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As I write this message, I find myself gazing down from my office window on a sea of snowdrops and gently swaying daffodils – and yet it is only the beginning of February.

Our neighbours to the north – the UK, that is, not Guernsey – are experiencing snow, ice and travel disruption but, so far, we have been spared the true grip of winter. It is, of course, not too late.

But that pleasant view of white and yellow floral beauty is a reminder that whatever sting winter might have in its tail, spring is well and truly on the way. With that in mind, this edition of St Mary Matters features an article that just might tempt you to venture out as the sun’s rays begin to warm up the air once again.

Our columnist Robin Pittman takes us on a ramble through history along Jersey’s north coast, pointing out that we in St Mary are blessed with some of the finest views to be enjoyed from anywhere in the Island. Here is your perfect opportunity then to follow in Robin’s footsteps, gain some knowledge of our rich and colourful past and benefit from some exercise all at the same time.

It seems no time at all since I was greeting you on this page with the very first edition of St Mary Matters. My thanks go to all those who took the trouble to get in touch and say how much they had enjoyed our new-look parish magazine.

As I said then, St Mary Matters is a voice for all of you. If you have a story to tell about parish life, fascinating hobbies, a new business or reflections on a favourite holiday destination then please do get in touch.

In the meantime, happy rambling – both through the pages of this spring edition and along our beautiful parish lanes and cliff paths.

Thanks for reading.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CONSTABLE

Dear all

As I compile these notes, I find it amazing that three months have passed since my last entry.

WHEN I reflect on that time with the Parish issues and notable debates in the States it appears that not a lot has happened in the States. So, no change there. More on that later.

In the run up to Christmas we were delighted at last to have a Parish Rector appointed. I shall not elaborate on that as I believe he has been asked to contribute to this edition. I wish Reverend Canon Tim and his wife Carol an enjoyable time in our Parish and will do everything necessary to ensure that this happens.

Work at The Rectory is due to be completed in February with the Rector taking up residence immediately after. As with all old buildings additional work is always required and this has happened with the heating system. Radiator valves could not be shut down, the existing boiler, now obsolete at 30 years old, needed replacing and a new one has been commissioned along with the new bathroom and minor other works.

Many of you may have also noticed the scaffolding at the Church. This was required to undertake relating to the three small north side lean-to roofs which had resulted in water ingress for some time. The work to make good the area below will also be completed shortly.

This has resulted in an expensive time for the Parish and will probably continue as we strive to contend with ongoing maintenance issues.

I am pleased to say that the Parish now has a choir. The first meeting on 4 January saw great interest and since then our practice sessions on Friday evenings have grown (all are welcome).

We are now using St Mary’s school hall by kind permission of Maria, the head teacher, every Friday at 6pm for an hour. My thanks to Anna Cavey who is making the whole thing possible.

Myself and Deputy David Johnson are to hold drop in sessions to hear your views on both Parish and States issues. These will commence on Wednesday 6 March 7 – 9pm at the Parish Hall and continue each Wednesday for a three-month trial.

States issues cannot be described as exciting prior to Christmas, mostly approving the States Budget and various regulations. Interestingly uncontroversial was the repeal of Article 79 in order to......

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move us in line with the 53 countries which have done so giving children the same rights as adults with regard to assault.

On 29 January – The longest debate centred around authorisation of a £39 million States loan to Andium Homes in order to develop the Ann Court site. The Chief Minister put forward an alternative proposal that a more cost-effective solution in the long term would be to build the new amalgamated States Offices on part of the site to include housing and also using the resulting released sites at La Motte Street and others for additional housing which would have created massive savings of £10 million per year and would also generate the much-needed regeneration for the north of the town. However, that was not to be and was lost by six votes.

By the time you receive this copy we will have taken a crucial vote on the Hospital relocation. Over the past year I have been made aware by all who have contacted me by letter, email and general conversation that the Hospital should not remain on the present site. The preference being the Overdale site. Having recently visited the site I am aware that there are numerous derelict buildings which will need to be demolished whatever the outcome, which is again a sad reflection on how the States property portfolio is being managed.

Demands on their time are many and varied, as this update from the Honorary Police shows

The last three or four months have been busy for your Honorary Police. Our members have supported the all island events; Weekender, Triathlon, Marathon, Jersey Rally, Jersey Air Display and the Battle of Flowers.

These events could not be run without support from the Honorary Police but the sheer size and number of these occasions is beginning to take its toll.

On the roads within the parish we have assisted at, or dealt with, numerous road traffic collisions and successful road checks with the States of Jersey Police and DVS. We have carried out speed checks and reported numerous motorists for Parish Hall enquiries.

Other parochial duties have included concerns for welfare (assisting where individual parishioners may be in need of help), stray dogs, naughty dogs, loose horses and escaped livestock – sheep and cows – and given assistance with several funerals. Given
To use Overdale will undoubtedly save many millions of pounds of taxpayers’ money, even though much has been wasted pursuing the current site. In accordance with most people’s wishes, I will be supporting this view. It will be interesting to know the result. Best wishes to all.

