St Helier’s Parks and Gardens department, aided by our Community in Bloom group, have followed up their success at RHS Chelsea with wins at home and abroad – ‘Best Parish’ in the competition organised by the Tourism Department, and a Gold medal at RHS Tatton Park, with ‘Best in Show’ in the National Flower Bed competition.
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Welcome to the Town Crier

Welcome to the August edition of the Town Crier. Parishioners are likely to be united in the wish for some sunshine this month to enable locals and visitors alike to enjoy their weekends and summer holidays in Jersey.

St Helier's contribution to the Island's festival programme continues with the Portuguese Food Festival which has been organised by a sub-committee of the St Helier - Funchal twinning committee for the first time. There is also the welcome return of the Airtel-Vodafone Seaside Festival at Havre des Pas on Sunday 5th August, thanks to the hard work of the organiser, Mario Pirozzolo. There is also an unusual event happening on and around Parade Gardens on Sunday 19th August when the Lions Club is running a 'Pedal Car Grand Prix', sponsored by ABN-AMRO Private Banking, and featuring local personalities including Derek Warwick.

Of course, the biggest and best festival is the Battle of Flowers which will transform Victoria Avenue on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th August. This will be the first Battle for the Lieutenant Governor, Sir John McColl, and Lady McColl, and we are confident that Battle will live up to its reputation for them and the thousands of other spectators. Months of planning and preparation by the St Helier float designers and builders will culminate in a Parish float that they hope will prove as impressive as it has been for the last two years since the Parish's welcome return to the carnival. Other August highlights include the summer concert of the Band of the Island of Jersey in Howard Davis Park on the evening of Monday 6th August, three performances by a live band in the Jersey Cricket Club, the International Bowling Club week at the Jersey Bowling Club on Westmount which begins on 24th, 25th and 26th August, and the Lions Club is running a 'Pedal Car Grand Prix', sponsored by ABN-AMRO Private Banking, and featuring local personalities including Derek Warwick.

All in all, a lot is going on in St Helier in the month of August, and the Town Crier expresses the thanks of the many parishioners, business owners and visitors to the Parish staff and volunteers who ensure that this array of events passes off successfully.

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

News around our residential homes and nurseries

Westmount Day Nursery: Nine primary and junior schools took part in creating display boards with the theme of the Diamond Jubilee celebration last month. Measuring 6' by 4', these are now on display on the hoarding at the Robin Hood junction.

Residents and staff from Maison de Ville attended the Parish's annual Rates Assembly on Wednesday 11th July to support the Parish Care Strategy (P3/2012). This proposal to convert Maison de Ville Residential Home into care homes and a children's nursery and develop St Ewold's Residential Home to provide 40 extra beds and 23 care homes was extremely well received with only one vote against the project.

Head of Home, Jules Broad, said that she was delighted with the outcome of the Parish Assembly which ended an unsettling period of uncertainty for her residents and staff.

Royal Visit retrospective

Last month's visit of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall was focussed on our St Helier as their Royal Highnesses visited the Royal Square, the Central Market, 16 New Street and the Town Church. After visiting Grainville School the royal party arrived in the Parish in Hill Street where they were welcomed by the Constable of St Helier.

"Your Royal Highnesses, as the Parish of St Helier welcomed the Prince of Wales in April 1646 and gave him refuge in Elizabeth Castle, and again, as King Charles II, in September 1649, on behalf of the people of this Parish I welcome you to St Helier in this year of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.'

As well as unveiling a new pavement sculpture in the Royal Square, the visitors viewed the painting of the Thames Diamond jubilee pageant by parishioner Emily Allchurch inside the States Building. The visit also included the RJA&HS showground at Trinity where all of the parishes had created displays of parochial life. St Helier's exhibit was entitled St Helier's Three Twins, and the Duchess of Cornwall met representatives of each of the Parish's twinning committees: Geraint Jennings and Annabelle Bishop (the jumelage); Angela Francey and Pamela Gabb (the partnerschaft); Debbie de Sousa and Joe Veloso (the geminationo).

Above: Duchess of Cornwall meeting Geraint Jennings and Annabelle Bishop of the jumelage committee at the RJA&HS

Below: Mr Crowcroft follows the tradition of welcoming royal visitors into the Parish (Tony Moore)
Parishmatters

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

Annual Rates Assembly - On 11th July 2012 the annual Rates Assembly was held at the Town Hall. The meeting saw the Board of Directors, Procureurs du Bien Public and Connétable present the Audited Accounts for the last financial year ended 30th April 2012. The Accounts show a surplus for the year of £129,193 increasing the General Reserves to £779,480.

Also presented were the Estimates for the coming year to 30th April 2013, which were approved without amendment. The Parish Rate was frozen for the third successive year at 1.10p, due to sound financial control over expenditure and an increase in Parish Quarters of 11/2% from new developments in St Helier.

However, the increase in the Island Wide Rate (set by the States at a cost of living increase) has resulted in the combined rates for Domestic (homeowner) ratepayers increasing by 1.1% and for Non-Domestic (business) ratepayers increasing by 1.8%.

Procureur Clive Barton updated the Assembly on progress towards GAAP accounting. Previously Parish Accounts were prepared on a cash basis to produce an accurate cash requirement for the Parish Rate. The GAAP accounts produced for this Assembly are a good step forward, as they not only produce a similar cash requirement for the Parish Rate, they also properly reflect the full Asset value of Parish Property, Plant and Vehicles, increasing the Net Asset Value in the accounts from £9million to £47million.

The Audited Accounts and Estimates, plus summary GAAP Accounts, are available from the Town Hall reception. All enquiries or comments should be directed to the Finance Director, Andy Pemberton, who is keen to receive feedback from Parishioners, particularly on the proposed GAAP Accounts.

English Schools Athletics Event - The St Helier Youth Committee supported this event, enabling four parishioners to attend and participate in last month’s competition.

Long service awards - The Constable made presentations to members of staff at the Parish at an awards ceremony last month. 19 members of staff were recognised for having completed 20 years of service, making a total of 507 years’ service, in departments ranging across the various municipal services, administration and care services provided by the Parish, while two members of the team received awards for 40 years’ continuous service - Tony Andrews, Director of Parks, Roads and T&E Services and Peter Goguelin from the Parks Team. Speaking at the ceremony, which was also attended by Procureur du Bien Public Clive Barton and Deputies Bryan and Hilton, the Constable said that the Parish deserved its reputation as a good employer, and was an organisation for which staff loyalty was shown in the large number of staff who were clearly fulfilled in their careers with the Parish. Course tutor, Tom Evans, was present to give awards to the eight apprentices who have taken part in the horticulture course run by the Parish in conjunction with the Economic Development Department.

