In spite of the challenges facing our community, St Helier celebrates to the full the Christmas season, with lights, costumes, music, church services, parties and presents. As the New Year approaches and 2012 draws to a close, there is also much to be thankful for, especially the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics, and our participation in and enjoyment of these special events.
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Welcome to the Town Crier

The brilliance of St Helier’s Christmas lights, switched on by Miss St Helier last month, shows that the town’s optimism this Christmas season is undimmed by the economic situation.

The Parish is once again hosting an ice rink on Parade Gardens while the town’s retailers, restauranteurs and market traders are showing off the range and variety that makes the St Helier shopping experience far more enjoyable than sitting in front of a computer. Carol singers and the other features of the Fête dé Noué add to the ambiance, while the staff of the Parish and the States continue their services to the community in all weathers. The Town Hall welcomes again the senior citizens of the Parish for the three Christmas parties provided through the generosity of the Vautier bequest, while parties are also going on in our residential homes and day nurseries. The Town Crier wishes all of its readers a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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

News from the Parish Homes

Staff and residents of St Ewold’s Residential Home joined in with the spirit of Halloween, sporting costumes and playing spooky-themed games. And in November, a visit from the Royal British Legion took place, with residents joining them for a coffee morning.

St Ewold’s are holding their Christmas Fête on Saturday 8th December, from 2pm to 4pm, and there will be a homemade Christmas Cake stall, tombola, raffle, a jewellery stall, a clothes stall and lots lots more! They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to give a hand – if you’re interested could you telephone Ann McLean, Home Manager, on 285855.

St Ewold’s resident celebrates 100 years

Ms May Paton celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday 22nd November. The Lt. Governor, St John McColl, attended at the Home to present Ms Paton with her Royal card, and Constable Crowcroft was also on hand to share in the celebrations, together with cake and champagne.

Ice rink returns for Christmas

As noted in our welcome the ice rink is returning to Parade Gardens from Friday 7th December to Sunday 6th January 2013 inclusive, and will be open from 10am to 10pm daily. Further information can be obtained by visiting the website, www.iceskatejersey.co.uk, or telephoning 07797 710331.
Parish Matters

Al fresco in St Helier

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

Al fresco dining

The success of 'al fresco' dining on the streets and squares of St Helier is borne out by the steady increase year on year on applications which are approved. These materialise into attractive dining areas which draw locals and visitors alike into the various sectors of town bringing vibrancy and colour. 2011 saw five new outlets being granted permission rising to nine last year, giving a total of fifty three establishments with outside facilities in the public realm.

No one has been immune from the recent economic downturn, and the lack of spare cash in the pockets of locals and tourists to spend on afternoon tea or an evening meal has affected al fresco permit holders. The Parish has increased its licence fee year on year with the 2012 cost of living increase of 5.4%, no doubt proving difficult to absorb. The Parish has agreed that no price increase should be levied for 2013, thereby supporting local establishments with outside facilities in the public realm.

The Parish continues to offer help and assistance for any new or existing outlet wishing to explore the possibility of creating al fresco permit holders. A short service of remembrance took place in Howard Park last month at the memorial marking those Jersey people who died during their internment in Bad Wurzach during the Occupation. A list of names was read out, which included those Islanders who perished in concentration camps during the war; the last post was played and the Parish Standard lowered before the laying of a wreath. Several ex-internees attended the service, along with members of St Helier’s Partnerschaft Committee, Deputy Rod Bryans and the Constable.

Next year, the Committee will be helping to launch the British Red Cross cycle ride on 28th April to Bad Wurzach, returning to Jersey on 9th May. Liberation Day. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is asked to contact Chairman Clive Armstrong on 854152.

Mr, Miss and Junior Miss St Helier 2013

The Parish of St Helier, in conjunction with the St Helier Battle of Flowers Association, is once more looking for the next faces of the Parish in the form of Mr, Miss and Junior Miss St Helier. The competitions will be held on Saturday 23rd February 2013, with the Junior Miss competition taking place in the morning in the Old Magistrate’s Court and the senior competitions being held in the evening in the Assembly Room.

The POSH Pétanquers played their first match of the winter season on 9th November and enjoyed a good session of sport, despite the gloomy and damp weather. All available resources were used as a number of people were away on holiday, but congratulations go to the team for winning a very competitive set of games. The next challenge will be against St Clement at home.

For this year’s senior competition we are looking for entrants who will be 18 or over on 1st August 2013, and the Junior Miss needs to be aged between 10 and 16 by the same date. Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 15th February 2013.

The winning girls will receive £200 and a beautiful tiara kindly donated by Pearce Jewellers and the winning man will receive £200 and a gift courtesy of Pearce Jewellers, and all other entrants will receive gifts.

For further information please contact the Chairman of Mr / Miss St Helier 2013, Daren O’Toole, by telephone: 07700 328786 or 811814, or email: darenotoole@gmail.com. Our Facebook and Twitter pages will also be regularly updated: https://www.facebook.com/MrMissStHelierCompetition and @MrMissStHelier.

Tower Road Improvement

A project to provide a continuous footway along Tower Road is taking a step closer. Parish Assembly, in 1953, approved a scheme which would deliver pavements to both sides of Tower Road, a total length of just under half a mile and this has been rolled out systematically since then.

The current phase involves the removal of approximately 240ft length of existing roadside wall and setting it back about six feet to allow construction of a new footway and a slightly wider carriageway. Work commenced in August and, despite one of the wettest autumn periods for years, progress has been steady on building the double-sided granite wall, with completion anticipated early in the New Year. Further improvement phases are planned for 2013/14.

