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Welcome to L’Amarrage

Eune lettre du rédacteur

‘Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ I know it’s the second time running I’ve drawn attention to the weather, but we’ve certainly had our fair share, the consequences are reflected in this edition of L’Amarrage. Despite the murk, we’ll be hearing about the how youngsters have been planting, sprucing up the Parish and encouraging us to be more responsible as to what we throw away. Then, we’ve a really special treat in store for those readers who value both good, traditional food, and the history of the Parish. With Christmas approaching, you might like to revisit the spirit of times past courtesy of the pages of the cookery book of the ‘St Clement’s Association of Waifs and Strays’, published in 1932. While those who fancy a seasonal tipple might turn to our visit to the orchard of the Seigneur of Samarès to sample his extensive apple collection – which produces some of the Island’s best cider.

Generally, events tend to wind down during the latter part of the year as we lead up to Christmas, but there’s certainly been much in this busy Parish of ours to fill our reflective pages. We’ll have lots to report on the festive season next time round. In the meantime, we’ve had a chance to look into the future of bus travel in the Parish when the new operator begins services in January. For my part, this Ed prefers a ‘real’ bus.

Auve les salutations d’la saison, et miyeurs souhaits pour la nouvelle année

Alan Le Breton

Eune lettre du Connétabl’ye

Where has this year gone?

As I write these few paragraphs (the second week in October) I see the shops filling up with Christmas goods, and here at the Parish Hall we are already busy planning the festivities for the season ahead!! Time seems to be flying!!

We are looking forward to St Clement’s Day on Friday, 23 November, which we will be celebrating with dinner at the Hotel Ambassadeur. I am delighted that our former Deputy, now Senator and Chief Minister, Ian Gorst has kindly agreed to be our guest of honour and will propose the toast to St Clement. No doubt many parishioners will relish the opportunity to catch up with Ian again, and perhaps try and put him right on a few things!! Ian’s wife Dionne will also be joining us, which will be most nostalgic for us, as she was the original editor of our magazine, L’Amarrage.

I am also looking forward to catching up with old friends at the traditional senior citizens’ Christmas lunches in early December. These lunches are always great occasions, and we once again welcome the participation of the Parish schools in providing entertainment for us. And I have it on good authority that Father Christmas himself will be visiting our Parish Hall on Thursday, 13 December at 4.40 in the afternoon. I hope to see many of our younger parishioners there to meet the great man himself, and bring along a gift for him to distribute to the less fortunate children in our society.

Le Squez Youth Club enters a new era with Mr Simon Bell taking over as the new Youth Worker. I hope that the Club will continue to feature in this magazine, and also be involved with initiatives such as the Parish in Bloom competition. We will miss Jane Donald, Simon’s predecessor, who did such an amazing job at Le Squez over 10 years, and wish her well for the future.

The pétanque terrain at Le Hocq is certainly proving to be a great Parish asset and seems to be used almost constantly. St Clement entered a team in the inaugural inter-parish league, which took place over the summer, and we can all take pride in the fact that they are the first championship winners. Well done to all who represented the Parish in that event.

Let me end by wishing parishioners and their families a Happy Christmas, and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year from all at the Parish Hall.

Best wishes

Len
New brooms in the House

A year ago, political history was made with the first round of an Island-wide general election, paving the way for further reforms ahead. St Clement returned Susie Pinel and Gerard Baudains to the Deputies' benches, and L'Amarrage invited them to take stock of their past year in the Chamber. As a 'new face', it's been nothing less than 'in at the deep end' for Deputy Susie Pinel. My reference in the 7th Edition of L'Amarrage, "Now the hard work begins" was no understatement!

The year since the elections has been an absolute roller-coaster of fear, excitement, a very steep learning curve and extraordinary hard work. This is a 3-in-1 job: the role of the 'Deputy', involving the all-important parishioners and their concerns; the 'Politics', with Island-wide issues and subjects that require knowledge and debate; and, in my case, Assistant Minister at Social Security. The department has an enormous role in every aspect of welfare and benefit, and also runs the biggest budget of all departments. I join two other St Clements at Social Security: the Minister, Senator Francis le Gresley and the Chief Officer, Richard Bell. Some of my responsibilities are representing Social Security on the Migration Advisory Group (MAG), the Treasury Advisory Panel (TAP) and the Jersey Employment Trust (JET).

Frequently, enquiries received as a Deputy overlap with my role at Social Security and either assisting in solving the issues or referring them to someone who can, is very rewarding.

Just learning the acronyms is a trick. So is being in the right meeting in the correct location on time! The eleven 'newbies' to the States have established a strong communication, meeting every couple of months to learn about each other's differing roles (you don't automatically understand what being a Connétable, an Assistant Minister or Scrutiny panel member/chairman involves without explanation and discussion). These informal 'get-togethers' strengthen the original intentions of maintaining courtesy and respect within the States and exchanges of information helpful to all.

I was one of four States members who attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Edinburgh in May. It was fascinating to understand the workings of different Governments from Malta, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Cyprus, St Helena and, of course, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, British Isles and Guernsey. It was a full-on programme with many exchanges of ideas and the beginning of new friendships. However, it’s not all about running from one meeting to another, remembering the elaborate protocol of the States Assembly and 'the reading'. I also completed the Governor's Challenge part of the ITEX walk as a member of the States team and am still Chairman of Brig-y-Don Children's Charity and restoring paintings, although not in quite the same numbers as BP - before politics!

I've had a wonderful opportunity at Parish Assemblies, Branchage dinners and Christmas events to meet more Parishioners. I'm always delighted to be contacted by phone or email and more than happy to help where I can. It has been an amazing year, not at all what I expected, but I'm loving the constant change, the contributions and the challenge.

Returned to the States after a term's recess, and no stranger to its ups and downs, Deputy Gerard Baudains reflects on how things have changed during his absence, and what he's been engaged in.

Well, under the new Chief Minister much of the previous animosity and bickering has reduced – but that doesn't mean everything is hunky-dory on the political front. The old problem of ministerial government in its present form remains far from suitable for the Island. A major element of my election manifesto focused on government reform; by which I don't mean changing the number of Senators, Constables or Deputies – or even reducing the overall number of States members - that's not the problem (although some might suggest otherwise). The real problem is the machinery of government, i.e. the way ministers, assistant ministers, scrutiny and backbenchers work collectively to run the good ship Jersey. Which is why, as soon as I was elected, I lodged a Proposition to push forward reform. The Privileges & Procedures Committee (PPC) then decided to form a working party to look into the matter, so I withdrew my Proposition and joined that panel. We are currently working on proposals for significant changes within the States.

Apart from my membership of the MoG review panel, I am a member of the Law Revision Board (a position I held previously) the Planning Applications Panel (PAP) and the Public Accounts Committee (which assesses value for money in public expenditure). The PAP is particularly demanding – agendas can run to around a thousand pages and take three or four days to deal with.
I have taken particular interest in Snow Hill Car Park. Despite motorists being able to enter the roundabout and exit whichever way they wished for decades without any recorded accidents, the minister for Transport decided last Christmas to require motorists to turn left into Grenville Street. When he found he couldn’t get any support, he contacted me and asked whether, if he withdrew his Order, would I withdraw my Proposition to annul the Order. I was happy to oblige.

Our Comptroller and Auditor General had kept a very professional and critical eye on States expenditure for nearly a decade. As his resignation was shrouded in mystery I lodged a Proposition for a Committee of Inquiry into the circumstances. Sadly, I lost the ensuing debate – clearly a majority of members were content for the secrecy to remain.

