not have seen since the previous year.

Our Parish clubs are also returning gradually, starting their activities again and it is good to see that confidence is returning although we cannot ignore that Covid is still with us at lower levels and some sensible measure should still be taken when meeting up. The roll-out of the vaccine has been effective and without it, it is unlikely we would be in a position to return to some sort of normality. The speed at which the vaccine was developed is remarkable and there is little doubt that the scientists involved have done an outstanding job. However, we must not forget those in our hospitals and care homes who bore the brunt of the effects of the pandemic and in many cases put themselves at risk in order to care for others.

From Constable Richard Vibert

The Parish Football Club has also held its first pre-match lunch for over 18 months and I was able to attend, with a group of friends, to watch the annual match with St Ouen. It was marvelous to be able to catch up with everyone at the club once again. After lunch we watched an entertaining match but on this occasion fate was not with us and our neighbors from St Ouen were the worthy winners. Still, hopefully better luck next year.

As well as Covid we have also had the effects of Brexit, and whilst Brexit cannot be totally blamed, there are issues with transport and supplies that have resulted in empty shelves in some of our shops. Hopefully in the New Year we will see things improve. Another result of Brexit has been the worsening relations with France and particular our close neighbours in Normandy and Brittany. When visiting our twin town of St Hilaire du Harcouet in the past few years they have always spoken with fondness of their "Cousins" in the Channel Islands and I do hope that relations will improve as our links with Normandy go back nearly a thousand years and are certainly something that we should work to preserve.



Some of you may be aware that we have had a number of outbreaks of vandalism in the Parish which in some cases have prevented others from using some of the facilities on the Village Green. It was noticeable that there was an increase in this sort of activity during Covid when there were very few activities available. I had hoped that following the lifting of restrictions the situation would improve but this has not been the case. The Honorary and States Police are both working to resolve the issues as are others in the Parish so I do hope that we will see an end to this anti-social behaviour which impacts us all.

Sadly two of our oldest Parishioners have passed away in recent weeks, Rozelle Huelin who was aged 98 and Beryl Alexander who had just celebrated her 100th birthday. Both were well known in the Parish and had been active in various Parish associations. Those of you, who like me, are old enough to remember will recall that both Rozelle and Beryl served at the counter of Western Stores, the shop which stood on the site now occupied by the Co-op. The shop was owned by Beryl's family the "Le Brocqs" and I can remember buying my sweets from the two of them when I was a young boy. My thoughts are with their families and I am sure they are fondly remembered by many of us in St Peter.

Christmas is once again on its way. Thankfully this year most of the Covid restrictions have been lifted and we will be able to celebrate with our families and friends.

This is our final edition of the magazine during 2021, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Parishioners a Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Richard Vibert
Constable of St Peter

Parish Church

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SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY: 08:00 Mass (except 26 Dec) 10:30 Sung Mass

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

28 Nov ADVENT SUNDAY

16:00 Advent Carol Service by candlelight (50mins)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 5-12 DEC

3-4 Trees 'Set up' days 10:00 - 18:00

5 ADVENT 2 16:00 Christmas Tree Festival 'Turning on the lights Service' by candlelight (40mins), which is the start of the Christmas Tree Festival

6-11 Open each day 10:00 - 18:00

9 18:00 St George's School Carol Service

12 ADVENT 3 16:00 Christmas Tree Festival 'Christingle Service' by candlelight (40mins), which concludes the Christmas Tree Festival.

13 'Clear up' day 10:00 - 18:00

14 'Clear up' half day 10:00 - 13:00

14 18:00 St Peter's School Carol Service

19 ADVENT 4 Usual morning services

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 - 15:30 Bell ringing by ancient custom

16:00 Family Crib Carol Service by candlelight (45mins)

17:00 - 18:00 Bell ringing by ancient custom

22:00 - 23:00 Bell ringing by ancient custom

23:15 Midnight Mass and Carols by candlelight (60 mins)

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

09:30 - 10:30 Bell ringing by ancient custom

10:30 Family Mass with Carols (45 mins)

11:30 - 15:00 Bell ringing by ancient custom

26 FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

10:30 Sung Mass with Carols



HATS FOR SEAFARERS

Many thanks to those who knitted hats for the Mission to Seafarers, to be given to those who work upon the seas. There were a selection of designs. If you know of anyone else who might like to do this work and you want me to send copies of the patterns on to them, please just let me know their address. 37 were gifted at the Sea Sunday Mass in the summer, by a number of industrious individuals. Any more hats that come in will be blessed during the 16:00 'Turning on the lights' Service on 5 Dec.



STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION

Please save your used stamps especially in the approach to Christmas. Leave them attached to the part of the envelope that they are on and either bring them to Church or bag them up and bring them to The Rectory. The Mission will be able to use the stamps to raise money for its wonderful charity work amongst those who have Leprosy. All the Stamps will be blessed on 12 Dec at the 16:00 Christingle Service by candlelight.



God bless,

Father Michael

There's a well-known passage in the Bible from the Gospel of John which is often read at carol services and it refers to Jesus as the light of the world. It says: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Likewise, I'm delighted to announce that Covid has not overcome the Messy team, we are back!



The Messy Centre will reopen its doors in December for the first Messy gatherings in almost two years! We are holding two events to celebrate the good news of the Christmas story. The first is a Messy Christmas Praise Party on Saturday 4th December from 4 to 6 pm. This will be a fun time of worship with drama, puppets, flags and dancing followed by a Christmas tea and all are invited to attend. Then on Tuesday 14th December we will be holding a Christmas Messy Vintage from 2 to 4.30pm. This event will be at a gentler pace with a chance to chat while making a Christmas craft. There will then be some carol singing followed by afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes and mince pies. Again all are welcome to attend. If you would like more information about these events, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be delighted to hear from you.



By the way, did you enjoy the harvest display that adorned our railings outside the Messy Centre this autumn? If you did, look out for our Christmas display which will be coming shortly. What a talented lot our wonderful knit'n'natter team are!

Christmas blessings to one and all!

Deacon Sally

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New Honorary Police sworn in via video link

If necessity is the mother of invention then thank goodness for the invention of internet video technology, without which it would not have easily been possible to allow three new Honorary Police to take the Oath of Office from the Parish Hall on 3rd September.

This is not the first event of this kind for the Parish, a few have taken place since the restrictions brought about by the Covid pandemic. The process is relatively straightforward, many who have used 'Zoom' or similar web based technologies will be familiar with the method of communication. Using a utility called 'Star Leaf' the Royal Court sends a digital invitation to the Constable requesting him to 'dial in'. Once connected a court representative then speaks to the elected candidates and they then take the Oath. Although there are no official celebrations to mark the occasion, the Constable usually takes the new officers for a calming coffee afterwards.



Left to right: Constable Richard Vibert, Louise Robinson, Chef de Police John Camara and Vincent Piron

This method of swearing in is likely to remain a temporary measure for now and everything will eventually go back to attending the Royal Court in person.

The Parish is currently still lacking as positions exist for a further 7 Honorary Officers. Anyone interested in learning more about the Honorary system within the Parish or wishing to apply for one of the vacant positions should contact the Parish Hall, email parishhall@stpeter.je or telephone 481236.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Senior Citizens' Club Starting in January. Contact **Rosemary Vibert** On 481371

St Peter's & St Aubin's WI 1st Friday of each month at 7pm. Contact **Brenda Smith** 487812

St Peter's Whist Club Occasional meetings. Contact **Rosemary Vibert** on 481371.

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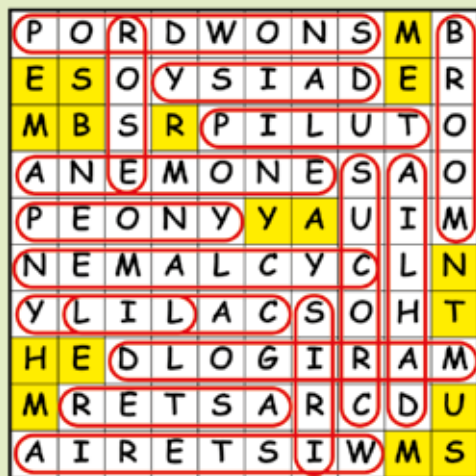
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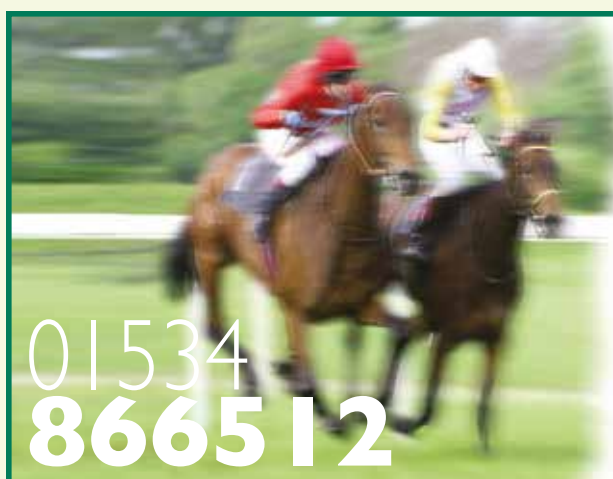
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