John

The Superintendent Registrar, Claire Follain, has accepted areas at Le Câtel Fort for the purpose of conducting wedding ceremonies.

Anyone wishing to use the facility will need to contact The National Trust for Jersey office at their HQ, The Elms, St Mary. They will advise on requirements.

It is also necessary to contact the States Registry office in the Royal Square to book the ceremony.

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The repeal of Article 79 in order to move us in line with the 53 countries which have done so giving children the same rights as adults with regard to assault.

The amount of traffic on the road past the church, the safest option is often to close that road temporarily.

More recently we have assisted with the firework displays at Tamba Park (two nights), the Greve de Lecq bonfire (and furze fire afterwards) and supported the National Trust Black Butter event at the Elms. For two days over the busy Bank Holiday weekend in August, for the safety of residents and competitors, we give assistance to the Historic Car Club’s annual Hill Climb.

We have also been involved in searches for missing persons, usually on the North coast and cliff paths (and at night).

More formally your Centeniers have successfully prosecuted three drink-driving cases, as well as several motorists for having no insurance.

If you are interested in joining us and supporting the Honorary Police in their vital role in the parish and in the Island, please contact the Constable in the first instance. If you see us out and about please do not hesitate to stop for a quick chat.
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In my contribution to the last newsletter, I referred to the fact that few major important pieces of legislation had yet been brought to the Assembly since the election and I have to say that little has changed in the last three months.

The ‘culprit’ (if that is the right term) is the ‘One Government’ proposals and their implementation. The intention is that, rather than allow Ministers to be largely responsible for legislation relating to matters within their own ambit as before, there should now be more co-operation. Having seen the wastage (both in time and financial resources) incurred under the previous system, I well see the overall merit in this, although, for the moment at least, it has resulted in delays in bringing forward individual pieces of legislation.

One immediate casualty of ‘One Government’ was the proposition as to a population policy. During the recent election campaign, virtually every candidate (including myself) identified this as amongst the most important issues of the day and anticipated that the relevant proposition would be debated early in the new term; in the event, this has been postponed. Whilst this in one sense is to be regretted, I equally appreciate that it is not something to be considered in isolation; to quote from Future Jersey 2017-2037: ‘Population policy should be the sum of many parts and should support the balance between community, environment and economy within the vision.’ It is this balance within an overall comprehensive policy which ‘One Government’ seeks to achieve and I dare to hope that, armed with relevant data on related areas, real progress will be made in the not-too-distant future.

One matter perhaps of particular interest to parishioners is the new Island Plan due in 2020. I believe (and I think it is now generally accepted) that any increase in housing should be largely contained within St. Helier, so as to maintain the present countryside for the benefit of all Island residents (not to mention visitors)
However, I anticipate that the new Island Plan may well seek to relax restrictions on certain developments within country parishes and this is something of which we should all be aware.

Whilst matters might seem relatively quiet at ministerial level, there is no shortage of work being undertaken by individual members. For my own part, my membership of the Brexit Review Panel alone keeps me well occupied and, whatever the future holds in that direction, is likely to do so for some considerable time yet. Added to this is ongoing work through the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel and also as one of the two States representatives on the Police Authority; with regard to the latter, the recently-issued consultation document as to the Organisational Restructure of the States of Jersey Police and Customs amongst others has been added to my Agenda.

One other area of activity is my role as Chairman of the Legislation Advisory Panel. I would shortly hope to proceed on a number of matters, including the question of a Public Ombudsman and an overhaul of the present Tribunals system. Perhaps not the most newsworthy items but, nonetheless, ones which I consider represent a useful (and overdue) contribution to administrative redress in Jersey.

As always, do please feel free to contact me should you have any particular problem with a States Department or otherwise. In the meantime, I hope the arrival of this newsletter coincides with that of spring and we can begin to look forward to the summer.

With kind regards,

David

An oar-some prize in the offing

Applications are invited for the 2019 Jersey Clipper Bursary

The search is on for the lucky person who will be the winner of the 2019 Jersey Clipper Bursary – a £1,000 cash award aimed at furthering maritime endeavour.

The bursary is designed to assist an Islander of any age to achieve a particular nautical ambition. This could be a trip on a tall ship, attending a training course, participation in a water sports competition, undertaking a marine biology field trip or competing in an ocean race – anything with a maritime theme.

The annual award, a legacy from the three Jersey campaigns in the Clipper Round-the-World Race, was established in 2007 through the generosity of Dandara, Les Pas Holdings and UBS. Further funding to ensure the future of the award has recently been provided by UBS, enabling the trustees to increase the main bursary to £1,000 and offer a runner-up award of £500.

The 2018 winner was Henry Horton, one of Jersey’s top windsurfers, who used the £1,000 award to gain an RYA Start Windsurfing Instructor’s Qualification at the Galloway Activity Centre at Loch Ken in Scotland. The runner-up award of £500 went to 19-year-old Hannah Behan, to help fund the cost of an ocean voyage aboard the Jubilee Sailing Trust’s tall ship Tenacious.