As for ongoing work, I have a number of projects in progress and have recently lodged an Amendment to the Proposition to buy Plemont in order to limit the price we might pay.

Naturally, as a Parish Deputy I am always available to assist parishioners with their problems – which usually involves asking some department or other to give that parishioner the service he or she requires. Funny how an email from a States member usually gets instant action; it shouldn’t be that way, but often is. Helping people like this – and I’ve had quite a few already this year - is one of the more satisfying aspects of the job.

Conscious of the need not to hog space I’ll close by wishing everyone well and remind all I’m just an e-mail or phone call away if want to discuss something or have a problem you cannot get resolved. For example, I’d be pleased to receive your views on Parish Sheltered Housing, which appears to have run into the sand.

For my views on a wider range of subjects, try my website: www.gerardbaudains.com.
Updates

New Honorary police car
As mentioned last time, there’s a new police car on the way. Here’s a ‘spy shot’ of the best view to have of it, because if you see it from this angle, it probably means you’re behaving properly and it’s passed you by.

Run for Jayson
Margaret Lee reports, ‘We had a fantastic turnout for our fourth Jayson Lee Memorial 10Km Run on Sunday 26th August. A total of 149 runners and walkers took part, and we raised over £3,451 for Jersey Hospice Care.

The winning trophy, donated by the States of Jersey Police, went to Paul Holley who finished in 33min 52sec. We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to our sponsors, The Co-op, Victor Hugo Wines, Mark Pickford Cycles, Fit2function and La Mare Wine Estates for their generous prizes, and to St Clement’s Honorary Police for their help at the start of the run.

Without all these people we would not be able to put on the event!’

Battle of Flowers souvenir
Sadly, L’Amarrage were left a bit short of photos of the Battle of Flowers floats this year, but there’s good news for those who’d like a broad spread of pictures of Neverland from work on this side of the Channel. The Editor accepts no responsibility for errors or such matters. The views expressed within this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the publisher. The Editor accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions that may occur.

Breathe again
Last time, we warned you that as from the 1st November, the French authorities would be requiring all motorists to carry a breath-test kit in their vehicles. Well, like all the best laid plans, this has now been delayed till 1st March next year. Meanwhile, prenez garde, the Gendarmerie will be on the watch, and remember, the French alcohol limit is considerably lower than that set in the UK – 50mg per 100ml as opposed to 80 ml on this side of the Channel.

Seasonal reminder
For those who still do send Christmas cards through the mail, the deadlines for posting your cards so that they’ll arrive on time, are thus: International, Thursday 4th December; Europe: Saturday 8th December; UK, Isle of Man & other Channel Isles: Wednesday 19th December; Jersey only: Friday 21st December. (Info from Jersey Post)

Architectural merit
Back in Edition 8, you might remember seeing an archive photo of a little fellow in a pedal car trundling along what was the track bed of the Jersey Eastern Railway at Grève d’Azette. Well, soon after publication, we were contacted by Jeremy Percival who is researching work on the Island by architect Arthur Grayson, who carried out some alterations on the cottages at the request of Lady Trent back in 1938.

Apparently, Grayson designed several houses in St Clement - the semi-detached houses Valette & Burley and Chateleine & Grantown on the coast road between Green Island and Le Hocq and the new Rectory in 1939. If anyone has photos of these, Jeremy says he’d be very interested to see them. Email: jeremy.percival@me.com.

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Lillie Langtry is set to make a welcome return to St Saviour at the talented hands of internationally-acclaimed sculptor, James Butler MBE, RA, WA, FRBS. She will be located at Langtry Gardens, a new development of 2 and 3 bedroom traditional-style cottages.

Depicted at the height of her beauty, Butler has created a life-sized model of 'The Jersey Lily' as a fitting tribute to the woman who, despite leading a cosmopolitan and exciting life in Europe and America, left instructions for her final resting place to be in the church of her childhood, St Saviour.

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Lillie Langtry is set to grace the development, specifically designed for home-owners seeking to downsize and Sadie Rennard, the Parish Connétable, thinks it is absolutely fantastic for the whole community.

"I am so delighted," Sadie enthused, "as this means people who have been brought up here in St Saviour and want a smaller home but don't want to have to move away, can actually stay in the parish.

"Langtry Gardens is blessed with a choice of accommodation that can be adapted to suit specific needs and lifestyles and I really think that everything has been done that could be to cater for them.

"For example some homes have a huge master bedroom and bathroom that completely takes up the whole of the first floor as well as a wet room downstairs with a downstairs bedroom. It's all the little details."

Sadie was also delighted with the name connection with Lillie Langtry:

"I think it's really fitting" she said, "Lillie Langtry always retained her links with St Saviour right to the end, and that's what our parishioners will be able to do."
The sculpture will be a prominent feature leading from Langtry Gardens to a prestigious community centre which is an integral part of the design by award-winning architect, Professor Robert Adams.

With his design Adams has created a visually appealing collection of traditional-style cottages arranged around a central landscaped courtyard to the front, but with private gardens to the rear. Striking cream render is topped with deep red, clay tiled roofs to create lovely street scenes and a relaxing, peaceful environment.

Once inside, the focus is on good-sized rooms designed to be used and enjoyed. Some also feature beautiful garden rooms, ensuring the outside can be enjoyed from within all year round.

Sadie is particularly pleased with the design elements.

"Everything that has been included has a genuine purpose", she explained, "and won’t go to waste.

"We’re so pleased that Dandara have created this development because they always enhance whatever they do. For example, we were so pleased with the sculptor they have used, you just know it’s going to be superb.”

ABOUT THE SCULPTOR - JAMES BUTLER

Born in London in 1931, James Butler studied at Maidstone School of Art, St Martin’s School of Art in London and the Royal College of Art.

James was first elected a member of the royal Academy of Arts in 1964 and is a member of the royal West of England Academy (R.W.A), Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors (F.R.B.S) and a Member of the Society of Portrait Sculptors.

He became a full-time sculptor in 1972 after undertaking an extraordinarily successful commission to create a 12 foot portrait statue of President Jomo Kenneth.

Some of his major works can be seen in London. These included the Fleet Air Arm Memorial (Daedalus), Victoria Embankment Gardens and Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis - Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk.

LILLIE LANGTRY

Lillie Langtry (née Emilie Charlotte Le Breton) was born on 13th October 1853. Her father was the Dean at St Saviour.

In 1874 Emilie married Irish landowner Edward Langtry and became an actress a few years later.

Lillie Langtry was a society beauty who became a mistress to the Prince of Wales. According to her biography, other lovers were Robert Peel and George Baird. Her friends included Oscar Wilde and American artist James McNeill Whistler.

On August 13, 1888, Lillie was travelling with New York City millionaire Frederic Gebhard when there was a train accident. Fourteen of their seventeen racehorses were killed. One of the surviving horses was named St Saviour.
Victor Hugo in Jersey

Drive along the coast road from town, and there’s little evidence these days that one of France’s most celebrated literary figures once lived in Grève d’Azette. But, as Geraldine des Forges relates, Victor Hugo’s short residence in the Island from 1852-55 was as colourful as the work he created.