Also at the awards ceremony held on 19th July, seven Customer Services employees who have qualified in deaf awareness, with the aim of making communication with Town Hall staff easier for those with any level of hearing impairment, had their certificates presented to them. This has resulted in the Town Hall being awarded a new kitemark that will enable Jersey’s deaf and hard of hearing community to better access their services. The kitemark, called the ‘Standard for Good Customer Services to Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing People’, was developed after dDeaf people reported the difficulties they encounter every day when trying to communicate with and access businesses and services, whether at work, home or when participating in island life. The training was generously supported by the Jersey dDeaf Society. ('dDeaf' is not a typo! Little ‘d’ represents people with all levels of deafness, while the big ‘D’ represents people who consider themselves part of a different linguistic culture.)
St Helier in Bloom - St Helier in Bloom is a year-round environmental improvement campaign, organised by the St Helier Community in Bloom Group. This group of enthusiastic volunteers 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 States Police and Parishioners, and provide a service that is unique to the British Isles.

For further information please visit our website: www.sthelier.je/honorarypolice. 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, Germany.

Parish in Bloom - Judging took place on 10th July and the Parish received a gold award in the Best Parish Hall category, together with Best Parish for the parish entries, which puts us forward to the national finals in 2013. The Parish also received the discretionary judges’ award for the show’s display teams for the promotion of Jersey through high profile floral displays.

On 30th July St Helier was judged for the best large town category of the Britain in Bloom awards, with results to be released during September.

St Mark’s Church community allotments - The allotments were officially opened on Sunday 1st July by the Constable, providing garden-less town dwellers with somewhere to grow their own vegetables. Anyone interested in the possibility of taking on one of these allotments should contact the church administrator, Ian MacFeeters, on 720595 or email churchoffice@stmarksjersey.org.

Senior citizens’ outings - Once again this year the Parish of St Helier has arranged two coach outings for senior citizens of the Parish involving a round-the-island tour followed by a cream tea at St Peter’s Garden Centre. The first of the tours took place in the driving rain and the second in much brighter weather, and more than 100 parishioners took advantage of these events. The Constable attended both events to welcome everyone and to enjoy a scone and a cup of tea.

Above: The vicar of St Mark’s Church, Martyn Shea, helps the Dean of Jersey plant a tree to mark the opening of the allotments.
The First Tower Community Association Youth project, known as ‘The Hang Out’, opened in Autumn 2005. Donations were received from a variety of charitable organisations, including the St Helier Youth Committee, and supported the necessary alterations to the building prior to occupation, provision of equipment and youth worker salaries for the first two years.

The Hang Out is open three nights per week and provides a supportive and informal setting for young people aged from 11 to 18 years. Until recently most activities were conducted in the one main club room, but pressure on space was such that it lead to the Project Leader giving up her office to create a separate space for music.

The main committee representative, Deputy Jackie Hilton, determinedly pursued a request to States Property Holdings for two further rooms to be made available to the project and, once acquired, funding was sought to support the overall refurbishment then required. Lloyds TSB provided some funding, a further application was made to the St Helier Youth Committee and Constable Crowcroft kindly proposed the use of St Helier maintenance staff to project manage the refurbishment and help reduce costs where possible.

On 1st October 2011 the Grand Re-Opening was held of a high class community facility which the young people are delighted with and which has resulted in a membership of 70 plus.

This youth club has made a huge difference to the First Tower area, with the young people keen to contribute help and assistance with future running requirements where they can.
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It was a sorry-looking Royal visitor who finally came ashore in Saint Helier on 20th September 1817. HRH Prince William, Duke of Gloucester, nephew and son-in-law of George III, had landed at low tide and was obliged - there being then no harbour quayside - to scramble on all fours over seaweed-covered rocks in order to reach the beach where Jersey's officials were sensibly waiting to receive him. The state of his uniform was less than regal by the time he reached the welcoming party.

Saint Helier has provided a port in a storm to more than one Royal visitor over the centuries, and not all have arrived in all their pomp and circumstance. In around 1030, Duke Robert I of Normandy and his relative, Edward the Confessor, were forced to take refuge in Jersey after encountering a storm in the Channel. Whether they stayed in Saint Helier is unknown, but we can reasonably assume that this was the first recorded visit of one of our Dukes and a future King of England.

We are sure that the Parish Church of Saint Helier is first mentioned in a charter of William II of Normandy (the Conqueror) dating before 1066. It was under Henry II that the town of Saint Helier developed - a charter of the king mentions the Town Mills in 1154. King John visited Jersey in 1213, and Henry III in 1230. The Abbey of Saint Helier was granted market rights, and a "forum regis" (King's market place) was in existence by 1299. The Abbey gave way to a new fortress to guard the approaches to the Town. Sir Walter Raleigh, Governor of Jersey, decided to name the new castle in honour of the Queen: Elizabeth Castle.

Another Royal visitor who came in less than ideal circumstances was Charles, Prince of Wales, son of Charles I. The Prince arrived with about 300 followers arrived in Jersey on 17th April 1646. The Prince lodged at Elizabeth Castle, with some of his most important courtiers lodging in the Town. The Prince attended the Parish Church of Saint Helier. On 25th June the Prince left for France. In February 1649 the news arrived in Jersey of the King's execution. The accession of Charles II was proclaimed in the market place of Saint Helier (now the Royal Square) on 17th February. As the historian Balleine puts it, "the reign of Charles II began in Jersey in 1649 and not in 1660". Jersey was now the only one of his dominions that was a safe refuge for the new King and he arrived with his court, and his brother the future James II, on 17th September, and once more lodged at Elizabeth Castle, his entourage filling not only the Castle but every available room in Town. Saint Helier remained the seat of the monarch in exile until 13th February 1650 when Charles left for Breda.

The need for harbour improvements in Saint Helier later brought forth a donation from King George II and the States of Jersey marked their gratitude with the erection in 1751 of a statue in the market place (which became known as a result as the Royal Square). An Order-in-Council of 1750 described the Town of Saint Helier as "the Capital of His Majesty's Island of Jersey" - but the first state visit by a reigning monarch was Queen Victoria's arrival in September 1846. Although she spent only three hours ashore, she at least had satisfactory harbour facilities - the newly-completed pier she landed on was christened the Victoria Pier.

Imagine if she had been forced to endure the same sort of indignities her uncle, the Duke of Gloucester, had been forced to endure in 1817!
The air punch of Bradley Wiggins as he crossed the finishing line to win the Tour de Franc said it all. Cycling is on a high as far as Britain is concerned, with Wiggin’s awesome victory this year building on recent hauls of Olympic cycling gold. So it’s a great time for the Town Criterium to once again return to the streets of St Helier.