‘The Jersey Clipper Bursary paid for my week-long course, the accommodation and travel,’ said Henry (18), who is currently studying for his A-levels at Victoria College.

‘Not only did I gain the ability to teach windsurfing to RYA standard but also many new and insightful experiences, such as meeting a range of people with varying windsurfing abilities and windsurfing out of my natural habitat on a fresh-water lake.

BOTTOM: Henry Horton in action
BELOW: Henry Horton
RIGHT: Jersey Clipper - winner of the 2002-03 Round-the-World Race

The St Mary Petanque Club meets every Monday morning from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and new members are always welcome.

There are opportunities to play in an Island parish league or other leagues organised by the Jersey Petanque Association.

For further details contact Richard Sowerby on telephone 483566, or email richard2@mnlg.com
Disaster strikes
WEST VIEW

John Huelin continues his look back at life at one of the parish’s best-known properties

A serious fire on 7 June 1938 occurred at West View, St Mary, resulting in the total destruction of one of the wings of the main house and gutting the outbuildings situated to the east of the main house.

The property belonged to Mr Clarence Huelin (my Dad) and was occupied by his aged, bed-ridden mother (and her companion) the widow of the late John Huelin (my Grandpa) who died just one year prior to the fire. The property included the small shop rented by Mrs Le Marquand.

It was shortly after 9 a.m when Mrs Allo, who was working in the field across La Verte Rue, noticed smoke issuing from the upper windows and immediately raised the alarm.

At the same time two employees of the JMT, a bus driver and conductor, stopped to help. Mr Huelin and his staff, who were working in the field on the other side of Chestnut Lea, were quickly notified.

His main concern was for his aged mother. She was soon transported in a handcart to his residence at Chestnut Lea along with Grandma’s companion.

The quick arrival of the fire brigade under the command of Chief Officer Remphrey and his crew, and assisted by a hard-working bucket brigade, set to work and a nearby well at Fair View was also brought into use.

In the meantime, a long-distance hose was being laid from a pond at Les Marais, a distance of close on 500 yards, and this proved a Godsend as both wells had now run dry.

The new supply was used for a couple of hours to dampen down the collapsed roof timbers, plus all 7the rafters and flooring that had burnt to a cinder.

On the advice of the Chief Officer, all the furnishings of the main house were taken out onto the lawn by neighbours and employees who were in nearby farms. I was obviously involved in the operation throughout, even curtains and carpets, which were not fitted in those days, were spread out on the lawn.
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HE will be missed by all who knew him for his sense of humour, his positive attitude and strength of character. John was greatly enthusiastic when I asked him whether he would be prepared to write an article on life in the parish ‘temps passé’.

His contribution in our first edition was greatly received by parishioners who responded by telling of their enjoyment at reading of his exploits and his wealth of knowledge.

His second edition, sadly his last in a succession which he had planned, continued his early experiences in the parish.

John has had a varied career and his ventures and experiences were always a joy to listen to. He loved his parish and was a great influence in many peoples’ lives, mine included.

He had a passion for shooting, both indoor and outdoor rifle shooting, and was a long-serving member of St Mary’s Rifle Club. He still managed to participate in his 94th year.

It is impossible to relay the many aspects of John’s enthusiastic life. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

May we all extend our condolences to his loving wife Alice, son David, daughter Gloria, grandchildren and family.

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The Rev Canon Tim Neill knows a thing or two about serving God in times of danger and difficulty. The new Rector of St Mary tells his story to magazine editor Terry Neale.

The morning of my meeting with the new Rector of St Mary is a cold one. The first real ice of the winter lies underfoot and the gardener busy shepherding the leaves on the pathway up to the church acknowledges my arrival with an exaggerated shiver.

The Rev Canon Tim Neill arrives a few minutes later. He is a big man but appears even bigger today, as his defence against the plummeting mercury includes a baggy jumper, voluminous jacket, scarf and woolly hat. It seems a little excessive at first but I quickly discover that although he has lived in Jersey for the last 13 years, Tim was born in Zimbabwe and his body thermostat is accustomed to rather warmer climes.

‘My parents were wartime generation children,’ he explains. ‘My dad was from Northern Ireland and my mum came from Devon. The British government of the day encouraged people to go out to the colonies after the war. My father worked for the post office and eventually became the Director General of Broadcasting in both Rhodesia and Zimbabwe.’

On this January morning as we sit chatting in the church, Tim reveals that he is not yet officially the Rector. ‘I am for the time being a Ministre Desservant. The Queen has given her assent and the Royal Warrant has been issued, so now it is up to the Governor, Dean and Bishop to consult and decide on a date for my induction. I don’t know yet when that will happen. But it will be a big service at which they give me the keys to the church – I already have them of course,’ he added with a chuckle, ‘as I am conducting services here, but it is a highly symbolic moment.’

Tim’s route from Zimbabwe to the tranquil Jersey parish of St Mary was strewn with adventure and is certainly not one to be undertaken by the faint-hearted. It soon becomes clear that his experiences are not of the kind that would normally feature on the CV of a parish priest.