In 1851, following Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte’s ‘coup d’etat’, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the celebrated author, Victor Hugo: one of Bonaparte’s most outspoken adversaries. He fled for exile in Brussels. After a year, Hugo realised that his banishment would be protracted and he moved to Jersey; where political refugees had long been welcomed. The family settled at 3, Marine Terrace, St Clement (an ugly house, overlooking Grève d’Azette beach); while Victor’s mistress, the French actress, Juliette Drouet, lived at Havre des Pas - conveniently nearby!

The bland exterior of Hugo’s home gave no indication of the strange activities taking place behind its closed doors. A friend, visiting him from Paris, introduced him to the latest rage, ‘Les Tables Tournantes’ (table-turning): a kind of séance, similar to the ouija board. Participants would place their hands on top of a three-legged table and, when a spirit made contact, the table-leg would tap out messages (one tap for ‘A’, two for ‘B’, etc.). After several false attempts, Hugo’s dead daughter, Léopoldine, manifested herself - and he was hooked. The writer recorded all his ‘conversations’. Many illustrious spirits got in touch: Shakespeare; Dante; Mahomet; Hannibal; even Jesus Christ. Hugo was particularly fascinated by ‘La Blianche Damne’ (‘The White Lady’), who claimed to have murdered her infant. She was condemned to be the familiar of a ‘menhir’ at Samarès and had been wandering the fields for three thousand years. When Hugo asked where he could see her, she replied that she was everywhere: on the beach at Grève d’Azette; by the White Tower on the hill; and at Rocquebert (Rocque Berg). He thought that he had seen her several times - always in flames; but refused to believe that he was seeing smugglers’ fires. A fellow-enthusiast, Jules Alix, went mad during a séance and, after Hugo’s doctor advised him to give them up, his interest waned. In 1855, he, finally, abandoned them.

Hugo’s time in Jersey was far from idle: he continued to support Republican ideas, often contributing to ‘L’Homme, the Jersey proscrips’ journal; he often met with other exiles at Le Dicq Rock, known today as ‘Le Rocher des Proscrits’ (‘The Rock of the Banished’); amongst other works, he completed ‘Les Contemplations’, a collection of poems; and he, even, had copies of his controversial pamphlet, ‘Napoleon Le Petit’, smuggled into France.

In 1855, Felix Pyatt, a London-based proscrips, published a letter, criticising Queen Victoria’s state visit to France, and making suggestive comments about her relationship with Louis-Napoléon, then Emperor of France. When Pyatt asked the Editor of ‘L’Homme’, Charles Ribeyrolles, to reproduce it, he obliged. Islanders were outraged. Ribeyrolles was expelled, without trial, together with the journal’s owner; its distributor; and its staff. Hugo produced a Declaration supporting them, and posted copies all over St Helier, signing at the top of the proscrips objectors. He ended with the challenge: ‘Expel us too.’ He would get his wish! Under orders from the Lieutenant Governor, Connétable Jean Le Neveu of St Clément visited him with two officers. He ordered Victor and his sons, Charles and François-Victor, to leave Jersey by November 2nd. On 31st October, Le Connétable, personally, escorted Hugo from Marine Terrace; along Havre des Pas; to the Victoria Quay. On a stormy sea, the Hugos sailed for Guernsey, where they remained for fourteen years.

An invitation was extended to Hugo in 1860, to give a talk about Garibaldi. The Jersey people welcomed him with open arms and his response was to declare his deep affection for the Island and its people: ‘... pieces of France fallen into the sea and picked up by England’ [from ‘The Toilers of the Sea’ (1886)].

In 1870, when Napoleon III’s empire fell, Hugo was, finally, repatriated to his beloved France.
Le Rocquier is the genuine article

In September, the school gained the prestigious 'Genuine Jersey' mark for one of the many products designed and manufactured within the school's Technical Skills Faculty.

Over the past year, a small group of enthusiastic students, with the guidance of staff, have formed the Creative and Technical Skills (CATS) Enterprise Club, with a vision to develop commercially viable products that respond to a need or solve a problem. One additional dimension is that wherever possible the product should contain a significant amount of recycled material and have a positive environmental impact.

The first of these products and the one that can display the prestigious Genuine Jersey mark is the Jersey Parish Puzzle Challenge. The puzzle is supplied in a CD case, so is compact and makes an ideal souvenir or gift that can be taken home or posted to a friend or relative. First impressions are that a jigsaw with only twelve pieces should not be too difficult to complete, but once removed from the container and without any visual guidance, the challenge soon becomes apparent. Versions of the puzzle can be bought at Jersey Goldsmiths, Jersey War Tunnels and Jersey Tourism.

Students have been involved in all aspects of the product's manufacture, sales and marketing.

A larger version was also developed and supplied to several local primary schools as a teaching aid for students studying 'Know your Island', a project which helps children learn more about the Island of Jersey.

Bulb planting at St Clement's Church

Le Rocquier School were pleased to become involved with the spring bulb planting week at St Clement's Church in September. Fifty students were invited to take part in planting sessions in the church grounds. The students, kitted out in high visibility jackets, and armed with bulb planters, trowels, and smiles, dug with great enthusiasm. The ground was dry and dusty but thanks to their determination and team work, they managed to plant over one thousand bulbs. They were delighted to be rewarded with juice and cakes provided by Rev. Shaw and his team, which stoked them up for the walk back to school. They were proud to have raised money through hard work, and look forward to returning to the church in the spring, to see the flowers blooming. It was a particularly pleasing since Rev Shaw had explained that the money raised would be going to another school - Mwreni School in Kenya, in order to build workshops which would help children learn a skill which could be used to support themselves and their families.

Le Rocquier has always been a keen supporter of St Clement’s overseas projects, and regularly fundraise for this purpose.

Year 8 student Alana captured the experience in these words: “We walked to the church and the first group planted over 600 bulbs. It was a great trip because I love doing outdoor activities and I enjoyed it more because I knew it was for a good reason.”
On the buses

UK operator, CT Plus, is due to take over the Island’s bus network, now branded ‘Liberty Bus’, at the new year. On Tuesday 25th September, about fifty parishioners responded to an invitation to meet company representatives, Jude Winter and Stephen Sears, at the Parish Hall, to offer suggestions and voice concerns. Here’s a taste of the issues discussed.

The CTPlus representatives were keen to reassure parishioners that they’d be taking a close look at timetables and bus availability particularly during rush hours, as the commuter routes through the Parish were often filled to capacity, leaving local travellers standing – at the bus stop! They intend to continue with the ‘Text my bus’ service, keep the Bus station open till 10 pm, and though they support the retention of bus-passes for senior citizens, this remains a concession provided by the States, so is not their call. For fare-paying passengers, they will be introducing the option of a cash-free, ‘smart card’ payment to speed boarding – and save money. They were, lukewarm about the suggestion of ‘hop-on, hop-off services because of safety issues on our busy main roads, though they’d be prepared to consider duplicate or ‘limited stop’ services to ensure passengers on shorter journeys were not at a disadvantage.

Their new buses will be narrow to meet local regulations, however, there will be an opportunity to see some of our Parish from the top deck. The Number 15 route is to be extended from the Airport through to Le Marais, using double-deckers. As a result the Number 18 will be withdrawn. Other changes will see Route 1 and 1A avoiding the Georgetown bottleneck on their way in and out of town. Number 1 will pass along Grève d’Azette, Havre des Pas then turn up Green Street. The 1A will go via Route du Fort, St Clement’s Road, the Dicq and Green Road, before joining its existing route along St Clement’s Inner Road.