Glass recycling is easy.

Use your Parish glass recycling scheme.

For more information on the Parish glass recycling scheme please visit www.gov.je/recycling or call 445509 or email recycle@gov.je.

Contact your Parish Hall if you are unsure which day your glass collection is on.

For details of all Parish glass day collections please see the Parish calendar.

Glass that is collected for recycling is crushed and reused as a basic building material on the island.

When’s your glass day?
When's your glass day?

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Glass should NOT be thrown away with general rubbish as the Energy from Waste Plant (where your rubbish goes) cannot process glass. During the incineration process, glass melts but then cools and sets, causing extra maintenance work and potential mechanical problems.

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Visit www.gov.je/recycling
Call 445509 or email recycle@gov.je
Walking in historic footsteps

Last year nearly 200 ‘Battle of Jersey enthusiasts’ joined a morning muster in St Martin, rung the church bell (the toxin) and then ‘marched’ through the by-ways to the town in celebration of the second anniversary of this colourful event.

Next January’s programme, starting at Grouville Church at 9.15am on Saturday 5th January, is being widened both in representation and in content. Hopefully this will make it even more attractive and worthy of your support. Badges for the Eastern or 3rd Regiment of the Jersey Militia will be available to purchase, plus badges of the 2nd Regiment of the Jersey Militia for persons who were unable to buy them last year and are on the request list.

January’s programme plans to embrace Grouville’s unique ceremony focused on the 83rd of Foot (The Glasgow Volunteers) and with the Eastern Regiment of the Jersey Militia, incorporating the parishes of Grouville, St Saviour and St Clement. Starting with the ringing of the tocsin at 9.15am, the Service of Remembrance will follow in the churchyard, and will involve the Rector and the 1781 Jersey Militia. On the conclusion of the service, the muster will ‘fall in’ and march to the town along the by-ways led by Frank Falle, Chairman of the History Section of the Société Jersiaise; this would have been typical for the 1780s because the great military road building programme had not yet even been conceived.

From Grouville Church to the New Park, near ‘La Grande Marche’, the route is approximately three miles and should take about one hour. Here the muster will have a halt break, reforming at 11.55 hours, in Bath Street between West’s Centre and the junction with Higrove Street. From there the muster will be led by Pipe and Drum, the 1781 Militia and the ACF Contingent.

Arrangements for the Royal Square will be similar to last year with volleys by the 1781 Militia at the beginning and end, a short talk about the Battle in the Royal Square, modern day depiction of the ‘Battle of Jersey’ using spectators, and a blessing by the Dean. Following the final volley of fire, the muster will fall in and march to the Town Hall for lunch (tickets for the three course lunch are priced at £15 and are available from the Town Hall) behind the Pipes and Drums, the 1781 Militia and the ACF Contingent.

Left: As with other years, members of the public will be invited to recreate the famous Copley painting “The Death of Major Peirson.”

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St Helier walks

Jersey Green Room Club Presents

Aladdin

Written By Brad Fitt

December 20th to January 6th

Directed by Jane Wakeham
Choreography by Laura Reynolds
Musical Director Toby Huelin
and dancers from The Jersey Academy of Dancing

Nightly at 7.30 on Dec: 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 Jan: 2, 3, 4, 5
Matinees at 2.30 on Dec: 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 Jan: 1, 5, 6

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Jersey Opera House
## Accounts

### Parish accounts moving to ‘GAAP’

Most of the parishes in Jersey, including the Parish of St Helier, prepare old-fashioned accounts that do not conform to the latest recommended accounting policies (GAAP Accounts), but nevertheless they are accepted and understood by their parishioners and are duly signed by the Auditors.

The Parish of St Helier is a large organisation, with a turnover in the region of £20 million per annum and over 300 staff. The strength of the existing Parish Accounts is that they enable a realistic rate to be set that matches the cash requirements of the Parish for the year. The main weakness of these accounts is that they do not show all the assets of the Parish.

Under the able guidance of Procureur Clive Barton, FCA, St Helier has now prepared more modern accounts, which are to be called ‘GAAPLITE Accounts’, that will properly reflect the assets of the Parish without over-complicating the accounts and without substantially changing the income and expenditure from that shown in the traditional accounts.

A summary of the main differences in the two Balance Sheets is shown below:-

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The Directors of the Parish have agreed with the Auditors that the Parish Rate will be calculated on the same basis as in previous years. This means that the Parish Rate, which has been held below the cost of living over the last eight years, should continue to be kept at a low level.

### Haute Vallée School

During the spring and summer terms, all KS3 students at Haute Vallée School worked on a web design project within their ICT lessons using Adobe Dreamweaver CS5 for the British Computer Society Web Design Competition. Year 7 focussed on creating a website about transition to Haute Vallée School, Year 8 created Eco Schools websites, whilst the Year 9s created websites about Shakespeare’s Macbeth, supporting their studies in English.

Three of our students were short-listed for the BCS Awards, one from each year group. Bailey McIntyre in Year 7, Jessica Vieira in Year 8 and Joshua Bryant in Year 9. We were delighted to be invited to a fantastic awards ceremony at the Opera House in July, attended by many industry representatives. Unfortunately, Bailey and Jessica were both off-Island with Challenge Week but were able to be represented by their parents. Jessica achieved second place in the Year 8 category, winning a bag full of goodies including an iPod. Bailey and Joshua scooped the top prizes in the Year 7 and 9 categories and both won an iPad 3 and a host of other prizes. The School was awarded a flat screen television as a reward to the staff who had supported the entries. This has been donated to the Drama Studio, where it will be put to very good use.