‘I was a minister in Zimbabwe from 1982 until 2001 and my goodness it was busy. Sunday services were conducted at 7.30 a.m, 10 a.m, 2.30 p.m and 6.30 p.m. Africa is really hungry for the Gospel and so they flock to the church, which is extremely vibrant. The services were packed – and it was a big church.’

‘Most of the attendees were black and their hunger for the Gospel was because life there is really tough; they are looking for help. Their religious teaching had told them that there was one God and that you could never get to know him – that is the African tradition. But Christianity teaches that you can indeed get to know God and they loved to hear that; their reaction was quite amazing.

‘The cost of medical treatment was also beyond the pockets of many in Zimbabwe and so they would go to the local priest for healing; that was a part of my ministry.’

Tim’s connection to Jersey comes through his wife, Carol, who hails from St Ouen. The couple met while he was studying for the ministry in Oxford and she was training in Cheltenham to become a teacher.

‘The church used to run summer camps in Canada and we met at one of these in 1980. We were married the following year in St Ouen.’

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Once back in Zimbabwe, Tim discovered that life under the authoritarian regime of Robert Mugabe, who presided over a state security system which took a cavalier attitude to human rights to say the least, would lead him to the fringes of a political upheaval operating far beyond the usual expected duties of a priest. It was a dangerous and frightening time.

‘I remember seeing helicopter gunships in 1996,’ he said. ‘They flew overhead and were shooting at the people below.’

But an involvement with Morgan Tsvangirai’s Movement for Democratic Change Party was to lead Tim into a far more personal danger. Mugabe’s despotic rule had little time for the concept of change – democratic or otherwise – and life was made as difficult as possible for Tsvangirai and his supporters to make their political presence felt.

‘They were forced to move offices all the time,’ Tim explained. ‘In order to buy property, you have to register with the government for approval – and that was not going to be forthcoming. So, they had to keep renting and then moving again when the identity of the building’s occupants was discovered. It is impossible to become an effective political party if you have to keep moving on.

‘They came to me at the church and asked me to set up a shadow company to buy the property for the party. I became a director of companies that owned properties around the country. I am still a director of an eight-storey office block in downtown Harare.’

In 2001, at the request of Mr Tsvangirai, Tim set up from scratch a not-for-profit Zimbabwe Community Development Trust to look after victims of violence and torture. ‘I grew the work to 40 staff from just me, with 12 crisis centres across the country that victims could go to for help,’ he explained.

‘We looked after literally thousands of people because as successive elections took place, Mugabe’s men would go out beating and torturing and anything else that cowardly thugs with power could do. As time went on, we saw more and more serious torture.

‘It was horrific but there are many people alive today because of what we did. Sadly, some we looked after died. That Trust is still in operation.’

Tim’s wife, however, was becoming more concerned as the situation in the country worsened and she warned her husband that it was becoming more dangerous for him personally. Her prediction was to prove chillingly accurate.

‘In 2006, the year that I left Zimbabwe, they picked up a man called Ian, who was my co-director, and he was horrifically tortured. Amazingly, he has no bitterness toward those who ill-treated him. I could not have stood that torture.’

And what of that Harare office block of which Tim is still a director? ‘He takes out his mobile phone and calls up a picture showing the charred and blackened interior of a building. ‘This was taken just three days ago, on Tuesday,’ he said. ‘It was attacked and burnt.’

Tim and Carol arrived in Jersey in March 2006 and his first services were conducted at Gouray. He then spent five years working for Bob Key, who was Dean of Jersey at the time, at the Town Church. The priesthood, however, is not his only profession.

‘My role as Rector of St Mary is a part-time position of 20 hours a week. I also work for a global company called Leadership Management International, selling productivity and leadership programs. I work mainly with small to medium-size businesses. They download the program onto a phone and then they can listen to ideas and form views of their own.

‘All the programs are designed to help them raise their game; to assist people at the top of an organisation to lead themselves well.’

Tim is well aware that the packed churches to which he preached in Zimbabwe will not be replicated here in St Mary where, he points out, the average congregation numbers 25 to 40 people. He does, however, have a plan.

‘At my interview, I asked the churchwardens what they wanted to see after five years? They said that they wanted the church to grow and to see the average age of the congregation come down by ten years; so that is my goal.’

Cutting through the secularism that typifies British attitudes and makes for a culture that is so different from that evident in Zimbabwe will require a focused approach if that goal is to be achieved. Not surprisingly, Tim believes that he knows the correct path to take.

‘You have to be clear about values. Unless you live by key Christian values why come to church? Those values include a belief in the Gospel, faith, generosity and showing kindness to others.

‘The church must embody what it proclaims – it is one of those fundamental things – you have to embody what you say that you believe in.’

Back outside, the church is now bathed in a sunlight which is gradually bringing a little warmth to the January morning. It is a world away from the turmoil and persecution of Zimbabwe. Peace prevails; a peace that should be the hallmark of Tim’s new ministry.
Since then, Jersey Heritage conservators, archaeologists and volunteers have painstakingly unpicked and studied the hoard, watched every step of the way by the world’s media and a fascinated public. Gold torques, silver coins, and gold and silver jewellery excavated from the hoard are now on display at La Hougue Bie Museum.