Having been given the blessing of TTS, it will be interesting to see how the new operation adapts to catering for the needs of regular commuters and those with special needs. From the evidence of the Parish Hall meeting, they certainly appear open to customer input, and given that they will be judged by a strict contract, we should be in a position to influence the direction they take.

Top: The proposed livery of Liberty Bus
Below: The CT Plus representatives addressing parishioners
Vincent's apples

The celebrated Irish novelist, Edna O'Brien, recalls in her autobiography how her mother would leave apples to ripen in her front parlour and describes how a 'cidery' aroma pervaded the room. Don't expect to encounter the same in the grandeur of Samarès Manor, but the Seigneur, Vincent Obbard, certainly has a self-confessed passion for apples. He grows twenty-two varieties in his orchard and in the walled garden behind the Manor House. So, for him, autumn is an eagerly anticipated season. He described the fruits of his enthusiasm to Alan Le Breton.

An apple is just an apple isn’t it? Well no, and that is certainly the very worst opening gambit in a discussion with someone so passionately ‘into’ apple husbandry. They say a seasoned pomologist with an instinct born of long experience and passion for their craft can walk down a row in their orchard and identify not only the variety but also their qualities, when planted and when best to harvest. For someone so steeped in his craft, Vincent is particularly relaxed in his skill. He readily defers to those who, he says, know more about identifying the fruit types by the shape of the pips or the colour of flesh and skin. He certainly appears more like an artist who uses taste and texture, growing pattern and knowledge of character to identify, assess and nurture the fruit. His prowess is, however, well recorded. He acknowledges he owes much of his expertise to Brian Phillipps with whom he shared equal first prize at the recent show at the RJA&HS.

His declared mission is to make Jersey apples better known. Sadly, there’s too little space available here to describe the full range of apples Vincent feels you should be acquainted with. It’s probably easiest to divide them into eating, cooking and drinking – that is in cider. So here are a few to pick out:

**Eating:** Worcester Perman and Red devils – red and sweet, various varieties of Cox’s orange pippin which are being developed to combat disease. Then there’s Greensleeves, which as its name suggests has a green skin and ripens earlier in the season. Luxton’s Epicure, and Ellison’s Orange – which, despite the name, is definitely an apple, and a prize-winner too.

**Cooking:** Bramley Seedling – good all-rounder can also be eaten if taken early, but too bitter for cider-making. Bramleys have always been popular for cooking because they produce a lot of flesh, but can fall apart during cooking and become quite ‘mushy’. Gros France, despite the name, is a good Jersey apple big and semi-sweet. Arthur Turner is worth a mention too particularly because the tree produces bright pink blossom.

**Drinking:** Vincent’s favourite varieties for his renowned Samarès Manor cider are Cotard, which is bitter sharp, and Tetard, which is bitter sweet. Then there’s Belle Fille, Douce Dame, Gros and Petit Romeril, Gras Binet and Nier Binet – the list goes on.

Every cider maker has his ‘secret’ blend. And, indeed there are many varieties of cider. Moreover – apple juice doesn’t always have to be alcoholic, as can be sampled in the Garden Café.

It may have been a dismal season for apple growers – the weather warmed up early in the year, then went cold and blossom failed to set. However, cider apples mature later than eating varieties so fared better, and as you’ll read elsewhere in the magazine it’s been all hands on deck to gather them in for the Fais’se d’Cidre, organised by Jersey Heritage organisations at Hamptonne.
Below: Sampling the crop
Below inset: Granite apple crusher at Samarès Manor
Left: Heavy with promise

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Pétanque

In May the first ever Inter-Parish Pétanque competition began and has continued throughout the summer till late September. Six parishes now participate: Grouville, St Helier, St Mary, St Ouen, St Peter, and of course St Clement. Each parish had to play a home and away game meaning ten games in all. John Doublet looks back on a sporting activity that’s sweeping the Island.

In the ninth edition of L’Amarrage I informed you that we had just played our first game against St Ouen and promised to update you at the end of the competition. What a great tournament it turned out to be. Each team could field between four and eight players and such was the enthusiasm of our nineteen regulars that we were able to field eight for every game. Players were selected on a rota basis so that everyone was able to play every second or third game. When not selected, our non-players always turned out to support their colleagues.

Not only were the matches enjoyable but hospitality after the game was always looked forward to. After home matches at Le Hocq we always entertained the other parishes with tea or coffee and excellent cakes provided by our players. I was delighted to see a write up in the September edition of the St Helier ‘Town Crier’ which read — ‘The P.O.S.H. Pétanquers recently took part in an Inter-Parish League match with St Clement involving beautiful coastal panorama and excellent hospitality. The bad news was that St Helier lost (3-1) for the first time, after a thrilling battle. The pain of loss was, however, well soothed by the coffee gateau and the millionaire shortbread and all departed best of friends with a determination to match skills and cake baking in the return match which will have been held in the Millennium Town Park by the time you read this. Watch this space for further details.’ A lovely compliment from St Helier but I really don’t know what the writer of their article will say in the next edition of ‘Town crier’ as we played our very last match against St Helier on 21st September at the Millennium Town Park and beat them 4-0.

Because the organisers of the competition kept us in the dark in relation to the other parish scores, we finished our games knowing that we had done pretty well, as out of the ten games we had won six, drawn two and lost two. It was only recently that we were thrilled to be told that St Clement had made history, winning the first ever ‘Inter-Parish’ competition, topping the league one point above St Mary and two above Grouville.

So popular was the competition that the organisers have decided to create a winter league, this time keeping all parishes updated as the games progress. These will commence shortly. We still, however, always meet for fun games every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10am and, again I would invite Parish organisations, groups and individuals to form teams and make contact so that we can all enjoy this wonderful sport together. I can be contacted via our Parish Hall.

Finally I would like to thank all our parishioners who took part in making this such a wonderful and successful competition. All senior citizens, their dedication, support and team spirit just proves that there really is a good life to be had after retirement.
Memories of ‘The Few’

Parishioners have been paying tribute to those who selflessly risked their all when the nation faced its gravest hour. The commemoration of Remembrance Day always produces stories of the heroism of those living in the local community. Brian Nibbs visited Squadron Leader Victor Linthune DFC, and in the calm of his sitting room overlooking Green Island, learned about his eventful flying career which spanned the years of Second World War.

Victor Linthune joined the RAF as a boy entrant in August 1935, qualifying as an armourer after six months. His first posting was with 201 Squadron, Calshot. The unit was being equipped with Saro London flying boats and Short Sunderlands, and his transfer to aircrew was fortuitous. It came about because air-gunners were encountering difficulty in clearing their Lewis guns in the Saro Londons, so the CO took armourers up on firing practice. This worked so well that they became regular aircrew members.

In September 1938, Victor embarked on path to become a pilot. He was sent to RAF Brize Norton, and with training complete, was posted the following year to 233 Squadron at Leuchars, Scotland, which flew Avro Ansons on pre-war reconnaissance patrols. A month later he was selected for the General Navigation Course at Thorney Island which was to prove a considerable benefit to his future career.

Victor’s war had commenced on 8th September 1939 – only five days after the Declaration of War by Neville Chamberlain, and it could have ended quite soon after. He’d returned to his unit at Leuchars, which by then was involved in anti-submarine and general reconnaissance patrols. The German attack on Norway caused flying operations to increase off the coast and into the Norwegian fjords, searching for hostile shipping and escorting Royal Naval warships.

