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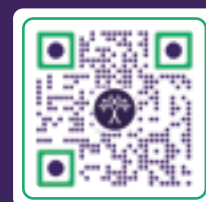
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Welcome to the Spring issue of our **Town Crier**



With this issue only coming out now, in March, it's a very belated Happy New Year to our lovely readers. Hope you've all done well with your New Year's Resolutions or, if you've fallen off the wagon already, don't worry – it'll be time to do them all again in nine months' time!



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As well as all our regular news updates and articles, a focus of the magazine is on new things going on within St Helier, including the new series of historic walks. We're also holding our competition for new Parish Ambassadors on Thursday 21st March (more details inside and also on our website, sthelier.je), with Scarlett and Helen, in post for the past two years, being a hard act to follow.

St Helier is taking part in the Coastal category of the 60th national Britain in Bloom competition this year run by the Royal Horticultural Society, so we can look forward to the usual high-quality floral displays throughout the town.

As always, if there's something you'd like to see more or less of in future issues of the Town Crier, or if you've got a good idea for a rolling feature please let me know. If you have a story to tell, or something to say, please get in touch – we're always happy to share your news and stories.

Now all that remains is to wish you all a very Happy Easter, and look forward to the start of our summer events this year with Liberation Day on 9th May.

Not Getting Your **Crier**?

Please contact annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je and we can either post or email a copy over to you.

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Have you something to share with fellow parishioners?

Is there an event or activity coming up that you want to tell St Helier about? Let us know at the Town Crier and we can include this for you.


Email short news items and associated photos (high definition jpeg please) to annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je, or call **Annie** to discuss on **811821**.

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Parish Matters

A round-up of the latest news and events from around the Parish

Municipal elections update: Roads Committee & Roads Inspectors

At December's Parish Assembly held on 6th December Mario Pirozzolo was elected to St Helier's Roads Committee team and will now complete a three-year term of office for the Parish. He left a vacancy within our Roads Inspectors team, for which Rosemary Boleat was also successfully elected and will now serve a three-year term.



L-R: Bernie Manning, Jason Lagadu, Heather-Anne Hubbell, Mario Pirozzolo & Kevin Proctor

Roads Inspectors are required to ensure that any defects to the roads, public highways, public facilities and encroachments within their Vingtaine are brought to the attention of the Parish for remedial work to be undertaken. They are requested to attend quarterly meetings and the annual September Visite du Branchage, and must participate every six years in the Visite Royale, which takes place on 7th August this year.



L-R (Back row): Daren O'Toole, Eberhard Stegenwalner, Rosemary Boleat, Eileen Morris & Bob Morris
(Front row): Michael Channing & Sarah Richardson

We still have availability in our Roads Inspectors department, and anyone interested in being elected should contact Parish Secretary, **Alison Roberts**, at alison.roberts@sthelier.je or **811880**.

Interested in joining our Town Crier Team?

You don't have to work at the Parish to help with our Town Crier.



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editor

We're always on the lookout for people interested in helping to deliver our Parish magazine – if you feel this is something you could get involved with please email Martyn Farley at martyn@mediamasters.je. And if you've got 'something St Helier' to share with parishioners, please get in touch with **Annie Bienvenu** (annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je) – we'd love to hear from you.

Dress down fundraising

Our staff are a generous lot and the Parish operates a dress down policy on Fridays, to raise money for a charity chosen by staff each year. Having donated to Beach Ability in 2022, we raised just over £660 throughout 2023 which will be donated as soon as a charity is chosen.



St Helier's Historic Town Walks

They're back! And this year they're switching to a Tuesday.

Our popular, interesting and free historic town walks, in collaboration with the Jersey Tourist Guide Association, are starting up again on Tuesday 2nd April. Leaving the Town Hall at 10.30am every Tuesday you can just turn up on the day, but due to the popularity of these walks it's preferred if you book in advance at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for 'Free guided walk in St Helier'). For any further information, please contact **Tom Bunting** on **07797 780868**.

WALKS & DATES

Tuesday 2nd April

Kary Day

Six Jersey Heroes

Tuesday 9th April

Melanie Cavey

Life in 18th and 19th Century St Helier

Tuesday 16th April

Ian Ronayne

St Helier and the Battle of Jersey

Tuesday 23rd April

Monty Losh

Future Time Travellers

Tuesday 30th April

Andrew Begg

Events and Features around the Parade and Gloucester Street

Tuesday 7th May

Martin Walton

St Helier's Occupation Years

Tuesday 14th May

Dacia Diggle

A Country Girl Visits the Town

Tuesday 21st May

Jean Treleven

Remembering our Lesser Known History

Tuesday 28th May

Sue Gorin

Women who were Adventurous, Black Sheep or Entrepreneurs

Parish Matters continued..

Mind Jersey's mental health awareness presentation

Adrian Smith, mental health trainer from Mind, attended our Municipal Services Department towards the end of last year with a presentation on mental health awareness. The presentation covered the topics of 'What is mental health?', 'What is mental illness, stress and mental health?', 'Supporting someone with a mental illness' and 'Looking after your own mental health and support available locally', the primary objectives being to increase awareness and shape an inclusive climate within the workplace, so that employees can engage with colleagues to talk openly about their mental well-being.



Mind Jersey is an independent local charity that provides support to people living with mental illness, with the aim being a society that promotes and protects good mental health for all and treats people with experience of mental illness fairly, positively and with respect. A drop-in facility, Friends of Mine, on Seale Street, is available to all, open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday. If you're lonely or struggling, just pop in for a chat and a cup of coffee or tea. Mind Jersey also runs various support groups, including Men's Support (7pm on the second Monday of each month at Pip's Place, Union Street), and Women's Support (10am-12pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, also at Pip's Place). Telephone **07829 933929** for more information.

Mind Jersey is also always on the lookout for volunteers to support individuals experiencing mental health problems and provide them with a safe space to share experiences. If interested, please email admin@mindjersey.org or telephone **07829 933929**.

Deputies surgeries are held in St Helier, as follows:

Deputies Tom Coles, Sam Mézec and Beatriz Porée, Reform Jersey Deputies for St Helier South, are holding constituency surgeries as follows:

- Every Monday from 11am to 2pm, at Beresford Street Kitchen in town
- First Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon at Cooper & Co, Castle Quay
- Second Thursday of the month from 5.30-6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas (*just before the Havre des Pas Improvement Group's meetings*)

Deputy Catherine Curtis, also Reform Jersey, holds weekly constituency meetings on Mondays (except for Bank Holidays), 12 noon until 2pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

New skills for our Customer Services Team

We're constantly looking at ways to improve our skills for dealing with parishioners, with our latest achievement being that our Customer Services Team is now dementia-friendly'. Dementia is a term used to describe the symptoms of many disorders that affect the brain, and isn't just one specific disease. There are more than 55 million people worldwide with dementia, and about 1,600 in Jersey. For more information, visit dementia.je.



Visit the Town Hall and you'll recognise all these faces: L-R Carla, Catia, Rita, Mark & Luke



Help with our float for Battle

If you're interested in joining our Battle of Flowers team and helping us prepare this year's entry for the Battle, this very friendly group meets as follows:

- Float-building: Wednesdays, 6pm at the Battle Shed (at our Municipal Services Depot on Queen's Road)
- Flower-making: Thursdays, 6.30pm at the Old Magistrate's Court, Seale Street
- Float-building & flower-making: Sundays, 2pm at the Battle Shed as above

This year's theme is 'La Belle et la Bête' (Beauty and the Beast), and there are opportunities to get involved with all sorts, from flower-making to costumes, float-building to dancing and also making tea to keep the group going, and there's quite often cake around if that tempts you further! For further information, or to offer financial assistance, please email Jane Skelhorn at keith-jane@hotmail.com or **Alexis Marett** at alexis.marett@gmail.com.

Request from the West: Les Quennevais School's 40th year reunion (Year of 1984)

Did you go to Les Quennevais School and now live in St Helier? For pupils who started in 1979, or who joined the School later on in the same year group, the School's holding a reunion on Saturday 6th July and is hoping to see as many classmates there as possible. If that's you, please email carolleserre@hotmail.com for more details.

Celebrating 200 years of the RNLI

4th March this year will see the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the RNLI is holding a Gala Ball at the RJA&HS on Saturday 15th June to celebrate. For full details and to purchase tickets, please visit rnlijersey.org.je.



Other events this year are as follows:

4th March: The shop on the Albert Pier will be open for one day only, 10.30am to 2pm, with a 200th anniversary 15% discount to all

2nd April: The shop on the Albert Pier re-opens fully for the rest of the year on Tuesday to Saturday, 10.30am-2pm

8th March: Stall in King Street selling a variety of RNLI merchandise

24th March: Car wash on Albert Pier – only £5 to have your car washed by some of our Lifeboat crew. Plus tea, coffee and homemade cakes also available for a small donation

7th July: Open Garden at Trinity Manor. Entry fee benefits the RNLI.

HSBC's flagship King Street branch reopens

The Constable of St Helier formally reopened HSBC's King Street branch on 22nd January following an extensive seven-month refurbishment programme, introducing new state-of-the-art technology and considerably enhanced customer facilities.



The 'Warm Welcome Space' initiative is back

The Town Church has restarted its Warm Welcome Space, offering Islanders a warm, free, welcoming and safe area to rest, work and play between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday, and during the afternoons at weekends. Originally set up last year to help people with the cost of living crisis, the scheme has also been useful in the area of battling loneliness. The Church is split into zones depending on a visitor's needs – there's a 'work' zone with WiFi and hot desks available, a 'rest & recharge' zone where you can get hot drinks (and toast from 3pm), a prayer space, and a 'play' zone for pre-school aged children.

Other activities from 3pm:

Mondays: Chill & Chat

Tuesdays: Board games

Wednesdays: Chill & Chat

Thursdays: Storytime (3.45pm & 4.15pm)

Fridays: Crafts for all ages

For any further information please visit townchurch.org.je.

News from our Honorary Police department



L-R: Elvis Vieira, Carly Gates, Isaura De Castro, Jacqui Hilton, Danny Scaife, Peter Pearce, John Keane, Paul Huelin, Shirley Madden, Paul Davies, Jane Pearce & Tony Bougeard

Centenier Danny Scaife was re-elected on 10th January 2024 and sworn in by the Royal Court on 26th January, with many current and former colleagues in attendance. Danny has served in the St Helier Honorary Police since November 1990.

Placement from Project Trident

The Parish of St Helier takes an active part in hosting Project Trident students for our schools, and this year saw Hautlieu student, Liana Huet, placed up on the second floor with Town Centre Manager, Connor Burgher, and Events & Engagement Officer, Elise Wetherall. Liana visited our Municipal Services Depot, enjoying a tour of the greenhouses, as well as our Charges Department at Nelson Street - meeting some of our Centeniers and the Charges Team, and Westmount Day Nursery.



L-R: Connor, Liana and Elise

She assisted with our Charity Road Show event alongside Community Visitor, Jacqueline Jolley, and spent time at the Town Hall learning key office administration skills, including filing, scanning and shredding, with our Accounts Department, with Parish Secretary, Alison Roberts, and with the Constable's Executive Assistant, Annie Bienvenu.

Finally, she put together a presentation on smart pavements and also a marketing plan for the upcoming St Helier Ambassadors Competition. Our thanks go to Liana for working so hard and being such a fantastic member of our team – we hope the placement will encourage you to explore this area of employment in the future.