The Jersey Evening Post Town Criterium - Powered by Rubis, has been a fixture in the St Helier events’ calendar since 2009. Its range of cycling races, from ultra-competitive to family friendly, have proved extremely popular with both serious and fun riders alike, while the atmosphere created as the competitors race through town had drawn the crowds each year. Organisers are hoping that this year’s Criterium, which takes place on Sunday 26th August, will prove the best yet.

The event continues to gain recognition outside of Jersey. A strong overseas line-up is expected once again this year, including the mega-force Node4Giordana Ladies Pro Team, among whom is the current World Junior Champion, Lucy Garner. Competing against them will be the newly-formed but experienced Cordiva-Allpress team, as well as the Team Scott-Contessa, well known for their aggressive riding style. The men’s elite teams will once again see a strong line-up, including Felt Racing, which has the UK’s number two ranked elite rider, Justin Hoy, in its ranks.

Closer to home, Guernsey will again be represented by a solid line up, spearheaded by former National Hill Climb Champion Ann Bowditch. With professional France-based James McLaughlin also rumoured to be putting in an appearance, the Sarnians should put on a good show. Jersey too, has an understandably strong contingent, among them Richard Tanguy, Greg Mansell and the super-experienced veteran Christian Spence. Local elite ladies include Caesarean’s Kim Ashton and Sue Townsend from Velo Sport Jersey, who between them have both Island Games Gold and Silver medals.

The Town Criterium was established in 2009 in order to raise the sport’s profile and establish a strong grass-roots program for the future. So it’s great to see the creation of the Moore sponsored Jersey Cycling Youth Academy that has flourished with more youngsters joining up all the time. The academy regularly takes teams of youths to the UK to compete on the road, circuit and in the Velodromes, with notable success. Launched at the 2010 Tour de Bretagne, it has already produced four schoolboy national champions. Now with more than 100 members, the academy has experienced meteoric success and is helping cycling to flourish in Jersey, a situation mirroring what is happening across the world.

Commenting on the forthcoming event, Vice-President of Velo Sport Jersey and Criterium Organiser Tony Moffa said ‘Cycling is booming and we’re seeing ever increasing numbers of people not only taking up the sport but also racing. It’s an achievable and reachable goal to enter the sport of cycling and enjoy the merits and fitness benefits of racing at any age. Our goal is simply to use the Criterium to boost the sport and put it in the public limelight, which helps encourage more kids onto bikes and that surely has to be a good thing for the Island’s health goals.’

For further information on the Town Criterium, visit www.jerseytowncrit.com. To get a flavour of the event view the video at www.vsj.je/towncriterium.

Images: Some of the scenes from last year’s Criterium
Dates for your diary

See the Parish website at www.sthelier.je for further details

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Thanks to an initiative by Rev. Billy Slatter, each of the Island’s 12 parishes was given a mini Olympic torch following the arrival of the Olympic torch at the Weighbridge on Sunday 15th August. Junior Miss St Helier, Jessica Figueira, carried the Parish torch from the Town Church to St Thomas’ Church, although the runners arrived just too late to carry the torch up the aisle at the start of the weekly Mass in Portuguese, and it was then off to the Millennium Town Park. The runners did a race around the new Park, Junior Miss St Helier being among the fastest runners, while Deputy Richard Rondel spent the time collecting litter. Next the torch was taken to two of the Parish’s residential homes, St Helier House, where Battle of Flowers stalwart, Gordon de la Perelle, enjoyed fanning the flame, and then up Trinity Hill to St Ewolds. At both homes the runners were treated to refreshments and sandwiches. Finally the torch was run back through St Helier to arrive at the Town Church in time for evensong.

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One of Jersey’s oldest companies, Le Masurier, has published exciting proposals for new homes, shops and restaurants in the north of St Helier. Here the Town Crier finds out more...

Earlier this month Le Masurier presented their proposals for ‘Parkside Village’ within the north of town. The company propose to invest over £50million into the area, which is in much need of regeneration.

The draft development brief for Le Masurier’s Bath Street site, published online by the Department of the Environment, is now open to public consultation before the submission of a planning application. Le Masurier is keen to hear feedback from the community on their intentions for the site, which is wholly owned by the company and bordered by Bath Street and Rue de Funchal.

The Company’s aspiration for Parkside Village is to offer a new residential and retail village which will provide affordable homes, the most sustainable form of residential development on the Island and a new pedestrianised street connecting the Town Park to the Library and markets beyond.

Managing Director of Le Masurier, Brian McCarthy, said: “The north of town is desperate for regeneration and I am pleased that Le Masurier are able to offer this investment at no cost to the tax payer. In consultation with the Environment Minister and his Department, we have agreed a development brief and we are now keen to hear feedback on our proposals before we move forward to making a formal planning application.”

The new proposals will offer opportunities to all existing retailers as well as attract new small businesses to the area. The aim is to support a community environment that complements the Town Park, linking the north of town with the central and fish markets, the library, the arts centre, town churches and the Freedom Centre. Plans include a new urban green lane lined with restaurants and shops offering a safe pedestrian and cycle route into and out of the centre of town.

Deputy Duhamel said that the development of the area was an opportunity to provide:
- High quality residential accommodation
- Affordable housing
- Improved traffic calming measures
- Secure cycle and pedestrian links between the Town centre and the Town Park.

Deputy Duhamel added: “Improving this area will be of huge benefit to the community and to the environment and agreeing a development brief moves us closer to that goal.”

Last year Le Masurier were granted detailed planning consent to build J1, a £150 million regeneration of commercial buildings between Broad Street and Commercial Street in St Helier. With J1 to the south of St Helier and Parkside Village to the north, the company hope to be a catalyst for the rebalancing of town. Brian McCarthy explains: “These two projects cover over 3.6 acres of central St Helier and amount to £200m of private investment in our Island. In this desperate economic climate, I would hope that going forward we will see a succinct planning determination process so that we can really push forward with delivering regeneration and investment in Jersey.”

The consultation and draft planning brief for Parkside Village is available at www.gov.je/consult
Town matters

By Town Centre Manager
Richard Mackenzie

I am delighted that we have three new traders in Town. Firstly the opening of Coco Rico in Broad Street sees the return to St Helier of the stunning French cuisine for which the restaurant is so well known. I can also confirm that the macaroons are back. In Burrard Street we have a fantastic new RetiL Music shop which not also sells a great nostalgic range of music but also music players that take me back to my teenage years. Lastly, in Colomberie, More 4 You has opened and is a convenience store that sells we all need.
Your one stop summer style shop!

St Helier is home to several retail outlets that sell clothing for men, women and children all under one roof. These “one stop shops” make it easy for you to grab this season’s hottest trends for the whole family, in a flash. Why not make the most of your lunch hour and head to some of town’s best One Stop Shops for your summer fashion fix?

