On Sunday 17th July visitors and Islanders will make the annual pilgrimage from the Town Church to the Hermitage at Elizabeth Castle. This will be the culmination of La Fête de St Helier, which begins on Thursday 14th July and includes the feast day of our patron saint, St Helier Day, Saturday 16th July.
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- Or come along to one of our public meetings.

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Welcome to the Town Crier

Welcome to the Town Crier and another busy month in the Parish of St Helier. By the time this July edition lands on most doormats the Parish Assembly will have set the rate for the new financial year at our annual Rates Assembly on Wednesday 6th July. Given the increased amount of rateable property in the Parish and the strong financial control exercised by the Constable, the Procureurs du Bien Public and the Accounts Committee, it is likely that the downward trend in the Parish rates will continue. But, of course, it’s up to the ratepayers who have the final say in how much the Parish spends.

The Parish’s celebration of St Helier Day on 16th July has a special significance this year as Geraint Jennings points out in his article on page 11. Ninety years ago this month the Parish crest of the gold crossed axes on a blue shield was created, reminding us of how the Island’s patron saint met his end at the hands of pirates in the year 555. As well as the customary events, the church service on St Helier Day itself and the pilgrimage on Sunday 17th, this year’s Fête de St Helier includes a new festival of Polish culture. With the inclusion of Bastille Day on 14th July, a French market and petanque, the Fête de St Helier reflects the different cultures whose traditions add such variety and interest to the experience of living, working and shopping in St Helier.

This month’s magazine includes the usual mix of articles so that the Town Crier should have something in it to appeal to everyone.

To contact the editorial team, please call 811821 or email towncrier@posh.gov.je

Elections 2011

With the elections fast approaching, time is running out to get your name on the electoral register. Remember, you MUST be registered no later than 12:00 on 5th September to be eligible to cast your all important votes on 19th October. If you haven’t received a registration form then contact the St Helier Electoral Officer, Daryn Cleworth, on 811833 or by email daryn.cleworth@posh.gov.je TODAY.

Recycling update

The kerbside recycling scheme expanded to Mont Cochon and First Tower on 28th February. This was followed by La Grande Route de St Jean, Vallée des Vaux and Trinity Hill on 18th April. The third phase of the recycling roll-out commenced on 27th June which involved expanding the current scheme in Havre des Pas and introducing households in the Mont Millais area.

The Havre des Pas area now includes the following roads:
- Marrett Road, D’Auvergne Lane, Havre des Pas Gardens, Greenwood Terrace, Green Street, Cleveland Road, Hastings Road and Roseville Street between La Route du Fort and Hastings Road.

The Mont Millais area includes the following roads:
- Le Jardin du Soleil, Earl Court, College Hill, College Lane, Le Clos de Malershe, Millais Park, Orchid Court, Hautmont Estate, Claremont Road (Le Mont Millais to St Saviour Boundary), La Roseraie, Landfield Drive and Landfield Court.

Additional roads also included in Phase 3:
- Clarence Road, Le Breton Lane, Avenue du Petit Mont and part of South Hill (from Avenue du Petit Mont to Rope Walk only).

To date the total of recyclables diverted from incineration stands at 47 tonnes.

Recycling process

We are very excited with the recent delivery of the recycling baler which takes us one step closer to shipping the commodities to our recycling partner in France. Our target is to ship our first consignment at the end of July!

Coloured Bags

Please remember to tie the top of the bags before placing next to your refuse bin. The blue bags containing paper and card can become very heavy when overfilled. Please use additional bags as required.

Replacement recycling bags

We have a number of shops working in partnership with the Parish to support the recycling scheme. Replacement recycling bags can be collected from the following retailers who have kindly offered to hold bags on our behalf:

- SPAR – St Aubins Inner Road, First Tower
- BEST ONE – Mont Cochon, First Tower
- BAY STORES – St Aubins Inner Road
- NEWSFAYRE – Rouge Bouillon
- CHECKERS XPRESS – Grand Vaux
- MANOR PARK STORES – La Pouquelaye
- ROSE’S MINI MARKET – Havre des Pas
- CLEVELAND STORES – Havre des Pas

If you have a shop and would like to help support the recycling scheme in any way please contact Debra D’Orleans, Director of Municipal Services, by telephoning 811708 or emailing debra.dorleans@posh.gov.je
June commemorations
The Parish has been focusing on several important historic events this month, beginning with the annual commemoration of D-Day on 6th June. About a dozen veterans assembled at the Cenotaph to remember the bravery of the allied forces that took part in the invasion of Normandy in 1944. The Lieutenant Bailiff, Jurat John Tibbo, laid a wreath on behalf of the States of Jersey, and a bugler from the Band of the Island of Jersey played ‘the Last Post’. Readings were given by local historian, Ian Ronayne, and local poet, Juliette Hart. After the ceremony there was a reception in the Town Hall followed by lunch for the Normandy veterans and their supporters. In the last week of June the work of the armed forces featured in a display of equipment and various stalls at the TA centre on Armed Forces Day; the evacuation of Jersey families in June 1940 was remembered at a service on the Albert Pier, and a reception in the Town Hall, while the bombing of St Helier harbour was the subject of a reception in the Town Hall on Tuesday 28th June. The celebrated painting of the events on 28th June 1940 by local artist, Gerald Palmer, which has been loaned to the Town Hall by the Jersey War Tunnels, was officially unveiled.

Parish supports the National Trust
As agreed at last year’s Rates Assembly, the Parish of St Helier has been helping the National Trust for Jersey with the renovation of 16 New Street. The Parish’s role has involved providing the wall along the street and once the stonemasons have finished, gardeners from the Parish’s Parks Department will be laying out the garden, using plants carefully selected to copy the scheme that would have been seen in bygone years.