On one particular patrol, providing air cover for three destroyers off Bergen, Victor’s formation was attacked by two Messerschmitts. He clearly recalls ‘We went into full throttle and into a corkscrew. We were down to sea level to stop the 109’s getting in the blind spot under our tail, when I took a machine gun bullet through the right shoulder’. As fuel ran low, his Hudson aircraft diverted to Lossiemouth where Victor was transferred to Elgin Hospital. After being passed ‘fit to travel’ he spent time at Gleneagles, then a hospital, before returning to his unit in June 1940. However, in August of that year, he was posted as an instructor on Airspeed Oxfords to RAF College, Cranwell. This deployment was short-lived, as in December 1940, he was posted to 93 Squadron at Middle Wallop as part of a specialist unit formed to test new air defence systems, in particular the long aerial mine (LAM), which was essentially an explosive charge on the end of a long cable. It was a period which reflected the WWI experience of his father, Captain Percy Linthune RFC, who had taken part in trials with hand-thrown explosive darts ‘launched’ by RFC pilots at enemy airships.

Victor’s promotion was rapid. By April 1941 he’d been made up to Flight Sergeant; six month later he was a Warrant Officer and commissioned in February 1942. Becoming an officer was something
that Victor accepted with some reluctance, as he had deep feelings for the Sergeant's Mess, where as a Warrant Officer, he was the senior NCO. By February 1943, Victor, now a Flying Officer, joined 25 Squadron at Church Fenton, flying de Havilland Mosquitos. This involved night intruder missions over occupied Europe. 'I soon got to shoot up a couple of troop trains at night. The moon shining on the railway tracks really drew us in'. During his active service, Victor was credited with destroying two Junkers 88s and rather unusually, a V-1 flying bomb – all at night. The squadron moved to Coltishall in February 1944 shortly after Victor had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After an action-packed wartime of operational and combat flying, Victor was posted to No.1 Ferry Pool, Pershore, Worcestershire in February 1944, together with his navigator Flt Lt Alfie Cumbers DFM. They found themselves undertaking so-called 'ferry runs', supplying aircraft to various destinations as far away as Singapore. One mission which particularly stands out in Victor's memory is the delivery of a Beaufighter to Rabat, Morocco. Ferry trips were flown, despite protest, without ammunition. Off Portugal, they sighted a Focke-Wulf Condor at close range. 'We chased him for a while to try to scare him into doing something stupid, but then decided to be sensible and head south'. This was not the end of the story though; as shortly after, one of the fuel tanks malfunctioned, which demanded a controlled ditching some 10 miles off Cape St Vincent, close to a group of Portuguese fishing vessels. Victor recalls that though he and his navigator scrambled aboard one of the boats with relative ease, the difficulty they faced was convincing the Portuguese crew that they were British and not German! However, once resolved, they were made welcome and feasted on sardines, cooked on a charcoal brazier hung over the stern of the vessel.

Back on dry land, Victor and Alfie were taken to a guest house in Portimao and were well-treated. But halfway through the night, they were awoken and confronted by three officers, one a Colonel, dressed in what appeared to be RAF blue uniforms with WW1 medal ribbons. The confusion was cleared up by the Colonel explaining that the Great War, Portugal, as Britain's oldest ally, had regiments serving alongside them. Eventually, after various administrative hold-ups, they reached Lisbon and were repatriated to Bournemouth, where they were brought back to embarrassing reality when a baggage handler dropped their bag containing their 'souvenirs' of booze and nylons.

Victor returned to his unit and remained there until August 1947, being awarded a Permanent Commission in September 1948 as Flight Lieutenant. This was the time of the Berlin Airlift and he was posted to HQ 46 Group, undertaking accident investigation work. In May 1949, he joined Command Communication Squadron at Bovington, and following promotion to Squadron Leader in 1951, he was appointed Commanding Officer at Eindhoven, Holland with 2nd TAF. A number of operational appointments followed, flying Meteor NF11 jets and latterly, Venom NF2's as flight commander with 219 Squadron at Driffield. This unit was disbanded in July 1957 and having qualified on and flown 38 different types of aircraft during his unusual and varied career, Victor retired in November 1957.

It really needs a book to do justice to Victor's long and distinguished RAF career. And with four-score and fourteen years to reflect upon, Victor has much to enjoy in recalling his flying experiences looking out over the St Clement coastline.
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Recycling
If you’ve passed by the FB Fields recently, you may have noticed a new feature in the car park. Transport and Technical Services (TTS) has set up a new recycling ‘bring bank’ with containers for household batteries, cardboard, paper, plastic bottles and metal packaging (cans, foils and aerosols). This complements other recycling sites in the Parish at Le Marais and the Parish Hall. This new one is a bit more special not only because it will collect cardboard, but it has also been ‘adopted’ by Samarès Primary School whose pupils will be encouraging us all to recycle more.

Samarès ‘Eco Warriors, Abby Tyrell and Harrison Chapman described how they felt proud to be taking part in the opening. "It was a blustery day but we didn’t care as what we were doing made us feel warm inside. We had a discussion about what should be put into the new recycling bins and what happens to what is collected. We felt happy and proud because we helped our local community to be a greener, better place! For a reward we were given a lovely bag full of eco-friendly goodies."

Emma Richardson, Recycling Manager at TTS, said: "We are delighted that Samarès Primary School have adopted the new facility at FB Fields and will be working in partnership with us to engage the local community about the importance of recycling and how easy it is to get involved. Our priority is to focus on increasing the recycling rate of those materials such as glass, metals, electrical goods and batteries that should not be sent for energy recovery at La Collette."

Here’s Emma’s quick guide to recycling:

**Glass**: It’s easy to recycle your household glass as every parish provides a glass recycling service. It is important to separate glass from your general rubbish as the ‘Energy from Waste Plant’ cannot process glass. We receive separated glass at La Collette where it is crushed and made into a building material that can be used in engineering projects as a drainage material. This is ideal for lining the walls of the reclamation site and in road building.

**Metals**: Metals can be recycled again and again, saving energy and resources every time so they are an important thing to recycle. We all use metals every day in items such as metal food and drink cans, aerosol cans and foil packaging. All of these types of metal packaging can be recycled in the ‘Can Recycling Banks’. It is also important that metals are not thrown away with general rubbish as metals are not destroyed by the incineration process at the ‘Energy from Waste’ plant at La Collette. Instead, the metals are still present in the ash created at the end of the process. This means that the ash is very challenging to dispose of, particularly within our island environment, and more difficult to recycle.

**Electricals**: On average, everyone buys three new electrical goods every year – which, in Jersey means approximately 300,000. Appliances can contain hazardous substances and heavy metals which shouldn’t be thrown away with your general rubbish. By recycling your electrical goods, they can be sent for specialist recycling. This process will separate the goods into their component parts, i.e. wires, plastic casings, circuit boards, and all of these items can be recycled back into the market, which saves the need to produce new plastics and metals and saves energy in manufacturing.

**Batteries**: The average household uses twenty-one batteries a year, all of which can be recycled. Batteries contain heavy metals that shouldn’t be incinerated as they are not destroyed through the energy recovery process. Battery banks are situated in each parish and students can use the battery banks available in their schools.

**Textiles**: Unwanted clothes, shoes and bedding shouldn’t be thrown away. Items that aren’t in good condition can still be available in their schools.

**Garden waste**: Your grass cuttings and hedge trimmings can be transformed into quality compost for your garden. Home composting kits are available from most garden centres for just ten pounds, but if you don’t have space to home compost, please take your garden waste to the States of Jersey composting site at Bellozanne Valley.