One of this season’s biggest trends is trousers in sorbet shades such as lemon, lilac, sugary pink and mint green. Originally seen on the catwalks of Mulberry and Marc Jacobs, this trend is set to carry on right through to autumn. Chinos are the trendiest trouser to wear at the moment and can be worn by men, women and children. Unsurprisingly this trend has hit the high street in a big way and you can find designer lookalikes in St Helier for a fraction of the cost.

‘We sell coloured skinny jeans and chinos in all our departments,’ explains Andreia Dos Santos, Assistant Store Manager of Next. ‘They’re easy to wear and they’re a really easy way to update your wardrobe.’ Coloured chinos in Next’s women’s department start from £20 so this is a trend that is not only easy to wear but also easy on the purse strings. ‘And they look lovely on kids too,’ adds Andreia. ‘We sell mini versions in the children’s department and they’ve been really popular, especially with the girls.’

Another St Helier ‘one stop shop’ is Jacks. Technically two shops - one on Halkett Street and the other on Beresford Street - they’re only a stone’s throw from each other you can literally jump from one to the other in seconds. Selling clothes for men, women and children, Jacks is home to a wide range of different brands including Joules, Seasalt & White Stuff providing variety and something different.

‘The nautical look is very popular right now and our Crew, Seasalt and Joules collections fit this trend perfectly,’ explains Paris Maddocks, Store Manager. ‘This is a look that works well for the whole family and people of all ages because it’s classic and timeless. Also a lot of people can get away with the seaside look in Jersey because we’re a small island. It fits well here and looks stylish but relaxed. We have some fantastic Breton striped tops in the men and women’s department and some lovely navy and white striped shorts in the children’s section as well as seaside inspired swimwear.’

Prints inspired by the 1950s are another big trend this season. Originally seen on the catwalks of Prada and Burberry, retro prints can be found on skirts and shirts all over the high street. ‘The brands we stock such as White Stuff, Jackpot and Seasalt all design and print their own fabrics so they’ve had some really lovely unique prints,’ explains Paris. ‘And bird prints have been everywhere too. Our White Stuff collection includes a blouse and a skirt with a parrot print and they’ve sold really well.’

‘We’ve had women’s blouses with birds on and 50s inspired printed shirts in the menswear too,’ adds Andreia. The easiest way to wear this trend is by teaming your bold print with something plain. Women should match a 50s style skirt in a fabulous print with a plain blouse or top, and men should opt for a bold shirt worn with neutral chinos or jeans.

‘Everyone loves bright colours and prints in the summer don’t they?’ adds Andreia. ‘There’s something about a bit of sunshine and a tan that makes us all feel a little bolder with the colours and prints we wear in the summer, so now’s the time to try something new.’
Portuguese Food Festival puts teen talent top of the bill

It's nearly time to head down to the Waterfront for this year's Airtel-Vodafone Portuguese Food Festival. The fun takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th August) and organisers are delighted to release further details about the five day line-up.

Thanks to the new location at Les Jardins de la Mer, twice as many food stalls will be offering favourite dishes from Madeira and Portugal this year. But event co-organiser Debbie de Sousa says the emphasis isn't only on the food.

Debbie said: 'With help from the Parish of St Helier and other members of our new organising committee, we’ve got a jam-packed programme organised with plenty of music and family entertainment. This year we’re bringing home-grown talent to the stage because it’s often said that the wonderful bands from Jersey's Portuguese community don't get enough opportunity to put themselves in the spotlight. Well, we’ve teamed up with local venues and youth groups to set that straight and we'll be giving the stage over to some really inspiring acts,' she said.

Entertainment will come from established bands Run For Cover, Rock-A-Bye and Synergy. There will also be space on the bill for a Madeira folklore group, a karaoke cup contest, songs from the ever-popular Tony Jardim and sets from UK youth bands who are performing as part of the Tour School exchange programme with young groups from Jersey.

The BBC Introducing series will add a further dimension to the festival, and there has even been interest from the producers of a fortnightly Portuguese TV programme to come and cover the excitement.

Airtel-Vodafone vice-president Ian Campbell said: 'We are delighted to be adding our support to a festival that celebrates one of Jersey’s largest and most vibrant communities. It's clear from our involvement that the festival’s ethos is to give something back to the community. In this respect Airtel-Vodafone’s global reach makes us the perfect partner, and we’ll be using our industry relationships to bring some great offers to festival-goers.'

The free festival opens on Thursday 23rd August at 6.00pm. It then runs daily between 12 noon and 11pm (10pm on Sunday) until the evening of the Bank Holiday Monday, when it closes with a bang – fireworks will be lit at 10.30pm.

Further details will be released through the media and the Parish website www.sthelier.je.

Above: Enjoying last year's event
Left: Festival organising committee

Jersey Evacuees unveil memorial bench

On 22nd June 2012 Deputy Kevin Lewis attended a short service at Mount Bingham to unveil a memorial bench for the Jersey Evacuees Association. The bench looks out over the Albert Pier, which will bring back many memories for all of the Evacuees.
As we reach the end of the school year, we have a bonanza of events and stories to tell you about. Read on to find out more!

Our term’s learning theme of ‘Country, Culture and Competition’ culminated in three major community events. Our school set our very own World Records on Wednesday 11th July including carrying beans on the end of noses, nearly a thousand space hopper bounces and an attempt at the custard pie throwing record. On Friday 13th July we held an International Festival at school which included foods, songs and dance from a whole host of countries we have been learning about. Our final event was our whole school ‘Olympic Themed’ Sports Day at Springfield Stadium with events including the ‘Olive Branch Egg and Spoon’ and ‘Mount Olympus Drag and Carry’.

With the end of the school year we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. For them this can be an exciting but sad time. Over the last few weeks they have been very busy including their surfing trip to Little Joe’s in St Ouen, the Year 6 Olympics with other schools playing sports like squash and badminton, and transition days to their secondary schools which made students more confident about moving on.

Leavers Assembly on the penultimate day is always an emotional one for pupils, teachers and parents alike and it was a tough next (and last) day. We wished all the Year 6’s a great future and a successful and happy time at their secondary schools.

d’Auvergne Primary School
Sponsorship of bicycle racks for local school
Moore Stephens Jersey has supported d’Auvergne Primary School in the provision of bicycle racks for their pupils. Chris Lakeman, Head Teacher at d’Auvergne Primary School, commented: “We are trying to encourage families to leave their cars at home and would like children to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible. This is partly to ease the congestion of traffic particularly at the end of the day, partly to improve the environment generally and partly to encourage children to live a healthy life style.

This year we delivered cycling proficiency to all children in Years 5 and 6. We did this during curriculum time in a PE lesson to ensure the maximum number of children participated; weekend or holiday courses are great but we have no guarantee that children will attend. All of the children were successful in gaining a certificate and are therefore now able to cycle on the local roads with parents’ permission.