In 2012, two metal detectorists found a massive Celtic coin hoard in a field in Grouville. It had lain buried for 2,000 years.

JERSEY Heritage is delighted to announce that, thanks to sponsors Benest and Syvret, a small selection of coins and other finds are currently touring the Island parish by parish so that everyone has an opportunity to see a part of this amazing hoard.

The pop-up exhibition went on view at St Mary’s Parish Hall last month. It was displayed in the Parish Hall foyer and proved to be of considerable interest to parishioners who were fascinated to find out who might have buried the Hoard and why – together with the incredible story of how it was discovered.

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Rambling THROUGH HISTORY

Robin Pittman takes a coastal trek which offers beautiful views along with a fascinating glimpse of the past

Some in Jersey will say that St Ouen’s Bay is the most beautiful part of the Island, but St Mary parishioners may claim their favourite to be Jersey’s north coast and in particular that part of it lying within the parish from Grève de Lecq in the west to Mourier Valley in the east.

I wonder how many parishioners put on their trainers or walking boots and stride along this marvellous coastal path. Let me accompany you – at least in spirit.

We all doubtless know Grève de Lecq, originally an old smuggling harbour (and ‘Grève’ by the way is Jersey French for ‘beach’). We all know that it is one of the Island’s most picturesque and popular spots, with its beach crowded in the summer. The Moulin de Lecq public house and restaurant has its working waterwheel which was used during the Occupation to generate electricity for German searchlights. On the bay’s east side is a handsome set of buildings, Grève de Lecq Barracks, now owned and administered by the National Trust for Jersey. Their construction began in 1810 in response to threats from Napoleon, and they were designed to house 250 troops. Soldiers were garrisoned there until 1920.

Let us now begin to climb the little lane behind the Barracks with its one-in-four gradient, passing the track to Le Câtel, a little fort built in the 1780s to house fifteen soldiers and with three gun emplacements. I wonder whether you have ever noticed, near the top of the climb, the Castel de Lecq, the hill on the left. It is actually an Iron Age construction, yet another fortified position but from a somewhat earlier age.

As the road flattens, we find the Crabbé firing ranges on the left. They have been here since 1860 and, besides the main ranges, there is a small-bore range – and provision for archery as well.

We turn left after the ranges, passing Crabbé Farm and head for the sea, crossing a field given in 2003 to the National Trust by John Perrée, the son of Francis Perrée, once Constable of St Mary. Now we follow the cliff path along one of the finest stretches of this north coast and, half a mile before the Priory Inn, come to Crabbé Bay and Ile Agois. Ile Agois is technically a tidal stack separated from the mainland by a narrow gorge only yards wide and rising 76 metres above sea level. It was extensively excavated in the 1950s and 1970s. And the result? It seems to have been occupied in medieval times and earlier. There are on it outlines of ancient hut circles, and it may have been the site of an eremitic (for a hermit) monastery.

We then reach The Priory Inn on our eastward walk, with the path down to Devil’s Hole starting in its car park. A descent is a not-to-be-missed experience with superb sea views across to Guernsey and Sark. As for Devil’s Hole itself? It is a natural crater and blowhole a hundred feet across, caused by the sea gradually eroding the roof of what was once a cave. And how did Le Creux de Vis acquire its new name of Devil’s Hole? In 1851 a ship was wrecked off the north coast and its figurehead was thrust by the tide into the hole. Someone had the idea of getting a local architect to transform the torso into a wooden devil. The original no longer exists, but you will see a metal replica by the side of the path as you start your descent.

From above The Priory Inn we take the path towards the sea and make the descent to Mourier Valley, the eastern parish boundary. Don’t miss the experience of tramping by the sea across the parish’s fascinating and thrilling three-mile extent from west to east.
A cycle of despair

Beachcomber takes pity on the hard life endured by the humble bicycle saddle

Spring has arrived, or so the meteorological bods have informed us, and the clerical hunt, due to the lack of activity on that front, have put their equine companions out to grass and decided to follow the advice of the Japanese Olympic Committee, who paid a secret visit, and take up polo on bicycles together with cross-country pedaling.

In the latter instance they have indeed been adventurous, straying into foreign territories such as St Ouen, St John and even – on very foolish occasions – into the foreign territory of St Lawrence. On one such foray they lost not only the bicycle but the natives of that particular domain took umbrage against one poor player and confiscated his mallet and balls, having the temerity to describe them as offensive weapons.

The rest of the crew then finished a game without him and concluded that this particular sport of bashing one’s ball with a small cow mallet was great fun but could be painful at times, especially with a direct hit and losing a companion. They are hoping to enter a parish team in the first International to be held in Alderney next year, with new bicycles supplied by the social department as they claimed they were all over the age limit; unbeknown to the contributors what they should have put on the form was that they were over the limit, and nothing to do with age.