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*Top:* The new recycling bins at FB Fields car park

*Left inset:* Samarès Eco-Warriors and Emma Richardson open the new Bring Bank

*Left:* Mr Robot – constructed from recycled material by local artist, Ian Rolls
Isabelle’s 
Fête de Noël’

Across the Channel, our French cousins might not celebrate the Christmas festival exactly as we do, they don’t observe Boxing Day as a holiday, but there are many things we both share. Here’s Isabelle Le Breton’s Christmas recipe of some familiar terms – as well as particular features.

Reveillon: Christmas Eve / New Year’s Eve late evening supper
Dinde: Turkey
Marron: Chestnut
Crepinette: Flat sausage meat squares
Huitres: Oysters
Cerise: Cherries – served in alcohol
Buche: Yule-log – cream- filled sponge roll
Creche: Crib
Santon: Holy figure (in crib)
 Sapin de noel: Christmas tree
Guirlande: Tinsel garlands
Houx: Holly
Gui: Mistletoe
Chant de Noel: Carol
Cadeaux: Gifts

St Clement’s students on a history trail
by Shelly Du Feu

As part of their topic ‘Fields Full of Food’ (Des Cliôsées D’Mangi in Jeriais), Year 4 at St Clement’s School have recently been visiting various dolmen sites around the island. They have learnt that the first farmers came to Jersey 8,000 years ago during the Neolithic period and they have searched for evidence of this using local historical sites. They couldn’t believe that Mont Ubé was so close to school!

The topic continues with exploring the history of farming in Jersey culminating in an exhibition at Holme Grown Farm Shop during the week of 19th November.

Right: Lessons among the stones

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Safety first at Le Hocq

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The problem has always been that the road narrows at the sharpest point of the corner and there is no room for a footpath as the road overlooks the beach. Further along, there are substantial trees along the bank and the drop to the beach is over fifteen feet.

However, give a bloke a problem and sometimes he comes back with an intriguing solution. Robert Cabot of Transport and Technical Services (TTS) has a plan which has now passed through Planning. It won’t solve all the problems but certainly cut down the main risks – and provide an original attractive architectural solution.

Given that pedestrians prefer to keep to the sea side of the road, his solution provides a pathway wide enough to accommodate prams and wheelchairs, which at some points will overhang the beach on cantilevered supports. The trees will remain, and the existing steps to the beach will be reconfigured. The work should be carried out early next year.

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St Clement's Battle of Flowers Junior Team
from Peter Pan to Polar Express!!

Following their success in the summer parade, and thanks to the generosity of the Le Bruns at Homefields, the Junior Battle of Flowers Team have kept their powder dry and are preparing for another floral outing in the Christmas Parade. Michelle Dollivro brings up to date with their activities.

The weeks after Battle were spent cleaning up, sorting out and getting back into the school routine but there was some time for a fun afternoon tea at the Parish Hall at which the children handed over their trophies to the Connétable. Thank you to all the parents who made cakes, brought pizza, made sandwiches and the Parish for providing the tea and coffee. It’s great to see our junior cups displayed in the trophy cabinet for all to see. The Juniors took on the challenge of running a table-top sale, selling tea, coffee, bacon rolls, running their own stall and doing a car wash. The funds are for a sound system so we can actually be heard next year unlike this year!

Plans for next year’s float are already well under way, though, just for the moment, they’re ‘under wraps’. Nevertheless, whilst the design may be a secret, the Juniors are keen to get on with fund raising, and will be holding a Christmas craft table-top sale from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 15th December. In the meantime, they’ve been busy getting their float ready for the Christmas Parade on 9th December. The float has been stripped down and now has a Christmas feel to it with sleigh, reindeers, polar bear and Santa grotto and will be pulled by the Polar Express!

Finally, the juniors once again would like to ask if anyone has any storage that is under cover, and approximately 25ft by 10ft, to store their equipment as well as their float. We don’t mind sharing with farm equipment or anything else. We would just like somewhere fairly dry and wind-proof. If anyone can help please call Michelle on 07797 780101.

Above: Juniors pose with the Connétable

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Classic recipes from the home front

1932 may not be a ‘vintage year’ for baking, but it’s not often that we have the opportunity to sample so many examples of neighbourhood expertise. They’re contained in the Recipe Book of the ‘St Clement’s Waifs and Strays Association’ – you wouldn’t get away with a title like that these days - now the proud possession of Mrs Pat Holt of Green Island. Just looking randomly through the Puddings and Sweets section, there’s: Lemon Syrup Pudding from A. Cabot of ‘Les Nouettes’ St Clement; Eugenie Pudding (French) from Mrs Le Blancq ‘South View’, Samarès; Orange Delight from Mrs W Peacock of Wembley Lodge, Le Bourg; Queen of Bread Pudding from Mrs J Blampied of ‘Languedoc’, St Clement, and Des Fiottes from Mr JE Hoquard, of Washington Lodge, St Clement.

Simply because of its irresistible name, here’s a shot at Cut and Come Again Cake, offered by Miss Etienne of Samarès Lane:

**Ingredients**: ½ lb s-r flour; 1/8th teaspoon salt; 4oz sugar; 4oz butter, lard or dripping; 4oz currants; 4oz raisins (stoned and chopped fine); 1oz mixed peel (cut up small); 1 egg; ½ teaspoon mixed spice; ½ gill milk.

**Method**: Put the flour and salt in a basin. Rub in the butter and add sugar, raisins, currants, peel and spice. Beat up the egg, add the milk and mix with the other ingredients. Put into a greased bread tin and bake in a moderate oven for about one and a quarter hours. (The egg may be left out, and more milk used.)

And because we’ve been concentrating on apples elsewhere in this edition, here’s a recipe for Apple Snow from BL Sinnatt, living at ‘Sunnicot’, Samarès:

**Ingredients**: 1lb apples (not specified); 2 oz castor sugar; strip of lemon rind; 2 tablespoons water; 4 sponge cakes; 2 egg whites; cherries and angelica; plus 2 egg yolks, ½ pint milk, ½ oz castor sugar (for custard).

**Method**: Stew the apples with the sugar, lemon and water. Place the sponge cakes in a deep dish, make the custard and pour over the sponge cakes. Whip the egg whites and add apple pulp to them gradually. Continue whisking till white and stiff. Pile the apple puree on top of the custard and decorate it with cherries and angelica.

**Bon Appetit**

**PS**: Curiously, the book’s author appears to be something of a shy fellow, describing himself simply as ‘A MERE MAN’ I wonder if anyone knows who this retiring fellow was.

Meanwhile... bad news on the produce stall

‘Stupidity in a jar’ is how it’s being labelled, but with Christmas approaching, anyone planning a ‘bring and buy’ sale should be aware that one of those ‘clever’ little diktats from Brussels could leave a nasty taste on the counter. Under EC Regulations 1935/2004 and 2023/2006, it is forbidden to reuse containers such as jam jars for selling produce to the public. Apparently, the bureaucrats reckon there’s a danger of chemicals or residue from previous contents contaminating the new produce. Funny, there doesn’t appear to be any reports of mass food poisoning after Parish Hall fêtes, and it certainly doesn’t gel with the current initiatives on recycling! The rules only apply to the re-sale of produce – according to the EU, you don’t get sick if you actually give the produce away, but we’ll keep you posted as to whether we non-EU citizens will be affected.
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Pets at Christmas

A pet is not just for Christmas’ is the well know advice that animal protection organisations feel they need to repeat each year to reduce the unnecessary distress caused by impulse buying. So here’s a special message from local vet J. Maxwell (Max) Allen BVMS MRCVS from Oak Farm Veterinary Practice.