Allotments update
The inaugural meeting of the Allotment Steering Group took place at the Town Hall on 15th June. Discussion took place on the location and how it was envisaged that the lay out, ingress and egress would be managed as part of the proposals that would be considered to be put forward for Planning and Environment consideration. An overview was given on the potential to allocate up to 80 plots on the site. The benefits of operating under the Jersey Allotment and Leisure Gardening Association (JALGA) were discussed, including membership of UK groups who are able to advise us and provide access to seed distributors. The benefits of insurance and legal support in conjunction with JALGA were also explained. The name for the allotment group was agreed as Clos du Hugh, and a further meeting will be held to draw up a layout for presenting to the next steering group meeting.

The Battle Float takes shape
Members of the St Helier Battle of Flowers Committee are hard at work in a polytunnel at the Municipal Services Depot bringing the Parish’s second float to life. Working in such conditions is not ideal and Association chair, Deputy Debbie de Sousa, would like to hear from anyone who can lend the team a large shed for the last few weeks of float building. This year’s float, which has a Jersey – New Jersey theme, will be entirely composed of paper flowers, and the team is hoping for help in the time-consuming process of creating the thousands of flowers that will be required to complete an ambitious design. Deputy Judy Martin is in charge of choreographing the dancers for the event, while Daren O’Toole and Jorge de Sousa, Roads Inspectors for the Parish, are helping out on other aspects of the project.

Parish matters
A round-up of the latest news and events from the Town Hall, Parish departments and our associated clubs and organisations.

Left: The Lieutenant Bailiff lays a wreath
Below: Veteran’s on parade

Left: Parish stonemasons assist in the renovation of National Trust property
Below: Paper flowering is detailed but slow

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Parish organisations, committees and associations

The Parish supports a number of closely affiliated organisations and associations. For anyone interested in becoming involved in these groups, a brief overview and contact details are shown below.

St Helier in Bloom
St Helier in Bloom is a year round environmental improvement campaign, part of which is organised by the St Helier Community in Bloom Group. This is a group of enthusiastic volunteers, who support the Parish by instigating and encouraging community initiatives.

Meets on the last Thursday each month at 6pm at the Town Hall.
Contact Tony Andrews on 811700 or email anthony.andrews@posh.gov.je.

St Helier’s Honorary Police
The Honorary Police form an integral part of the Parish of St Helier. They work closely with the Constable of St Helier, the States Police and the Parishioners, and consequently provide a service that is unique to the British Isles.

Further information about the work of the Honorary Police is at www.sthelier.je
Alternatively, contact Simon Crowcroft on 811821 or email constable@posh.gov.je

St Helier – Avranches Jumelage
Dedicated to facilitating and encouraging the development of relationships between the Parish and France through a twinning association with the French town of Avranches.
Contact Annabelle Bishop on 07797 762008 or email annabelle.bishop@googlemail.com

St Helier – Bad Wurzach Partnerschaft
A chance meeting on Liberation Day in 2002 led to the twinning of St Helier with Bad Wurzach, the southern German town in which many Islanders were interned during the Second World War. Since that time, the Partnerschaft Committee has developed cultural links between the two through visits and exchanges of information.
Contact Simon Crowcroft on 811821 or email constable@posh.gov.je or visit the website: sthelierbadwurzachpartnerschaft.com.

St Helier – Funchal Geminação
The Committee’s role is to develop relationships between the Parish and the capital of Madeira, Funchal, through activities celebrating the Portuguese language, music and national days.
Contact Simon Crowcroft on 811821 or email constable@posh.gov.je.

St Helier – Youth Committee
The St Helier Youth Committee works closely with the Youth Service to give help and financial support to various youth projects throughout the Parish. It is also responsible for allocating grants to groups and individuals who live in the Parish.
Contact Sarah Richardson on 07797 732901 or email sarah2r@hotmail.com.

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Town Centre Manager Richard Mackenzie brings us up to date with monthly events and activities around the streets of St Helier.

With the average UK town reporting over thirteen percent of their shops currently empty, we should continue to remind ourselves that St Helier’s equivalent is less than half this rate. And this six percent is being kept constant and even lowered by the continual opening of new shops and outlets. So a warm welcome to the latest traders to add to St Helier’s retail experience.

This last month it’s great to see Replay opening in Don Street with a wide selection of DVDs and games for rental. Colomberie is the location for several new traders, including Metro offering electrical goods at wholesale prices and the Vintage Tea Rooms providing a classic tea shop experience. At the other end of Town, Momo in Liberty Wharf brings the latest in pedicure treatments – tiny fish nibbling away to leave your feet in tip-top condition. Finally, one established trader is moving to new premises. The Processor Centre, which for many years has been a stalwart of Peter Street, has recently moved to open a great new shop in New Street.
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In the latest of our series, local author and historian Geraint Jennings looks at the involvement of women in the running of the Parish.

Looking at the serried portraits of Parish notables from time past, one might get the impression that possession of improbably luxurious facial hair was in some way obligatory. One woman who attempted to break the monopoly of male domination was Caroline Trachy - a person who deserves more recognition for her role in bringing full democracy to Saint Helier. 1919 saw rather complicated strides forward for women’s suffrage in Jersey. Single female qualifying ratepayers got the vote in Parish Assemblies and, as for public elections, wives of rate-paying husbands along with all women over the age of 30 were enabled to cast their votes for States Members: Jurats, Connétables and Deputies. So by the time of the election for Deputies in 1922, women were exerting themselves in political life.

And thus it was that a scandal was unleashed at the nomination meeting in Saint Helier on 5th December 1922. At that time, the Parish was represented by six Deputies, two per district. The meeting was chaired by the Connétable, John Edwin Pinel, who called in the usual way for nominations.

For District No.1 two male candidates were proposed, Messrs Ferguson and E.B. Renouf, and both had their nomination papers signed by eligible female voters. There being two valid nominations for the two seats, the Connétable declared them duly elected.

For District No.2 two out of the three male candidates nominated had signatures from female voters. Only sitting Deputy Gray had an all-male nomination paper. With more candidates than seats, a poll was declared for this district.