We are so proud of all the students for working so hard on their web design entries, and were absolutely thrilled with the results!
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The Connétable, ‘Johnny’ Pinel, was not having a very merry Christmas 100 years ago, and it was reported in the newspapers that he was confined to bed just before Christmas Eve. Still, on the brighter side, there were plenty of other people out doing their shopping.

With Christmas Day 1912 falling on a Wednesday, Town traders had been looking forward to an extended busy period of three shopping days starting on the previous Saturday, and a spell of fine weather encouraged people to come into Town in droves.

It’s sometimes difficult to remember that a hundred years ago, Christmas might be the only time in the year that many country folk made the effort to visit St Helier. The newspapers did their best to encourage the country readership to make the trip by describing the seasonal displays and special offers to be seen around Town. Some names familiar to us today were in business back then, while others are long vanished. But let’s step back to an age of horse and van and steam train and do some window shopping 1912 style.

Children crowded round the windows of Laurens’ toyshop in Queen Street, but adults with money to spare were more taken with the glittering attractions of Hettich’s jewellers’ on the corner of King Street and Halkett Place where the shelves shone with gifts at all prices and all lit up with electric light. Not to be outdone, Maine’s, Ricordeau’s and Le Neindre’s (in Hilgrove Street) sparkled with jewellery and watches. H. J. Pearce, small jewellers’, was described as being worth a visit for a special seasonal novelty: a silver Christmas cracker with motto rolled up inside.

Quenouillère’s windows were full of bicycles and phonographs, and inside the store was stuffed with records, air rifles, footballs and other treasures.

William Ching’s shop at 29 Broad Street could supply footwear to all classes, and the working class especially could get themselves shod in strong solid shoes. What was more, Mr Ching was offering a free gift to anyone who spent at least 2/6.

De Gruchy’s was described as the ‘Jersey Louvre’, sending ladies into ecstasy with the display of elegant ballgowns, and the arcade was transformed into an immense bazaar. On the other hand Voisin’s had made less effort with their window displays and were promoting practical furniture and tableware and porcelain dinner services.

Rows and rows of geese hanging up made one wonder where all those birds could possibly go. Those shopping for Christmas dinner could pick up poultry and oysters at Burrard’s in Halkett Street, oranges, lemons, and nuts at Amy’s in Caledonia Place, coffee from Cooper’s in Waterloo Street and Benest’s in Cheapside, wines, liqueurs, raisins and biscuits from Kerdal’s in King Street, and as for Le Riche’s stores in Beresford Street and La Colomberie, they were singled out in the press for the splendour of their grocery display.

For those who scorned the superstition that giving a knife or razor as a gift was bad luck, Nau’s in Cattle Street was a port of call. For those more inclined to rely on traditional charms, the main jewellery shops had just the thing in stock: ‘Neptune’s Tooth’, a talisman made from a tooth set in silver or gold and worn as a tie-pin, a brooch, a bracelet, or on a watch-chain. Produced by Mr Woodcock of La Rocque, this charm was supposed to protect the wearer from storm and shipwreck - the belief being that the sea wouldn’t bite someone carrying one of its own teeth. Strange though it may seem, this was the craze of the year and was, it was reported, what everyone wanted to be wearing.

If that was the must-have present in 1912, what will be the most sought-after gift this Christmas, 100 years later?

Geraint Jennings
### Dates for your diary

#### December - January

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<td>St Helier – Avranches Jumelage Committee meeting</td>
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<td>Jèrriais Carol Service</td>
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<td>Annual commemoration of the Battle of Jersey</td>
<td>A walk leaving Grouville Church at 9.15am, followed by a commemoration of the Battle of Jersey in the Royal Square and then a lunch at the Town Hall at 1pm. Tickets for the lunch cost £15 and are available from the Town Hall. Contact Jane Skelhorn on 811823 or <a href="mailto:jane.skelhorn@posh.gov.je">jane.skelhorn@posh.gov.je</a></td>
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#### La Fête dé Noué Christmas Festival

Main highlights:
- **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December** 10am to 6pm
  - The Advent Market, Royal Square
- **Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th December** 10am to 8pm
  - The Spirit of Christmas Market, Weighbridge Place
- **Sunday 9th December** 5pm to 6.20pm
  - Spectacular Christmas Parade, from Maritime House
- **Friday 7th and Friday 14th December** 10am and 1pm
  - Tinsel Town Tour (Leaves from Liberation Square at both times)
- **Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th December** 10am to 6pm
  - The Liberty Wharf Christmas Markets, Unit 3, Liberty Wharf
- **Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th December** From 10am
  - Lé Marchi Nouormand (Norman-French Market), Weighbridge Place
- **Sunday 16th December** From 10am
  - Christmas at the Movies, Jersey Arts Centre

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TownMatters

Under scrutiny

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

The nights are drawing in, there is a chill in the wind, the windows in town are becoming more festive and St Helier’s preparations for Christmas are in full swing! The switch on of the Christmas lights has taken place in King Street and the Christmas Window Competition (see below) has been launched – we are hoping for as many people as possible to vote for their favourite window.

Town is gearing up to preparing itself for Christmas. The Christmas lights switch on will have taken place in King Street by the time you read this, the exciting parking experiment. For a time I have been asking for a parking system that does not force you to leave town before you want to, which is what the pay card can force you to do. It also means that you do not return to your car and find that you have paid for an hour that you have not used. TTS have spent a long time explaining this system and even now are talking to everyone that is entering the Car Park. Our car parks are not easy to control as being a lot of fun.