The Six Rules of Christmas

Christmas comes but once a year and when it does...it brings vomiting and diarrhoea, choking fits, kidney failure, liver damage and often starvation, homelessness and death. This sounds very sad and depressing but is reality for over 40 percent of pets bought as Christmas presents.

Rule 1: Do not buy a pet as a ‘Christmas surprise’ for anyone. Nearly half of such ‘surprises' end as disasters, are abandoned or are in animal shelters by March.

Rule 2: Remember, owning a pet is a major commitment both in time and finance. Recent changes to our animal welfare laws make owners legally responsible for their pet’s welfare. This means legal responsibility in sickness and in health. Your pet: your responsibility. If a pet’s welfare is compromised, it is the owner’s legal responsibility to provide for it.

Rule 3: Do not feed your dog or cat anything more exotic than modest amounts of turkey or chicken at Christmas. Sudden diet changes - especially fatty foods (cream, pork, ham etc.) can quickly lead to diarrhoea and some foods can be dangerous. Chocolate, Christmas cake or pudding, marzipan and alcohol should not be on your pet’s shopping list. Grapes and their products can be particularly toxic. Some dogs (and cats) appear to be very susceptible to ‘grape poisoning’. If suspected, they can endure serious distress requiring repeated blood samples to detect kidney damage and prompt fluid therapy. Not nice.

Rule 4: Be careful of Christmas plants. The pollen of certain lilies is very toxic to cats, and the very popular Solanum (Jerusalem Cherry) with bright red or orange berries – just the right size to choke a kitten or puppy – have the added risk of being extremely toxic if swallowed.

Rule 5: Beware of small toys – particularly any that can be easily broken. They can so easily choke a small animal. Some can be very difficult to detect if swallowed. There is a huge increase in ingested ‘foreign bodies’ in cats and dogs over the Christmas period. All lead to unnecessary distress and expensive surgery.

Rule 6: Don’t be tempted to add to the family menagerie at Christmas time. Careful planning and knowledge of the continuing care of your pet is essential both for your pet’s enjoyment of Christmas and for your own.

So much for your domestic pets, but don’t forget the wild ones. Many will be hibernating, but others – birds, for instance will appreciate a little TLC from a packet of seeds or nuts.

Best wishes to all from Oak Farm.

Holy cats at the rectory

Hands up those who remember the Rev. Cecil Paul Harrison, rector of this Parish from 1961 to 1982. The Harrisons had a semi-Siamese cat called Obadiah – named after one of the minor prophets of the Old Testament – which stalked the grounds of the rectory until it passed away at the good age of 15 in 1976.

Paul, as he was always known – I don’t know whether he dropped the Cecil to avoid confusion with another prominent parishioner, or whether it was by personal preference, but like his namesake had a considerable literary talent and a keen wit. As a tribute to his much-loved ‘moggie’, Rev. Paul embarked on a book code-named ‘Operation Obadiah’, but, with his untimely death it has lain unpublished. Until now. Enter Martin Dryden, Curate at St Clement. He was passed the document by fellow curate and family friend of the Harrisons, Tracey Bromley, and has edited Paul’s delightful tale of catty intrigue under the title, 'The Cat and the Dog Collar.' The book will be on sale in time for Christmas and be of enormous interest to Parish folk who enjoy a taste of local intrigue with a twinkle in the eye. Martin has teamed up with Jim Le Couter, whose skill with illustrations is already familiar to readers of such tomes as ‘Low Water Fishing’ by Parish resident David le Maistre.

Without giving too much away, the book chronicles life and times from behind the curtains of an ecclesiastic feline refuge at the heart of Parish affairs, and lays bare the encounters of a busy parish priest and his wife in days only a little time gone by, peppered with names that will be very familiar. It’s a great read.

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Above: Rev Harrison, Archbishop Ramsey & Constable Watson

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A wind of change has been blowing through the Le Squez Youth Club this summer. With new faces on the team, the young people who use it have been giving the premises a thorough makeover. They rolled up their sleeves and turned up every morning, even making breakfast for each other during the clean-up. They spent time exploring all the cupboards and loft spaces in the centre, cleared them out and gave many items to charity. The days were long and hard they worked very hard. What a result! The club is now spruced up and ready to receive new members.

Above right: Out with the old – in with the new. Club members get on with the job.

The club's new opening times are:

- **Monday:** Years 5, 6 and 7: 1900 - 2130
- **Tuesday:** Years 8, 9: 1900 – 2130
- **Wednesday:** Years 10, 11: 1930 – 2200
- **Thursday:** Years 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1930 – 2200
- **Friday:** Years 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1930 - 2200

Kirch vouchers

Thanks to the continuing generosity of David Kirch, members of the Community Support Team will be on hand at the Parish Hall from Thursday 29th November to Friday 14th December to distribute Christmas vouchers to senior citizens of the Parish between 9.30am and 4pm on Monday to Thursday and between 9.30am and 3.30pm on Fridays.

To receive a voucher, you must have reached the age of 70 years young, be resident in the Parish, and you will be asked to present some means of identification.

If you have any difficulty in attending the Parish Hall in person, please contact Julie Martin on 854724, but please be aware that vouchers unclaimed after the above distribution sessions have finished will be returned to the benefactor.

NISSAN SAYS HELLO FREELANCE

Opening Soon

Freelance, Longueville Road St Saviour JE2 7SA Tel: 01534 703300
Garden rescue

Jersey in Transition’, a group promoting a new approach to environmental security, came to St Clement in September. Here’s the background from Nigel Jones.

The transition movement started in Totnes in Devon in 2005 to build economic and social resilience into towns and communities. Resilience is the ability to withstand shocks and disturbances. Transition towns worldwide try to engage peoples’ heads, hearts and hands in local projects that reduce dependence on long supply chains and fossil fuels, while also reducing waste and building strong, interconnected local communities. Jersey became a transition island in 2011.

‘Jersey in Transition’ (JiT) holds several events every month. JiT is a member of the Jersey Association of Charities, and all its events are open to everyone, unpaid, and free of charge. JiT members and organisations sympathetic to the aims of JiT organise the events and kindly lend the use of their venues when needed. There is a bread-making or baking group, an up-cycling or sewing group, and a group dedicated to growing fruit and vegetables. There are film nights, drinks nights, meditations, and local people with knowledge and skills are invited to lead walks and talks on relevant topics. You may have come across JiT members offering ‘free hugs’ in King Street some Saturdays, which may brighten a few people’s day just a little.

JiT Workdays began as a way for JiT members to help local organic growers in these tough economic times. A team of people at a weekend took on tasks on farms in exchange for lunch, a day in the fresh air, and a chance to meet up and work together with friends. Examples have included hedge cutting, shifting field fences, planting out, and bagging local organic wheat flour as it poured from the stones at Quetivel water mill.