Things got interesting in District No.3. Sitting Deputies Le Masurier and Boielle were nominated for re-election without presenting any female signatures on their nomination papers. It was then that Mr Lyon-Montgomery proposed the candidacy of Mrs Caroline Trachy (née Smallcombe), with Mr Walter de Gruchy Le Brocq seconding. The nomination paper was further signed by Sidney A. Glendewar, Peter Le Sueur, Josué Lempière, Louisa H. Hatch, John T. Williamson, A.G. Ferguson, Grace de Ste Croix and the candidate’s husband, Philip Henry Allix John Trachy. Perhaps some readers of the Town Crier might recognise members of their families among the signatories of this historic document?

But, historic as it may have been, the Connétable waited until the expiry of the statutory waiting period until declaring Deputies Le Masurier and Boielle re-elected for District No.3, on the grounds that there were only two valid nominations for the two seats. Mrs Trachy’s nomination was invalid, he ruled, because she was a woman. He then invited the proposer and seconder to contest his ruling if they wished; they declined.

That was not the end of the story, however, as controversy broke out. It was clear that women could vote and it had been demonstrated that they could nominate, but sides were taken on whether the Connétable had been correct in his interpretation of the law. That it did not permit women candidates to stand for election.

At the swearing in of Deputies in the Royal Court on 16th December a motion was put to stay the swearing in of Deputies Le Masurier and Boielle on the grounds that the Connétable had exceeded his powers in blocking Mrs Trachy’s nomination, and the eligibility of candidates was properly one for the Royal Court. A hearing was scheduled for 10th January 1923 to decide the matter, at which the plaintiffs’ case was rejected after considerable argument. Women, it was declared, were not eligible to stand for election under the 1919 law.

A public meeting was promptly called and held at the West Park Pavilion where a resolution calling for fresh legislation was adopted and sent to the States. The debate on the resolution held at the States sitting of 18th January could best be described as enlightened. The Connétable of Saint Helier said that it was his personal view that if women were allowed to vote, then logically they should be permitted to stand for election to certain posts, but he had acted in accordance with the law as it stood and that if the uneasily scenes of protest against his decision and the law and constitution were taken as typical of the level of education of certain women, then he was beginning to think that perhaps a mistake had been made in permitting them to vote at all. A procedural motion was passed to move on to the next item of business, and that was the end of the matter for the time being.

A law permitting women over the age of 30 to become Deputies eventually came into force over a year later in 1924. Caroline Trachy stood for election a number of times subsequently, and on these occasions duly nominated, but never got into the States. It was not until 1948 that voters elected the first female States Member.
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### Free French monument unveiled

Quite a few of you will probably be familiar with the Free French Memorial monument which, up until recently, was situated in Parade Gardens, marking The Appeal of the 18th of June 1940 - a famous speech by Charles de Gaulle to rally support for the French Resistance.

Over the years it fell into a state of disrepair and Jody Hingston, of Héritage Memorials, very kindly offered his stone carving skills to the Parish. Mr Hingston learned his skills from Mr Eugene Briand, master mason and French Resistance Veteran, who, although sadly no longer with us, passed on his love of working with stone and also the great importance of this particular monument. The French granite coping stone was donated by TTS, and on 17th June Mons Edouard Braine, the Consul General of France, unveiled the new memorial on the Albert Quay.

Jodie Hingston of Héritage Memorials adding the finishing touches to the monument...
Mindful of the role and importance of the Island’s own linguistic inheritance, each edition of the Town Crier will contain a regular column in Jèrriais by St Helier’s own Maître-Pêtre des Pages Jèrriaises and member of the Roads Committee, Geraint Jennings.

**Bouon anniversaire**


Ouathe qu’les étchussons fûssent introduits y’a nénantie ans, vîlî tchi n’veurt pon dîte qu’îl ont ‘té faits sérvi pour eune nénantaine d’année. Nan, ch’est en tchi les municipalités n’les faîthaient pon sérvi officiellement d’avant la dégërre, et ch’taît raîque auprès la Libération qu’les étchussons c’menchàient à dévin populaithe. Achêu nou n’peut agêthe immaginer les Pâraisses sans lus identité visuelle, et tch’est qu’n’sait pourant Saint Hélyi sans les haches coutousas à toutes les carres?

Dans l’étchusson d’Saint Hélyi, l’blu r’présente la mé, l’or ch’est la glouaihie, et les deux haches coutousas symbolisent le martuye dé not’ patron. Y’a tout plein à admirer dans l’design - ch’est bein simpl’ye mais harî dléctic s’nh l’compatlhe d’avue les étchussons d’auts Pâraisses. Si j’avèmes des rèles coutoom Saint Martin et Grouville, tchi qui pouûrait ramémouâisîr combei qu’îl faut compter d’rîles pouor distîndgi? Ou si ch’traît eune simile ye crouais ordinnaithe coumme Saint Ouên?

Nännîn, nos hachots coutousas s’élégants et à propas. Jé n’peux pon, mé, immaginer ch’est qu’nou l’haih sans. Et ouaïthe qu’îl n’fûssent pon formellement approuvées par l’autorité rouoyale, j’fûtent atchellyas par l’Rouai, not’ Duc, quand i’ vint la serveille d’a La Saint Hélyi, au mitan du mais d’Juliet y’a nénantie ans.

**Happy birthday!**

Our Parish crest is celebrating its ninetieth birthday in July this year - along with, in principal, its eleven brothers in the other Parishes. You see, the Parish crests were made up for the visit of King George V, our Duke, in 1921. The art master of Victoria College, Alfred G. Wright, drew up the artwork in accordance with designs worked up by Major N.V. L. Rybot, and there wasn’t much of a link with the heritage of the Parishes.

But the symbols represent the saints, more or less.

Although the crests were introduced ninety years ago, that doesn’t mean to say that they’ve been used for a period of ninety years. No, because the municipalities didn’t use them officially before the war, and it was only after the Liberation that they started to grow in popularity. Now, one can hardly imagine the Parishes without their visual identity, and how would Saint Helier manage without the crossed axes at every corner?

In the Saint Helier crest, blue represents the sea, gold is glory and the two crossed axes symbolise the martyrdom of our patron saint. There’s lots to admire in the design - it’s very simple but highly distinctive if you compare it to the other Parish crests. If we had stripes like Saint Martin and Grouville, who could remember how many stripes to count in order to distinguish them? Or what about a simple ordinary cross like Saint Ouven?

