Shed damage could threaten Battle entry

Grouville’s Battle of Flowers entry is feeling the effects of the damage storm Angus did to the parish shed back in November.

A tree from a field opposite the shed, on La Rue de Grouville, crashed into the building, destroying part of the roof and causing damage to the structure at one end. Initial estimates suggest the cost of the repair could be as much as £30,000, although the parish’s insurance will be able to cover that.

However, due to various reports and structural surveys, the repair work has been held back for some weeks and, at the time of printing, was awaiting building control to pass the plans for the repair work due to the change in building methods since its original construction in the 1980s.

As soon as it is given the green light, work will start straight away – something Constable John Le Maistre is very keen on as there are growing concerns that the longer it takes before the re-build can begin, the more chance it has of impacting on the parish’s Battle entry. He said: ‘I’m hoping to get it all done within the next three months. If not, then it is going to be problematic for the Battle of Flowers people as they will need to put the float together and to start sticking all the flowers in the final days before the parade. The orders for flowers, which can cost anything up to £15,000, go in around now so, once they have been placed, there is no turning back.

‘That said, if we haven’t had the work finished by then, I am sure that the community in Grouville will come together – like it does whenever we need something – to make sure that our parish float is completed on time.’

The parish Battle team have managed to get another source of electricity into the building to help them with the work they need to do in the early stages and hairstyling is taking place at the Constable’s home at Les Pres Manor in the meantime.

Mr Le Maistre added: ‘There’s a great community spirit in Grouville, so I am confident we will get it sorted one way or another.’

The Labey family had great reason to celebrate this spring after acting star Jonny won ITV’s Dance, Dance, Dance. Full story page 5
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Do you have old images from Gorey Regatta?

by Philip Jeune

Gorey Regatta is one of the oldest in the world – in fact 2017 will see the 160th anniversary of sailors coming together to race against each other in the Royal Bay of Grouville.

The Gorey Regatta Association has researched the history of Channel Island regattas and the Gorey Regatta was first mentioned in 1857 when it was recorded in both The Chroniques and The Jersey Times as having taken place on Monday 31st August and Tuesday 1st September of that year.

The Times reporter concluded: ‘According to all accounts, the men were well pleased with the Regatta, and grateful for the trouble its promoters had taken, and which was justified by loudly cheering the committee at the conclusion of the sports.

‘As a first trial, the Regatta at Gorey was successful – the want of a breeze was the only drawback to all going off on the first day most satisfactorily. It was a good idea of the committee to provide other amusements besides racing; they appeared to be appreciated by the public, who on the whole were undoubtedly pleased with the day’s holiday.’

One hundred and sixty years later the event, which in 2017 will take place on 1st and 2nd July, attracts sailors of all ages from St Helier, St Catherine and Carteret as well as Gorey and features races for a wide variety of craft from racing and cruising yachts to day-boats and dinghies.

The regatta is sponsored by Logicalis, the largest IT services company in the Channel Islands, who have also kindly agreed to sponsor a publication celebrating the forthcoming 160th anniversary.

The association would like to include as many images as possible from past regattas, especially those held before the Second World War, and are appealing to parishioners to let them know if they have any old photographs, programmes or particular memories linked to Gorey Regatta that they would like to make available for possible inclusion in the publication.

Incidentally, the Association would also be interested to know if the regatta has ever been held at La Rocque. An old postcard at the Jersey Archive of small boats sailing at La Rocque recently came to light and the caption claimed it was Gorey Regatta. If correct, we would love to have some more information.

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Your Battle of Flowers team are working hard to put on a great show again this year and to fill your social calendars with events.

The Miss Grouville Competition and dinner will be held on Saturday, 22 April, once again at the Royal Jersey Golf Club. We’re on the lookout for entrants so if you know of any woman keen to enter who will be 18 or over on Battle Day and has lived in Jersey for two years and Grouville for six months, then please let us know or encourage them to enter.

There is a prize of £200 for the winning entrant, with cash prizes for runners up as well. If you just want to purchase tickets, these are available at a cost of £26 for a three course meal, viewing the competition itself, music, dancing and, as always, excellent raffle prizes.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Junior Miss Grouville Competition will be held at 1pm at Les Pres Manor on Sunday, 9 April. There will be arts and crafts, competitions with prizes as well as the hunt itself – all for £5 a child. The Junior Miss Grouville Competition will be held at the hunt; so if you know a keen young lady who’s lived in Grouville for six months, lived in Jersey for two years and is between the ages of 7-11 by the competition date, please let us know via email.

The year so far has had many obstacles for your float. As many of you will have seen, the Parish Shed, where we build our float, is missing a large part of its roof following a storm in November. This has affected large parts of our work area, mainly for the harestailing and costume making teams. We are looking forward to getting this fixed.

We have also recently been told that no harestails can be delivered to the Island until around June. We have a reasonably large stock and the option to trade with other floats, but this does mean much of the work normally done in March, April and May will be crammed into June and July, when we would prefer to be getting ready to put the fresh flowers on the float.

In November last year we lost Phil Myers, a former chairman and long-term supporter of the float and an expert cabinet maker without whom so many of our floats would not have been possible over the years. His skill, guidance and friendship is already being missed by all.

Finally, I think I can let you all know now what our chosen themes are for our floats this year. The Senior Float will be entering Rapscallion (The Adventures of Captain Steampunk) and the Junior team will be entering Wizard and I, a float based on the musical Wicked. With exceptional designs and an exceptional team, these floats will be sure to make you proud of your Parish.

As always, please get in touch if you can help in any way, we always need more skilled help or people willing to learn. We are a friendly and welcoming team and looking forward to seeing you at some point this year!

If you want to get in touch regarding any of the events, then please just e-mail us at grouvillebattle@gmail.com.
Dancing to the Top

Grouville’s very own Jonny Labey continues to go from strength to strength, most recently winning a prime-time television dancing competition.

Dance, Dance, Dance saw a bunch of celebrities all compete against one another to see who could impress the judges the most to take the crown.

And after a memorable – and quite stunning – rendition of Michael Jackson’s dance routine for Scream, along with his girlfriend Chrissy Brooke, the local boy took the honours with a perfect score of 120.

Back in his home parish, his family and friends were cheering him along every weekend from the Seymour Inn. Jonny’s mum Collette said: ‘It was the idea of Vicky Davis, who is manageress at the Seymour.

‘Most Thursdays after working on the Grouville Float, the men go to The Seymour for a drink and discussion on plans for following week and Andy and Vicky treat them like family. When Dance, Dance, Dance came up Vicky suggested the first screening of the show to invite all to come watch at the pub and then it became a weekly event. Vicky even put posters up to advertise to her regulars too. So every Sunday night for six weeks The Seymour was very busy. We were so grateful to them for their support.’