Cathy Le Feuvre is inspired by a beautiful new book from a Jersey artist

Do you ever wander through the Fish Market?

Maybe you just use it as a 'cut through' to the Minden Place car park ... head down past the various fish stalls and restaurants? Or perhaps, like many others, you know its delights, including Jo's Painted Pebbles, a popular and pretty little shop which is home to local artist and artisan Jo Logue.



Jo is well known in Jersey for her artistic creations and best known for her exquisite mandala dotting on scallop shells and pebbles – beautiful items which burst with colour and originality.

You may have seen her at Genuine Jersey markets, and at her shop in the Fish Market Jo also runs classes to share her passion for art, and particularly art on scallop shells! She shares her artwork on social media and is often asked the question "How do you paint your scallop shells?" So now she's written a book called, appropriately, **Art on Scallop Shells**.

Since it was first published at the back end of 2023, Jo has sold many copies online, primarily via the Great British Book Shop and Amazon, as well as in her shop, where she has produced 'starter packs' to help people who want to try an inspiring and colourful new hobby.

'I am on a lot of shell groups on social media and have a large American following, so half of my online sales have been from the USA. Locally, I have been selling the book in my shop, and the starter sets (which include the book, all the dotting tools required, paint brushes, and a selection of paints and a shell) have been very popular,' she says.

Jo is a self-taught artist who rediscovered her passion for painting in 2017 after seeing an article on Elspeth McLean's beautiful mandala-dotted river rocks. She took early retirement from a career in finance to follow her passion.

Art on Scallop Shells includes step-by-step guides to create 12 beautiful designs on scallop shells. There are details about the paints and equipment needed to reproduce some of Jo's iconic designs and fascinating information about the scallop shell in art, history and culture, as well as facts about the shells she uses, many sourced through the local company Jersey Hand Dived Scallops although lots of people know she paints scallop shells, and they often drop them off at her shop in the Fish Market!

'For me, painting shells is a calm and relaxing hobby and bright colours can lift my mood. I hope to inspire others who might want to try the art for themselves. I want them to experience the joy I feel when I paint my shells, and by using my patterns as guidelines, I hope people will find their own creativity and enjoy creating beautiful and unique pieces of art!'

Visit Jo's Painted Pebbles in the Fish Market for a copy of the book or find Jo through her social media sites – www.facebook.com/jospaintedpebbles and www.instagram.com/jolophotoflo



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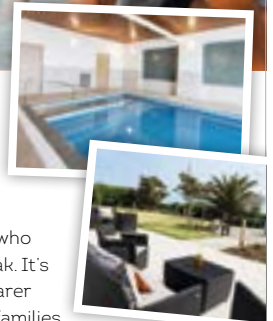
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Updates from around the Parish



Throwback to Christmas and the end of 2023

Christmas Giving

The Parish helped give some cheer to three local charities this year – the Salvation Army, the St Vincent de Paul Society and Brightly were chosen by staff. Christmas Giving boxes were set up at the Town Hall, Westmount Day Nursery and our Municipal Services Depot, and generous donations were made by both staff and parishioners.



Treasurer, St Vincent de Paul Jersey



Co-Ordinator, Brightly

Further information on the three charities mentioned can be obtained by visiting their websites – salvationarmy.org.uk/jersey-corps, catholicchurch.org.je/svpjersey and brightly.je.

Visiting St Helier's War Graves

Pupils from St Helier's D'Auvergne, Rouge Bouillon and Springfield Primary Schools visited our Commonwealth War Graves in November, placing poppies to recognise and remember all of the Armed Forces men and women who died during the World Wars.

Our thanks go to all three Schools and, of course, our PoSH team members who organised the visits.



Children from Springfield School



Children from D'Auvergne School

Welcoming Christmas at the Peace Garden

The Peace Garden Community Team, which meets regularly to work on the Peace Garden area at Vallée des Vaux, managed to hold a little get-together pre-Christmas to share mince pies and mulled wine. The Team meets on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am to 12 noon, and volunteers are always very welcome. Contact [Tony Allchurch](mailto:tonyallchurch@icloud.com) for more information at tonyallchurch@icloud.com or [767593](tel:767593).

LEFT: The Peace Garden at Vallée des Vaux



Updates from around the Parish continued...

Tree gifted by Rotary Club of Jersey

Constable Crowcroft was pleased to unveil the gift of a tree from the Rotary Club of Jersey, planted at Parade Gardens during February to mark the charity's centenary year.

We are grateful to Rotary for donating the tree, following the Parish's tree stocks being decimated during last year's Storm Ciarán, and a Vin d'Honneur was held at the Town Hall after the planting to celebrate.



St Helier presents £35,000 to four Parish charities

At a Vin d'Honneur held in February the Constable of St Helier, Simon Crowcroft, presented three charitable grants of £10,000 to Brighter Futures, Jersey Cheshire Home and Age Concern, plus one grant of £5,000 to Family Nursing & Home Care.

The grants were awarded by the Constable and Procureurs from the Parish's Charitable Donations Fund.

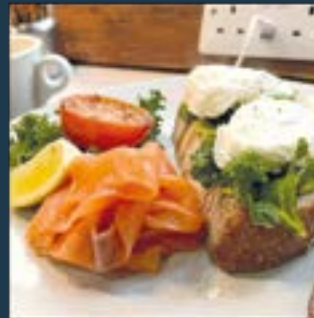
Awards are made once every financial year and any charitable organisation wishing to apply for next year should do so via the Town Hall after 1st May. Mr Crowcroft said: "I am pleased to award each of these charities that do such vital work in the Parish a charitable grant. It is a difficult time for charities as we are all impacted by the rising cost of living, and we must therefore do our part as a Parish to support them."

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The Art Of Chocolate Making

Cathy Le Feuvre meets a couple of adventurous chocolate makers

There's no doubt that Easter is a special time, especially if you adore chocolate, and chocolate eggs in particular!

However, for chocolatiers and pâtissiers Glenn Noel and Constance Claperon, chocolate isn't just for the Easter religious springtime festival. It's a year-round passion.



Glenn & Constance

Chocolate making is a mysterious and ancient art, and at Ganache Jersey, their pâtisserie at Millais House in Castle Quay (downstairs at Cooper's Coffee), Glenn and Constance are the artists.

'We produce lots of different confectionary. We have chocolate bonbons, which are either ganache or pralines cut into squares, each one coated and hand-decorated by ourselves. We make all the chocolate bars, the dragées which are like coated nuts, and coated

popcorn. And we have a range of macaroons, ten flavours, and two of them are actually plant-based so they're suitable for vegan and dairy-free consumers,' Glenn said.

Jersey-born and bred Glenn's professional culinary journey began at Highlands College and aged 19 he was crowned Channel Islands Young Chef of the Year. Work followed at the Royal Yacht Hotel, The Atlantic Hotel and in high-profile kitchens in Copenhagen and London before he was appointed head pastry chef back at The Atlantic.

A chance meeting there with the owner of Valrhona, one of the largest global chocolate companies, saw Glenn recruited as an assistant and then teacher at the prestigious Valrhona culinary school in Versailles in France, one of four academies the company operates across the world.



In Versailles, Glenn met French-born pastry chef Constance, who was then working backstage on a TV show called 'Le Meilleur Pâtissier' – 'The Best Pastry Chef' (like the 'Great British Bake Off').

Constance is also a classically trained pastry chef, having worked in all aspects of pâtisserie, chocolate and bakery. It was a personal and professional match made in heaven!

Come 2019, the couple were in Dubai, with Glenn responsible for sharing the Valrhona know-how and coordinating their pastry activity across 23 countries in the Middle East, India and Africa. Constance was learning commercial skills as part of the UAE pastry department of the global company Classic Fine Foods. However, an eventual return to Jersey was always a long-term goal and in 2022 they made the transition.

Ganache Jersey opened in summer 2023 and now it's where they create, decorate and sell their spectacular confectionary, freshly handmade every day using only Valrhona chocolate and locally sourced Jersey cream, butter and eggs.

Glenn and Constance have already packed loads into life – they're both only just in their 30s – and they're excited for the future.

For Easter, there will be a special range of chocolate eggs and confectionary, including chocolate moulded figurines and Easter macaroons, and this year they plan to expand the Ganache online business and to continue to thrive with the positive adventurous spirit that inspires them.

'We've always had the attitude, if you fail, at least you've tried. If you don't try, you'll never know!'

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It's time to get back to basics.

Lyndon Farnham

Deputy for St Mary, St Ouen and St Peter, and Chief Minister



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After a turbulent time in Jersey politics, I firmly believe we must steady the ship and focus on getting back to basics. That means we must prioritise essential services and tackle the most immediate challenges facing Islanders, like housing, the cost of living and getting the hospital built.

It's become clear that sometimes, as a government, we try to do far too much and end up achieving very little. The new government will be looking closely at where we are spending public money and reprioritising to make sure we are delivering the best outcomes for Islanders. We will be focusing on delivery, and not on the production of extensive reports and strategies.

We must reduce expenditure by curbing the growth in the public sector and rely less on external consultants, instead developing local talent within the civil service and redirecting monies saved to those areas where it is needed most.

I'm pleased that we have managed to bring together a Council of Ministers that is more representative of the whole States Assembly and provides an improved political balance which I believe will help to deliver in areas that benefit the community.

It is equally important that we keep the parish system at the heart of our Island community. The consistency of the parish administrations provides stability which underpins our way of life and is a cornerstone of our success and prosperity. The Connétables play an important role both in the States Assembly and in leading their parishes, are actively engaged in Island life, and play a valuable part in the overall success of the Island.

A number of Connétables occupy key roles in the new government alongside parish deputies.

St Peter Connétable Richard Vibert is the new Minister for Children and Families after the role of Children and Education Minister was separated to provide more focus on these vital areas. I was pleased to see Deputy Rob Ward appointed by the States Assembly to the new role of Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Connétable Andy Jehan of St John is the new Minister for Infrastructure and has also taken on political responsibility for Sport. St Helier Connétable Simon Crowcroft is an Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's department and Assistant Minister with Connétable Jehan at Infrastructure. And St Brelade Connétable Mike Jackson is the Assistant Minister at the Environment and Planning department.

I know we will have some challenging issues to resolve in the months ahead, but one thing I hope we can do is to move on from personality politics and focus on the merits of individual proposals, and to always aim to make decisions that are in Jersey's best interests.

I want a government that represents all members of our community, and I would like all Islanders to feel that they can contact me or any of the Ministerial team to talk through the issues that concern them. If you want to get in touch, please use the details below.

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First Tower Youth Project NEWS

By Bill Moore



Getting arty

Earlier this year we spent the darker evenings at Club celebrating creativity. Members spent a long time adding to and adjusting the 'elephant wall' which is now up. We also painted nails, made countless cupcakes and again used 'big art' to project hopes and dreams for 2024.



Youth Work Week

Zorbs were a big hit last term, with our young people bumping and bouncing around in them in the hall. We celebrated Youth Work Week by holding an online inter-club quiz against the Le Squez Youth Project and, as part of Children's Mental Health Week, we made stress balls, using this activity to chat about how stress can be managed and what help there is out there to support young people.