To vote, text the name of your chosen shop to 07700 376002 or visit www.cbs4starservices.com or fill in a form in store (ask a member of staff for details).

Voting will start on Saturday 1st December and remain open until Wednesday 19th December 2012.

The winners will be announced on Thursday 20th December at a ceremony starting at 5.30pm at the Cock and Bottle.

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, contact details are shown below.

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.
Contact the Honorary Police Co-ordinator on 811890 or email kevin.molley@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@googlegmail.com.

St Helier – Bad Wurzach Partnerschaft
A chance meeting on Liberation Day in 2002 led to the twinning of St Helier with Bad Wurzach, where 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 Clive Armstrong on 854152 or email c.armstrong@jerseymail.co.uk or Angela Franey on 483675 or angie.franey@yahoo.co.uk or visit the website: sthelierbadwurzachpartnerschaft.com.

St Helier – Funchal Geminación
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.
Application forms available from our website: www.sthelier.je
Contact Sarah Richardson on 07797 732901 or email sarah2r@hotmail.com.

St Helier – Battle of Flowers Association
The St Helier Battle of Flowers Association was relaunched in 2010 by Debbie de Sousa and last year took four prizes with its New Jersey themed float. It is a welcoming group of people keen to create a community atmosphere. All islanders are welcome to join in.
Contact Debbie de Sousa on 07700 325387 or deborahdessousa@live.co.uk.

St Helier Pétanque Club
Coached by parishioner Tony Allchurch, the newly-formed club has already played matches with teams from our twin town, Avranches, and the parishes of St Clement and St Martin. The club is planning to practice and play regularly on the new terrain in the Millennium Town Park as well as at the Weighbridge.
Contact Tony Allchurch on 767593 or email tonyallchurch@jerseymail.co.uk.
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All Saints Day

It is one of the biggest Catholic holidays with a long tradition such as Christmas and Easter. It is a day when everyone in Poland is paying tribute to those who passed away.

Every nation has their tradition and even their holiday routine. Some of them we have found very common across Europe like Christmas, but some are very different. It is interesting to discover how Halloween is so different in Poland.

Let’s start with All Saints Day or 1st of November - it is a public holiday in Poland. It is one of the biggest Catholic holidays with a long tradition such as Christmas and Easter. It is a day when everyone in Poland is paying tribute to those who passed away and it is the biggest pilgrimage to the graveyards all over Poland. It feels like an honour issue to go to your family or beloved graves, tidy it up and light the candle. It is also one of those special times when even national TV reminds all Poles about those who passed away this year and it is very often a time of reflection and wistfulness about life and death. It is time for common tears and bringing back memories. Sometimes it is the only time when the whole family spread all over Poland or the whole world is meeting together at the parents’ grave and it is the time when in the darkness of the 1st of November graveyards all over Poland looks like beautiful island of candles.

It might seem strange and incomprehensible for the employers why suddenly all Polish staff in the end of October are so wishing to take days off. This is a big thing to all of them and it has a significantly different cultural context than Halloween.

Although not all of us can go to Poland on All Saints Day we can still make this day special by going to the graveyards over here in Jersey and tidying up someone’s forgotten tombstone. We keep our tradition and lightening a candle on an unknown tombstone adds a little Polish shade on the beautiful colourful picture which calls Jersey!

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St Helier market

A very merry Market Christmas!

At this time of year there’s a real buzz in St Helier Central Market. We spoke to some of the market traders about what it’s like to work in the market at this time of year, what special preparations they’re making during the run up to the big day, and of course their top tips for the best festive buys from the Market this Christmas.

Pierrette Lidster
Derek Lidster Family Butcher

“Normally by the second week of November we’ve taken so many orders we can’t take anymore. We’ll often work into the night to get everything ready for our customers. We’ll sell at least 300 turkeys as well as stuffing, pigs in blankets, geese, duck and three bird roasts. This Christmas we’re offering special festive sausages that are made with Christmas spices called the ‘Santa Clause sausage’ and the ‘Reindeer Sausage’. Give them a try if you fancy something different!”

Darius Pearce
Jeweller

“It’s important to decorate the shop at this time of year to let our customers know we’re entering into the spirit of things. It’s absolutely fantastic working in the market at this time of year, it’s the best place to be! It really is the heart of St Helier. This year we’re bringing in a special Christmas range of 14 karat jewellery from Germany called the ‘Only You’ collection including yellow, white and rose gold, and silver too, so there’s something for every taste.”

Michele De Ste Croix
Bobby’s Florist

“It’s so lovely to work here at Christmas time; it’s got such a nice feel to the place. There’s a lovely atmosphere, pretty lights and it even smells Christmassy with the trees and candles and everything. A lot of people don’t know this piece to a Christmas table once the coffee comes out. People are always surprised to find that not only is the log solid chocolate but that it’s also filled with fresh chocolates too.”

Ronnie McAllister
Leonidas Chocolates

“It’s really important to get involved with the festive spirit. Hopefully having the shop decorated makes people feel more festive! In the final week running up to the big day the market becomes a hive of activity pretty much around the clock as the stalls selling fresh produce get their deliveries in. This is when the market really becomes vibrant with everyone working hard to meet orders and demand. Our chocolate yule log, which we individually fill with fresh chocolates, is very popular and makes a lovely centre but the Market is actually open on Sundays and Thursday afternoons during December so we’re all kept very very busy! We’re expecting to sell lots of classic Christmas wreaths made from ivy and other traditional flowers, and this year we’re offering beautiful hurricane lantern arrangements, which make the perfect Christmas centrepiece for your table.”