Describing how it felt to be watching her son back on prime time television in the evenings, Collette added: ‘We have seen him more in the last year on TV than we have in real life! That’s not a complaint, as it means he is growing from strength to strength, working hard and doing a career that he loves and has trained in.’

Deep down, Collette and the rest of the family have been immensely proud of Jonny and what he has achieved: ‘Being Jersey-born, whenever I see someone from this Island do well - in whatever field they have chosen – it’s such a great honour for the people to say they come from our little Island and putting Jersey on the map.

‘So when it was Jonny’s turn, the support has been immense!’
Meet the Officer

NAME: Nick Andrews
AGE: (58)
FAMILY: Single with two adult sons, James (26) at Swansea University completing a PHD and Alex (21) working in finance.

OCCUPATION: Director of local construction firm, Peter Green Builders, also chartered quantity surveyor.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Touring on my motorbike with fellow riders, toured Ireland last year – amazing! Also relaxing with my family and friends.

YEARS IN THE FORCE: 21
RANK IN THE FORCE: Centenier

ANY SPECIFIC ROLE/DUTY IN THE FORCE: Chef de Police, member of the Prosecution Group and Honorary Police insurance group.

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE HONORARY POLICE: A local Centenier came to my home to see me on another matter and said that I should think about joining and was invited to the Parish Hall soon after and that was it, no going back!

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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO ANYONE CONSIDERING JOINING THE HONORARY POLICE IN GROUVILLE? Try it, you might really like it. If you do, you will be glad you stepped up. It gives you an appreciation of your community, which you would otherwise never see. You will make friends and meet interesting people. It is not just about wearing a uniform!

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always rely on Charles to point me in the right direction. If he did not know, he would know someone who did. So thank you from all of us - you will be missed.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Chef de Police, Centenier Nick Andrews. Again he is an officer of longstanding both in Grouville and St Clement, where he began. Rather than me write about him he has kindly agreed to be this issue’s Meet the Officer.

Remember we are always looking for new officers, so if you are interested please contact the duty Centenier on 07797 710321 or myself on 07797 758668 for a chat.

GROUVILLE HONORARY POLICE

Everyone needs to be aware of the road and weather conditions, whether you are driving or walking and, of course, everyone needs to be seen. We have had complaints of pedestrians walking at night in dark clothing with no light. I came across a couple with a pushchair walking at night, with the traffic; fortunately I was not driving at any great speed and could avoid them. Please make sure that you can be seen.

On the same subject, over our last two road checks, it is appalling how many vehicles have defective lights, and the number of drivers that know they have and have not repaired them. The Road Traffic (Lighting) (Jersey) Order 1998, Part 3: 24 (1) – No person shall use or cause or permit to be used, on a road a vehicle unless every lamp, reflector, rear marking and device is in good working order. The actual law is very long and sometimes difficult to digest, but the bare bones are, if your car is fitted with a lamp, it must work.

ALL CHANGE

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Centenier Charles Dix. He has served the Parish for 28 years, 27 as a Centenier and 18 as Chef de Police. His knowledge of the Parish and those that live in it is phenomenal and when, as a new Centenier, I felt out of my depth, I could
Hello again! It seems like 2017 is speeding along for all of us at Gorey. We have been busy planning what we want to do this year, and starting all of the projects that our young people want to get involved in. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the community members who have donated Christmas cards and jam jars for our art projects. These have been gratefully received and we encourage everyone to catch the recycling bug.

As we are firm believers in giving our young people a voice, and letting them have a say in their club, this column is being handed over to our staff and members. Therefore, welcome to our club's young journalists!

What's happening?
By young people and Christine – sessional youth worker for Gorey

Since the last edition the club has had a busy Christmas with lots of topical arts and crafts, parties and fun! We are busy planning for spring and have launched a Monday evening Gardening Club, where we aim to grow fruit and vegetables in tyres. I bet you wondered what the tyres were for when driving past!

Well they are our new allotment space! Kindly donated by ‘Pauls Tyres’ to give us a mini garden which we will be decorating soon. Eve, a young person here, declared that she was keen to grow strawberries because they are the tastiest fruit. However, Dominic who attends on a Friday wanted to try to grow potatoes for homemade chips. They all agreed that herbs are easy to grow and will be useful as a pizza topping. At club we have developed the technique for making pitta bread or naan bread, pizzas and these prove to be a huge success. James is particularly good at stuffing his base into a great variation of a calzone, and has learned some independent cooking skills. We have also been trying out some food science check out our skittle rainbows!

We do get various requests from young people and these vary according to the age bracket. The young people on a senior session like to watch movies, play sport and generally hang out with mates. Food such as popcorn, pizzas, and jugs of squash, are usually around as we do like our food at the club. For 50p on a Friday you get a film and popcorn as well as the use of the club facilities, bring your takeaway and eat in front of the big screen, who says Friday nights are boring? Gorey youth project is a charity; the entrance fee pays for activities and staff to run the session. We reduced our entrance on a senior and intermediate night to 50p, so that those who had to get a bus to us could afford to come in. Therefore we heavily rely on the good will of others in the form of donations and/or volunteers to help us deliver the fun activities and opportunities that we do. Currently we are appealing to people for seedlings for various fruit and veg, gardening gloves, tools, and compost to fill out the top soil in our tyre allotment. If you can donate anything please contact Ciara. You can also donate to the club via the Association of Jersey Charities website jerseycharities.org under Gorey youth project. All donations go straight into the club for our young people and they have a say in how it is spent.

What we say
By Dom and George, young volunteers and senior members

Hey guys! It’s Dominic and George and we are seniors who go to the Friday night club. We have been here since Juniors and now volunteered to give back to the club. We would be keen if more people come on the Friday night session as it would give us more opportunities to meet new people. More people would also mean that we could set up a mini sport tournament. Also, we like coming here because it gives us something to do on a Friday night rather than sit around at home, getting bored, and it keeps young people like us out of trouble. The club also gives us someone to talk to if we need them. The workers treat us as if we are adults as well and there is always company, and lots fun things to do!

Help Needed!!
We are looking for volunteers to join the Gorey Youth Project committee. The committee meets quarterly and plays a pivotal role in providing support to the project and the Senior Youth Worker. Our primary role is to ensure that the project remains funded and able to offer the wide range of services and activities that it currently provides. Without additional people to support our fund raising activity it will become increasingly difficult to maintain the project in its current form. If you think you could help or would like further information please contact Paul Tandy (Chairperson) on 07797 725007.