In September 2012, JiT tried a different slant on this - working around a member’s garden that had got out of hand. Ten people turned out on a Sunday afternoon and cut the hedge, mended the fence, pruned the cherry and the fig trees, dug out some big unwanted roots, and cleared and dug the borders. Michelle had prepared a magnificent tea with homemade soups, home-baked bread and cakes. With so many hands, the garden was done in a few hours, barring a trip to the green recycling centre the next morning. A great afternoon out was had by all, with a bit of exercise, making some new friends and catching up with old, and the satisfaction of seeing a lot of jobs well done. One member got some useful firewood from the tree pruning, and another came away with a bough of cherry wood that might provide some very nice woodturning when it has seasoned a little. The informal ‘gift economy’ just keeps on giving!

For more information on JiT events, there is a Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/groups/jerseyintransition or e-mail jit@mistweb.net.

Memory Corner: Teachers’ play-time

Searching through the archives, I came up with an unusual take on Parish life – the school trip abroad. In the days this was taken, they certainly weren’t nearly as ambitious as today. So a modest hop to France for the day, appears to have seen pretty well the entire teaching complement of St Clement’s school ‘en vacances’. There don’t seem to be any pupils in the background, so who knows what happened to school that day? But I show you this not with the familiar ‘who do you remember?’ question – they are all immediately recognisable - but simply to refresh impressions of student days at St Clement when the world was seen in monochrome.
Remembering our heroes

Our feature on the last edition on the local heroes who fell in the Great War has drawn much interest. As the nation honoured its dead on Remembrance Sunday, an illustrated Roll of Honour in the form of power-point slides was displayed at the service at St Clement’s Church. Martyn Dryden tells how it came about.

A couple of years back, I was standing at the memorial outside the Parish Hall on Remembrance Sunday and wondering who the people were who we were remembering – there are only initials, no Christian names – so I decided to find out. We now have photos, details on where they lived, who their parents and siblings were, details about the conflicts they served in or the ship they went down on, and information from people who actually knew them. There are over 220 slides in the presentation. It gets added to every year as more information comes to light. We have managed to bring these young men back to life – the photos and the information from the Victoria College Books of Remembrance is particularly poignant. In time, we hope to create a printed version that will be permanently available in the church. We would certainly be pleased to learn more about our fallen heroes and would welcome information from parishioners concerning family members or individuals they knew who are commemorated on the list – or whose details should be added. We will remember them.

Church notice board

St Clément Parish Church www.stclementschurch.org.je

Pattern of weekly worship

8am St Clement’s Parish Church Holy Communion
9am St Nicholas Church (Grève D’Azette) Holy Communion
10.30am St Clement’s Parish Church

1st and 3rd in month
Morning Worship 2nd in month
Family Service 4th in month

Samarès Methodist Centre
www.samarès.ci-methodist.org.uk

Baby Buzz: Parents and toddlers club on Mondays between 9.30am and 11.30am. Come early for freshly brewed coffee!
Coffee Buzz: a place to drop on for freshly brewed coffee and home-backed fabulous cakes on Fridays between 10.30am and 12 noon.

St Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church

Pattern of weekly worship

10am Saturday- Service of reconciliation
6pm Saturday - Vigil
11am Sunday– Mass

Someone is praying for you

Once a month a few Christians from different churches gather to pray for St Clement and for issues that concern the Island as a whole. If you wish to join this group or have a special need that you would like them to bring before God, please ring 736902.
**Special Anglican Services for Christmas**

**Sunday 16th December**
- 10.30am at the Parish Church: Nativity Service
- 6pm at the Parish Church: Christmas Carol Service

**Sunday 23rd December**
- 6.30pm at the Parish Church: Quiet Christmas Service, designed for those people for whom Christmas is not necessarily a happy time, or who simply want to celebrate the season in a more reflective way.

**Monday 24th December** (Christmas Eve)
- 2pm at the Parish Church: Christingle service for babies and toddlers (very noisy)
- 3pm at the Parish Church: Christingle service for babies and toddlers (very noisy)
- 5pm at St Nicholas Church: Christingle service for all the family
- 6.30pm at the Parish Church: Christingle service for all the family
- 11pm at the Parish Church: Midnight Communion

**Tuesday 25th December** (Christmas Day)
- 9am at St Nicholas Church: Christmas Day Holy Communion
- 10.30am at the Parish Church: Christmas Day Family Service

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**Samarès Methodist Centre**

By Angela Noel

**On the 1st December** the Jersey Retreat Association will be holding a day of reflection at the Centre starting at 9.30am and finishing at 4pm. Karen Blampied, who has written about all the parish icons, will be leading the day. Her theme is Icons of the Nativity. The cost of the day including lunch is £15.00. For further details telephone 875800.

**On the Friday before Christmas** (21st Dec) there will be no Coffee Buzz but we will be meeting at 4pm for a service of ‘Carols and Readings for Christmas’ by candlelight, followed by a festive meal. All are welcome if you wish to stay for the meal please let us know, for catering purposes. Our telephone number is 856048 for all enquires about the centre, there is an answering machine and we will get back to you.

We have a hall suitable for meetings or for music practice, we also have internet and photocopying facilities available.

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What's on...

**Monday 19th November**
Weight Watchers, Eastern Good Companions Club, 10.30am (weekly)
Trefoil Guild at Grève d’Azette Guides HQ.
(First Monday of each month) All ex-Guides welcome. Contact Kay Hannaford 732059

**Friday 23rd November**
St Clements Day Dinner at the Ambassadeur Hotel, 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets from the Parish Hall priced at £25.

**Saturday 24th November**
St Clements Battle of Flowers Association Christmas Sale at the Parish Hall, 9am-1pm, with refreshments provided by the juniors.

**Friday 3th November**
St Clements Battle of Flowers Association AGM at Parish Hall, 7.30pm. All parishioners welcome.

**Saturday 1st December**
St Clements Sports Club Christmas Fayre at the Parish hall, 10am-2pm.

**Monday 3rd December**
Senior Citizens’ Christmas Lunch at the Hotel Ambassadeur. A few tickets are still available from the Parish Hall priced at £5 each.

Grève d’Azette WI meeting at the Parish Hall, 7.45pm. All welcome. Contact Miss Bartholomew on 733272 for further details.

**Tuesday 4th December**
Senior Citizens’ Christmas Lunch **(FULL)**

**Monday 10th December**
Senior Citizens’ Christmas Lunch **(FULL)**

**Wednesday 12th December**
St Clement WI Victorian Christmas with Cally Noel. Parish Hall, 2.30pm. All welcome. Contact Mrs Marshall on 857616 for further details.

**Thursday 13th December**
Father Christmas at the Parish Hall, 4.40pm.

**Saturday 15th December**
St Clement Junior Flower table top sale. Parish Hall from 10am-2pm. ‘Caribbean Christmas’ evening extravaganza also at the Parish Hall. For tickets and details, call Rebecca on 729802 or Michelle on 733272 for further details.

**Monday 7th January 2013**
Grève d’Azette WI meeting at the Parish Hall, 7.45pm. All welcome. Contact Miss Bartholomew on 733272 for further details.

**Wednesday 9th January 2013**
St Clement WI meeting featuring a talk on Holidays for Heroes. Parish Hall, 2.30pm.

**Saturday 2nd February 2013**
Indoor “Car Boot” sale at the Parish Hall from 9.30am-2pm on behalf of Jersey Cancer Trust. Contact Anna on 725070 for more details.

**Wednesday 13th February 2013**
St Clement WI meeting featuring fudge making with Sue Le Gresley. Parish Hall, 2.30pm.

To advertise your event free of charge just email all the details to N.blandin@posc.gov.je the deadline for the next edition is 18th February 2013.
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