No, our little crossed axes are elegant and appropriate. I really can’t think what we’d do without them. And although they haven’t been formally approved by royal authority, they were accepted by the King, our Duke, when he came on the eve of Saint Helier Day, in the middle of July, ninety years ago.

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Ever since the demise of the Tourism department’s Courtesy Awards I have wanted to see the return of an annual celebration of Jersey’s tradition of hospitality towards visitors and locals alike. Examples of our warm welcome can be seen on a daily basis, from the enthusiasm of the organisers of the recent Fête Nouormande to every day acts of helpfulness and generosity shown by Islanders.

However, it was an incident that occurred a couple of weeks ago in the town centre that prompted me to set the wheels in motion for the relaunch of an awards scheme: I was enjoying the ambience of the new square around the obelisk in Broad Street, with the fountains, the café and the welcome addition of a busker when a lorry came round the corner from Conway Street and gave such a blast of its horn that everyone turned to see what had happened. There on the pavement by Lloyds TSB were a couple of hapless tourists, map open before them, who were about to cross what they probably took to be a pedestrian-friendly area, when the driver of the vehicle in question had taken it upon himself to scare the living daylights out of them rather than, as most of us would have done, braking and waving them across with a smile.

Fortunately this kind of rudeness is the exception rather than the rule, and I look forward to being able to nominate at some time in the future a driver of a public service or delivery vehicle for a St Helier courtesy award. Other categories for awards occur to me, but I would be grateful for any suggestions from the business community for how we can recognise that all-important quality of courtesy in our dealings with the public, both our local clients and customers as well as the tourists who have the potential to become ambassadors for St Helier, and for the Island as a whole, when they return home after a holiday here. I am also looking for potential sponsors for the awards.

The provisional date in the diary is Friday 11 November, and I am putting together a small team to organise a black tie event here in the Town Hall on that evening. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any way in the St Helier Courtesy Awards, or have any comments about such a scheme.

Constable Simon Crowcroft
We have really been enjoying receiving your pictures of St Helier. Featured on this page are some of the latest to arrive, together with some information about the photographers. Please keep sending your pictures in. No rules on what is right or wrong - they can be of the town or countryside, show events, special occasions, super views, etc. All that we ask is that they feature St Helier in some way, are original photographs and that you are happy for their publication without charge. Credit will of course be given.

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Above: Pat Action-Phillips captured this spectacular shot of three times British champion jet skier Jack Moule giving a demonstration in St Aubin’s Bay.

Below: Gavin Le Brun sent us this interesting study of one of the waterspouts on the Broad Street obelisk.

Above: We received this superb action shot from Jodie Masterman taken on a very breezy Sunday morning against the backdrop of Elizabeth Castle.

Above: Pat Action-Phillips captured this spectacular shot of three times British champion jet skier Jack Moule giving a demonstration in St Aubin’s Bay.
Haute Vallée students descend on St Helier’s twin town

Teachers and students from one of the main secondary schools in the Parish are building relationships with their counterparts in Avranches. Modern languages teacher, Helen Poingdestre, recently took students from three-year groups (Y7, Y8 and Y9) to the Collège Notre Dame de la Providence in Avranches, and a return match is due to take place soon. The exchanges are supported by grants from the St Helier-Avranches Jumelage. One of the students has sent the Town Crier an account of the visit:

On Sunday 19th June we went to Avranches via Granville. Next morning we got the mini-bus to the Collège Notre Dame de la Providence. We met the teachers, then split into groups and went and did some lessons. My group went to English and Maths lessons. It was quite nice to see how the French were doing these subjects and how different they were. After lunch in the school canteen we met some of the penpals of our year 7 and 8s. We did some French work which included answering some questions. We then got a short break in the playground to make friends with the French students and swap emails and Facebook details. We walked down to the town and went off in small groups to find the answers to a list of questions we had been given. After saying goodbye to the French students we went off in small groups to do some shopping. There were lots of great shops in Avranches and it was nice to explore the town. We then met up at the restaurant and had some dinner. After we had finished we got the mini-bus back to the hotel, went into each others’ rooms, talked for a bit then went to bed.

The next day we got to have a bit of a lie in because we didn’t have to get up as early. We went down for breakfast, packed all of our stuff, got on the coach and drove down to Mont St Michel. We had a great time and explored the citadel. We were then allowed to go around in small groups. We got some lunch and went into some shops before meeting up with everybody again. We then got onto the coach and drove to Granville where we went shopping around the town and had some dinner at a creperie. We then walked over to the harbour, had some photos taken and then got the boat back to Jersey. It was a great trip and I will always remember the places that we went to and how much fun it was!

By Katie Y9.
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St Helier events

Looking forward to the Fête

Countdown to the third Fête de St Helier is well underway, with preparations in full swing to make this one the best yet. Events start on Thursday 14th July and go on until Sunday 17th July. Fingers crossed, the sun will be shining on St Helier and encouraging residents and tourists alike into the Town Centre.

As well as including some of the established events from previous Fêtes, this year’s programme features some new ones. Among them is St Helier Polish Festival on Weighbridge Square and street soccer supported by the Jersey FA, in which youngsters will be helped to hone their soccer skills in an urban environment.

Of course it wouldn’t be the Fête de St Helier without the traditional pilgrimage to Elizabeth Castle and a service in homage of the St Helier himself. This year, as well as the usual refreshments on offer, there are plans for additional children’s attractions.