Youth Club News
by Senior Youth Worker Ciara Mooney

The girls enjoying their Skittles rainbow

The alcohol awareness challenge

The boys playing some pool
This term Grouville Brownies have welcomed three new members and have had a really busy time.

We welcomed Yolanda Saez Castello who is an advanced Tapping practitioner to meet the girls and teach them about tapping and try the techniques for themselves. We all enjoyed the session – thank you Yolanda for your time.

We enjoyed Chinese New Year with games and trying some delicious spring rolls, crackers and fortune cookies. We spent several weeks sewing together for our entry in the Eisteddfod. We celebrated Thinking Day in February, a worldwide event for Girlguiding when we think about Brownies and other members in other countries. We invited the Guides to join us at our meeting where we all enjoyed an evening learning some origami and other crafts from Japan.

As a unit we have worked together on our 'Friends to Animal' challenge badge. The girls wrote a poem and drew pictures of their favourite animals or pets and we discovered we have some very talented young authors. We will complete the badge next term with a trip to Durrell.

The Brownies took part in some fundraising for the unit by completing the 'Smartsies Challenge'. The girls completed tasks at home and after enjoying the Smarties used the tube to fill the tube with coins. Well done girls.

Brownies writing poems – Iman, Ella & Emily
Duck Pond News

by Belinda Calvani

We have made the most of the unusually frosty weather by learning about and experimenting with ice.

The children monitored what substance makes ice melt the quickest, painted with coloured ice cubes and enjoyed chipping at large blocks of ice with hammers and chisels. The highlight was probably making banana ice cream!

We have been learning about Chinese New Year from one of our parents who is Chinese. Our home corner is a Chinese Restaurant; we have been using chopsticks and having a go at Chinese style water-colour painting. We made a dragon head for dancing and learnt about the Chinese zodiac.

We are also planning a ‘Book Week’ and a ‘Science Week’ later in the term.

We will shortly be starting to prepare for our Show which has been moved forward from summer to Easter this year. There will be lots of action songs, playing of percussion instruments, a rap and a gym activity.
Rod and Lisa (the States Chamber Representatives) welcomed us and shared lots of interesting information about the history of the States Chamber. Inside the magnificent building we saw pictures of Queen and Kings and learnt about how they controlled their countries.

When we went into the States Chamber, we sat down in our special seats ready to rehearse our debate. I was the Greffier and I had to quickly learn how to call the register in French! We then started our debate which was: Should football games be allowed in schools during break time or should they be banned? There were lots of viewpoints to consider, including the arguments that football causes during the school day! The vote was cast and the results concluded that football should be banned! I am not too sure how the rest of the school would feel about the vote!

I felt the States Chamber was a very important place because there was a big statue of King George in front the building. There was a crest above the door like on the flag of Jersey. When we were looking around some people who worked in the Sates Chamber called Rod and Lisa came to talk to us about the Chamber and Rod told us that we have the States Chamber for our freedom.

After the talk, we all went inside the building and the staircase had a lovely red carpet with gold lines on either side. As soon as I stepped in the building I felt like the Queen because it was so beautiful. At the top of the stairs there was a painting of the Queen and of an old sitting. The ceiling just outside the room had a stained glass picture of the parish crests. I really felt like a Queen in this beautiful part of the building.

Inside the States Chamber, the chairs were royal red and very squeaky! I was a Constable for the Parish of St. Martin. Amelie Walton was the Dean of Jersey who says the Lord’s Prayer in French; Finn was the Bailiff who keeps control – almost like a teacher! Then we had our debate which was very dramatic – ‘should football be banned from school?’ Not everyone was pleased with the decision to ban football but I certainly was!

By Tamsin Ingram

By Finn Bennett

Grouville School visit to the States Chamber

The children in the States Chamber
Getting to know...

Jenny Lodge

by Anita Boyce

Jenny started gardening as a small child, helping her father in his one acre garden in Worcestershire. Even back then she found weeding a fun thing to do!

At the age of 17 she came to Jersey and started working at Howard Davis Park followed by the States of Jersey nursery at Mont a L’Abbe.

From there Jenny went to Pershore College of Horticulture and gained her HND. She then spent a few years travelling to various countries between periods spent back in Jersey. South Africa gave her knowledge of the many plants that grow in Jersey but originate from there.

In Sydney, Australia, she gained experience as a nurserywoman before moving on to Perth where she worked with a landscape company. Finally in the USA she worked in private gardens across the country. All of which taught her much about plants that suit many climates and conditions.

Returning to Jersey, Jenny started working as a propagator in the gardens of Samares Manor before becoming employed as head gardener, working there 16 years in total.

Jenny now works part time for herself and her speciality is border design, using her knowledge and experience of how to group plants and the conditions they need. She likes to create all year round interest in the garden using foliage form and colour, as well as flowers.

She also does general tidy ups including the all-important correct pruning!! Jenny can be contacted on 07797 910157

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My name is Lucy Willis and I have grown up in Grouville since the age of one. I attended Grouville Primary School, Le Rocquier then Hautlieu. In late August I moved to Beijing to study at Bayi School which Hautlieu has a link with. Here are some of my blog entries so you get an idea of what the life of a student is like over there.

Aug. 31, 2016
Today I went to school for the half day induction where I met the rest of the 10th Grade and the teachers. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming I felt like I belonged straight away – apart from the long school hours 07.40-16.40! I am really looking forward to having a full day tomorrow and hopefully improving my Chinese as quite a few of my peers have offered to help me learn Chinese, if I help them to learn English. Despite the fact they all socialise in Chinese I didn’t feel left out as they explain to me what is happening.

Sep. 23, 2016
This week was a hectic six-day school week because we had an extra day off for the Moon Festival so we had to make it up on the Sunday!

When working with the main Bayi school I met a boy who started speaking in English to me. It turned out that he had lived in Bath for a year when he was in Grade 1 (year 2). I found this oddly relieving that there was someone else who speaks English and I could ask for help if the other Bayiid (Bayi International Department) people are not around.

Oct. 7, 2016
Yesterday, I met up with an amazing group of friends and went to a mall on the other side of Beijing near school. We went to the arcade, ate Korean food, watched L.O.R.D in the IMAX cinema, ate hotpot then went over to KTV (the karaoke place) and sang a combination of both English and Chinese songs. Sadly they didn’t have ‘Ni wen wo ai ni’, which is the only Chinese song I know. We were at KTV for two hours and sang songs like ‘Counting Starts’, ‘Skyfall’, ‘Payphone’, ‘Wrecking Ball’, ‘LA LA LA’ and ‘Bang Bang’. It was a really good laugh. China is obviously designed better for the younger generations, as everything is so much easier here, more arcades, KTV and just general places for people to hangout. I think I might find that difficult when I return to Jersey because it will all feel so small compared to Beijing. Yesterday, to get to the mall, it was about the same distance as travelling to St Ouen’s from Gorey. There was plenty to do for the whole day. I was there from 9.30am until 8pm and there were loads of other things to do.