Dress code for these wondrous exertions and other recreational pursuits has changed over the years from the sartorial elegance of the hunting wellingtons, tweed and surpluses to, of all horrors, lycra and plimsoles, the latter now referred to as ‘trainers’, and what, pray, a piece of footwear can train is still a conundrum that is puzzling many a fine mind. In days of yore a gentleman would be seen on his penny-farthing or boneshaker dressed in tweed, plus fours and a good jacket and tie complemented with a hat, the latter raised as he passed any ladies of the parish with a rousing ‘compliments of the day, madam’.

This mode of dress was flattering to the wearer whereas the modern style of figure-hugging lycra is only complimentary to those fortunate enough to have a sylph-like figure and then only up to a certain maturity.

Imagine if you will, the anguish and in many cases, the agony that these poor creatures have to endure. Firstly, they are sat upon, a taxing exercise, and then bounced on when the said lycra-clad rider decides to go off road or takes evasive action towards the oncoming potholes; but it is the sheer indignity of being subjected to all the other intimate contact with their master or mistress.

Save the Saddle, a new charity, has been started to help underprivileged and oppressed saddles so please send what you can, cash only, to save these poor creatures and help with the holiday fund to take the weary and worn-out saddles to warmer climes with, of course, yours truly.

On that note Beachcomber will, in the summer edition, be focusing on holidays and the joys of modern travel – especially airports and food.
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CELEBRATE SPRING WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR JERSEY

Saturday 23 March: Plémont Caves Walk
Join Blue Badge Guide Nicky Mansell on a low tide walk at Plémont. Walk onto the beach and explore some of the caves to the west of the bay which are rarely accessible. This walk is suitable for families, and walkers should come prepared to walk through rock pools, so wellies are probably best. On this walk learn about how the geology and other processes have shaped the beach and created the caves and other features that we see. Meet outside the café at 1.30 p.m.
Meeting Point: Outside Plémont Café
Time: 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.
Price: Free for Trust members; £10 non-members

Thursday 4 April: The History of Coffee
– A TALK AND TASTING SESSION FOR COFFEE LOVERS
Join local historian Peter Le Rossignol for a fascinating talk on the history of coffee and then enjoy a coffee tasting afterwards courtesy of Ella and Drew Locke, who run Locke’s café, from the Trust’s latest renovation project in Pitt Street. Find out why coffee was banned in Mecca (because it was believed to stimulate radical thinking), how it was given papal approval after earlier being dismissed as the ‘bitter invention of Satan’ and learn about the famous coffee houses of London, described by Samuel Johnson as houses of ‘entertainment where coffee is sold, and the guests are supplied with a newspaper’.
Kindly supported by Locke’s
Meeting Point: 16 New Street
Time: 4pm – 5.15 p.m
Price: £10 members; £15 non-members, to include a talk and a coffee tasting

Saturday 6 April: Learn How to Make Jersey Wonders
– LES MERVELLES DE JÈRR!
Come along to Le Moulin de Quétivel and learn the art of making Jersey Wonders with Jenny Le Maistre. Traditionally, Jersey housewives cooked their Wonders as the tide went out. If they cooked them on an incoming tide, the fat in which the Wonders were cooked would invariably overflow the pan. Why not walk or cycle on the new valley path?
Meeting Point: Le Moulin de Quétivel
Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m
Price: £10 Trust members; £20 non-members

Friday 12 April: Annual Dinner at St Brelade’s Bay Hotel
The National Trust for Jersey Annual Dinner for members and their guests will follow the annual general meeting. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Director-General of the National Trust for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Hilary McGrady.
Meeting Point: Le Moulin de Quétivel
Time: 2pm – 5 p.m
Price: £15 members; £30 non-members to include all materials and a herb-themed tea

Thursday 2 May: Gin Glorious Gin
– A TALK AND TASTING SESSION FOR GIN LOVERS
Join local historian Peter Le Rossignol for a vibrant cultural history of Britain’s most iconic drink, beginning in the underbelly of Georgian England, detouring through the Empire (with a G&T in hand) and finishing in the modern day. During the course of the evening, gin lovers will find out how ‘mother’s ruin’ evolved into the superior drink it is today and also taste several different styles of gin courtesy of Will Beresford at Love Wine.
Meeting Point: 16 New Street
Time: 6.30pm – 7.45 pm
Price: £10 members; £20 non-members, to include a talk and a gin tasting
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Saturday 11th May: Open Milling
Visit the only remaining working watermill in the Island and experience the whole milling process from start to finish. Join the rangers as they open the sluice gates, admire the ancient waterwheel as it springs into action and meet our very own miller, who will be milling the Trust’s unique stoneground flour, and meet the miller’s wife who will be making bread in the historic kitchen.
Meeting Point: Le Moulin de Quétivel
Time: 10am – 4 p.m
Price: Trust members and children under six, free, non-members £3, children £1