Without bike racks we could not have completed the project as there would be nowhere for the children to leave their bikes.”

Haute Vallée School
On 27th June Haute Vallée said goodbye to its Year 11 students, following the end of their GCSE exams. Head Teacher Mrs Caryl Lewis was delighted to celebrate many awards for academic, school and community achievements, and the Constable of St Helier presented a trophy on behalf of the Parish aimed at improving the study of English. The trophy for the Best Improver in English was awarded to Tanya Martins. Mr Crowcroft told the students that it was important that everyone continued to improve their use of the English Language throughout their lives and not stop when they leave education. Other notable awards included the Further Achievement Award which was presented to Daniel Aires, who received a trophy and a grant to enable him to follow his dream to be a restauranteur in the South of France. The Woodsford Maths Award went to Thomas Bowers, the John Twinam Award for English went to Suzie de Freitas and the two Science Awards were given to Erika Varela and Robyn Nerac.

Haute Vallée/Mont à l’Abbé Sensory Garden
A successful bid of £4,500 has been received from the Waitrose Community Investment Committee (WCIC) for a sensory garden project at Haute Vallée School. The facility will be for use by students of both Haute Vallée and Mont à l’Abbé Schools as part of their integrated education, and the money will ensure that the project can incorporate walkways suitable for wheelchair

Below: Left to right: Paul Le Claire (former St Helier Deputy), Representative of Co-Sponsor (Le Masurier) and Cassie Horton (Moore Stephens Jersey)

Tanya Martins with her trophy for Best Improver in English
access, raised beds, planting to evoke the senses, a water feature and wind chimes. Through Waitrose’s Business Partner Volunteering Scheme, they will be able to be a part of the project to help clear the area in preparation for the works.

The twinning between Haute Vallée School

Jersey, and Collège Notre Dame de la Providence in Avranches, Normandy, is going from strength to strength. The year 7s who were the new cohort to be involved with the Avranches twinning project have spent the year sending letters, cards and leaflets about their school to new pen pals in France. On 21st to 24th June they had the opportunity to meet their pen friends for the first time when Haute Vallée took a group on the annual trip to Avranches. This year 20 students from Y7 and Y8 spent three nights and two very busy days in France, which meant that some students who had taken part last year were able to return.

The trip unfortunately started with a very rough sea crossing from Jersey to Granville, but most of us had recovered by the time we got to our accommodation for the first two nights at the Lycée Notre Dame de la Providence which is very convenient for getting around the centre of Avranches.

We spent Friday 22 June at our twin school 'Collège Notre Dame de la Providence', where students attended various lessons and spent time getting to know their pen friends. As 2012 is the 30th anniversary of the twinning between St Helier and Avranches, and five years since the schools have been twinned, the Mayor of Avranches, André Bazin, and Michel Lebrun welcomed us with a reception at the town hall. Journalists from three French newspapers also attended the occasion and published a photo and article in each of their papers.

Later we enjoyed lunch in the school canteen and in the afternoon our students completed a quiz around the town with their pen pals. In the evening we did some shopping in the town centre and had a meal in a restaurant in the main square.

Fortunately we were able to see some of the annual concert for Collège Notre Dame de la Providence which was held in the ‘Salle Polyvalente’. On the way back to the Lycée we walked through the Jardin des Plantes while the sun set and admired the view over Mont St Michel which was a lovely end to the day.

On Saturday we visited Mont St Michel in the morning. We then explored the town of Granville in the afternoon and had another opportunity for some shopping. We were lucky that it was also market day. In the evening we enjoyed a meal at a crêperie and then stayed the night in the CRNG youth hostel in Granville, before enduring another rough ferry crossing back to Jersey on the Sunday morning.

Following our extremely successful visit, the reciprocal visit took place on 3 July and a group of sixièmes and cinquièmes (Y7 and Y8) from Avranches came to visit us at Haute Vallée. When the group arrived we welcomed them with a reception in the school canteen and Constable Simon Crowcroft and Head Teacher, Mrs Caryl Lewis, attended and presented two plaques which had been handmade by the Design and Technology department at Haute Vallée. The plaques were presented to Madame Valerie Van Dessel, an English teacher from Collège Notre Dame de la Providence, and were made to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the twinning between St Helier and Avranches and to formally acknowledge the twinning of the two schools after five years. The plaques will be put on display in the reception areas of both schools. Whilst at Haute Vallée, the group tried their hands at Science, Music, Geography and PE, went on a tour of the school and spent some more time with their pen friends.

Both visits were a great success; the students from the two schools seemed to integrate and communicate with each other extremely well and have made some new friendships. Indeed the behaviour and enthusiasm shown by all of the students was excellent. We will hopefully continue to develop the project next year. On behalf of both Haute Vallée and Collège Notre Dame de la Providence, I would like to thank the St Helier Jumelage Committee for their continued funding and support. It is very much appreciated by all involved and allows students to be part of this valuable experience.

Helen Poingdestre MFL teacher, Haute Vallée School
Peter Winn is a Helier Morris Man. He has been dancing with the Helier Morris team for 37 years. Peter and the Helier Morris team regularly perform in the Royal Square during the summer months.

'We are street entertainers, and there is nothing quite like a warm summer’s evening in St Helier, performing to a good crowd of onlookers in the precinct. We leap a little higher and clash our sticks more forcibly, and the crowd can see that we put a lot of energy into entertaining them,’ says Peter.

'Surprisingly there are few problems performing in the busy streets of St Helier. 'Our main concern is to make sure we station ourselves in such a position so that life can go on as normal around us. Of course we get the odd drunk who thinks he can join in, but soon realises that it is a lot more demanding than first thought and soon leaves, weaving his way to safety!'

Morris is indeed far more complex than meets the eye. The fact that it looks relatively easy is testament to how well the Morris Men dance. You have to be very fit and have great stamina to keep up. The dances the Helier Morris perform originate from the Cotswold Villages and are strictly performed in the style that the original village teams would have done hundreds of years ago. 'Morris is a living tradition and some variations creep in,’ explains Peter. ‘But all teams try to keep to the directions written down in the 1900s.’

In fact the Helier Morris, who also perform another type of Morris dance called ‘Border Morris’ which involves wearing a black strip, blackened faces and wearing tatty coats with strips of cloth, were accepted into the Morris Ring in 1990. The Morris Ring guides the standards of the dance and only accepts Morris teams who have demonstrated an acceptable standard of dancing, not just in the UK but in other parts of the world too.

‘Very few people realise that there are thriving Morris teams in Australia, Canada, Holland, Hong Kong and South Africa too’ adds Peter.

The origins of Morris go back centuries with the first records of Morris dancers in the 15th century. But Peter explains Morris most likely originated even earlier from pagan festivals. ‘Young men from the village would dance for the
success of the crops and the wellbeing of the population. It was a great honour to be chosen to dance and it carried some prestige.’