This week will be very long! We go back tomorrow which is a Saturday and we have a long seven day week. I think it will be interesting and a good time.

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My First Term at School in China – continued from page 13

Just to stress, I don’t often meet up with people outside of school hours because everyone else in my grade wants to go to an American University so they study for the TOEFL (Teaching of English as a Foreign Language) exam during the weekend, as well as doing all the homework set. This leaves them no time for socialising, which seems a shame.

Dec. 3, 2016
The weather here in Beijing has been freezing. Last Monday it snowed and the pond had frozen over and some of the 9th graders were throwing things at it to try and crack it. I think the coldest it has been so far is -7°C which is rather cold. I went outside after not properly dry-ing my hair and by the time I reached the subway station, about 500 metres away from where I live, my hair was frozen together. This week, however, has been lovely and warm reaching a tropical temperature of 8°C. The pollution has also been rather hit and miss. The Air Quality Index was about 300 for five days then it suddenly dropped to below 50 for a few days before it went up again. The last few days have been fluctuating like that, until it has suddenly risen to 478 which is the highest it has ever been whilst I have lived here. To give you some idea of how bad that is, the safe limit is up to 100 with anything over that unhealthy. Over 400 is ‘Hazardous’. At these levels we spend as little time as possible outside and rely on the air purifiers inside. Beijing is notorious for its winter pollution.

The amount of homework has still been almost unbearable with so many subjects due in the next day including essays, long tests and very complicated physics. I know that when I come home in 11 days that most of my big suitcase will be full of lots of lovely work to keep me busy during my holiday. Such fun!

Having said that, for all the drawbacks and despite missing my family in Jersey I will still look forward to returning to Beijing for the second semester in February!

Lucy Willis (16 years old)
Welcome to the World of Politics

by Deputy Carolyn Labey

What a brave new world we live in! Since writing my last article Fidel Castro has died, Trump has been elected and Britain (is about to has) trigger(ed) Article 50 to formally give notice to come out of the EU.

I attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Annual conference in London just before Christmas. The Commonwealth is going to play a more significant role for us post-Brexit, so it is important to play an active part in the various networks and opportunities they offer. It is also useful to learn how the smaller jurisdictions, like ourselves, deal with issues such as population, healthcare and education.

While in London I attended a Westminster parliamentary briefing with Peers and MPs after the publication of Jersey Finance’s report explaining Jersey’s value to Britain. A report which identifies that Jersey adds £14 billion to the UK economy – not to mention the employment it gives to many Islanders.

I am currently working with another of our industries at the moment – agriculture and our Jersey Cow. What greater Ambassador do we have for our Island? On Jersey Overseas Aid we are currently giving some of our grant monies to the RJA&HS who are working in Rwanda. It is hoped that this two-year project will transform the milk industry in the African nation, and not only the industry. It will bring nutrition to children and afford them an education which, in turn, will give them opportunities to support themselves in the future.

Also on Jersey Overseas Aid, the people of Jersey can be justly proud of supplying food, blankets and essential supplies, through the Red Cross Winterisation parcels, to the children in war-torn Aleppo in Syria. Just as the people of Jersey received food parcels from the Canadian Red Cross in the last days of the German Occupation, so it is good to give back the kindness and humanitarian aid that was once shown to Islanders.

I must confess that work has been a lot more rewarding than attending the States Assemblies in 2017 so far. We now have a totally botched-up electoral system made up of 19 constituencies covering 12 parishes, six super constituencies and one Island vote for the six remaining Senatorial seats. Also, Scrutiny had to fight to be allowed to do its job and scrutinise the new hospital funding, which is the biggest amount of States expenditure ever. The vote was won by 29 votes to 13, with the Council of Ministers voting against it being scrutinised. We have also had a vote of no confidence and a vote of censure on the agenda – and all by mid-February.

Meanwhile the Parish Assembly gave overwhelming support to a co-ordinated approach to speed limits, both in the parish and between parishes boundaries. The Assembly voted for a 30mph speed limit with 20mph around the school. Let’s hope the Parish Roads Committee can work with the Department of Infrastructure to implement this decision as soon as possible.

It was wonderful to see many of you at the full-to-bursting Hotel Ambassador for lunch in January, where I was standing in for the Constable.

And finally I have a request to younger people in the parish who would consider helping me to set up a young people’s political forum. Please get in touch to discuss.

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Parish Personality Portraits No. 38
Commander Judith Terry OBE
by Al Thomas

It’s not too often we can boast about one of our parishioners being a serving officer in the Senior Service. And not just your average serving officer but the Logistics Commander on HMS Ocean, an amphibious assault ship, the UK’s helicopter carrier and Fleet Flagship no less, operating ...shh! somewhere in the gulf.

Judith (Jude) born and educated on the Island… St Clement’s School and JCG (we’ll forgive the St Clement connection) was always a competitive and active young lady interested in most active sports, particularly water sports but most of all horse riding.

However when the subject of career ambitions came up at A-level time, as far as Jude was concerned the Royal Navy was top of the list. Not so unusual as you may think, as salt water runs in the genes. Dad Robin was a Chief Petty Officer serving on HMS Tiger when she was born, retiring to Jersey when he left the service. Consequently the family lived a large chunk of their lives in the naval ports of Plymouth and Portsmouth, but before our Commander-to-be could start singing ‘I am sailing, I am sailing’ Mum Margaret suggested that university should come first but a south coast university it was not. Dundee was the chosen destination (There’s a wee bit o’ haggis in the genes as well d’ye ken).

In 1997 with a BSc.(Hons) Anatomical Sciences Degree safely tucked into her top pocket and her interest in the Royal Navy unabated, she took the Queen’s shilling and soon after was knocking on the door of Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth. From there on it’s been something of a white water ride... HMS Boxer, HMS Scott, innumerable courses and roles as she climbed the promotional ladder... Junior Supply Officers Course, Supply Officer Personnel, Logistics and Supply Officer, Divisional Training Officer, Initial Command and Staff Course Maritime, Advanced Logistics Officer Course, Advanced Command and Staff Course ... to name but a very few of the nautical hurdles she has overcome.