Spring Session Times

MONDAY	7yrs	7-9pm	Open session
TUESDAY	8yrs	7-9pm	Open session
WEDNESDAY	9+yrs	7-9pm	Open session
FRIDAY	5 & 6yrs	7-9pm	Open session

Club is closed for Easter from 28th March to 8th April. Friday sessions won't run during school holidays.

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Rachel Concannon of Rachel's Textiles, with Chairman, Andrew Lewis, donates monthly to the Trust 10% of the proceeds of her homemade shopping bags.

St Helier Youth & Community Trust:

Attention all St Helier businesses: *"We would like to meet you"*

The past 12 months have been extremely challenging globally with Jersey not escaping the impact of rising inflation, a significant rise in the cost of living and economic slowdown. Tragic events such as the gas explosion on Pier Road and, more recently, Storm Ciarán have resulted in life-changing circumstances for many families.

In light of such events, The St Helier Youth & Community Trust has stood ready to provide financial support to individuals directly affected. The Trust also works extensively with frontline charitable organisations and agencies able to quickly identify at first hand those persons in most need of assistance and ongoing support. In so doing, through our Emergency Grant Aid Scheme, we have awarded crisis grants of over **£25,000**.

Engagement with the business community

One of our main objectives this year is to significantly increase the funds we have available to invest in community projects. To help achieve this we will be placing a greater emphasis on raising the profile of the Trust through digital communications, undertaking fundraising events and networking with the business

community. We will also endeavour to create greater awareness of our work amongst many of the Island's high-net-worth residents, in the hope that they may consider the Trust in their philanthropic activities.

We are fortunate that St Helier is generally a safe and pleasant environment in which to live and work. However, if it was not for many of the agencies we help fund this would not be the case. The majority of business and commerce is carried out in St Helier, and consequently the business sector is a direct beneficiary of the funds invested by the Trust into the community. In doing so businesses can operate largely unaffected by the consequences of some significant social issues, poverty and deprivation which many may not even realise exist in Jersey's urban areas.

We would like to meet with as many businesses based in St Helier as possible to explain how they can direct some of their charitable giving to the Trust, either as a one-off donation or in the form of regular covenant giving. We aim to build up a substantial fund so that we can help alleviate the effects of poverty and address the causes. If you are a business owner or director reading this article please contact **Andrew Lewis**, Chairman, or **Bob McGiniggle** by emailing info@shyct.com and we will be delighted to meet and make a short presentation to you.

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Your View...

The Penfold post boxes

by André Ferrari

It's often forgotten that Jersey played a key role in the creation of an essential part of the British postal system. Back in the early C19, there was no easy way to deposit the letters you wanted to post. A Post Office Surveyor's Clerk named Anthony Trollope (later famous for his novels) suggested the provision of roadside collection boxes, possibly based on ones he might have seen during his work-related travels in Europe.

Jersey was chosen to trial 4 post boxes in 1852. A year later the trial was extended to Guernsey, which still boasts one of its exceedingly rare original post boxes whereas Jersey, alas, has none.

The trial scheme was a success, and post boxes were introduced across the UK, although the wide variety of designs caused problems despite attempts at standardisation. In 1866, a new standard pillar box was introduced, designed by J.W. Penfold, but designs would continue to evolve in the years to come.

It is the Penfold design which is now Jersey's oldest post box and which sits proudly in the Central Market, but it seems forgotten that we once had two of them. I have a vague recollection that they were originally sited on Queen's Road and near the Odeon, but others might remember the locations better. In the early 70's they were relocated to indoor positions to help protect them from deterioration, and one was placed outside the Post Office in the newly refurbished Central Market.

The other was placed in the new entertainment complex at Fort Regent.

So where is that second one now? That's anyone's guess - it seems to have vanished without trace. Did it drop into the black hole known as the Jersey Triangle, where the prison granite, St Paul's Gateway, De Gruchy's staircase and other pieces of our heritage have vanished?

Curiously enough, around the time the Penfold box was placed in the Market, another piece of communication history was removed from the same building. In the corner of the outer walls opposite Red Triangle Stores was a curious old wooden cabin, painted dark green. It was claimed to be the Island's oldest telephone box and, because of this, it was donated to the Société Jersiaise. And, unlike the post boxes which were placed indoors to protect them, this indoor feature got placed outside, standing in the courtyard behind the Société's main gate, looking increasingly decayed and neglected. And then it too vanished.

It's bad enough that we have lost so many bits of Jersey's history. But when they are deemed to be interesting enough to conserve, and then lost anyway, it starts to look like remarkable carelessness!



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Remembering Richard Rondel

Last autumn the Constable of St Helier was invited to Funchal by the Mayor, Pedro Calado, and among the official engagements was a visit to Curral das Freiras, a small town in the neighbouring parish of Câmara de Lobos.

The occasion was the unveiling of a plaque in memory of a former St Helier Deputy, Richard Rondel, by two of his sons, James and Jack. As well as being a Parish Deputy between 2011 and 2018, Richard was a farmer who had developed strong links with this particular region of Madeira from which dozens of his employees originated, and, during the visit, he met several people who had fond memories of their former employer.

Before his untimely death at the age of 54, Richard did a great deal to support the local Madeiran and Portuguese community and to celebrate the ways in which the lives of St Helier parishioners and all Islanders are enriched by Portuguese culture and heritage. He also was instrumental in the development of the Fête de St Hélier, St Helier's annual street party, and enjoyed taking part in its opening parade, proudly carrying the St Helier flag behind the Band of the Island of Jersey and the brightly dressed street performers.



Last year the Parish unveiled a memorial bench for Richard in Broad Street near the Pierre Le Sueur obelisk and fountains, from where the parade starts. Le Sueur, a former Constable of St Helier, also died prematurely and his inscription tells us that he devoted himself to his people, an accolade which is also true of Richard. He continues to be missed, in both of the islands he supported with enthusiasm, commitment and cheerfulness.



Deputy Richard Rondel at the Fête de St Hélier in 2013



Jack and James Rondel

News from Normandie

Anais Niobey at St Helier-based Maison de Normandie keeps us up-to-date with events just over the Channel or coming to Jersey directly from France.

Ces prochains mois en Normandie vous serez transportés par un vent culturel et mémoriel dont voici quelques événements majeurs:

80ème anniversaire du Débarquement. De nombreuses manifestations auront lieu aux quatre coins de la Normandie du 1er mars au 15 octobre 2024 afin d'honorer la mémoire des événements du 6 juin 1944.

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La Manche vous réglera en musique avec **Jazz sous les Pommiers** du 4 au 11 mai à Coutances puis les **Papillons de Nuit** du 17 au 19 mai à Saint-Laurent-de-Cuves.

Côté jersiais, ne manquez pas le premier **Marché Normand** de l'année du 23 au 27 mai sur le Royal Square. Nos commerçants normands seront ravis de vous retrouver!

La Maison de la Normandie et de la Manche se tient à votre disposition pour vous donner plus de détails sur ces événements et bien d'autres.

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Normandy has on offer a cultural and memorial journey over the next few months. Here are some of the major events:

80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy: Many events will take place across Normandy from 1st March to 15th October to commemorate D-Day, 6th June 1944.

Normandy Impressionist: 150 cultural, artistic and innovative events will be organised across Normandy from 22 March to 22 September to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the impressionism artistic movement.

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Going to la Manche? Enjoy some great music at **Jazz sous les Pommiers** from 4th to 11th May in Coutances and **Papillons de Nuit** from 17th to 19th May in Saint-Laurent-de-Cuves.

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Clubs & Associations

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A chance meeting on Liberation Day in 2002 led to the twinning of St Helier with Bad Wurzach, the southern German town in which many Islanders were interned during the Second World War. Since that time, the Partnerschaft Committee has developed cultural links between the towns through visits and exchanges of information.

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FUNCHAL GERMINAÇÃO

The Committee's role is to develop relationships between the Parish and the capital of Madeira, Funchal, through activities celebrating the Portuguese language, music and national days.

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TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

The Committee's role is to develop relationships between the Parish and the capital of Trenton, New Jersey, by fostering school links, cultural exchanges, and promoting understanding of the historic ties between Jersey and New Jersey.

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MYKOLAIV

St Helier's most recent twinning was agreed by the Parish Assembly on 22nd February 2023, the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. The Committee meets regularly to plan how best to support Mykolaiv, including fostering online exchanges between schools.

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A battle lost: St Helier's arsenal goes up in flames

by historian Ian Ronayne

For nearly 70 years the Town Arsenal stood in St James Street, behind what today is the Freedom Centre in the old Odeon Cinema. But as historian Ian Ronayne recalls, one memorable night in 1900 saw this centre of Parish military life lost – for the want of enough water.



A group of Militia artillerymen pose outside the arsenal building – the two guns seen on either side in this picture were practice pieces later moved to stand at the base of General Don's statue in the Parade

A scene of ruinous desolation greeted curious visitors to St James Street on the morning of 24 January 1900. The Town Arsenal, for years a busy hive of military activity, had been reduced to a pitifully blackened and still smoking wreck. Fire – that most feared of enemies in Victorian St Helier – had claimed yet another victim.

The arsenal building was mostly gutted. Only the northern gun shed had somehow escaped the inferno, its two cannons appearing remarkably unblemished by flames or falling debris. The same was not true for the southern shed – its two guns lay within a heap of debris, their barrels turned rusty red by the heat and water used to fight the fire.

Dirty puddles filling the arsenal's yard further underlined forlorn efforts to battle the previous evening's blaze. As did untidy heaps of rescued uniforms and other materials which appeared like ragged islands rising from surrounding waters.

It was a most gloomy outcome for this important and once highly regarded Parish asset.

St Helier's Arsenal

The Town Arsenal was erected in 1835 as tensions rose once more between Britain and France. Jersey's government came under pressure to build several central arsenals for housing cannons and other equipment used by the Island's Militia regiments. While the States argued over who should foot the bill, St Helier had gone ahead and constructed its own arsenal on land at the northern end of St James Street.

A contemporary report described the arsenal as 'substantial and spacious, and highly creditable to the local authorities'. The only complaint tilted at the Constable of St Helier's decision to let the building 'from time-to-time for purposes entirely foreign to the purpose for which it was built'. Private events had no place in a military facility.

The granite-fronted arsenal building possessed three storeys. There were two gun sheds on the ground floor, separated by a central regimental orderly room. A drill hall for training new recruits filled most of the first floor. Within the top floor's pitched roof was a store for weapons, uniforms and accoutrements.

A large walled drill yard stood in front. There was a coal store and adjacent house for the appointed arsenal storekeeper, which also doubled as an officers' mess.

Fire breaks out

It was a daughter of Quarter Master Sergeant Pullen, then the arsenal's storekeeper, who first detected the impending conflagration. Returning from collecting coal early in the evening of 23 January, she mentioned to her mother that a light was visible glowing within the arsenal building.

Mrs Pullen went to investigate - no one should be inside at that time. In the yard, she discovered several other curious passersby drawn to the arsenal after noticing thick smoke issuing from the southern gable window.

Now alarmed, Mrs Pullen hurriedly unlocked the door and the group entered, climbing the stairs to reach the second floor. To their horror, a strong fire had already taken hold there. With no means to tackle the blaze, they hastily retreated outside, grasping whatever stores could be carried.

Flames had broken through the roof by then and were shooting into the evening sky, alerting more people to the unfolding calamity. Someone telephoned the police and sent for fire engines, one of which soon arrived. Its crew swiftly set up the pump, ran out hoses and connected the apparatus to a water hydrant located on the corner of Nelson Street and David Place.