John Farley
Red Triangle Stores

After 60 years trading in the ‘Red Triangle Stores’ John Farley is the Market’s oldest and longest serving trader. “The market’s a wonderful place to work. There’s a real buzz about the place. And at Christmas especially it comes into its own. It’s decorated beautifully and there’s always lots of different people coming and going, friends, customers, it’s got a lovely feel to it. We sell all sorts of gifts and items for Christmas. If you’re buying for a young child then it’s got to be one of our Scalextrix sets or train sets. We also sell radios at very competitive prices, as well as Christmas trees, Christmas lights and of course batteries. Everyone needs batteries at this time of year!”

Above left: Darius Pearce outside his market jeweller store
Top: A chocolate treat always goes down well at Christmas
Below: John Farley has 60 years’ experience when it comes to Market Christmases.
Christmas must haves

Every Christmas there are a few ‘must have’ items that are so popular shops sell out, people go crazy trying to track them down, and they end up selling online for a small fortune more than they’re worth. If you’re still scarred from memories of trying to hunt down a Cabbage Patch Doll in 1986 or an iPod in 2001, never fear!

This year the Town Crier has done all the hard work for you. We’ve trawled the best shops in St Helier to find out what retailers anticipate will be this year’s ‘must have’ item. So, prepare to get organised … it will be a Christmas miracle if you can get your hands on one of these beauties on December 24th!

**The ‘Furby’ £52.99**

“The Furby will be the biggie this year,” claims John Testori from Bambola Toy Shop, “this may very well be the thing that we all look stupid in December for not having ordered enough!” he laughs. The Furby is an interactive electronic pet. This is the third time the Furby has hit our stores at Christmas and this year they’re better than ever, offering lots more special features including an accompanying app available to download from Apple, and it’s available in a wide range of colours. Bambola currently have around ninety of these in stock. ‘We may be able to order more but it’s not guaranteed, so if your little one has one of these on their Christmas list get in store quick to avoid disappointment.’

**iPad3 prices start from £348**

There could only be one item at the top of the gadget must-have list this year and it’s quite obviously the iPad3. The newest version of Apple’s incredibly successful and popular tablet computer, which enables you to go online, use apps, watch films, take photos and do countless other things, is available in stores now. However, sales are already exceeding expectations and retailers anticipate these will be flying out of the shops as quickly as they arrive. “In the last month we’ve sold about 500 of these already, and that’s without the Christmas push” explains Andrew Whitehouse from IQ Apple Store. “Sales of these are going to skyrocket over the next month so if you want one we strongly recommend you come into the store as soon as possible.”

**Del Ray Bag Mulberry £715**

“The item on every woman’s wish list this year is the Mulberry Del Ray. Named after the stunning singer Lana Del Ray, this is THE bag to own this season,” explains Maria Vasconcelos, Handbag Advisor at De Gruchy’s, “they are expensive but they will last a lifetime. Once you buy a piece of Mulberry it’s like an addiction,” adds Maria, “you find the money somewhere!” But, despite their beauty these gorgeous bags remain highly exclusive. “We only have five of these in stock, and once they’re gone they’re gone.” So ladies, if you have your eye on one of these start dropping BIG hints right now.

**‘The Jolly Christmas Postman’**

by Janet & Allan Ahlberg £12.99

This year’s surprise must-have book is predicted to be ‘The Jolly Christmas Postman’. This beautiful children’s book, suitable for kids aged 3 to 6, is a festive take on the much loved classic bestseller ‘The Jolly Postman’. “This is such a beautiful book,” explains Angela Smith, Children’s Book Seller, Waterstones, “the anticipation for the child of opening each letter to see what’s inside is just magical. And the fact that it’s a special Christmas edition makes it extra special.” Waterstones currently have just five of these books in stock so you’ll need to get into store very quickly to secure your copy.
JEC SPREAD
Finance in the Community

By Lucy Braithwaite, Jersey Finance

Behind the scenes in the finance industry a great deal of hard work goes into community projects, charitable initiatives and environmental programmes. Here is a selection of recent events and projects.

Mucking in

A team of volunteers from the Northern Trust Jersey office kick-started the refurbishment of the Orangutans and Gibbons enclosure at Durrell on their Community Volunteering day recently. They donated equipment for the project and donned waders and waterproof gloves, working in the muddy water of the moat to remove overgrown reeds, to improve safety for the orangutans and to improve the view of the enclosure for visitors.

Careers in finance

Ten students embarked on a life changing experience this term as they started on the new BSc (Hons) International Financial Services degree at the Jersey International Business School University Centre. The Business School’s collaboration with The University of Buckingham has led to the first two-year degree being offered in Jersey, a structure that allows students to starting working and earning one year earlier. In addition to gaining places on the degree, some of the students have secured paid part-time work placements with HSBC and RBS International.

Money for Macmillan

Hawksford and its neighbours on the Esplanade raised £450 for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking part in the ‘World’s Biggest Coffee Morning’. Offices, community groups, friends and families supported this national initiative, raising money for the charity which supports sufferers of cancer and their families. Hawksford provided the Esplanade with a coffee cart and served a range of popular coffees to eager customers.