#Love Nature Festival (15 to 19 May)
A celebration of the natural environment, habitats and landscapes managed by the National Trust for Jersey. The #LoveNature festival includes a wide range of activities for all the family that celebrate wildlife and the natural environment, including bat and bird tours, bug safaris, botany walks, the opening of the orchid fields, rock pool rambles, behind the scenes walks with National Trust rangers, coastal and inland foraging and much more. The #LoveNature festival centres on and around St Ouen’s Bay at the White House, The Wetland Centre and Frances Le Sueur Centre. Highlights of this year’s event include a talk by botanist and celebrated author Dave Goulson and pollinator projects such as ‘Come Dine with Bee’
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Saturday 18 May: The Homemade Apothecary
LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN HERBAL REMEDIES AT LE MOULIN DE QUÉTIVEL
The relationship between people and plants for both food and medicine goes back hundreds of thousands of years, but recently this knowledge is being forgotten as we exchange home-made remedies for pharmaceutical cures. Whether you are interested in using herbs to aid your digestion or nourish your body, this workshop is for you. The session will begin with a tour of the herb garden at Le Moulin de Quétivel, where participants will learn about the health benefits of various herbs and how to make their own herbal remedies using natural and organic ingredients, including floral waters, herbal extracts and infused and essential oils.

Each participant will create and take home a three-part organic skincare regime tailored to their skin type.
Meeting Point: Le Moulin de Quétivel
Time: 2pm – 5 p.m
Price: £15 members; £30 non-members to include all materials and a herb-themed tea

Friday 31 May: Family picnic at The Elms
Gather some friends, make some sandwiches and head to The Elms in St Mary to enjoy a picnic under the apple trees in the orchard. Games and activities will be provided – just bring something to sit on and whatever you would like to eat or drink.
Meeting Point: The Elms
Time: 12pm to 2 p.m
Price: Free for members; £10 non-members (accompanying adults free of charge)

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This book covers events in the Channel Islands. It describes what equipment was issued, the shelters both private and public, the people and what they did. There are personal accounts from a number of people and one from a man who was bombed—twice.

St Mary’s had a quiet time as far as Air Raid Precautions were concerned but the late John Huelin, a St Mary’s resident recalled:

“Soon after the declaration of war in September 1939 the Island Authorities decided that units be formed in each Parish and get a basic training in the event of an Air Raid. Volunteers were to register at a meeting which was held at Bethlehem Methodist Church Schoolroom where approximately 24-30 volunteered. There was no age limit, ages ranged from 18 to 65.

“Several meetings for training followed in 1939/40 and these were held every Monday evening. Mr Hedley Bower of Les Buttes was selected as Head Warden for St Mary and I was his Deputy. There were about 12 men who were also wardens. Lady volunteers also received training.

“Our Lorry became the Ambulance. It consisted of the erection of cattle sides and an A.R.P. tarpaulin over the top with a Red Cross painted on, plus a stretcher, and two stirrup pumps. The lorry could also serve as a backup to the main Fire Brigade. Exactly what effect our two stirrup pumps, three fire buckets, plus eight fire wardens would have made in a fire I don’t know.

“In April 1940 we were regarded as being fully qualified. In view of the fact that we were receiving no further training, the meetings became very informal, and we decided to have a Christmas concert in the Chapel Schoolroom. The Schoolroom was packed to overflowing and this was the start of what was to become the Concert Party.”

The Official A.R.P. Warden Post was Bethlehem Chapel Schoolroom which had a First Aid Point, an ambulance lorry with equipment and a messenger. In charge was Mrs Perree of Plaisance.

St Mary’s School had two underground shelters, both of which were completely covered over and are now a car park. The shelters were situated between the building on the right and the wire fence to the left and extended to the main road. The long wall to the West of the car park has two openings and they correspond to the two entrances/exits to the dug shelters. Thanks to former Constable Edwin Godel for this information.

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The Altogether Worship Services are at the end of each month, on the Last Sunday. (Informal café-style services). We start with tea and coffee served from 10.15 am and short, family, friendly services start at 10.45 am.

Our Food and Film on Final Friday is on Friday 29 March and 26 April. Please let us know by the Tuesday before if you are coming for food.

Please contact Deacon Sally: Telephone 491877 or E-mail: sallyannewheadon@gmail.com or Dianne Huddlestone on 483917. (Supper time is 6.30 pm). Otherwise, just turn up for the film at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome.

The Easter Services

19 April. Good Friday. 10.30 a.m. Circuit Service at St Helier Methodist Centre. Passover Evening at Bethlehem. (Christ in the Passover) and includes a meal. Tickets are £15.00. Please contact: Jean Schooling: 07797841414 for more information.

21 April. Easter Sunday. Sunrise Service: 6 a.m. At Loop Road, North Coast, St John.

21 April. Easter Sunday. 10.30 a.m. at Bethlehem. Communion Service.

Please note that you can hire Bethlehem’s hall for parties, group activities and other events. For further details please ring Dianne Huddlestone on 483917.