Help seemed at hand – perhaps the arsenal could be saved. But what was wrong with the water?

For the want of water

Despite furious pumping by willing volunteers, the fire crew had only a weak flow of water to hose the now flaming building. There seemed to be a lack of pressure. A second fire engine arrived, brought by the army garrison from Fort Regent. Attaching this to a hydrant in St James Street they advanced on the flames. Yet once again the pressure proved too weak - the fire was in charge and roaring rapidly out of control.

With appliances floundering, some among the assembled crowd, which included Bailiff William Venables and Constable Philippe Baudains, turned to old-fashioned methods. A human bucket chain carried water from a pump in St James Street through the arsenal gates for throwing onto the flames. The results were understandably negligible, however valiant the efforts.

Other brave souls set about rescuing what could be saved from the blazing building. Despite red-hot tiles crashing into the yard from its burning roof and ignoring the bangs of exploding munitions, they darted in and out to rescue record books, uniforms and accoutrements.

Eventually, even these forlorn efforts came to an end and there was nothing left but to watch flames consume the building. It was a magnificent spectacle at least, someone remarked, though not as grand as when fire destroyed the Opera House in the previous year.



The St Helier fire brigade which formed after the arsenal fire stands proudly outside the Town Hall



Militia on parade at the Town Arsenal in St James Street towards the end of the 19th century – the building dated to 1835

By 9:30 the fire was burning itself out and the audience beginning to disperse. A third, lately arrived, fire engine had managed to find a hydrant in Common Lane with enough pressure to save parts of the north side of the building. But otherwise, the arsenal was mostly gutted - the roof gone, floors collapsed, and doors burnt through. There was nothing more to be done other than ask the question: how did it come to this?

Blame and answers

There was a strong suspicion the fire had started on the arsenal's top floor, where an open fireplace stood for drying damp uniforms. Perhaps a rogue spark had escaped to smoulder among the rafters before blazing into life on that fateful evening. But once detected, surely there had been a chance to extinguish or at least diminish the flames? The finger of blame pointed towards an inadequate water supply.

For his part, Mr Foster Barham, manager of the Jersey New Waterworks Company, deflected the accusations on to other factors. The pressure was sufficient, Mr Barham insisted, the problem lay with attempts to connect the fire engines to the hydrants, with techniques employed amateurish and equipment used obsolete, or as old as Noah's Ark, he flourished.

Whatever the underlying cause – whether lack of water pressure or lack of firefighting capability – there was general acceptance change was needed. No fewer than 40 blazes had ravaged town in the last two years. It was high time the authorities took steps towards establishing an effectual fire brigade for St Helier.

The Parish authorities listened. In 1901, St Helier formed a fire brigade, operated by trained volunteers who used horse-drawn fire engines stored at the Town Hall. In 1923, the brigade moved to a new building – ironically at the former Town Arsenal in St James Street.

As for the arsenal itself, well it had moved to a new building at Rouge Bouillon. Before that, however, had come considerable arguments over who should pay for its construction. But that's a battle for another story.

Principal sources: The Evening Post newspaper, documents held in the National Archive, Kew.

Meeting Charlie the Cockatoo

When Cathy Le Feuvre was asked to interview Charlie, at Le Marquand Brothers Pet's Paradise opposite People's Park, she was excited to chat to the legendary Jersey bird. The conversation went 'something' like this ...

Cathy: Hello Charlie! How long have you been at Pet's Paradise?

Charlie: Around 40 years, I think. I can't really remember because I'm quite old now. Alice (Cottington) – who's second in command here at Pet's Paradise – reckons I'm in my late 70s, or even my early 80s.

Some people of a certain age MAY remember me from Fort Regent. I was already aged about 30 when I was rescued and moved here to my new home. I was in an aviary there at Fort Regent, with lots of other birds.

Cathy: Have you always lived in a cage?

Charlie: I can't remember anything else. I think I was born 'in captivity', as they say, but my ancestors were probably born wild.

Did you know, I'm a 'Goffin's Cockatoo'? Our family comes originally from some small islands in Indonesia, way on the other side of the world.

Alice and her friends are very kind and I do get out and about, when the shop is closed. Now, when I do emerge, I fly a little but mostly I like to be cuddled. I'm a 'lap bird'!

They look after me very well. I have special branches which I use to look after my beak and claws for myself, but the staff give me little showers when I'm moulting, and I like to splash around in my water bowl to get clean. And I like my bell. And my treats!

Cathy: What are your favourites?

Charlie: Well, my main food is a mix of seeds, dried chillies, bits of dried corn and monkey nuts. Alice says you can buy it here and it's made especially for birds like me.

I love almonds and sometimes I also get treated to something called a 'Millet Spray', a sort of sprig loaded with seeds.

Cathy: Anything you can't eat?

Charlie: Avocado! It's very toxic for birds like me. Deadly!

Cathy: I know you get lots of visitors, including children. Do you like kids?

Charlie: Mostly I do. Sometimes they cry when I squawk! But I love it when they jump up and down in front of me. I also love to dance which makes everyone smile.

By the way, I hate being ignored! If Alice and the others are talking to someone else, I'll let them know I'm unhappy and need attention. I do that by squawking! Very loudly!

Alice says I'm a mixture of a teenager needing attention and a grumpy old man! That about sums me up. I have my moods – I'm 'quirky'!

Cathy: But you're always happy to meet people who come into the shop?

Charlie: Yes ... unless there's a blanket over my cage. That means I'm sleeping, which, to be honest, I do quite a lot of these days.

As I said, I AM quite old, and I need my rest!





St Helier

Household recycling collection 2024

This guide explains how to use the St. Helier household recycling collection. A collection planner is included so you know when your recycling will be collected. Every home in St. Helier receives a recycling collection, in addition to the existing rubbish and glass collections.

Collection Planner 2024

Week 1

Week 2

JANUARY

Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

FEBRUARY

Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	
Saturday	3	10	17	24	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

MARCH

Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

APRIL

Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

MAY

Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

JUNE

Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

JULY

Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
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AUGUST

Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

SEPTEMBER

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Tuesday		3	10	17	24	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	
Friday		6	13	20	27	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	

OCTOBER

Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27	

NOVEMBER

Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

DECEMBER

Monday		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	
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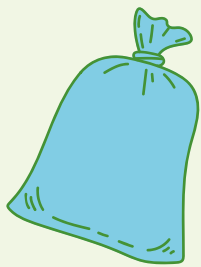
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Newspapers and magazines
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 Cardboard boxes
 Catalogues and phone directories
 Paper and envelopes
 Wrapping paper (not shiny or metallic)
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 Glass
 Plastic pots, tubs and trays
 Plastic bags
 Plastic bottle pumps
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 Crisp packets and food wrappers

YES PLEASE : Clear Recycling Bag

Plastic bottles (all shapes and sizes)
 Food and drink cans
 Metal lids (from bottles and jars)
 Aerosol cans (empty only)
 Clean foil and foil trays

Please rinse and dry, cans, tins, bottles and trays



Music *in Action*

Jersey charity Music in Action supports local children in the 2024 Liberation International Music Festival.

Local charity Music in Action is thrilled to announce that youth and educational work will anchor the Liberation International Music Festival alongside performances by international stars. The festival will take place from May 8-18th, 2024, and will feature a diverse range of world-class musicians.

Most importantly for the beliefs of the charity, enrichment experiences for Jersey children will be at the centre. Violinist Harriet Mackenzie will focus on hearing impaired children enjoying the riches of music, as well as performing on Musical Walks at Seafield House and St Brelades Bay. Omara Silvester, Music in Action Young Artist 2024, will be featured with opera legend Sir Willard White at the Arts Centre.

Musicians from the Jersey Chamber Orchestra will be leading a history tour as schools from West such as St Ouen to the East in St Martin will be benefitting from learning about Kings and Queens from Queen Anne to Queen Victoria with music and



words. Tickets will be given to families whose children receive the Jersey Premium to see two leading pianists playing Mozart's Double Piano concerto. And for St Lawrence, Jazz at Hamptonne makes a welcome return.

"We are thrilled to announce the 2024 Liberation International Music Festival," said James Mews, Artistic Director of the Liberation Festival. "The festival is a celebration of our island's unique history and culture, and we are excited to be focusing on enriching the lives of the many children in the island."

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Programme

9th May - Musical Walk Seafield House	15th May - Tim Garland Sax Wolf's Caves - 6.30pm
11th May - Chamber Orchestra Methodist Church - 7.30pm	16th May - Sir Willard White - Arts Centre - 7.30pm
12th May - Musical Walk St Brelade's Bay	17th May - Claude Cahun Arts Centre - 7.30pm
14th May - Mozart Piano Quartet Jersey Museum - 7.30pm	18th May - Jazz at Hamptonne with Jason Rebello - 12-3pm

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at Arts Centre

Westmount NEWS Day Nursery

Children at our Nursery are offered a wide variety of activities to keep them interested and help them grow.

Our Sunshine Room children have been doing some observational art on Perspex, experimenting with different types of paint such as watercolours, ready-mix paint and paint pens to get different effects.

Whilst children in our Rainbow Room have been enjoying using their imaginations with our new mud kitchen equipment, including the knights' table and chairs playset.

If you'd like more information on your child attending Westmount Day Nursery, please contact **Michelle Kiberd**, Manager, at michelle.kiberd@sthelier.ie or **811718**.



St Ewold's Residential Home NEWS

There's always plenty going on at St Ewold's!

Looking back at December, our residents were very grateful to receive Christmas presents generously donated by Dunelm. They were also treated to some carols sung for them by the very talented Helvetia House School girls -



L-R: St Ewold's Maria Waligora, Activities Co-Ordinator, and Roxana Apatachioae, Head Housekeeper

always a popular event, the lounge was full and the girls stayed on as usual after singing to chat with the residents and wish them all a Merry Christmas.

This year was of course a leap year, and so this was celebrated on 29th February, with all staff wearing red t-shirts. St Ewold's Activities Co-ordinator, Maria Waligora, is also an instructor with the group Laugh, Move & Groove, which offers laughter yoga sessions, seated exercises, and drumming classes using exercise balls and pool noodles.



A century of memories

19th January saw resident Beryl Malzard celebrating her 100th birthday at the Home. These extraordinary milestone birthdays are never missed and are always very special events, complete with a visit from the Constable. St Ewold's was splendidly decorated and a big party took place with food and music and the residents' family in attendance at the top table. When Beryl thanked everyone for coming to her party, she said it was one of the best days of her life.



L-R: Beryl's daughter Suzy Crowther & her husband Peter, granddaughter Roberta, family friends Louise and Isabella, and then grandson Jack

Looking forward, in March residents are looking forward to live music to celebrate St Patrick's Day, an Easter Church service led by Nola Webster, and a crafts day with children from the Jersey Youth Parliament group. Some of the more green-fingered residents at St Ewold's are also taking part in the Genuine Jersey, Jersey Royal Potato Growing Competition this year as usual and we're hoping for great results!



Cupid visits

St Helier's residential home

Valentine's Day was celebrated in style as usual at St Ewold's, with our residents answering the question put to them: 'What's the prescription for true love?'. The dining room and lounge were of course decorated in pink, and our residents were treated to some special chocolates to celebrate.

Six of our residents also attended Grainville School's annual Valentine's event – this year celebrating its 40th anniversary. Students hosted the whole evening including the 3-course meal, and also danced with their elderly guests to the live music.