Jersey Finance is a non-profit organisation formed in 2001 to represent and promote Jersey as an international finance centre of excellence. For more information about Jersey Finance, please visit www.jerseyfinance.je.
How come it’s so difficult to get quality of life improvements in our Parish (the Millennium Town Park took more than a decade to be approved by the States) especially in relation to our needs for open space and parking, but the proposition to buy Plémont goes to the top of the government’s agenda? Shouldn’t the millions of pounds it will cost to buy this parcel of land on the north coast be spent instead on a comprehensive refurbishment of Fort Regent, or new parking facilities in the town area?

I support the purchase of Plémont for the same reasons I voted, as a new Deputy of St Helier, for the purchase of the Bel Tabarin site above L’Etacq. The natural beauty of Jersey is worth protecting for the good of all Islanders, in my view, as well as for tourists, for whom our relatively unspoilt north coast is one of the Island’s main attractions. And there are other blots on the landscape I would like to see removed in the future: the Ronez quarry, for example, which is a much uglier scar on the north coast than the former holiday camp.

However, for St Helier parishioners to be able to appreciate Plémont, they need the same opportunities that residents of other parishes enjoy – adequate parking, for those who wish to run a vehicle; good bus links for those who rely on public transport; good walking and cycling routes in and out of town. And if the quid pro quo of keeping much of our Island green and our coast unspoilt is the concentration of development in urban areas, we need to keep reminding the States that St Helier parishioners should not have to travel to Plémont to enjoy peace and quiet, clean air, and access to open space. This is particularly true of the various sites being lined up for new housing schemes, such as the Jersey Gas site adjacent to the Millennium Town Park, the Summerland and Rouge Bouillon sites when the Police HQ moves – the Parish will be pressing for ample amenity space, community facilities and public parking, as part of each of these developments.

Constable Simon Crowcroft

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Av'-ous veu la veue?

Couronne j'nos appréhêns d'lla Saint Thonnas (tch'est l'21 d'Dézembre), jé savons qu'i'la t'ch'est l'fin fond d'année quand les nyits sont les pus longues et j'avons à alleúmer les veues siez nous l'matin et l'ê. S'lon l'diton, ch'est "Lé jour dé Saint Thomas, lé pus court et lé pus bas", mais au joor d'aniet j'avons tout plein d'veues. Au temps passé quand nou soulait aver à travailler l'sé par la veue d'chandelles ou bein dans la luev des feurs, mêm un bachîn étchuthé r'donnait d'la leunmiéthe dans l'appartément où'est qu'les femmes soulaitient ouver et dèrner d'campagnie à seule fin d'épaîngni les chandelles.

Achteu ch'est ch'est d'lou souqui'thie par 'chin et par là, auve des veues faischaññab'les dé toutes les manniéthes, qué ché sait des veues à lave (ou bein nou dìathiat’-i' des veues à volacin?), des veues ajustab'les, ou des veues d'accent, épis toutes les bénites veues.

Ch'est en tchi quand j'fact nièr d'houver, nou-s'est réjoui en viyant des veues. Et à chutte saîson-chin, ch'est sotstout des veues d'Noué. Les c'mîns sont écliaithis tout les décédâtions étincheñantes, et dans les d'avantuthes des boutiques y'a d'mouantriétes ilèmünniées pour attrioci d'la práctique - ch'est en tchi nou n'aiit pan muchi sa veue souos un bouossé. La Fête dé Noué est toute écliaithis étout auve sa patathé à veues, et la Salle Pârouaîssiale est belle auve s'n écliaith'thie modèrne tchi change dé couleu s'lon san d'si et tch'est pûs économiquo qué des vielles veues. La technoligia, véthe, avanche auve des veues électronniques, des lampions à consèrver d'l'ênèrgie, et les glaiñes dé veues programmabl'yes tchi blyînquent ès arb's dé Noué.

Tout coumme à chutte saîson quand l's églyises lithent par dédans et nou chante des cantiques dé Noué et l's étailea sunt à touos les bords - dans l'histouauithè du preummié Noué et sus l's arb's dé Noué et en enchèrfilée dans l'marchi - c'est un pitchi dé n'pouver pon vaie bein cliaithement l's étailea au ciel du mitan d'l'â Ville. Assa j'avons tant d'veues artificielles que j'Héron d'veue les p'tites veues d'à haut.

Chenna pouôrrait êt' piéthe: si l'prix d'l'êlectricité r'est haûchi, j'éthons à home we have to turn the lights on morning and evening. As the saying goes: 'Saint Thomas's Day, the shortest and the lowest', but nowadays we’ve got loads of lights. Time past when one had to work in the evenings by the light of candles or even by firelight, even a polished bachín reflected light back into the room where women used to gather to knit and darn so as to economise on candles.

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Now it’s switch on, switch off, all over the place, with trendy lights of all sorts, from lava lamps and angle lamps to accent lighting, and heaven knows what other lights.

So when it’s dark outside, seeing lights cheers us up. And at this time of year, we’re talking about Christmas lights. The streets are lit up with glittering decorations, and shop windows have illuminated displays to attract custom - well, one mustn’t hide one’s light under a bushel. La Fête dé Noué is all lit up too with its illuminated parade, and the Town Hall looks lovely with its modern lighting changing colour as needed and more economic than some old lights. Indeed technology advances with LEDs, energy saving light bulbs, and strings of programmable lights flashing on Christmas trees.

But at this time of year when the churches are bright inside and people sing Christmas carols and stars are everywhere - in the story of the first Christmas and on Christmas trees and strung up in the market - it’s a shame not to be able to see clearly the stars in the sky from the centre of Town. Well, we’ve got so many artificial lights that we lose sight of the little lights above.