In 2014 Judith Terry became Military Assistant (MA) to the Chief of Joint Operations (CJO) at Permanent Joint HQ (Northwood) and it was for her three years at Permanent Joint HQ for her work as Staff Officer Plans for the Afghanistan drawdown and MA to CJO that she received her well deserved OBE.

And in April 2016 Judith joined the Fleet Flagship, HMS Ocean in her present role of Commander Logistics.

What I would like to know, has there ever been a female Admiral in the British Navy ? and if not, I think Grouville has the ideal candidate. And in the meantime as the sun sinks slowly beyond the yardarm, be upstanding and raise your glasses to our own, our very own, Royal Naval Commander, Jude Terry OBE.
Welcome Holme....

Everything in store for Easter

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History of Gorey Village Part 3 – Gorey Village Station

by Michele Leerson

The Jersey Eastern Railway began its service from St Helier to Grouville on 6th August 1873. A few weeks later on Wednesday, 27th August, the line was extended to Gorey Village. It was a further 18 years until the line continued on to Gorey Pier, opening in May 1891. This service from St Helier to Gorey continued for more than 50 years until its closure in 1929.

The people of Gorey and neighbouring areas were very keen for the railway to be built and had petitioned the States for its construction in 1870 to improve the economy and accessibility of this eastern part of the island. When it opened, its impact upon the village was considerable: the track divided the common for the first time; a large stone station house was built opposite the National School, incorporating a waiting room, stationmaster’s house and a 225 feet platform. At the southern end of the platform a water tower was built above a pump house that was used to fill up the trains with free water from the nearby brook. The first stationmaster appears to have been George Biggins, who was recorded as the stationmaster in the 1881 census. Various villagers were also employed as labourers, porters, platelayers and even engine drivers over the years it was running. Records show that A E Barratt took over the post of stationmaster after George Biggins and held the position up until 1902, when Francis Payn Saunders was then appointed. Francis had previously been a policeman and a turnkey at the New Gate prison.

The railway was a great success in the early years, particularly on weekends and public holidays when huge numbers made the excursion from St Helier to Gorey. Events held on the Common, such as the horse races, athletics meetings, military reviews and regattas brought thousands of day-trippers to the village. Just four days after the opening in 1873, 2,500 thousand people passed through Gorey Station to attend a fete on the Common.

However, these large numbers of passengers attending events often put the station staff at Gorey under huge pressure. The sheer volume of people, along with gangs of youths drinking in the local pubs and making their return journey in a rather inebriated state, meant that there were often problems. On 16 June 1889 it was reported that a gang of drunken lads were making a nuisance of themselves whilst waiting for the train to St Helier. Stationmaster Mr Biggins ordered the group to leave the station but was verbally abused and the porter, local boy James Arms, was assaulted by one of the
Lindsay Jupp bought the old station house and turned it into his home

Gorey station and, to the right, the area which is now the sandy play park

A map of the old line

group. The gang were quickly arrested by the local constabulary at Grouville Station and were later fined for their unruly behaviour.

Considering the numbers using the station, there were relatively few accidents. In September 1881 J Beck, the village butcher, suffered injuries to his arm when the locomotive, driven by an inexperienced driver, backed onto the train at excessive speed and collided heavily with the carriages. In 1898 a young lad employed by the railway to open and close carriage doors, slipped whilst trying to get back onto the train and fell between the platform and the train at Gorey and was tragically crushed by the carriages. His remains were recovered and placed in the station Waiting Room where the inquest also took place later that same day.

In the early 1920s the Jersey Motor Transport Company, better known as the JMT, commenced a bus service from the Weighbridge to Gorey. These buses were able to stop more frequently, offering an almost door-to-door service making the service more popular and thus the days of the railway were numbered. When the Jersey Eastern Railway went into liquidation in 1929 work began almost immediately to remove the track and sell off the assets.

In 1930 Gorey Village Station and the water tower were sold to Lindsay Barrington Jupp, who made the property his home along with his wife, Frances Catherine and their two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, later known as Betty Reid. During the German Occupation, Lindsay, who was born in London in 1881, and his family were deported to Germany on the 29th September 1942 and interned in Bad Wurzach until the end of the war.

Sometime after the family returned from this ordeal, the property, called Old Station House, was converted into a Guest House. Lindsay died in 1958 but his family continued to run the business and a small beach shop alongside the water tower for many years. The site has since been redeveloped.
Continuing Work at Grouville Parish Church

By Cindy Ferrow

After discovering the writings of the late Cyril Cauvain (featured in our last issue) work is still in progress at our Parish church.

The renovation of The Lady Chapel is completed and now that it is opened up it is looking splendid. Parishioners and visitors can now enjoy the bright new spacious area and are able to appreciate more fully the beautiful stained glass windows.

The South Chapel has also had a facelift with fresh decor, new lighting and radiators.

Work has now commenced in the Nave which has been totally boarded off and scaffold erected. The plaster has been removed exposing the granite and also (another interesting find) the bricked up cannon door on the north wall, which is still obvious from the exterior despite being closed off from inside.

So far the refurbishment fortunately has run smoothly with no major setbacks, so we give thanks for that and hopefully, the remainder of the task will run to schedule and be completed for our Easter services. We shall then be able to appreciate all the work that has been put in over the last few months.

Meanwhile all services are continuing as normal in The Lady Chapel, entry gained by the South door only.

Many thanks to Karen Lange-Smith for her help with the photographs.

Catholic Church in the East

The Catholic Parish in Jersey recently received a Visitation from the Bishop of Portsmouth, Bishop Philip Egan.

During his visit Bishop Philip honoured two Parish residents who received Awards for services to the Community and to the Catholic Church in Jersey.

Jurat Paul Nicole

Jurat Paul Nicole who lives in Gorey Village was awarded a ‘Papal Knighthood’ when he was elevated to the Order of St Gregory. This is a prestigious Papal Award and was given for his Services to the Community as a Jurat of the Royal Court and also in his many years’ service to Beaulieu Convent School, where he is chairman of the Trustees of Beaulieu Convent.

Aurelie Norman

Aurelie Norman was presented with a Diocesan Medal for long service to the Catholic Church in the East. Aurelie has been an organist for about 40 years at all our local Catholic Churches, including St Joseph’s Church and the Church of our Lady of the Assumption in Gorey Village, both now closed. She is currently the Organist at the Vigil Mass on a Saturday at St Patrick’s Church and she often plays at the Little Sisters. She is also well known for her beautiful singing voice.

In addition to her musical talents Aurelie has given over 25 years service as a bookkeeper at the Church of Our Lady, St Martin. She also organises the Catholic Churches participation in the Lenten Lunches at the Parish Hall.