Nowadays, Peter believes it takes a different type of character to be a Morris Man. ‘It has to be said that being a Morris Man requires a sense of humour! There are not many who would strap bells on their legs and dance in public places waving handkerchiefs!’ Although the Helier Morris Men are always well received by adults and children, Peter admits teenagers find them a little odd, ‘even my own daughter disowned me for a while!’ he laughs.

After 36 years of performing all over the Island, the Helier Morris Men remain a consistent and joyful site in St Helier for all to enjoy. ‘People are always interested to see this strange dance performed solely by men,’ adds Peter. ‘Hopefully Morris will be popular in Jersey for many years to come. So if you happen to catch us dancing in town, give us a wave. We’re a very friendly bunch!’

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*Except Friday 3rd August – Oddsocks Theatre production – all welcome!
A successful Fête de St Hélier

This year’s Fête de St Hélier, the week of special events in town centred on St Helier Day, 16th July, contained the best of the previous year’s activities with a number of firsts. St Helier Day itself got off to an early start with a DUKW journey from West Park slipway across to Elizabeth Castle for around 20 people keen to pay tribute to Jersey’s patron saint. Rev. David Grantham, Vicar of All Saints Church in the Parade, conducted an open air communion service on the grassy knoll below the Hermitage rock. In spite of the wind and the threat of rain the participants found it extremely worthwhile.

Next the start of St Helier Day was marked with the firing of a cannon by the Constable, closely supervised by Nigel Blake, who serves on the Parish’s Roads Committee as well as being a member of the 1781 Jersey Militia. Muskets were fired to complete the event, and the St Helier flag raised from the Castle flagpole.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Liberation Group to devise new flavours of real ale, there is now a St Helerius beer, available from the Forum Bar in Grenville Street. The new ale was launched on St Helier Day by the Constable and local historian, Geraint Jennings, whose book, ‘The Monk who wanted to be alone’, is being offered for sale in the Forum Pub to customers who want to know more about the man who gave his name to our Parish. A further communion service was conducted by the Dean of Jersey at lunchtime and the special day was rounded off by the St Helier Morris Men who performed in King Street.

Other Fête de St Hélier events included a new petanque competition organised by Tony Allchurch. This was the POSH Petanquers’ first challenge in a major competition and it was great to see them play on every terrain, with five teams representing the Parish. 35 people turned out for the final match of the day, which proved to be a thrilling encounter between PC PES, from Division 1 of the Condor Lunchtime League, and our own Hermits team. PC PES won the title with a last throw that snatched victory away from The Hermits and the match ended 13 points to 11. The Hermits were runners-up and the other semi-finalists were The Saints (another POSH team) and Les Marins.

A trio of Jèrriais teachers (Tony Scott Warren, Colin Ireson and Geraint Jennings) performed the ancient art of bachin ringing in the precinct. More details on this can be found on page 23.

The festival concluded as it began at Elizabeth Castle’s Hermitage rock, with the traditional pilgrimage. Given the bad weather that has dogged so many events this year a marquee was organised for the cider and cake offered to pilgrims at the end of the walk and service.
The flourishing spirit of community life

The tendency some people have to knock our Parish always surprises me. Comments about the decline of our town centre are so wide of the mark sometimes that I think the critics must be talking about a different place altogether! However, the majority of parishioners I talk to, and visitors too, are impressed with what St Helier has to offer as a place in which to live, work and play. Civic pride, in particular, is flourishing in the Parish, as is our community spirit. The evidence of this is plentiful, with notable successes being achieved by the staff and volunteers who work so hard to maintain and improve Parish life.

The parks and gardens team continue to promote St Helier and Jersey with their planting displays, last month seeing off competition from cities like Birmingham and Manchester to win 'Best in Show' at RHS Tatton Park - our team having to overcome the challenges of transporting our home-grown plants to the North of England, while the nine other local authorities could just pop along the motorway for more flowers if needed.

Many Parish groups, clubs and volunteers were involved in last month’s Royal Visit, the Olympic torch and the subsequent journey of the Parish torch around our residential homes, and in the week of events centred around St Helier Day - the Fête de St Hélier. There was a great sense of everyone getting involved in the wide variety of activities, taking pride in our Parish, and committing time, money, ideas and energy to the community. This was nowhere better demonstrated than in the immediate aftermath of the fire that broke out at the gasometer in Tunnel Street, when dozens of staff and volunteers came to the Town Hall to help those who were unable to return home that evening. The Honorary Police, supported by colleagues from other Parishes, put in countless hours maintaining the safety cordon, and offers of help came in from around the Island. I am very grateful to everyone who helped out that evening, in particular, as well as to the countless contributions made during the month to our rich community life in St Helier.

Constable Simon Crowcroft

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La couôteunme fut gardée en Jèrri rédguliéthement jusqu’à la Preunmié Dgèrre Mondiale, mais i’ vaut ravigotter la tradition car ch’est dé tchi d’ichîn. Comme lé poète Jean Dorey (né en 1831 à La Ville ès Nouaux, Saint Hélyi) écrivit:

“Sonnnons, sonnnons la peîle et les bachîns,
Car jé sommes dans not’ île auve nos anmîns.”

Bachîn ringing

During La Fête de Saint Hélier bachîns were rung in King Street. Well, even though it was the month of July, there’s no harm in bachîn ringing at any time of year. Actually, it’s an old custom that used to be carried out in Jersey at Midsummer to chase away evil spirits. But what a racket when the bachîns were ringing away on the paving of the precinct! The Parish must be completely clear of evil spirits after all that.

But what about this custom? What you do is this: with wet hands make a reed vibrate against the rim of a bachîn so it starts to ring or bellow. It’s to do with the harmonic of the container - you might call it a Jersey version of a didgeridoo. The sound waves can be seen in the water in the bottom of the bachîn – the ringing makes the water dance. And so it’s both something for the ear and the eye.

The custom was kept up regularly in Jersey up til the First World War, but it’s a tradition worth reviving as it’s one of our own. As the Saint Helier poet Jean Dorey (born 1831 at La Ville ès Nouaux) wrote:

“Let’s ring the bachîns large and small, For we’re in our island with our friends.”

Wingates Band Jersey Tour

With 2013 being the 140th anniversary of championship section Wingates Band, preparations have been underway for a while to celebrate this milestone in the Band’s history, with the Band visiting Jersey for the first time this month.

Musical Director Andy Berryman has been preparing the Band’s programme for the tour, which will embrace three concerts. The visit to Jersey is the highlight of the banding year and the opportunity is being taken to premier resident composer Lucy Pankhurst’s new piece titled ‘Mr Sonneman’s Unusual Solution’, commissioned by the Band’s concert secretary Tony Smith. Mr Berry, from the ‘Houghton Weavers’ and a Wingates Band Trustee, is making the trip to Jersey just to provide the audience with a background to this new composition.