Timetable of events

**Thursday 14th July**
- 12.2pm: Opera in the Street - King Street
- 6pm-8pm: Craft Market - Weighbridge
- 5pm-10pm: Bastille Petanque - Weighbridge

**Friday 15th July**
- 2pm-10pm: Polish Festival - Weighbridge
- 12-2pm: Opera in the Street - King Street

**Saturday 16th July**
- 8am: Service of Remembrance - Weighbridge
- 9am-10pm: Polish Festival - Weighbridge
- 10am-4pm: Street Soccer - Town Centre
- 2pm-5pm: Parish Church Event - Howard Davis Park
- 2pm-5pm: Big Gig - Weighbridge
- 3pm: Visit to the Hermitage - See right
- 3pm: Tea served and musical entertainment starts

**Sunday 17th July**
- 1.30pm-5pm: Pilgrimage - See right
- 11am-6pm: Polish Festival - Weighbridge

Pilgrimage preview

St Helier is the patron saint of Jersey. He came to the Island at a time when Viking pirate raids were frequent. He chose to dwell in a small cave on the islet now occupied by Elizabeth Castle, living in total solitude so that he could dedicate his life to God. When the Vikings raided Jersey again, St Helier went to them and asked that they leave in peace. But the Viking leader took an axe and beheaded St Helier. Legend has it that St Helier did fall from the blow, but, picking up his head, continued to walk towards the Vikings who fled in terror never to return.

The life of brave Helier, later elevated to sainthood, is celebrated every year with a pilgrimage to Elizabeth Castle on the nearest Sunday to St Helier Day, which falls on 16th July.

**Plans for this year’s Pilgrimage**
- 1.30pm: Procession starts at St Helier’s Town Church
- 2pm: Procession reaches West Park and sets-off for Elizabeth Castle
- 2.45pm: Service on the Parade Ground at Elizabeth Castle
- 3pm: Visit to the Hermitage
- 3pm: Tea served and musical entertainment starts

For everyone taking part in the Pilgrimage, there is free entry to Elizabeth Castle. Children who come along receive a free book on St Helier and his life, a colouring sheet and ball.
Local Jersey family owned company C Le Masurier Limited has submitted a Planning Application for the £150million regeneration of existing commercial buildings between Broad Street and Commercial Street. The project, titled J1, is expected to deliver over 300,000 square feet of high quality office space with floor plates of unprecedented scale in the Channel Islands. The plans include a new ‘street’ for St Helier in a covered atrium linking Broad Street and Commercial Street, which will be open to the public and include a high quality food and beverage outlet. The project proposals include the preservation of features of local importance such as the old harbour wall and improvement to facades on Broad Street and Commercial Street. In addition, Percent for Art proposals have been included in the project, with a design by BAFTA award winning and Turner Prize nominated artists Langlands and Bell. Their designs will reflect the fact that the site sits on various earlier shorelines and are a modern reflection on Jersey’s rich history. On completion of the project there will also be the possibility of local art exhibitions and installations to make use of the atrium space.

Commenting on the proposals, Brian McCarthy, Managing Director of C Le Masurier Limited, said: ‘This is a fantastic opportunity to use substantial private sector investment to create the highest quality office space to support growth in our Island’s finance industry. The project will be a huge stimulus to the Jersey economy in such a difficult economic climate.’ Mr McCarthy went on, ‘The proposals for this project include many public realm improvements as well as supporting local industry sectors. The new “street” will connect Broad Street to Commercial Street, in turn linking the historic retail centre of town with the Waterfront beyond. We hope the public will use this as a regular access route and it will also be a boost to the retail centre of St Helier.’

The project also has firm ‘green’ ambitions. A pre-assessment has been carried out under the BREEAM 2009 Europe Commercial Offices scheme for the proposed project. A high percentage BREEAM rating of ‘Very Good’ is targeted and, in achieving this rating, J1 would become the greenest building in the Channel Islands. BREEAM is the most commonly used environmental benchmarking tool in the design of non-residential developments and is a voluntary scheme. It aims to quantify and reduce the environmental impacts of non-residential buildings by recognising those designs that take positive steps to minimise their environmental impacts. BREEAM awards credits for making environmentally conscious decisions in relation to the building’s design and construction process.

Proposals for J1 have now been submitted to the States Planning & Environment Department.
This month's Style Solutions Q&A – how to look festival cool on a budget

Q. I don't want to spend lots on festival wear, what can I do to glam up what I have?

A. Accessorise, accessorise, accessorise! Look out for chunky bangles, long necklaces and pendants, belts, hair bands, straw trilby's, large sunglasses and long, long scarves. Stick to a theme such as 'tribal and ethnic' which will allow you to choose from a vast array of colours and textures. Try to invest in some gladiator sandals too, which will take you through the whole summer, but make sure they've got large, decorative beads or fringes. Field-friendly rucksacks, satchels and shoulder bags in glossy patents add a final flourish of intense colour.

Fitness fix

Step 2: Your ideal body mission check list

By Nikki Zachariou

Ok so you have your ideal dress size in mind, you know how you want to look and you have a clear understanding on how achieving this will impact on your life and how it will make you feel.

Time to face facts! To look and feel good, fit and healthy, inside and out takes a combination of regular and effective exercise and healthy eating (not dieting, not eating less, just eating less rubbish!) But you already know that - even if you don't want to believe it. What you don't know is that this is not a hellish process, despite what you may have been through or heard before. Let me save you a lot of time and money on quick fix solutions that try to avoid exercise and healthy eating. They very rarely work and if they do, the results won't last. Why? Because the only thing that works is regular and effective exercise and healthy eating. That is the reality! Below I am going to provide you with a checklist to ensure you get your ideal body while having fun, eating fabulous tasting food and get quick and maintainable results.

Ideal Dress Size Mission Checklist

- You must enjoy the exercise you take part in. Don't join the gym if you hate the gym. Don't buy a bike if you hate cycling. If you enjoy it, you'll take part in it more frequently. If you hate exercise it's because you haven't found something you like. Trust me no one ever finishes a session of something they enjoy, unhappy!
- The exercise must be vigorous. People often think if they walk everywhere they won't need to do any exercise. Walking is relatively low intensity exercise and you need to take part in exercise that is going to raise your heart rate so that you can maximise how many calories and how much fat you burn. Running, swimming, fast dancing, aerobics, trampoline, boxing, netball, football, tennis, squash, steep hill-walking and cycling will all do the trick.
- Take part in this enjoyable vigorous activity for at least thirty minutes, five times a week, or you can do longer periods/sessions on less occasions. For example, you can do two one-hour aerobic sessions a week plus a thirty minute jog and you are done!
- Save the most important for last. Combine this with a healthy eating plan that is delicious, low in fat and sugar (not void of it so the occasional treat is allowed, no punishment here). This doesn't mean surviving on tasteless boring food. Your nutrition is 70-80% responsible for how you look so no amount of exercise will out-train a bad diet. Making small tweaks to your lifestyle is enough to get you started! An omelette filled with veg (no cheese) is a healthy meal and so is a chicken stir-fry with a dash of soy sauce. Eating healthy does not mean surviving on boring tasteless food!