Accessibility with Shopmobility

7th June
National Shopmobility Day
Exhibition in Library

Shopmobility is a scheme to assist disabled people to go shopping, see the sights and generally get out of their homes. There are over 100 centres throughout the British Isles. Each is independent and some are charities, some are run by retail outlets and some are run by local authorities.

In Jersey the Centre is a charity, (number 70), and based in the lower ground floor of the Sand Street car park.

Shopmobility was opened on Good Friday 2005 to help shoppers but very quickly visitors to the Island asked about having scooters or wheelchairs available at hotels for the length of their holiday. This resulted in a huge increase from the original ten mobility scooters and power chairs and six manual wheelchairs to 120 scooters, 110 wheelchairs and six power chairs. Tri- and quad-walkers, Zimmer frames, toilet seats with frames and shower stools are also held and used by both temporary and permanently disabled people. In total there are over 350 pieces of equipment available.



The scooters vary in size and capacity from standard for shopping for those weighing up to 21 stones, large ones for weights up to 35 stones, and small, but heavy, folding ones to go in a car or on an aeroplane. The insurance covers Europe.

Shopmobility Jersey delivers to hotels and people's homes throughout the Island at no extra charge.



There is a membership scheme for those who are likely to want to go shopping or around St Helier at least once in every two months: the cost is £40 pa and just £4 for each individual use compared with £15 for casual users.

The Government of Jersey provides the premises at no cost and 12 parking spaces, some of which are released for blue badge holders for use in the winter months when demand is lower. The 3-hour time limit in the Sand Street car park does not apply to Shopmobility users.

Shopmobility Jersey is a member of ShopMobility UK, which organisation gives advice to both centres, the public and Government. It also helps with advice to proposed centres although does not have funds to donate or loan.

SHOPMOBILITY OPENING HOURS

10am to 4.30pm April to October

10am to 2.30pm November to March

Monday to Saturday excluding Bank and Public Holidays.

In addition to the above, Shopmobility supplies a scooter to disabled people on Income Support if recommended by a doctor, OT or a health professional from Health and Community Services. The cost is just £35 per calendar month, which payment covers insurance, batteries and maintenance.

The scooters are provided from general funds.

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A way of change:

looking back at La Colomberie's past

The streetscape of one significant town road has changed many times over the years. Historian Ian Ronayne explores its history and wonders about its future.

Being in or even near La Colomberie in the early hours of 6 January 1781 may have been a dangerous move. After secretly landing at La Rocque in the early hours of that day, French troops led by Baron de Rullecourt were stealthily passing this way on route to the town marketplace (today's Royal Square).

They were in a violent mood. Several curious residents of the area received stab or slash wounds – one was even done to death.

Shortly after, the invaders hauled the Island's Lieutenant Governor from his house – which may have been the property that gave La Colomberie its name.

What's in a name?

Major Moses Corbet lived in La Motte Manor, an ancient pile on the corner of St James Street and Grosvenor Street that

included a dovecote. There is one theory that from this structure La Colomberie gained its name – 'colombier' being French for dovecote. However, more earthy scholars point to a less whimsical alternative. The street probably took its name from the Coulomp family, known to have lived in the area.

Whatever its origins, La Colomberie of 1781 was a far different thoroughfare from that of today. St Helier was then a very modest affair, centred on the Town Church and marketplace, with only a few surrounding streets lined with properties. La Colomberie mostly passed through fields and orchards, with only the Snow Hill end occupied. It was still the principal way into town from the southeast nonetheless – hence its use by the French that historic morning – and so an important road.

Urban spread

The century following the Battle of Jersey saw St Helier expanding to fill much of the land surrounding Mont de la Ville, which Fort Regent stands upon. Development crept along La Colomberie, lining it with a mixture of homes, shops and businesses.

Among the grandest properties was Colomberie House, once standing opposite Grenville Street. Its controversial late 1990s demolition to make way for offices led not only to protests but also reflection on how Jersey should value its historic buildings.



Major Moses Corbet, captured during the 1781 Battle of Jersey, whose house may have given La Colomberie its name

Unwelcome and welcome visitors

By the early 20th century, hotels began appearing along La Colomberie as Jersey's tourism industry developed. The Second World War understandably halted this trend, with the Germans requisitioning the nearby Metropole Hotel for their occupation headquarters.



A bustling La Colomberie during Jersey's tourist boom – now just fading memories



Post-war, tourism boomed and La Colomberie with it. There were not only major hotels present, such as The Ritz and The Norfolk, the road also led to and from locations popular with holidaymakers, including Howard Davis Park and Havre des Pas. Cafés, restaurants, hire car offices, coach depot and tourist shops stretched along bustling pavements. Party Island . . . plenty of business!

As Jersey's tourism industry declined in the late 20th century, however, so too did the area's vibrancy. Changes to traffic flow and pedestrianisation were meant to help - but did little more than divide this once popular thoroughfare into sections, with the most easterly bit largely separated from town and usually clogged with traffic and parked cars.

What does the future hold for La Colomberie? Will it ever regain its historic and cultural status as a preeminent town street? Not in the short-term would be a safe bet. But St Helier never stands still – it seems. Like the French invaders of yesteryear, a cunning plan to use La Colomberie may appear and surprise us all.

Celebrating La Colomberie

Small independent boutiques and retailers, hairdressers and salons, cafés and restaurants ... were you aware that all this and more can be found just a short walk from Snow Hill in La Colomberie? In this issue of Town Crier, Cathy Le Feuvre discovers that there's a thriving and diverse retail and business community there that many shoppers have yet to discover, or rediscover.



Grenville Street mural

There's no doubt that for many people, Snow Hill is about as far as they may venture when shopping in St Helier, thinking they've reached the 'Top of Town'. But they're wrong!

The shopping experience doesn't end at Snow Hill. Take just a few steps more into the thoroughfare which stretches up towards and past Green Street and further on towards Howard Davis Park, and you'll find a range of independent retailers – some of them old and established Jersey businesses – offering something a little different to what you might find in the town centre and in the larger department stores.

You might be one of those who have popped up La Colomberie to buy something fun for a party at the Fancy Dress Box, but have you wandered further? Past the colourful mural at the Grenville Street junction, on to Colomberie Court where you'll find Dandy Coffee

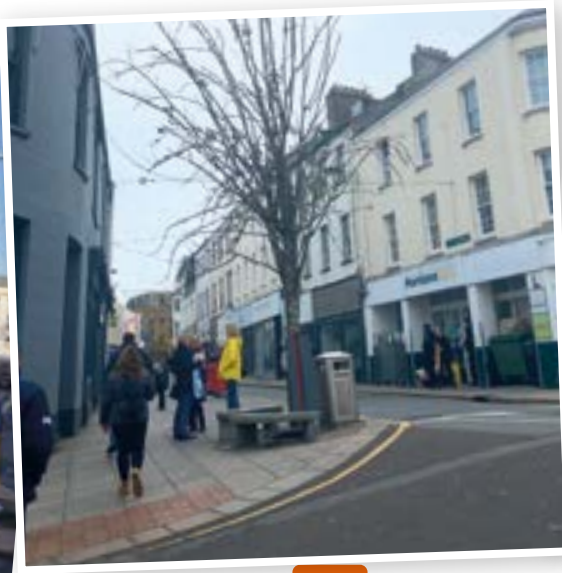
Shop and other eateries, up to the parade of shops nearer to Howard Davis Park? Just a five-minute stroll from Snow Hill, there you'll find Hook Line and Sinkers on the corner of Green Street and further up, a quirky mix of shops including the Music Scene Record Shop, Newton and Newton (registered gun retailers) and Bella Fiori florist's shop.

Whether you're needing a garment altered – there's a choice in La Colomberie at Ana Lina Alterations, or Needle and Thimble Alterations – or wanting to stock up on sewing and crafty supplies at Rachel's Textiles, it's all there.

In the past La Colomberie was more vibrant, especially when there were more finance workers and businesses operating in the area. Since the closure of hotels at the top of the road near the park, and the creation of the finance district down at the Waterfront, passing trade has dropped significantly. But many people do still walk through La Colomberie, en route into town for work or on their way home, and they can't fail to miss some great restaurants, cafés and patisseries as well as a host of salons, hairdressers, a gym, convenience stores, and much more along the way.

In conversation with some of the business owners in the area, I discovered that they would like more investment in the area to help people understand how much La Colomberie has to offer and to encourage people to linger a little longer rather than just passing through. One idea is more greenery in the street, and flowered-filled planters to brighten the day of commuters and shoppers!

La Colomberie is a great community and those who have invested so much time and effort into their businesses there



would love people to take those few extra steps past Snow Hill, following the signs to the Howard Davis Park, to spend time enjoying what it has to offer.

An Aladdin's Cave Of Creativity

'You're my magnet into Colomberie!'



Rachel Concannon, Rachel's Textiles

So said one customer when I was visiting Rachel Concannon at her quirky, colourful store, packed full of everything you'll need for sewing and other crafts – Rachel's Textiles, almost at the far end of La



Colomberie, near the Howard Davis Park.

Here you'll find fabrics, haberdashery and so much more. Rachel is also the premier dealer of Janome sewing machines in Jersey.

'I sell and will service Janome sewing machines, overlockers and embroidery-only machines, and I'm here to help if you're not sure about setting up or using your machine,' she says.

As a member of Genuine Jersey, Rachel also creates other products bearing that marque including cards and other beautifully handmade items like soft 3D sculptures – cats (lots of cats!), chickens, rabbits, and even a soft sculptured sewing machine!

Rachel's reputation goes before her. She was well known as a textiles and home economics teacher, latterly as the Head of Textiles at Jersey College for Girls. But in June 2014 she opened her shop in La Colomberie and created what has become her 'happy place'.

'It's the most perfect place, home from home, I love coming to work. It's hard work because I'm my own boss, but I love the colour, I love the joy of the fabrics, all the haberdashery, the buttons, the threads ... I love threads!'

Rachel really enjoyed sewing as she grew up and after a lifetime of passing on her passion and knowledge to students, she is still 'teaching', in a way. Since the Covid pandemic, many more people have taken up crafting and sewing and Rachel is on hand to advise.

'People come in and look around and so many say it's like an Aladdin's Cave. They

see something and it sparks an idea, or the fabrics will take them somewhere where they didn't expect to go. I want people to be creative. The joy that it gives, the therapy of sitting at a sewing machine, or hand stitching ... you just lose yourself in the process and it is glorious, it's so rewarding.'

In the decade since Rachel's Textiles opened in La Colomberie, she has seen changes. Hotels have closed which means fewer holidaymakers dropping in, and parking restrictions in town have proved challenging. In response, Rachel has changed her opening hours and now opens on Sunday mornings when people can park in town more easily and stroll up to see her. That's working well, especially for her loyal customers.

But she and the other small independent shop owners at the top end of La Colomberie would love more people to drop by and say 'hello'.

'Please come and find us and explore. There are lots of great shops up here. It's really worth the walk!'

Rachel's Textiles is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10am–2pm; Thursdays 10am–5.30pm; Sundays 10am–12.30pm; and closed on Wednesdays. Find her also on social media and www.rachelstextilesstudio.com.

Pretty & Perfect

One of the first boutiques you'll find if you explore La Colomberie, just a couple of metres up from Snow Hill, is Plums Lingerie.