It could be worse: if the price of electricity goes up again, we’ll have to eke out candles like our ancestors used to do!

Merry Christmas!

Jersey Evacuees unveil memorial tablet in Weymouth

Last month the Jersey Evacuees Association made a historic visit to Weymouth where a plaque in memory of all of the Evacuees who left Jersey for the United Kingdom in June 1940 was unveiled by the Mayor of Weymouth and the Constable of St Helier. The experience of the Evacuees was significantly increased by a visit to Nothe Fort in Weymouth where the volunteers who run Weymouth’s ‘Evacuee Experience’ showed the various living history displays, and the Jersey visitors were thrilled to join in with a party of local school children who were experiencing imaginatively what the Evacuees went through in real life.

Right: The Jersey Evacuees and local children dressed up as evacuees
Right inset: Jean McLaughlin points out where her family lived in Weymouth during the war
Parish noticeboard

Getting busy for Christmas

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.

Don Street Market – this market takes place every Friday and every Sunday, from 10am to 4pm. For more information on both markets, please contact Bernie Manning on 07700 356438.

Friends of Bellozanne Valley

Deputy Richard Rondel writes: ‘Would you like to join a small group of residents to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss and liaise with TTS about their plans for the future of Bellozanne Valley? The waste plant and chimney will start demolition in January. I believe we now have an opportunity to constructively work with TTS to explore the possibility of creating a woodland walk leading to the beautiful Fern Valley in order to restore the area back to a peaceful and attractive valley which we can all benefit from!' If interested please email me at rick.rondel@gmail.com or call 864288. I’d love to hear from you!'

The Friends of the Park Group are not meeting in December, but would like to extend Season’s Greetings to all Friends and Park Users. The next meeting will be held in the Old Magistrate’s Court on Seale Street at 7.30pm on Monday 28th January 2013. For further information contact Bernie Manning on 07700 356438 or bernie.manning@hotmail.co.uk.

Canada’s Manotick Brass visited Jersey and performed at the Town Church on 27th September, paying tribute to the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee with the programme featuring pieces that reflected the many visits the Queen has made to Canada over her long reign, including ‘A Canadian Royal Salute’. Revenue from ticket sales went towards the Town Church’s recent renovations and also to the organ renovation fund. In addition, they visited three local primary schools in order to introduce young children to the brass instrument family.

The Paradise Community Café at St Helier Methodist Church (a donation-run community café open to paying and non-paying customers) is open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 2.30pm. All welcome to come along for a hot meal and some company. For further information, contact Louise Hicklin on 877517.

St Mark’s Church events (contact Ian MacFeeters for more information on 720595):
1. Community Christmas Lunch at King’s Wells: Sunday 23rd December at 12.30pm. Spaces are limited so please telephone to book your place.
2. The next Welcome Café Lunch will be held on Wednesday 9th January – come along and savour some tasty cooking and enjoy some friendly chat.

St Helier Sirens WI Sirens are looking forward to their December meeting on Thursday 6th December as they will be learning to play poker and enjoying a party atmosphere at the Old Magistrate’s Court at 8pm. November was busy with the AGM and looking forward to 2013 at the new venue of Church House with a variety of speakers from Hot Bananas to Zumba styling. Members also enjoyed a Ladies Night at Jacksons, as well as an evening with Lalique expert Eric Knowles at the Grand Hotel. The December social will continue the party theme with festive food and painted nails with some spoons thrown in for fun.

Guests are welcome to our meetings for an interesting speaker, coffee and homemade cake. £2 for guests. Contact Sue on 636977 or liberty@localdial.com for more information.

Annual Lighting of the Cross at All Saints Church

Taking place at 5.30pm on Thursday 6th December, the cross on top of the Church will be lit up with the help of the Fire Brigade. Soup, bread, mince pies, candlelight carol singing and a family fun quiz will also be taking place, together with Santa’s Cave for the children to play in and make messy and glittery Christmas cards in. Everyone welcome. Contact Reverend David on 768323 or Judith Davy on 507800 for more details.

Musicians invited to raise funds for the Town Church Organ

Islanders are being invited to take part in a series of concerts next year in a bid to raise £250,000 to restore the Town Church Organ. The Town Church is looking for performers to take part in the concerts, which will start in January 2013 and take place every Thursday lunchtime and after work on a Friday evening. Both the lunchtime and evening concerts will be free, with a retiring collection which will be split between the Church Organ Fund and the performers, either for their own funds or for their chosen charity.

Islanders who are interested in performing are asked to email Mr Wareing-Jones at r.wareing-jones@hotmail.co.uk.

Below: The Manotick Brass on their visit to Jersey

Left: Musicians are invited to raise funds for the Town Church Organ
Parish clubs & 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.

Women’s Institute
There are four meetings in St Helier as follows:
St Helier Sirens W1: 1st Thursday of each month at the Old Magistrate’s Court at the Town Hall. Contact Sue Bone on 636977 or 07797 831473 or email liberty@localbal.com.
La Pouquelaye W1: 2nd Wednesday of each month at the La Pouquelaye Community Centre (the old La Pouquelaye School). Contact Sheila Laugier on 734600 / 07797 775483 or Gill James on 722467.
West Park W1: 1st Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm at the meeting room at the King George V Homes on La Grande Route de St Aubin.
Contact Sheila Sykes on 491856.
First Tower & Millbrook W1: 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 Leckhav (Group Scout Leader) on 07797 836295 or email jpl14h@yamaha.com
Additional enquiries: Mary Roberts, Island Secretary, on 486935 or email: jerseycouts@jerseymail.co.uk
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 Musc
Children must be walking; suitable for 1-3½ years

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: From 3.30pm onwards
Children from 3-6 years Saturdays 9-10am Children aged 3-6 years

Regent Gymnastics Club, Fort Regent
Visit: www.regentgymnastics.co.uk/page_1267903869504
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 734722.