Stay Tuned for Step 3...

Here's to your ideal dress size!!

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Fashion fix

In the second part of our new feature series, the fashion team at de Gruchy look ahead to high-summer and the trends to wear at the coolest outdoor summer events.

This month's Style Solutions Q&A – how to look festival cool on a budget
This summer’s music festivals are just around the corner, so it’s time to dig out the wellies and practice looking glam while covered in mud! Seriously, festivals are great, inclusive events - attended and enjoyed by all ages in all weathers (Eastender’s Dot Branning is regularly photographed at Glastonbury!) We thought we’d offer you some practical advice this month to help you to achieve the coolest festival wardrobe ever, designed to make you stand out in a crowd with minimal effort required.

The beauty of this season’s high-summer ranges is their practical wearability. It’s all about the softer side of fashion, designed to flatter the female form and skim rather than cling. Soft, sheer fabrics abound, usually in the form of maxi dresses or long, pleated skirts. From June to August, think about taking hemlines lower rather than higher. The beautiful fabrics lend themselves to layering and easy dressing that emphasises femininity. Even better, the outfits feel comfortable to wear. Top off a layered outfit with a little denim jacket and you’re ready to go!

If you dare to bare that bit more, then opt for shorts worn with either gladiator sandals, flip-flops or wellies with long colourful socks (even if the sun is shining, this look is acceptable at all times!) If shorts fill you with dread, don’t despair, there are different shapes of shorts to suit all figures. Not everyone wants wear the super short ones, so look for the high-waisted cargo options with turn-ups that are a bit longer and give more leg coverage. If the look still isn’t working for you, try one of the range of fabulous soft, skinny-fit cargo pants, cropped Capri pants or ankle-skimming peg leg trousers. There’s a super chic, casual trouser option to suit everyone.

For specific ranges that help you to put the festival look together, try The Boho Chic range at Oasis which has crochet in abundance (another hot trend right now) teamed with soft prints in sheer fabrics layered to create the ultimate Bohemian, laid-back feel. Make sure you also check out their Roman Holiday range, which puts the fun back into summer dressing with flirty sundresses and cropped Capri pants worn with cute t-shirts - all of which give a modern twist to the classic 50’s look.

Kookai, meanwhile, feature a Tribal Safari theme - with rustic tape yarn knits and subtle animal prints in tones of sand, mocha and khaki. Their look is very feminine and uses natural linens and cottons alongside silk prints for a romantic, flowing look.
**Maintenance** is the motto for July gardeners to keep plants producing during the hottest months.

If you are going on holiday and no-one will be looking after your plants while you are away, stand them in water for a day or so before you go so that they are thoroughly soaked. Then drain them and place in a shady place. Old compost can be used as a mulch (layer of material on the soil surface) to prevent moisture loss. Alternatively you can buy special moisture retaining mats or granules to place in a large tray (or the bath) and your plant pots will sit happily on this for a couple of weeks.

Start sowing seeds with children now for quick results. Summer annuals – marigolds, candytuft, love-in-a-mist – grow really fast and are very pretty.

Chillis, peppers, aubergines and tomatoes should be growing well. Check that stakes are firm to support your growing plants. Once fruits are forming, start feeding once a week. Keep very well watered as tomatoes especially are greedy plants. Chop the tops off tomato plants to make them concentrate on producing fruit.

Salads should be cropping well now. Keep planting more every few weeks. Rocket and mizuna are a tasty change from lettuce.

To keep your flowers blooming, remove any dead heads and the plant will produce more buds. Again, keep everything well watered and feed every few weeks.

If you want to preserve herbs for the winter, you can freeze them in ice cube trays topped up with a little water. When frozen, take out of the tray and pack into polythene bags. This takes up less space in the freezer. Marjoram, thyme, bay, rosemary and winter savory can be dried.

Pick before they flower and in dry weather – mid morning is best before the sun has released the oils in the leaves. Hang in a cool, shady place until crisp then pack in labelled glass jars.

Water any climbing plants such as beans from the top as well as at the roots as this helps flowers to set.

Any houseplants loving warm, dry conditions such as cacti or succulents can be put outside if you have the space. Keep palms indoors though as they like an even temperature and lots of misting.
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On the day after first opening, the new proprietors of the Halkett Pub and Eating House had a very unwelcome guest. The August 2010 deluge that filled parts of St Helier with over a foot of rainwater sent a flood gushing through the front doors of their newly refurbished premises, threatening to wash away months of hard work.

Fortunately, determination and fortitude in adversity comes naturally to Martin and Jackie Kelly. Within days, the clean-up was complete and refurbishment underway. Nothing was going to stop them making a success of their new venture. And the Halkett has gone from strength to strength ever since as the Town Crier discovered on a recent visit to sample their fare.

Greeted warmly by Jackie and her staff, we were quickly settled into one of the much-requested comfy wall booths and consulted the menu. A wide choice was on offer, including traditional dishes such as salads, steaks and pies, together with a summer fish menu with some more unusual options prepared by Swedish chef Pierre. His Scandinavian influence also came through on some of the day’s interesting-looking specials.

With Jackie’s help, for starters we settled on Potted Prawns with Mackerel, and Skagen, a Swedish style prawns on toast, followed by a more traditional chicken curry and a steak and Jersey ale pie. The food arrived promptly… and promptly disappeared, with the liberal accompaniment of appreciative murmurs, nods and smiles. Everything proved to be as delicious as it looked, with the seafood starters (shared of course) particularly special. Generous portions and an unfortunately tight schedule left no time for us to linger over a desert so we settled for just coffees, making a mental note to return and try something sweet at a point in the future.