Although some of the larger shops do have lingerie sections, Plums – which



has been there since 2005 – is the only remaining independent lingerie shop in Jersey.

Katherine Salt, Plums



'We're a specialist lingerie swimwear and nightwear boutique, and we focus on providing a fitting service, to make sure that all our lovely customers have something that fits them and makes them feel great,' explains Katherine Salt, who owns and runs Plums with her mother, Tricia Rees.



'I think a lot of women put up with uncomfortable bras unnecessarily. You hear a lot of the tropes ... 'I can't wait to get my bra off at the end of the day' ... and really that shouldn't be the case. I'd love to say it's very easy to go and pick a bra off the shelf but it's a little bit more complicated and it's so much easier if someone can give you a hand to get it right.'

Although some women may be a little nervous when they first experience a bra fitting, Katherine says Plums' aim is to make the whole experience enjoyable.

'I'd need to see you in the bra that you're already wearing and then I'll give you some bras to try on, based on my experience of what I think will fit. Once we find the size then we can work on the style, or colour, whatever you're looking for. There's no reason why functional can't be pretty. We're always going to sell beige smooth T-shirt bras over and over again, but comfortable doesn't have to be boring,' she says.

At Plums, Katherine and Tricia are proud to stock a lovely range of lingerie – not just bras and briefs but other accessories – as well as nightwear and swimwear. For spring and summer 2024 there will be new ranges, including new beachwear and cup-size swimming costumes. The guys aren't entirely excluded. Plums stocks men's pants and will also be doing men's swim shorts for the summer season.

Plums' great reputation for business expertise goes beyond these shores. There's also a thriving online business but the value of having a presence on the high street can't be underestimated.

Despite a drop in footfall over recent years, Katherine is confident that if shoppers discover the friendliness and diversity of the independent retailers in Colomberie, they'll come back time and again.

'A lot of people know we're here and come to visit. We also have lovely clothes shops near us, and hairdressers, so people come up here and find us. We've seen more little boutiques, more hairdressers and salons turn up, and obviously there are some quite well-established businesses up here like Affinity and Ellis. It's a great community!'

Plums Lingerie is at 7 La Colomberie and online at plumslingerie.com.

Eating Out (Or In) In La Colomberie

You don't have to go far in St Helier to find a coffee shop, café or restaurant, and in La Colomberie there's plenty to choose from. Whether you're after a quick snack or sandwich, a sit-down meal, or a pub where you can meet your friends after work, you'll find it up there, beyond Snow Hill. Many of the 'eateries' are well established and cater for all tastes.



If it's Italian-inspired or pizza you're after ... there's a selection on offer from the Fresh Crust Pizza Company or Pizzeria Famosa and the Caffé Ristorante Italia. There's Portuguese cuisine to be enjoyed at Funchal Paradise Restaurant and Thai/Chinese at The Park House – both at the Howard Davis Park end of the road. Sid's Place Takeaway and The Taste sandwich bar are there for a quick bite, or you could take a pit stop at Dandy Coffee Shop or enjoy the delights of Thai Smile. Tucked away nearby, in a corner of Colomberie Court up near the Green Street junction you'll find fresh fish and more at Gradees restaurant, or you may prefer to wind down at the end of the day at Legends Bar and Eatery. That's just for starters. And mains! And dessert!

Talking of scrumptious morsels, one of the latest additions to La Colomberie is the very tasty Flour – an exquisite independent bakery and patisserie where you can enjoy artisan cakes and bakes, either on the premises as part of a great sit-down menu, or to take away for a special event. Flour is not more than a few steps from Snow Hill, as is Café Ube which has been there for much longer – more than 15 years. The café is part of JPRestaurants and serves breakfast, coffee, soups, salads, snacks and sandwiches, with a focus on healthy, local, and sustainably sourced food. Café Ube at Colomberie is also home to the group's Café Kitchen where their busy team of Café Chefs are hard at work from 4am of a morning, preparing café products by hand, to ensure the freshest and tastiest food to fill Islanders up for their workday or their travels.

'With commuters using Colomberie to get to town from the east and from Green Street car park, there are a number of Islanders who come through every day. We have lots of regulars at our Colomberie Café who share a chat and a smile as they grab a coffee on their way to work, or who come and see us every lunchtime for their favourite burrito or salad,' says Maddy Jouanny, Customer Experience and Marketing Manager at JPRestaurants. *'We love the sense of community, and the privilege of being a positive part of our customers' busy workdays. It's also great being so close to – yet also slightly set back from – the main town centre. Colomberie offers a wealth of cafés, shops and restaurants, but still feels relaxed compared to the bustle of King Street.'*

Diary Dates **March to May**

Mon 11th March	10am	COMMONWEALTH FLAG DAY Cenotaph, followed by refreshments at Town Hall Elise Wetherall 811823 / elise.wetherall@sthelier.je
Weds 13th March	9.30am	ROADS COMMITTEE Town Hall Alison Roberts 811880 / alison.roberts@sthelier.je
Thurs 14th March	6pm	HAVRE DES PAS IMPROVEMENT GROUP MEETING Lido, Havre des Pas Annie Bienvenu 811821 / annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je
Sun 17th March	11.45am & 1.15pm	ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION Mass with Blessing & Distribution of the Shamrock at St Mary & St Peter Church, Wellington Road then Buffet Luncheon at the Town Hall. thejerseyirishsociety@hotmail.com
Thurs 21st March	6pm	ST HELIER AMBASSADORS COMPETITION Town Hall Elise Wetherall 811823 / elise.wetherall@sthelier.je
Tues 26th March	6pm	WATERFRONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING Cooper's, Castle Quay Annie Bienvenu 811821 / annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je
Weds 27th March	7pm	PARISH ASSEMBLY Assembly Room, Town Hall Alison Roberts 811880 / alison.roberts@sthelier.je
Weds 10th April	9.30am	ROADS COMMITTEE Town Hall Alison Roberts 811880 / alison.roberts@sthelier.je
Thurs 11th April	6pm	HAVRE DES PAS IMPROVEMENT GROUP MEETING Lido, Havre des Pas Annie Bienvenu 811821 / annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je
Mon 15th April		SCHOOLS' SUMMER TERM STARTS
Weds 24th April	7pm	PARISH ASSEMBLY Assembly Room, Town Hall Alison Roberts 811880 / alison.roberts@sthelier.je
Thurs 25th April	5.30am	ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION Cenotaph, followed by refreshments at Town Hall simon.crowcroft@sthelier.je
Weds 2nd May	6pm	HAVRE DES PAS IMPROVEMENT GROUP MEETING Lido, Havre des Pas Annie Bienvenu 811821 / annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je
Sat 4th - Mon 6th May	-	BOAT SHOW Sat & Sun: 10am-6pm, Mon: 10am-5pm jerseyboatshow.com
Weds 8th May	9.30am	ROADS COMMITTEE Town Hall Alison Roberts 811880 / alison.roberts@sthelier.je
Sat 18th & Sun 19th May	-	KRAFTY J'S FESTIVAL People's Park krafty.je

Diary Dates continued...

Tues 28th May	6pm	WATERFRONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING Cooper's, Castle Quay Annie Bienvenu 811821 / annie.bienvenu@sthelier.je
Tues 28th to Fri 31st May		SCHOOLS' HALF TERM
Thurs 30th May to Sun 2nd June	-	JERSEY INTERNATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL People's Park, Victoria Ave., Westmount & Mt. Bingham jmf.je

Liberation Day Celebrations



Liberation Day Breakfast

7:30 - 9:00am at the Town Hall
A ticketed event, please pick your ticket up from the Customer Services department at the Town Hall.

Liberation Day Service

10.30am at Liberation Square
(requirement to be seated by 9.30am).
A ticketed event, those who would like seats will be able to apply from the Town Hall in due course.

Liberation Day Afternoon Tea

3:00 - 5:00pm at the Town Hall
A ticketed event, please pick your ticket up from the Customer Services department at the Town Hall.

Further information on the Liberation Day events available from Elise Wetherall at elise.wetherall@sthelier.je or 811823.

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Town Centre NEWS

By Town Centre Manager, Connor Burgher



Happy 2024

Well just like that another year rolls around. At the time of writing this piece it's still January, so a very Happy 2024 to you all - although it'll be March when this Town Crier 'hits the stands' so it does seem a little odd to still be saying it at this stage of the Spring.



For many, particularly those in the Parish's Events Team, events in the run-up to Christmas 2023 and the New Year now seem to be a bit of a blur. I'd simply like to reiterate my thanks to everyone who attended an event or worked so hard to make one of them possible - a huge amount of time and effort goes into making the events in town happen and I'm grateful to every single one of them.

St Helier on the search for new Ambassadors

This year sees the search for new Ambassadors take place, with Scarlett Camacho and Helen Langlois, our Junior and Senior Ambassadors respectively, due to hang up their sashes and pass the baton on to someone new. Over the last 2 years, our Ambassadors have been at the heart of Parish life. They've attended the majority of events that the Parish has held, and have proved very popular with our community, being excellent ambassadors for the Parish.

One of the highlights of the ambassadorship is that they get to turn on the St Helier Christmas Lights in the middle of town in front of thousands of happy Islanders, and additional highlights this year will include taking part in the St Helier Battle of Flowers and a trip to Spalding to meet its flower queens. There's more information on the poster, but here's what outgoing Senior Ambassador, Helen, said about the role: "I have loved being a St Helier Ambassador. It has been a unique experience that has allowed me to meet interesting people, get involved in the Parish and contribute to the traditions of our Island." And Junior Ambassador, Scarlett, said *'I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the Parish. My most enjoyable time was interacting with new people through the lunches we held and taking part in the Battle of Flowers.'*

Looking forward to a summer of fun

2024 is set to be a busy year for events - you can see the Dates for your Diary page for the next three months further on this magazine, but I'm pleased to report that the Parish will be bringing back the *Fête de St Hélier* on **Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July** in the area around Parade Gardens and throughout town. This year will also see the return of the Parish running the *Havre des Pas Seaside Festival* on **Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July**. We'll have more details in the next edition of the Town Crier.



PARISH OF ST HELIER

AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

Thursday 21 March 2024 @ 6pm
Assembly Room, Town hall

Do you live in St Helier and have a passion for your community?

We are looking for the next St Helier Junior (aged 10 - 16) and Senior (aged 17+) Ambassadors.

Represent your Parish during an exciting year. Visit Spalding, UK to take part in their Flower Parade, turn on the Christmas Lights, get involved with local community events and take part in the Battle of Flowers!

APPLY ONLINE NOW

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT WWW.STHELIER.JE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Liberation is coming

The Liberation Day commemorations and celebrations will be with us before we know it on 9th May and, as ever, the Parish is taking a key role. Our Liberation Day Breakfast for Islanders who were in Jersey, serving overseas, internees or evacuated is being held in the Town Hall's Assembly Room from 7.30am, and tickets are now available from Customer Services at the Town Hall. We're also able to offer parishioners tickets for the reenactment and ceremony in Liberation Square - tickets will be available from the Town Hall in due course. You can finish your day off with the Liberation Afternoon Tea with music, dancing and great fun - tickets for this will also be available from the Town Hall. Please contact [Elise Wetherall](mailto:Elise.Wetherall@sthelier.je) at elise.wetherall@sthelier.je or **811823** with any queries.