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ST MARY’S Parish Church

Lent and Easter Key Services 2019

March 31st  Mothering Sunday Family Service
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Join us for coffee, tea, croissants and fresh fruit
Dads bring your children and give their mother a break so she can go back to bed!
But, of course, mothers, we’d love to see you if you also want to come along.
The family service will start at 10 a.m (ish)

April 14th  The Palm Sunday
8.30 am Holy Communion
10 a.m Starts with a procession from the cenotaph to the church.
(The cenotaph in St Mary’s - not the one in town!!!!!)

April 18th  7.30 p.m Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion followed by stripping the church

April 19th  Good Friday
12 – 3 p.m “At the cross of Jesus” A 3 hour devotional service in eight sections so that you can come and go as you please.

21st April  Easter Sunday
8.30 a.m Holy Communion
10 a.m Holy Communion – Celebrating Jesus’s Resurrection Life in us.

Quiz NIGHT

Come along and join us for a quiz night to be held on Saturday 13 April at 7.30 p.m in St Mary’s Community Centre. Tickets will be £10 per person to include food. Please bring your own drinks. Teams of six, or just come along and join a team. Everyone is welcome.
Dealing with dementia

St Mary is leading the way in providing much-needed care for people in the community through the use of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy

TREVOR LIVES alone. He was widowed ten years ago but, at the age of 82, he wants to stay in the house he built, the house in which he and his wife, Pat, brought up their three children.

Trevor is a man of routine. He likes to walk to the shop for his evening paper, then on to the pub for a pint before coming home for dinner. Recently, Trevor’s friends have noticed …

Dementia examined

Dementia is an umbrella term, the two main types being Alzheimer’s and Vascular dementia. Alzheimer’s is a progressive and fatal brain disease. Alzheimer’s destroys brain cells, causing memory loss and problems with thinking and behaviour that is severe enough to affect work, learning skills and social life. Alzheimer’s gets worse over time and it is fatal.

Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia. Dementia is a general term for memory loss, confusion and the loss of other intellectual abilities, serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer’s disease accounts for 50 to 80 per cent of dementia cases. There are over 100 different types of dementia, the most common of which are vascular dementia, mixed dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia. There is no current cure. But treatments for symptoms, combined with the right services and support, can make life better for the thousands of people living with Alzheimer’s. There is an accelerating worldwide effort under way to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset, or prevent it from developing.

CST explained

Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) is a brief treatment for people with mild to moderate dementia. CST was designed following extensive evaluation of research (1) so is an evidence-based treatment. NICE guidance on the management of dementia recommends the use of group Cognitive Stimulation for people with mild to moderate dementia, irrespective of drug treatments received. (2) Group CST treatment involves 14 or more sessions of themed activities. The sessions aim to actively stimulate and engage people with dementia, whilst providing an optimal learning environment and the social benefits of a group. The benefits of CST appear at least as effective as those reported with the currently available anti-dementia drugs. CST treatment can be administered by anyone working with people with dementia, such as care workers, psychologists, occupational therapists or nurses. CST groups can take place in settings including residential homes, hospitals or day centres.
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The Department of Health and Community Services understands the benefit that the Call and Check service provides and have agreed to fund the cost of these twice weekly visits to anyone who will benefit from it.

Full details of the service are held at the Parish Hall, or by telephoning 280800 or email hello@callandcheck.com or visit the following website: www.jerseypost.com/about-us/community/services/

We have set up a small CST group at St Mary’s Parish Hall that meets weekly for fourteen weeks. It is facilitated by support workers from the Older Adult Mental Health Team. Service users are selected to ensure that they have similar abilities.

OAMHT, CMHT and Memory Clinic

ST MARY

The States Assembly have recognised the important role that the Parish network can take in the delivery of health care in the community. The unique way that parishioners and the parish administration are interwoven through clubs and societies, honorary police and officials and knowledge of the community is key to this aim. Drawing on this relationship can provide a platform, not only to share health information with practitioners and parishioners, but also for early identification of conditions including dementia.

St Mary Constable John Le Bailly couldn’t have been more helpful in allowing us to set up the CST group in St Mary Parish Hall. He understood straight away that bringing the CST groups out into the parishes is a positive move that can reduce the stigma of mental health and be a comfort for those who feel intimidated by attending groups in traditional institutional settings.

Trevor really enjoyed going to CST. His family noticed how much he looked forward to the sessions at St Mary’s Parish Hall. Trevor has come to terms with his diagnosis and, with the support of his family, he is doing everything he can to live well with Alzheimer’s.

If you or a friend or family member have any queries about dementia, please contact your GP, Health and Community Services at SPOR@health.gov.je, tel.444440 or the Jersey Alzheimer’s Association (JAA), info@jerseyalzheimers.com, tel.723519.

Thanks to Constable Le Bailly, Anne, Janine, Guy and Andy for all their help


Any other information from Jersey Alzheimer’s Association (JAA) and www.cstdementia.com

VACANCY

- After School Minibus Driver

The Kids’ Club, St Mary’s Youth and Community Centre, Rue Du Pont, St Mary

We are looking for a minibus driver to help us with our school pick-ups. It would suit a semi-retired/retired person.

We need someone for one hour a day from 2.30p.m. – 3.30p.m., Monday – Friday.

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