Having not visited the Halkett since its transformation from the ever-popular Fridays, we weren’t sure what to expect of this long-standing St Helier hostelry. It was soon obvious, however, that both owners Liberation Group and proprietors Martin and Jackie have done a great job of both maintaining a tradition of good service, and creating something new and different. Décor, food and service were all very good and with the accompanying genuine friendly approach, the Halkett should continue to prove a popular spot for visitors to St Helier. We thoroughly recommend readers give it a try.

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New recipe yogurts strike UK Gold for Jersey Dairy

Jersey Dairy recently won top awards at the 2011 Royal Bath & West Show, one of the largest agricultural shows in England. Jersey Dairy, which continues to have a presence in St Helier’s Central Market, won a total of three rosettes at show – two gold rosettes for yogurt and one bronze rosette for Unsalted Jersey Butter

Yogurt: Gold rosette
Stirred Yogurt made with whole cows’ milk or skimmed cows’ milk:
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• Luxury Rhubarb
Yogurt: Gold rosette
Natural Stirred Yogurt made with whole cows’ milk or skimmed cows’ milk
Unsalted Butter: Bronze
Two 250g portions of Unsalted Creamery Butter (roll or brick)

There were over 70 classes in the dairy section of the show alone. Jersey Dairy was up against a variety of competing products but each award is made based on the merit of that product and not as a comparison between those in the class. Congratulations from the Town Crier.

A taste of Cheese

Sainte-Maure is the masterpiece of Touraine goat cheese. This cheese is easily recognised because it has a long straw that traverses the middle. The straw is placed there to facilitate handling of the Sainte-Maure de Touraine. The aroma is of walnut.

Touraine has a slightly salty taste and depending on the period of maturation, the flavour is nutty. Saint Maure farm cheese must have a thin, smooth rind with blue-grey moulding and has been protected since 1990 by the AOC Seal. Sainte-Maure de Touraine is made with traditional methods. It should not be confused with “Sainte-Maure”, also produced in Touraine, but without meeting the stringent AOC production criteria. “Sainte-Maure” is the industrial counterpart of the high-quality, traditionally made, Sainte-Maure de Touraine. Their straw is not marked by a seal, thus differentiating them from AOC cheeses. A nice cold glass of Sancerre will be perfect. Bon appétit!

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Not moving? improving

Many homeowners have taken the opportunity in recent years to carry out major and minor improvements to their properties, preferring to increase the value of their existing homes rather than entering into the volatile property market. In 2011 it looks like the trend will continue.

Home refurbishment is also an opportunity to upgrade appliances, materials and fittings to the latest environmentally friendly and cost effective innovations and models. Each month, long-established St Helier company, Romerils, will be offering advice and ideas on how best to improve a home and increase the value of properties.

Splash out on your bathroom

Homeowners love to renovate their bathrooms – they are even more popular projects than kitchens. One of the reasons for this is that in general, the space involved is smaller and therefore you are likely to spend less on renovating a bathroom than on a kitchen.

So, if you are thinking about splashing out on your bathroom, here are some of our renovation tips to bear in mind:

1. Decide your style and budget
   From the outset, it’s good to decide on both the style you want, and the budget you want to spend for the project not forgetting installation costs. When it comes to style, you may want to choose something that will complement the whole interior scheme of your home. Essentially, there are two themes to follow: traditional or contemporary. With traditional you will have more of a period-type look with a lot of detail in the bath, toilet, basin, shower and other brassware. Conversely, and very popular now, is a more contemporary minimalist and modern style combining less fussy sanitaryware and fittings.

2. Sit in a bathtub before buying it
   Bigger isn’t always better. A 60-inch tub is fine for most people, offering enough room to stretch out while providing a secure foothold, so you do not float into oblivion when the tub is full. Assess the angled back and lip for comfort and neck support, and remember a bath for two people slants at either end and has taps in the middle.

3. Select durable flooring
   Ceramic, marble and stone tiles are all excellent as durable and water-resistant choices for a bathroom. Subfloor heat mats will make these hard surfaces warm. Alternatively, well-sealed hardwood floors offer natural warmth and act as a foil for the other hard, cold surfaces in a bathroom. Remember though, that unless properly treated, wooden floors are not ideal for the bathroom.

4. Design lighting that works
   Good lighting is imperative. It’s ironic that in a room where people need to visually inspect their hair and faces, lighting is usually inadequate and only in one spot, namely, from a ceiling fixture. At the very least, think about adding lighting around the bathroom mirror. Consider using a lighting dimmer to create mood – perfect for late night relaxing baths.

5. Use found space
   Take advantage of space between wall studs by recessing a tall storage cabinet into the wall to maximize vertical storage while saving floor space. The cabinet should have an interior depth of at least three inches and a door flush with the wall.

6. Hang a stylish mirror
   While most people have mirrors in bathrooms for the sole purpose of checking makeup or primping hair, it’s also important to think of mirrors in bathrooms as design elements that can expand the room visually and add light. By selecting a stylish cabinet, you can also introduce extra lighting while adding the practical aspect of storage.

7. Build a shower area
   Consider building a walk-in shower that does not need a curtain or door and is less confining than a standard shower unit.

8. Sizing with Colour
   To make a small bathroom look bigger, make sure that your colour palette stays in the white-to-cream spectrum.

9. Shop around & execute your project with a professional
   Ultimately, choosing good quality and branded products will not necessarily guarantee the quality look and finish you desire. Ensure when you are shopping around for quotations that you select a supplier of materials and labour with a good reputation.

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In this latest of our legal advice series, Rui Tremoceiro of Tremoceiro Advocates looks at the potentially challenging issue of marriage and divorce between people with different nationalities.

In territories such as Jersey where different nationalities co-exist, many issues arise making it important to determine which law applies to a particular situation. Generally, it is the internal law of the country or territory in which the individual is living that governs the applicable legal system. Acts that may be legal in someone’s country of nationality, for example, may not be legal in Jersey, and therefore in breach of the local law. This is the case even if the person who commits the offence does not know that the act is illegal - ignorance of the law is no excuse!