We offer both Paul and Aurelie our warmest congratulations – these awards are very well deserved.

Meanwhile, there will be Lent Lunches held in the Parish Hall on Saturdays during Lent (4 March to 8 April inclusive).

Do come along and enjoy soups prepared using the best family recipes of church members and spend a sociable hour or two with friends.

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As usual funds raised from your contributions will go to International Aid charities.

4 March  Gouray Church
11 March  St Peter La Rocque
18 March  Parish Church
25 March  St Peter La Rocque
1 April    Catholic Church in the East
8 April    Parish Church

Messy Church
Grouville

By Myfanwy Halsey

A Church for all ages – particularly for those who do not ‘come to church’ – especially those with small children. Messy Church meets in the Parish Hall on the second Thursday of each month. The main part of the time is devoted to a range of craft activities—typically four or five different ones — which usually involve the potential for making a bit of a mess. Food is important in any gathering and as well as the drink and biscuit on arrival, Messy Church aims to allow everyone to eat a light supper together. During this time the helpers re-arrange the room, clearing away the messy craft tables and putting on display all of the handywork, often including a large poster or banner to which all have contributed.

After the meal, the final part of the session includes a song with actions which we all join in, and a Bible story when the storyteller can explain how the craft activities help tell the story, and then before going home, we say a simple prayer of blessing together.

If traditional church doesn’t do it for you, Messy Church just might. We’ve been going for a year now and our numbers are growing with children really enjoying the fun and concept of Messy Church and of course the food.

We meet from 3.30 to 5.30, usually at Grouville Parish Hall, and you will be welcome to join us. Look out for the banner on the rail opposite the Church.

2017 dates:
Good Friday, 14th April 10.00am in church (Easter special)
Thursday 11th May, Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 8th June, Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 13th July, Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 21st September Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 19th October Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 16th November Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 7th December Parish Hall 3.30-5.30pm

Children must bring an adult with them to Messy Church to enjoy the Messy fun

Further information available from Myfanwy Halsey. 07797720023, myfanwyhalsey@hotmail.com

Or see our Facebook page@Messy Church in Grouville or link on Grouville Church website for details and pictures of the Messy fun we are having.
As rhubarb is now in season and at its best, the following recipe from Jeff Freeman, Les Hoûmets Care Home’s resident chef, makes good use of this delicious fruit.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 165g plain flour
- 110g dark brown sugar
- 180g caster sugar
- 150g unsalted butter
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 3 eggs
- 4 tablespoons of chopped preserved ginger root
- 2 teaspoons of ground ginger
- 500g rhubarb

**METHOD**
1. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Centigrade (300°Fahrenheit) and line a baking dish with parchment or baking paper.
2. Wash and chop the rhubarb into bite size pieces. Toss with the caster sugar (add more or use less depending on how sweet you like it!)
3. Place the chopped rhubarb in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.
4. Cream the dark brown sugar and the butter together in a separate bowl until light and fluffy and then add the eggs one at a time.
5. Sift the flour, ground ginger, baking powder and salt together. Then fold into the creamed butter mixture together with the preserved ginger root pieces.
6. Spread the cake mixture on top of the chopped rhubarb.
7. Bake in the oven for 50-60 minutes. Let it cool in the dish for 30 minutes after baking, then tip out onto a serving plate and serve with custard or vanilla ice cream.
Occupation Memories

Do you remember a story of the family from France arriving at Maine’s Elfine Hotel at Gorey during the Second World War?
Did you meet any others from 18th to 29th June onwards who set sail from Carteret and Granville; arriving in Gorey Harbour hidden in the bottom of mainly fishing boats? Once in Jersey they were able to bus into St Helier and catch any boat available that took them to freedom.
I’m looking for anyone who knows anything about civilians or service personnel who escaped from France as the Germans advanced; answering the call of General De Gaulle on the Radio 18th June 1940.
I’m presently researching the last group of three young men who arrived on 29th June 1940 only to find there were no more boats going to England.
These three were hidden on a farm in St Martin for two months, before escaping to England, so successfully that the farmer’s descendants didn’t know the story.
I’ve been given one story about a French family arriving at the Maine’s Elfine Hotel at Gorey on the weekend of 17th June 1940 after seeing two German motor cyclists arrive in Carteret.
During the war I was living as an evacuee from Croydon in Camberley, Surrey and met up with three young men of the Free French Air Force, two of whom were killed at age 24 in 1944, shortly after the Invasion. I had always wondered if the third survived.
2015 was the 70th Anniversary of the end of war and so many memories came to mind I thought again of the Free French who didn’t even get a mention on Armistice Sunday.

I spent some time reading through French websites about the activities of 342 Lorraine Squadron before the name I was searching for, Georges Nativel, came up. Sadly he’d died in 2013 but I traced his youngest son who arranged for nine members of the family to visit me in Jersey last June – we still keep in touch.
At that time a strange thing happened as I came across a photograph of three men taken in Jersey in August 1940 and discovered a story that unravelled of people from France stowing away on Fishing boats in Carteret and Granville, being dropped off in Gorey Harbour. From then on they were free to travel to town and get on the next boat out of St. Helier Harbour for a safe journey to England.
As this happened before the Germans arrived I’ve not found anything about this scenario in the Occupation stories.
I’m progressing well on the story of three men who arrived here the night before the Germans landed and escaped by taking a boat from Rozel Harbour, landing in Dartmouth. Fact being stranger than fiction they ended up as mechanics to Georges Squadron and his son is helping me by visiting the Archives at Chateau de Vincennes, France.

If you have any information, please contact June at junebes@localdial.com or write to her at
June Beslievre, Genee Cottage, La Rue de la Hauteur, St. Lawrence JE3 1FY
At the close of the 2016 season the Knock-Out Cup was held for the Parish teams. Grouville were drawn against a St Martin team and were level at one game all before losing the triple 12-13, bringing our progress to an abrupt halt! St John went on to win the Cup.

The Grouville Petanque team have started the 2017 Inter Parish league. All 12 parishes are taking part and, to fit in, both ‘home’ and ‘away’ bi-weekly fixtures in the league will run from February through until November.

Having continued to play regularly through the winter, Grouville began the new season with a home match against St Helier, who finished just one place below us last year.

The Easter Challenge will be staged again this year at Holme Grown on Saturday 22nd April. This will be the third year and sees teams vying to win the Holme Grown Tomato trophy. In 2015 the coveted tomato was won by the Honorary Police team but last year they were narrowly beaten by the Grouville W.I. Both the Deputy and the Constable enter teams, as well as the Grouville Portbail Twinning Association and Stanley’s Holme Grown staff. To conclude, the participants retire to the restaurant to enjoy supper together.