The Wingates Band has received generous support for its Jersey Tour from both Jersey Tourism and the Provincial/Walsh Trust for Bolton. In addition, the Parish of St Helier and the Jersey Premier Brass Band have given assistance.

There will be two concerts performed here at the Town Hall on Friday 24th August and Saturday 25th August, both commencing at 7.30pm with refreshments served. Tickets are available from the Town Hall, priced at £10.00 each. An additional concert will be performed in People’s Park on Sunday, August 26 from 2-4pm. For further information contact Customer Services at the Town Hall on 811811.

Below: Windgates Band will be visiting Jersey for the first time in August
Al fresco eating in St Helier

Although you wouldn't think it by the weather we had earlier in the year, summer is upon us! And what better way to enjoy the sunshine than a spot of al fresco dining? Not the posh 'tablecloth and cutlery' type, but rather the best spots in town to relax and eat outdoors for free. Grab a sarnie and let's go!

**Liberation Square**
This symbolic spot is a wonderful place to eat your lunch. Always bustling with tourists milling about and locals dashing to and from the new Liberty Wharf shopping centre, this is the perfect spot to "people watch". With lots of benches and seating, an ice-cream van on site selling delicious Jersey Ice Cream and water surrounding the stunning Liberation statue, you can even paddle your toes if the weather really heats up. Whether you're waiting for a bus (quite likely with Liberation bus station next door) or just whiling away your lunch hour, Liberation Square is a lovely spot.

**The Royal Square**
Although there are a couple of lovely pubs and a café in the Royal Square it's also the perfect spot for eating a packed lunch. Although the locals prefer to sit on the States of Jersey steps (the granite is nice and cool on a hot summer day!) there are also lots of benches dotted around the square, some under shade and some in the sunshine. If you don't mind the pigeons (or the mess they make) then this could be the perfect spot for you. Just remember...don't feed the birds!

**Town Churchyard**
Truly a little 'hidden gem' favourite with St Helier locals, the Town Churchyard is a lovely peaceful spot to relax and enjoy a bite to eat. The church itself is a beautiful historic building and surrounded by lovely inviting green lawns which are great to sit or lounge on when the sun shines. There are also some benches too if grass isn't your thing (or you're wearing white trousers!).

**The Harbour**
Just a hop and a skip from the Liberation square is the harbour. Cross the traffic at the lights, turn your back on St Helier and enjoy the beautiful peaceful sight of the boats bobbing in the harbour in front of you. If you don't want to walk as far as the Elizabeth Marina just stop at the New North Quay (opposite the Weighbridge). There are benches all around the quay and once you've turned your back on the traffic you'll be surprised just how peaceful and pretty it is.

**West's Centre**
If you fancy a challenge why not enjoy a game of chess at West's Centre? As well as the beautiful bronze sculptures of Jersey cows, there are benches under shade and in the sunshine, making it the perfect spot to stop enjoy a sarnie on the go. During the summer months there is a giant chess game that is free to use, and very often there's a vintage children's carousel. This is a great spot for families with young children.

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**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.

**French Lane Market** - this continues to take place every Saturday, from 10am to 4pm. For more information please contact Bernie Manning on 07700 356438.

**La Pouquelaye WI** - The group recently enjoyed a walk and talk around the Gorey Village area, with historical information being supplied by Rosie Boleat. The fishermen's cottages built for the oyster industry were viewed, together with the house where George Eliot stayed, and then the lovely food at the Bass and Lobster was sampled.

**A Week of International Bowls at Jersey Bowling Club** - As the main highlight of the Jersey Bowling Club's 100th year celebrations, a week of superb international bowls will be played at Westmount, the Channel Islands' oldest bowling club, from Sunday 12th August. For full details, please visit our website www.sthelier.je or contact the Bowling Club's President, Jean Lowery, on 629425 or jeanclowery@yahoo.co.uk.

**Marc's Fun Walk** - A sponsored charity walk will take place on Sunday 19th August from 12.30-4.30pm in memory of Marc Nieuwburg (1987-2006). Proceeds to Teenage Cancer Trust and CLIC Sargent. There's a choice of two walks: 1) Corbiere, railway walk and on to Gorey (15 miles) or 2) Town to Gorey (8 miles). For more information, please email Willy Nieuwburg at otom@newtelsurf.com.

**The Channel Islands Great War Study Group** is researching the Channel Islands' participation in the Great War, which includes those who fought and died (Jersey and Guernsey's Roll of Honour), as well as those who fought and came back (Jersey and Guernsey's Roll of Service). In addition, they would like to hear from Channel Islanders who had relatives that worked with the Red Cross, in civilian munitions factories, the Salvation Army or within a VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) etc. Please contact Daniel Benest on 630117 or 07797 750947 or email danielbenest@hotmail.com or you can visit the Group's website at www.greatwarcinet.

**Cards for Good Causes** - has operated a successful Charity Christmas Card shop in St Helier since 2001. This year, however, they are without a site to sell their cards from. Romerils has been very generous and supportive over the last three years in providing a space for the group but this year they are not able to accommodate them due to building works. Similarly the renovations at the Town Church mean that the group is unable to return there. If anyone in St Helier can assist with some space could you please contact Judith O'Sullivan on 01243 779584 or email judith.osullivan@cfgc.org.uk. The group also needs volunteers to help sell the cards and a manager to help oversee the shop, which usually opens mid-October.

**St Helier Primary School Picture Competition** - As part of the Fête de St Hélier, primary schools were invited to take part in a picture competition. The response was wonderful, with over 200 budding artists taking part. The winners and runners-up attended a special presentation evening at the Town Hall on 13th August and our congratulations go to Aaron-Lee Pereira (Janvrin), Sudeepa Tissera (Janvrin), Joe Bougeard (First Tower), Patryk Ostrowski (Rouge Bouillon), Mathilda Mahrer (Helvetia) and Saskia Martins (First Tower).

**Macmillan Cancer Support (Jersey)** - Jersey's Greatest Coffee Morning Help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support by holding a coffee morning anytime, anywhere during their awareness week from Monday 24th to Friday 28th September 2012. For more information contact Trish Broughton on 07797 735330 or email tbroughton@macmillanjersey.com.
Parish clubs and groups

This section of the Crier is devoted to the many voluntary clubs and groups run throughout St Helier. If you would like to promote your organisation or a planned special event, or just to include contact details, please telephone 811821 or email towncrier@posh.gov.je.