Bloom

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Britain in Bloom competition and the Parish will as ever be entering with the aim of taking home some silverware. In order to ensure that we have the best chance we need as many people to support us as possible. If you're green-fingered and can spare a little bit of your time, then get in touch with us by emailing posh.events@sthelier.je or calling **811811**.



Introducing James Donald St Helier's new Finance Director



James Donald joined the Parish as Finance Director in December last year. With over 10 years' experience as a Chartered Accountant, he gained his qualification in the UK before moving to Jersey.

Having previously worked as Head of Finance at a local energy supplier, James is no stranger to senior finance roles, and says, 'I am delighted to be joining the Parish. The role is a very exciting one and, since joining, the level of support has been fantastic. I've been surprised by just how wide the Parish's reach is; it impacts on many aspects of life - from delivering core services to operating our Care Home and Nursery.'

There is a talented team here at the Parish, and what has stood out the most is the pride St Helier's employees and volunteers take in delivering for the community. I believe my experience in a local commercial setting, as well as working for the UK's independent public spending watchdog, gives me the tools to help the team going forward. Together I am sure we will continue to improve our services and deliver for the ratepayer.'

For the more organised parishioners who'd like to make a note in your diaries, this year's Rates Assembly is set for 7pm on Wednesday 10th July.

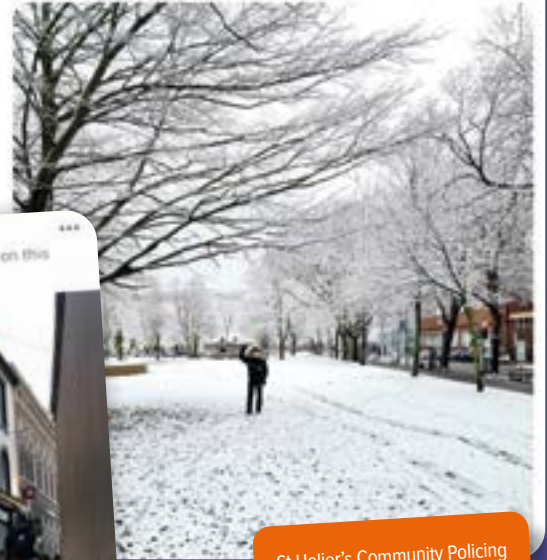
What's happening in Social Media

Don't forget to follow our various Facebook pages and X accounts, as well as St Helier Honorary Police, St Helier Parishioners page, GROW Jersey, and St Helier Battle of Flowers, to name but a few – and don't forget our Instagram account.



St. Helier Town Police Unit
@townpoliceunit

Happy Snow Day everyone! Here is one of PC O'Donnell celebrating her victory in the Community Policing Team Snowball fight for St Helier. Please take care out there and wrap up warm #365 #454 ❄️

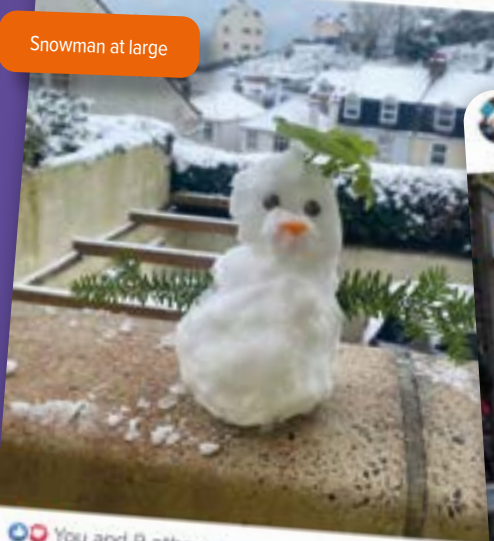


St Helier's Community Policing Team enjoying January's snow



Anna Meadows is in St. Helier.
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Snowman at large



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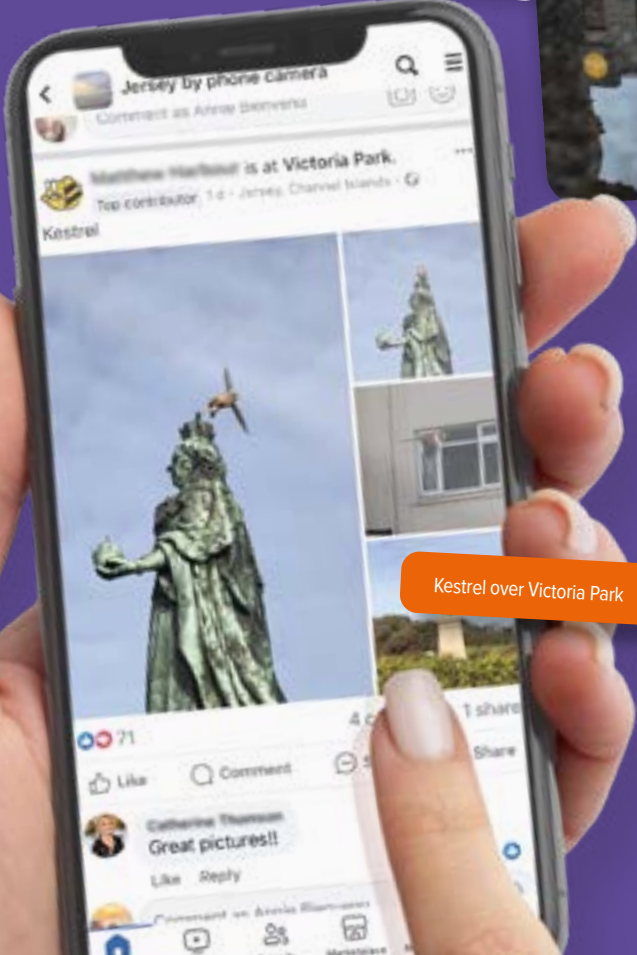


Reflections in town

Jersey temps passé
yesterday, it snowed in Jersey.



Crapaud at Charing Cross caught in the flurries



Kestrel over Victoria Park





Val Plaisant Resurfacing

25 March to 12 July 2024



Further information

The Government of Jersey will be carrying out essential highway maintenance on Val Plaisant from 25 March to 12 July 2024.

Signed diversions will be in place during the work.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused. The work is much needed as some sections were last improved more than 20 years ago.

For more information around the Val Plaisant diversion, refer to the [Government of Jersey website](https://www.gov.je)

Constable's Comment: Inside the tent

The Constable of St Helier explains why he has joined the Council of Ministers



When the Constable of St Helier joined the Council of Ministers as Assistant Chief Minister at the end of last year he could have had no idea that it would only be for a matter of weeks.

The previous Chief Minister was replaced by Deputy Lyndon Farnham at the end of January and a new Council of Ministers approved, meaning that the Constable's first executive role in the Government of Jersey looked like being as brief as the term of office of a certain UK Prime Minister! However, the Constable has been invited by the new Chief Minister to continue in the role, and Mr Crowcroft is optimistic that this will be in the best interests of St Helier parishioners.

'I have sought to represent my Parish for many years from the back benches of the States Assembly,' the Constable says. 'And while there have been some successes such as persuading the States at long last to pay rates on publicly owned property, and protecting our open spaces like People's Park from development, it has been difficult to convince Ministers that the quality of life of St Helier residents really matters when Government decisions are being made.'

'I have lost count of the number of Propositions (Private Members Bills for debate by the States Assembly) which have been opposed by successive administrations, while some of those which I have won have simply been ignored, such as the decision to set up a steering group to manage the Lido at Havre des Pas, and several broken promises in respect of advancing safe routes for walking and cycling in St Helier.'

The Constable hopes that as Assistant Chief Minister with responsibility for Urban Renewal, as well as being Assistant Minister for both Infrastructure and Economic Development, he will be able to move swiftly forward to make practical improvements in Town access as this is a critical part of urban regeneration. 'I would like to work with the relevant officers to bring forward the long overdue strategies for walking, cycling and parking for debate by the States before the summer recess,' he says, 'and to press on thereafter with the provision of safe, convenient walking routes in/out and around the Town and, where possible, segregated cycling routes.'

Mr Crowcroft wants the parking strategy to pay particular attention to the needs of mobility-impaired drivers, and address the current abuse of their on-street parking bays as well as difficulties experienced by drivers of delivery and service vehicles, and to improve cycle parking. 'I would also like to oversee some improvements to the Town Link bus service,' he adds.

The urban renewal brief is not restricted to St Helier, says the Constable, who pledges to ask the Constables for their input about regeneration needs in all parishes. However, he plans to concentrate initially on 'Town' as described in the Bridging Island Plan with a particular emphasis on the urban area within the Ring Road, Havre des Pas and First Tower.

As far as open space in town goes, the Constable hopes that the new Council of Ministers will be aware of his manifesto commitment to doubling the size of the Millennium Town Park as envisaged by Andium Homes, a concept which was used to secure planning permission for an increased loading of some of the housing developments in the north of Town. He believes that if an alternative site can be found for the proposed and agreed new primary school, the expansion of the town park in the most densely populated part of Town would be of incalculable benefit in future.

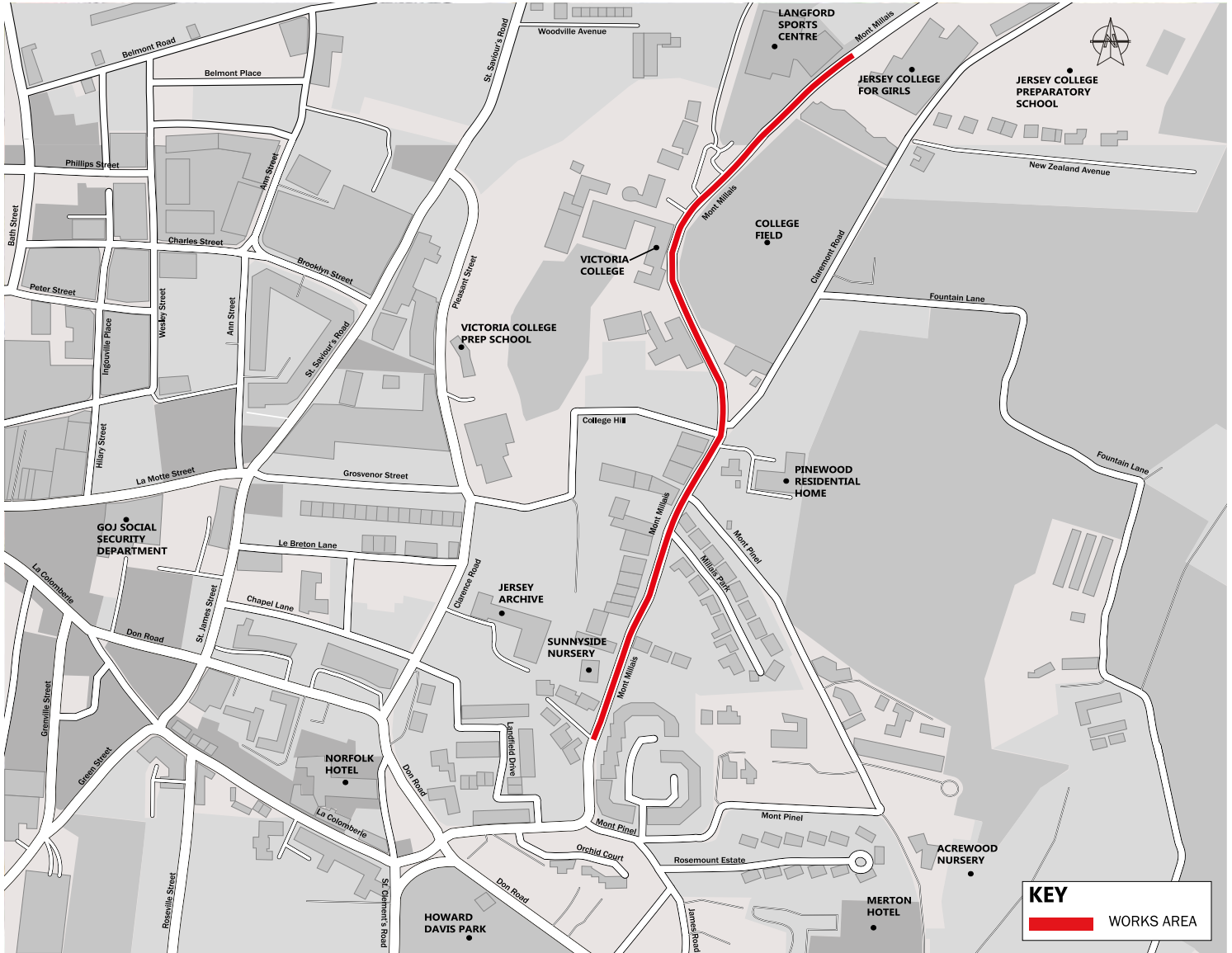


Millennium Town Park

Mont Millais - Resurfacing Scheme



Starting 2nd April 2024



Further information

The Government of Jersey will be carrying out essential highway maintenance on Mont Millais from 2 April 2024. Information on diversions, working times and other information will be published on gov.je/roadworks as the project develops. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