First Tower Billiards & Snooker Club
Open weekdays from 7pm to 11pm and Sundays from 1pm to 6pm.
Email frsttowersnookerclub1@gmail.com.

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

St Mark’s Sparks
Thursdays during term-time from 10am to 11.30am at St Mark’s Church. Contact Jeremy Taylor on 720595.

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

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

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C’est Noël!

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.

Les premiers flacons de neige sont déjà tombés en Normandie la semaine dernière, il est grand temps de parler de Noël. Au mois de décembre en Normandie, de nombreux marchés de Noël seront organisés (la liste complète est désormais disponible à notre bureau).

Caen et Cherbourg sont les principales adresses et offrent un choix plus varié afin de trouver le cadeau idéal pour vos proches. Il y aura également un marché de Noël français à Jersey cette année du 13 au 16 décembre. D’accord, Noël n’est plus très loin, mais il ne faut pas oublier le réveillon du 1er janvier. Il est peut-être aussi temps de chercher un endroit un peu atypique pour célébrer les fêtes de fin d’année. Si vous consultez notre site internet, vous y verrez une large sélection d’idées, que vous souhaitiez faire la fête autour d’un cours de golf, dans le cadre d’un château typique, un casino ou une ferme traditionnelle normande. Il y en a pour tous les goûts.

Joyeux Noël

It’s Christmas

As the first flakes of snow already fell on Normandy soil last week, it is now time to think about Christmas. A lot of Christmas markets will be organised throughout December in Normandy (the full list of markets is available at our office).

Caen and Cherbourg are the main places with the most diverse choice so you can find the perfect gift for your loved ones. But there will also be a Christmas French market in Jersey from the 13th to 16th December on the Weighbridge this year. Not only Christmas, but what about New Year’s Eve? It might be time to start looking for a nice and different place to celebrate. If you go to our website, you can find an interesting selection of ideas, whether you want to celebrate close to a golf course, a nice typical château, a casino or a traditional Norman farm; there are offers for all.

Joyeux Noël!

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’.

Christmas panto

Oh yes it is! It’s Panto time again. This year the Jersey Green Room Club is staging firm Christmas favourite Aladdin at the Opera House between 20th December and 6th January.

There will be plenty of great singing and dancing, great jokes and topical satire in the show, which is directed by Jane Wakeham and features choreography by Laura Reynolds and musical direction by Toby Huelin. The principal cast is led by TV personality Charlie McCardle as Dame with BBC Jersey’s Kevin Pamplin playing Aladdin and Matthew Price the Emperor. Alison Baker plays Ishtar, Spirit of The Ring, and Jono Beaty shares the role of Genie with John Lewis. The Princess role is shared by Rebecca Lewis and Liberty Spears and newcomer to panto Joe Hart plays Wishee-Washee. Tickets are available from the Opera House Box Office on 511115. Aladdin opens on Thursday 20th December and runs for eighteen performances until January 6th. There are ten performances nightly at 7.30pm and eight matinees at 2.30pm.

Hospice benefits from family sales effort

Thanks to the efforts of one Jersey family, the Hospice recently received a cheque for £2,000.

The Burt family have been running a car boot sale at Corbière from April to September this year with the pitch fees raised being donated to the Hospice. As well as wanting to thank everyone who took the time to visit the sale, there was special thanks for Jean, Roy and Martin Camiot for all their help.

Given the resounding success for such a good cause, the family are planning to repeat their efforts next year. Anyone wanting further details should contact Tina Burt on 853034.
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An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Helier will be held at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 19th December 2012 at 7.00pm** to consider Parish business.

*Please note the date and 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
Connétable
Town Hall

Roads Committee Meeting

A meeting of the St Helier Roads Committee will take place on **Wednesday 19th December 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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GENERAL

Parish Properties for Rental

The following Parish properties are available to rent:

**Flat 3, 7 Lempriere Street**
– one bedroom, first floor flat with access to communal garden, monthly rent £650.00

**No 2, St Ewold’s, Balmoral Drive**
– one bedroom property on two floors with a patio, monthly rent £635.00

Available for let immediately (A – H housing qualifications required). For further information please contact the Town Hall on 811811 or email townhall@posh.gov.je

Christmas Day 2012 – shops not permitted to open

The States of Jersey have decided that all shops will be closed this year on Christmas Day, following the introduction of new legislation.

It will not be possible to make last minute purchases on the day, as all shops selling food, drink and petrol will be closed.

Shops smaller than 700 square metres are able to apply for a permit from the Connétable to open on Boxing Day.

Battle of Jersey Commemoration

A commemorative walk will take place on the morning of Saturday 5th January 2013, marking the route of one of the Jersey Militia companies that went to the relief of the Island when invaded by the French on 6th January 1781. As in previous years this will be followed by a re-enactment in the Royal Square and a lunch in the Town Hall.

For more information please go to the Parish website (www.sthelier.je) or contact Jane Skelhorn on 811823 or jane.skelhorn@posh.gov.je.
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