Clubs & groups news

Women’s Institute
There are four meetings in St Helier as follows:

- **St Helier Sirens WI**: 1st Thursday of each month at the Old Magistrate’s Court at the Town Hall. Contact Sue Bone on 636977 or 07797 834743 or email liberty/localdial.com.
- **La Pouquelaye WI**: 2nd Wednesday of each month at the La Pouquelaye Community Centre (the old La Pouquelaye School). Contact Sheila Laugeard on 734600 / 07797 775483 or Gill James on 722467.
- **West Park WI**: 1st Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm the meeting room at the King George V Homes on La Grande Route de St Aubin. Contact Sheila Sykes on 491856.
- **First Tower & Millbrook WI**: 2nd Wednesday of each month at the St Andrew’s Church Hall at 7.30pm. Contact Joan Cadoret on 735534.

Mobile Library
- **George V Cottage Homes**: Mondays, 9.30-9.45am
- **Clos du Paradis**: Wednesdays, 11.30am-12pm
- **B&Q, Queen’s Road**: Wednesdays, 12.05-1pm

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

- **14th Jersey (St Helier) Scout Group**: Salvation Army Hall, Minden Place
  - Beavers and Cubs: Monday evenings
  - **Scouts**: Wednesday evenings
  - Contact Jean-Paul Lecrivain (Group Scout Leader) on 07797 836295 or email: gsl14thjsy@ymail.com

Additional enquiries: Mary Roberts, Island Secretary, on 486935 or email: jersey.scouts@jerseymail.co.uk

Beavers, Cubs and Guides

- **Rainbows, Brownies & Girl Guides**: All Saints Church Hall, The Parade
  - Thursday and Friday evenings
  - Contact: Daphne on 871199
- **Little Monkeys Gymnastics**: Fort Regent
  - Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.15pm with Mums
  - Children must be walking; suitable for 13+ years
  - Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays From 3.30pm onwards
  - Children from 3-6 years
  - Saturdays 9-10am
  - Children aged 5-6 years

Regent Gymnastics Club
- Visit: [http://www.regentgymnastics.co.uk/page_1267903869504.html](http://www.regentgymnastics.co.uk/page_1267903869504.html)

Royal British Legion
- 2-4 Great Union Street
- Tuesday to Friday from 12pm and Saturday & Sunday from 11am.

Sun Bowls
- Starts mid-April, Opening times: 10.00am, 2.00pm and 6.00pm, leagues on Monday and Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Contact Terry Bell on 734721.

First Tower Billiards & Snooker Club
- Open weekdays from 7pm to 1pm and Sundays from 1pm to 6pm. Email: firsttowersnookerclub@gmail.com.

Jersey Scrabble Club
- Every Tuesday evening at 7pm. Contact Anne on 730409 or email apasturel@live.co.uk.

Jersey Hi-Fi Music Club
- Second and fourth Thursdays from September to May at the Jersey Arts Centre at 7.30pm. Contact Sinead Reed on 722612 or sineadreed@yahoo.co.uk.

The Caesarea Quilters
- Third Monday of every month. Contact Sue Bone on 636977.

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Sometimes in life things don’t always work out as we planned, and that’s true in marriage, as in many other areas. If the worst happens and a breakup occurs, it needs to be handled with care, sensitivity and professionalism.

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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.

La Foire de Lessay et bien plus encore!

On 7th, 8th and 9th of September, la Foire de Lessay will once again please every Jersey visitor with its 1500 stalls. This extremely popular event welcomes every year 400,000 visitors in the big moorland of the little town of Lessay. Stalls will include garden tools, cars, agricultural materials and of course food with the traditional barbecues and huge grills! Best to book it now with Manche Iles Express as it is already almost fully booked.

If you are going to the Foire de Lessay this year, you can also try to pop to Caen for the annual International Foire de Caen which is concentrating this year on the theme of “mysteries of the Pacific”. This foire consists in having stalls of specialties from all over the world. It is a very good friend/family event where you could negotiate good wine bargains as well!

Last but not least, it is good to know that on 15th and 16th September, most of the museums in France will be free for the occasion of the National Heritage Days! Culture will therefore be open to all.

If you would like to receive Maison de Normandie’s monthly newsletter about events and festivals in Normandy, please send us an email info@maisondenormandie.com or become a friend on Facebook: ‘MNMJersey’. If you would like to receive Maison de Normandie’s monthly newsletter about events and festivals in Normandy, please send us an email info@maisondenormandie.com or become a friend on Facebook: ‘MNMJersey’.

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Parish Assembly

An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Helier will be held at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 29th August 2012 at 7.00pm** to consider Parish business.

**Please note the earlier start time.**

The agenda will be published no less than five days before the meeting and will be available from the Town Hall or the Parish Website at www.sthelier.je.

Parishioners are asked to arrange in good time to check their entitlement to vote, i.e. electors of the Parish, ratepayers and nominated mandataires.

**A S Crowcroft**

**Connelable**

**Town Hall**

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**The Reform of the States Assembly**

The States of Jersey have established an Electoral Commission to make recommendations on the future composition of the States Assembly. The Commission is keen to hear your views before developing its proposals.

**Deadline is 31st August 2012.**

Write to: Electoral Commission, Morier House, St Helier, JE1 1DD, email ec@gov.je or visit www.electoralcommission.je

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**Roads Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the St Helier Roads Committee will take place on **Wednesday 5th September at 9.30am** at the Town Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend part ‘A’ of the agenda.

The full agenda will be published no less than five days before the meeting and will be available from the Town Hall or the Parish Website at www.sthelier.je.

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**Visite du Branchage 2012**

In accordance with the requirements of the Loi (1914) sur la Voie, as amended, the second Visite du Branchage of the year will take place in St Helier on **Wednesday 5th September**.

The Loi requires occupiers of land bordering on the public roads of the Parish to trim hedges and branches and to cut all overhanging trees so as to give a clearance of 12 feet over main roads and by-roads and of 8 feet over footpaths and to remove any other encroachments on the public highway.

A fine may be levied for each infraction. The attention of occupiers of land is drawn to the need to ensure that all cuttings and trimmings are removed from the roads and footpaths after the branchage is completed.

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**La Vingtaine de la Ville de St Hélier**

An Assembly of La Communauté de la Vingtaine de la Ville de St Hélier will be held in the 1st Floor Committee Room, Town Hall, St Helier on **Tuesday 7th August 2012 at 1pm** to consider the following business:

1. To elect a Procureur to fill the vacancy left by the late Keith Terence Shaw;
2. To approve the Minutes of the Assembly held on 19th April 2011;
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting;
4. To receive and adopt the Procureurs’ Accounts;
5. To receive and adopt the Procureurs’ Report;
6. Any other business.

**M J Le Bouthillier**

**Procureur**

NOTE: Persons entitled to attend and vote at this meeting are proprietors (or company mandataires) of property situate in the Vingtaine de la Ville, Canton de Haut and Canton de Bas, in the Parish of St Helier.
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