A general rule, however, would not be a general rule without exceptions. Many aspects of a person’s life are governed by the personal law that applies to that individual, including civil status and family relationships.

Many foreign (non-British) nationals live and work in Jersey. Some were already married when they moved here while others married a person of the same (or another, foreign) nationality while in Jersey. Others married a British or another foreign national from a different country. Of those, some have obtained or seek to obtain a divorce here in Jersey.

Take the example of a Portuguese man who married a Portuguese woman in Portugal before coming to Jersey, then got divorced in Jersey and later married a Polish woman. Some obvious questions spring to mind, such as:

1. Is the Portuguese marriage recognised in Jersey?
2. Is the Jersey divorce recognised in Portugal?
3. Is the second marriage formally valid in Portugal and Poland?
4. How do you deal with matrimonial assets and rights and duties relating to children (of the first marriage)?
5. If the divorce is not recognised in Portugal, is the second marriage bigamous?

Because these are issues likely to be of interest to the St Helier Parishioners, we will explore some of them in a series of articles over coming editions of the Town Crier.
Parish notice board

Have you something to share with fellow Parishioners? Is there an event or activity coming up that you want to tell St Helier about? Let us know at the Town Crier and we can include on the monthly Parish Notice Board. Email short news items and associated photos to towncrier@posh.gov.je or call Annie Le Noury on 811821.

The CI Co-op opened its new Locale store on the site of the former Homemaker in Don Street. It has been transformed into a 4,000 square foot store, complete with eight tills, six of which are self-scanning, sitting alongside the existing sub-post office and their travel agency Travelmaker.

First Tower welcomed two new outlets in the last month. Seb’s Takeaway offers a range of fast foods, including burgers and pizzas, either directly from the shop or via a home delivery service. A few doors down, the Grape House has opened offering fine wine and Champagne to the public as well as the Jersey hospitality sector.

St Helier Sirens WI welcomed David Walwyn to its meeting last month to share his passion for making elderflower cordial – who knew it would be so easy and delicious? There may now be a shortage of elderflowers in the West of the Island! The Sirens had a busy month: Maureen de Gruchy very kindly opened her home to show some of the members how to plan Canasta, and it proved that popular that another two sessions followed.

On 7th July there will be a walking scavenger hunt from the Magistrate’s Court at the Town Hall at the slightly earlier time of 7pm, followed by a supper made by the members. If you’d like to join us, please ring Sue Bone on 636977.

A Day in the Life and A Maritime Meander Guided Walks – if you like informative guided walks, come and join in on either of these two. A Day in the Life meets at the King George V statue, Howard Davis Park, every Tuesday at 10am. Guided by Arthur Lamy, the walk is graded as easy and covers 3 miles. A Maritime Meander meets at Jersey Tourism every Tuesday at 2pm, is also graded as easy, covers 2.5 miles and includes a visit to the Life Boat Station. Both walks are highly recommended and cost £10.

For more information, please contact Arthur Lamy on 853525.

Murder Muck and Mayhem - a guided walk around St Helier led by Blue Badge Guide Tom Bunting, takes place every Tuesday from May 24th until September 6th 2011, starting at 7.30pm in the Royal Square. Listen to stories about the murkier side of Jersey’s capital, St Helier, with an evening’s guided walk around some of the lesser known parts of Town. An easy walk of approximately two miles costing £7 per adult. Contact 482822 or email tom.bunting@localdial.com for more details.

News from Liberty Wharf

There a great new addition at Liberty Wharf to look out for. Rococo, run by Chantal Gosselin, opened recently with an eclectic stock of charming and different home decorations, ornaments and gifts, many of which are sourced from local artists.

Chantal, who has always wanted to run her own shop, decided on Rococo after struggling to find exactly the decorative items she wanted in existing stores. Heartened by the sheer range of artistic products available from local Jersey artists, it was a logical and exciting step to set up her own business.

The French Connection:

Aurélie Leroy, manager of St Helier based Maison De Normandie, keeps us up to date with events and developments happening just over the Channel in France.

Le 98ème Tour de France, qui se déroulera du 2 au 24 juillet 2011, sera découpé en 21 étapes et couvrira une distance totale de 3471km, traversant de nombreuses villes et régions françaises dont la Normandie. Si vous êtes amateur de cyclisme, c’est l’événement à ne pas manquer, surtout lorsque le Tour passe si près de Jersey! Le Tour de France a une grande histoire. Cette histoire commence le 1er juillet 1903, lorsque soixante pionniers prennent la route à vélo au départ de Montgeron et se lancent dans six gigantesques étapes (dont un «Nantes-Paris», de 471 km!). Ayant provoqué un mélange d’étonnement et d’admiration, le Tour gagne vite le soutien du public et les spectateurs se pressent aux bords des routes. Les Français ont pris à cœur cet événement hors du commun qui met leurs villes, leur campagne et même, depuis 1910, leurs montagnes, sous les feux des projecteurs. C’est l’essence même du sport: des animations, du plaisir et de la joie de vivre.
Running from Saturday July 2nd to Sunday July 24th 2011, the 98th Tour de France will be made up of 21 stages and will cover a total distance of 3,471 kilometers through many French towns including those of Normandy. If you are a bicycle lover, this is the best and the most popular event to attend, especially when the Tour is coming so close to Jersey!

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The season starts mid-April, with opening times being 10.00am, 2.00pm and 6.00pm. There are leagues played on Monday and Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. On Sundays club competitions take place. There is one senior and three club coaches, all E.B.C.S. qualified, who can teach you all aspects of the game. So why not just drop in, young or old, and try the game. Bring your family or come on your own - all you require is a pair of trainers or flat sole shoes. For more information, please contact Terry Bell on 734721.

St Helier RFC rugby team is still looking for any adult males interested in playing rugby, all levels of experience from novice to veteran welcome. Please email sthelier.rugby@gmail.com for more information.

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