As always, we would welcome any parishioners who would like to come along and find out a bit more about the sport and maybe join our happy group of players. No experience is required and no special clothing or equipment – we can loan you boules to start off and, should you find you enjoy it, it won’t be long before you will want to get your own set of boules to enjoy playing any time.

Just come along to the terrain at Holme Grown any Wednesday morning or Friday afternoon. Should you not find us there, it will be because we are playing an ‘away’ match, so you may prefer to phone me on 851580 first to check and we can then look out for you.

Meanwhile, following the success of the petanque events organised by Paul Sims in aid of the ‘Love Hearts Appeal’ in December, we held the ‘Gorey Boys Christmas petanque doubles’ tournament, which raised £770.10 for Headway.

Thirty players took part, with play spreading from the small terrain on the common onto the cycle path. The winners were ‘Taylor Made’ (Richard Taylor and David Radcliffe) who played ‘The Petanque Shop Boys’ (John Thwaites and Barry Radcliffe) in the final.

The day was rounded off with a Christmas lunch at the Bass & Lobster followed by a Christmas quiz. The Old Bank House put up a raffle prize (£30 meal voucher), which was drawn later in the evening. Bruno’s Bakery kindly provided pies and cakes for all to enjoy during the competition and, of course, a big thank you to the JPA for loaning the boules.

Anyone interested in taking part in future charity tournaments in the parish are encouraged to contact Paul Sims, Director at 1st Recruitment via his email address paul.sims@1strecruit.co.uk
The Eastern Air Rifle Club recently held their annual Open competition at the recently-refurbished Stanley England Memorial Range, with competitors from various clubs across Jersey and Guernsey competing for the M.F. Gotel Perpetual Shield for air rifle and A. & L. Ahier Memorial trophy for air pistol.

The Rifle Class A competition was a closely fought affair with Jonny Bouchard of St.Lawrence Miniature Rifle Club coming out the eventual winner on 1,156 points. In second place was David Turner on 1,143, narrowly squeezing Peter Le Marinel into third on 1,141. Class B was won by Andy Chapman, with Liz Morin the sole competitor in Class C.

In the Pistol Class A, Mike Quenault built a commanding lead over a chasing Paul Guillou from Guernsey and ended up winning comfortably. Myles Hartley won Class B, beating Steve Baudains by 6 points, and Class C was won by Martin Mallet.

The cadet class attracted three competitors and was won convincingly by Leo Olsson who shot superbly to beat Noah Clark and Jonathan Marett.

The Eastern Air Rifle Club is open to anyone interested in taking up a new sport and is open to the public on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm at the Stanley England Memorial Range, which is situated behind Grouville Parish Hall.
Le Rocquier Y7 National Cup run

by Joel Hayward

This season has seen the Y7 boys football team enter the English Schools Football Association’s National 9-a-side Cup. This competition has over 550 entrants and crowns the best Y7 school team in the country. Le Rocquier are the only school in the Channel Islands who have entered this competition and have been able to do so primarily thanks to the sponsorship of Oben Law and Regulatory.

This recently-established company, which specialises in matters of financial and trust law, have invested heavily in funding the travel for fixtures and providing shirts for the team to play in. There has also been sponsorship from the NASUWT teaching Union and Free Flow Drain Cleaning Services to further support involvement in both 9-a-side and 5-a-side national competitions.

Unfortunately we were defeated by Norfolk’s Langley School in the last 16 of the competition, a team coached by former Premier League player Darren Eadie.

However, the trip also meant that we were able to take part in the ESFA’s East Anglia five-a-side competition, which we won! This meant that, at the time of writing, we were due to play in the National Finals in Birmingham.

In previous rounds of the 9-a-side competition the team has shown outstanding spirit, commitment and technical ability to defeat schools with between 1,200 and 1,800 students compared to the mere 850 at Le Rocquier.

The various trips have seen the team meet ex-Premier League and England players Trevor Sinclair and Kevin Davies and the Valencia FC u21 Team in Southampton Airport.

Y7 Football Squad: Luca Macaione, Jared Trevor, TJ Woodley, Joel McKinlay, Ben Shirley, Seaney McColgan, Finley McKay, Razvan Roman, Luke Harris and Miguel Carvalho.
5-a-side winners

9-a-side National Cup results to date:
Round 1 – Bye
Round 2 – Beat Poole High School 10-1
Round 3 – Beat Wingate School 6-1
Round 4 – Beat Glenmoor & Winton Academy 2-0
Round 5 – Beat Uffculme School 7-1
Round 6 – Beat St Peter’s School Exeter 2-1

Southampton FC coaches visit Le Rocquier
Back in November two academy coaches from Premier League Southampton FC visited Le Rocquier to work with a number of selected players from each year group as well as a number of boys from feeder primaries. Andy Martino and Jay Holmes spent the day working on various sessions designed to develop the players ability and understanding in specific phases of play and were highly impressed by the standard of play from all involved.

The boys meet Trevor Sinclair
At Christmas we received a special thank you from the Queen for our Birthday greetings we sent for her 90th Birthday. It is such a lovely letter and card, which is appreciated by all. It was a joy to receive.

The adults who come on a one-to-one or in our small groups and who have painful conditions are enjoying the warm water, releasing pain and symptoms, while increasing mobility and well-being. It is particularly encouraging for me to witness those children and adults who have had unfortunate experiences in the past, regaining their confidence, progressing and enjoying swimming in the warm water, relaxing and having pleasure, which is so beneficial. We have swimming for pleasure in small groups. Arrangements can be made for one-to-one for adults and children.

Our aim is to improve general fitness levels and help arthritis, injuries and swimming techniques but above all enjoy!

It is not generally realised that when you swim you are doing three times the exercise than running without the pounding on your feet and knees. The water supports you and gives resistance, which is beneficial for muscles, strength and endurance. Pain is reduced and stress released and this helps blood pressure.

Our delicious Christmas lunch at Sumas was enjoyed by all and a big thank you to Paul and all the staff for making it such a lovely time. Our Christmas charity was Jersey Brain Tumours and we raised £200. Our thanks to all those who gave gifts and supported the Happy Faces and Lucky dips. Our thanks to Sonia Sousa, from the Jersey Brain Tumour Charity, for putting the event on Facebook and www.jerseybraintumour.com

Join the team

How would you like to become contributor for the Grouville Gazette? We would like to expand the range of regular articles that we currently feature and need the help and dedication of our parishioners to do this.

Perhaps you regularly get together with a group of friends or others from the community. Or you are involved in a local club or sport and need others to come along and join.

From Scrabble and cookery clubs to sports teams and book clubs, if it happens in our wonderful parish, we would like to hear from you. You don’t have to be the best writer on the planet, but certainly capable of putting together an interesting report of what you and your group have been up to.

Also, if you are a keen photographer and able to spare a few hours a quarter to volunteer your services for the parish magazine, please get in touch.

If you are interested, please email all of your contact details, as well as the particular subject or area you would like to write about, to grouvillegazette@hotmail.com.
In August we have been invited on a day trip to St Vaast and Tatihou Island, hosted by Port-Bail – this will be a great day out. In return they will be visiting us for the “Christmas Shopping” in December. For something completely different, Brigitte has arranged with the Yacht Club of Port-Bail (boat owners), to have a picnic at the Ecrehous on the 22nd July, subject to the weather: I am still pondering as to how we can join them. In between we will be organising the usual lunches, dinners and a bingo night and any new ideas that the committee come up with. All will be publicised in the Grouville Port-Bail Association newsletters throughout the year which are distributed to all our members.

If you would like to become a member of the Association please send an email to: lizviney@hotmail.com or phone 07797 758668.

The programme for 2017 is in the planning stage, we are looking to have a family weekend in Port-Bail the weekend of 27th May, which will include visits, and a dinner-dance, with a return weekend the 23rd September to Jersey. Itineraries yet to be discussed and finalised.

New president of Port-Bail group Tony (second from left) with members of the visiting party, including retired president Claude Picot (far right).
Springtime Word Search

Spring Quiz

**Spot the Difference?**

**Springtime Word Search**

- EASTER EGGS, LAMBS, CROCUS, SPRING,
- EASTHER SUNDAY, BUDS, APRIL SHOWERS,
- NEW LIFE, DAFFODIL, MARCH WINDS,

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**Spring Quiz** *(Answers in next edition)*

Now that the days are growing longer, here are some questions to get you out and about spotting some Grouville landmarks (by the way, the words in inverted commas will need to be translated into local place names):

1. Start in the 'Vale of Chicks.' Which two old Constables stand shoulder to shoulder over a brook? Look for sheep nearby.

2. Go straight on, wind around and down Le Bourg. Where can you see IP and MVV together, and how many times?

3. Straight on again and left up the hill. Which one of the Câtillons has a cross – ‘Higher’ or ‘Lower’?

4. Go back down the hill and turn right down La Rue de Grouville. Which set of initials are next to 1689 and where?

5. Stride on to the Church. Nearby, find a Tudor date in a keystone to spy the house where a Bailiff nearly crossed swords with a Governor. What is its name?

6. Somewhere far south, nearly in St Clement, you will find a famous English racecourse just behind ‘Saltmarsh’ Manor. Which one?

...and for those who like their couches, here’s a Grouville brain teaser:

7. Which family had a marsh named after it?
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Parish Hall News
by Rebecca Maindonald and the Parish Hall Team

The Parish were lucky to acquire the Parish Hall from the Grouville Central School Trust in 2001. This acquisition enabled the Parish to make changes to the building in order that it could become the facility that it is today. Recently, it has become apparent that the Parish Hall requires a certain amount of updating and upgrading in order for it to continue to serve the community.

You may have noticed that the Parish applied for planning permission in order to install safety rails in the front car park. Permission has been granted and work will be underway soon. We have a constant programme of works underway and recently we repaired a number of windows and, in the not too distant future, it is likely that work will be required on the Parish Hall roof. This will be a lengthy project, which may cause some inconvenience to parishioners, but we hope to keep disruption to a minimum.

We were grateful for the fantastic donation of Christmas lights last year, which really added a festive feel to the Parish Hall. The donor, who has asked to remain anonymous, did a fantastic job, which he is hoping to surpass this year with even more lights!

The Roads Committee had an active 2016, with various resurfacing projects, repairs and maintenance being undertaken on Parish roads. Following a period of disruption around the Former Guardian Nursing Home, on La Rigondaine, we are pleased to accept the donation of laybys on the Parish road from the developers. These laybys should assist all users of this road - whether motorists, pedestrians, cyclists or any others.

You may have noticed that the Parish recently advertised for Tenders from interested parties for the Parish Refuse and Glass contract. Officers of the Parish are bound to ensure that they secure the best value for parishioners, hence the decision to invite other contractors to tender. Whilst the result of this process wasn’t known when this article was submitted, the new contract will commence from the 1st May 2017. We will update you in the next edition of the Gazette.

2017 Glass Collection Dates
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If your Refuse is collected on a Monday, your glass collection day will be on the Thursday.

If your Refuse is collected on Tuesday or Wednesday your glass collection will be on the Friday.

2017 Branchage dates
These dates have been confirmed as Friday the 14th July and Friday the 1st September. All owners and occupiers should ensure that hedges, branches and overhanging trees should be trimmed back to give a clearance of 12 feet over main roads and by roads and a clearance of 8 feet over footpaths. All trimmings must be removed from roads and footpaths.

Dates for your Diary:
CWL Jersey East – Friday 24 March – Bingo Evening in aid of the Jersey Cheshire Homes at The Berni Hall, Church of Our Lady, St Martin. Time: 7.00 pm, All Welcome.

Coffee Morning – 29 April at 10.30 am at St Martin’s Public Hall in aid of CLICSARGENT JERSEY/ Medaille Trust (Charity supporting victims of Human Trafficking).

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Many of you may know that Charles Dix stepped down as Chef de Police and Centenier. Charles was well respected in the community and had served for one year as a Constable’s Officer and then 27 years as Centenier. He was indeed the longest serving Centenier in the Island. It is an amazing record and there will be few other people who have given so much back to their community. Charles and I had a really good working relationship and, like many others, I will miss working with him.

The oak tree falling on the Parish Shed came as a bit of a shock. It is important that the repairs are carried out correctly, so a structural survey was carried out to make sure that the repairs would be up to the necessary standard. An article with more detail appears earlier in the magazine.

With regard to the shed, we have been looking at improving facilities there for our staff which will include proper washing and toilet facilities. There will be a cost to this of course but providing good facilities for our staff is something that is well overdue.

There is a new initiative to encourage more parishes to get involved in Jersey in Bloom which, in turn, can lead to parishes being entered into the RHS Britain in Bloom. The title implies that entries concentrate on flowers and gardens but the criteria for entries are far broader. Whilst floral displays are important much emphasis is put on entries’ environmental qualities and community involvement. Grouville has had tremendous success in the past, winning both island and national awards. It would be good if we could get something going again. If anyone is interested in helping in any way please get in touch.
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