The work is much needed as some sections were last improved more than 20 years ago.

A white rectangular sign with a black border, mounted on two wooden posts. The sign reads "Jersey Croquet Club" in a black serif font. The sign is set against a background of a well-manicured green hedge.

Jersey
Croquet
Club

It's the magic number!

St Helier wins croquet competition for third year on the trot.

Interested in having a go?

2023 saw another tense end to the Inter-Parish Croquet Trophy Competition, with St Helier playing St Mary in the last match. St Helier required a draw to win the league - and that was exactly the result achieved, with the Parish retaining the trophy for the third year. Competition was much stronger last year, with some new blood providing a nail-biting atmosphere to the last.

Attention now turns to the upcoming season and schemes to knock St Helier off the top spot – it would be nice to see the parishes of Trinity and Grouville take part too to make it a fine 12-way showdown! A light-hearted competition open to any member of the Jersey Croquet Club, and anyone (over the age of 10, with under-18s to be accompanied by an adult) is welcome to come up and try the sport out before joining.

The Jersey Croquet Club is a small friendly club based up at Les Quennevais, playing on Tuesdays and Fridays from April to late September. Croquet itself is an easy tactical game to pick up, and great for fun and some laughs along the way. A few simple tournaments for members are run throughout the season, and this year it's hoped to run an inter-parish competition and crown the winners at the end of the summer. There currently aren't enough members from each parish to make it a proper showdown, so if you'd like to step up to the challenge, or if you'd just like to come up and have some fun, please get in touch – or pop up to the greens once play has restarted on a Tuesday, where you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

For more information visit [@JerseyCroquetClub](#) on Facebook or email jerseycroquetclub@gmail.com.

A welcome break for local people who look after others.

Maison des Landes is proud to be recognised by the Government of Jersey as a recommended option for local people seeking respite.



Roughly ten percent of Jersey households include someone who is providing a degree of care for a family member. For many, that simply entails popping in daily to check that a loved one is OK, perhaps picking up their shopping on the way. Others – who perhaps have an infirm relative or a family member with a disability – find themselves providing a greater level of care. But in many cases, these care-givers don't regard themselves as 'carers' in the formal sense, it's just something that they do naturally, selflessly and without complaint.

It's testament to the caring nature of local people that supporting others comes so naturally. But balancing the demands of family life and busy work commitments can take its toll. Add in the need to care for a relative, and families can really start to feel the pressure as time becomes increasingly squeezed.

The natural antidote to a busy life is to take a break from it. But planning a holiday – however much needed – can feel unrealistic when you have a daily commitment to care for someone else. Especially if that person is too elderly or infirm to travel. That's where respite comes in.

The term 'respite' is often used to describe a period of rest or relief from something difficult or demanding. It's not a word that resonates particularly well with people who don't regard themselves as formal carers, but what respite

'I don't see myself as a carer, I'm just looking after Mum'

means in real terms is that everyone gets the break they deserve.

Maison des Landes is proud to be recognised by the Government of Jersey as a recommended option for local people seeking respite. The accessible St Ouen hotel recently underwent a £3.8 million refurbishment and offers the relaxing atmosphere of a modern hotel with the very latest facilities for people disadvantaged by disability, age or isolation.

Access to respite enables everyone to take a welcome break. It means that families who may have found it difficult to take a holiday abroad can now do so, while their elderly relative enjoys a break in a modern Jersey hotel, equipped for their needs.

It's also ideal for elderly couples where one is a carer for the other. Care-givers are able to stay with their loved ones at the hotel and enjoy full access to all the hotel's facilities. These include a large accessible swimming pool, a 48-seater restaurant with al fresco dining in Summer, a licensed bar, lounge, orangery, and tranquil grounds with beautiful views.

The facilities at Maison des Landes include a large accessible swimming pool, a lounge and orangery, a 48-seater restaurant, tranquil gardens and 23 specially equipped rooms.

Feedback on our respite breaks has been overwhelmingly positive. One of last year's local guests said 'I'm a full-time carer for my husband, so for us to come to Maison des Landes and have a holiday as a couple, in a beautiful part of the Island, was wonderful'. Her husband added 'Every need is catered for here, and the food is absolutely amazing. The staff are brilliant – so friendly and approachable. Nothing is too much trouble'.

Options for carers are limited in Jersey, but Maison des Landes enables people who are unable to travel, to have a wonderful holiday in a beautiful corner of Jersey. Importantly, it also gives those who usually care for them a welcome break. Our respite holidays offer Jersey caregivers the opportunity to return home revitalised, refreshed, and ready to continue caring for their loved ones.

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MONDAY

**MAR 11 & 25, APR 8 & 22,
MAY 6 & 20**

Albert Street
Anley Street
Avenue et Dolmen
Brighton Lane
Brighton Road
Cheapside
Clairvale Cut
Clairvale Road
Clarke Avenue
Clearview Street
Colombus Street
Dorset Lane
Dorset Street
Gloucester Terrace
Great Union Road
(From Poonah Road)
Hilary Street
Hilcrest Avenue
Hilgrove Street
Jardin des Carreaux
Kensington Place
Kensington Street
La Grande Route de Mont a l'abbé
La Manoir de Mont a l'abbé
La Pepiniere
La Retraite
La Rue des Canons
La Rue des Maupertuis
Le Vert Chemin
Le Hurel
Le Moulin Close
Lewis Street
Mont a l'abbé Farm
Peirson Place
Pimley Close
Queens Road
Rouge Bouillon (Old Police Station to 1st Stop Café)
Rue de L'est
Rue Fliquet
Ruelle Pinel
Vine Street

MONDAY

**MAR 4 & 18, APR 1, 15 & 29,
MAY 13 & 27**

Avenue de Petit Mont
Balmoral Drive
Beechfield Lane
Clos des Pas
Dongola Road
Drury Lane
Grands Vaux

Green Street
Greenwood Terrace
Grenville Street
Harve des Pas (All)
Hill Street
La Chasse
La Route du Port
Elizabeth
Les Ruisseaux
Library Place
Mont Neron
Mount Bingham
Nicole Close
Oak Tree Gardens
Oaklands Lane
Pier Road
Regent Road
Rope Walk
Ruelle des Parqs
South Hill
Stafford Gardens
Stafford Lane
Sutton Court
Trinity Hill (Top of Old Trinity Hill to Beechfield Lane)
Trinity Road/Trinity
Gdns
Vale Court
Valley Road
Whitley Close
Wilkes Gardens
Willow Grove

TUESDAY

**MAR 12 & 26, APR 9 & 23,
MAY 7 & 21**

Abbotsmount
Abbotsmount Court
Apsley Road
Byron Lane
Byron Road
Chevalier Road
Clubley Estate
Common Lane
L'Avenue Lumieres
Elizabeth place
Ellora Estate
Janvrin Road
La Colomberie
Le Clos Vaze
Le Grand Clos
Le Geyt Street
Newgate Street
New St John's Road
Old St John's Road
Oxford Road
Parade Road
Patriotic Place

Patriotic Street
Peirson Road
Robin Place
Springfield Lane
Springfield Road
St Mark's Lane
Tunnel Street
Westmount Court
Westmount Estate
Westmount Road
St John's Road

TUESDAY

**MAR 5 & 19, APR 2, 16 & 30,
MAY 14 & 28**

Abbey Close
Cleveland Avenue
Cleveland Road
Croydon Lane/Road
Croydon Terrace
D'Auvergne Lane
La Frédée Lane
La Route de Petit Camps
Le Rue Petit Clos
La Route du Fort
Le Quai D'Auvergne
Marett Road
Mon Sejour (All)
Nelson Avenue
Orchid Street
Payn Street
Peel Terrace
Rodney Avenue
Roseville Street North
(Colomberie to La Route de Fort)
Rue des Côtils
Seale Street
Springbank Avenue
Rue de la Hauteur
Runnymede Court
St Clement's Road
Town Mills Estate
Trinity Hill (Old Trinity Hill to Vallée des Vaux)
Vallée des Vaux
Wharf Street

WEDNESDAY

**MAR 13 & 27, APR 10 & 24,
MAY 8 & 22**

Ann Place
Bellozanne Avenue
Bellozanne Road
Bond Street
Broad Street
Burrard Street
Cattle Street
Charing Cross

Clos du Bas
Craig Street
Duhamel Place
Duhamel Street
Dumaresq Street
Dunedin Farm
Gas Place
Grove Street
Halkett Place
Halkett Street
Hautbois Gardens
Hillside Court
Hope Street
Ingouville Lane
Ingouville Place
King Street
La Cotil de Haute Clair
La Motte Street
La Petite Rue du Val
Plaisant
Mont Pelle
Mashobra Park
Midvale Road
Minden Place
Minden Street
Nelson Street
New Street
(to Burrard St)
Ocean Apartments
Old Don Road
Old Street
Osbourne Court
Paris Lane
Pitt Street
Providence Street
Queen Street
Richelieu Park
Royal Crescent
Rue des Podetre
St Anne's Farm
St Anne's Terrace
St Aubin's Road (Town to Paris Lane inc Tyneville Lane)
St Helier Court
Tower Road
Val Plaisant
Vauxhall Street
Waterloo Street
Wesley Street
Westhill
Winchester Street
York Street

WEDNESDAY

**MAR 6 & 20, APR 3, 17 & 31,
MAY 15 & 29**

Adelina Wood
Beresford Street

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Caledonia Place
 Castle Street
 Chapel Lane
 Claremont Road
 Clarence Road
 College Hill
 College Lane
 Don Road
 Fairfield Avenue
 Fountain Lane
 Greenacres Estate
 Grosvenor Street
 Highview Lane
 La Clos du Briard
 La Grande Route de St Jean (up to Greenacres)
 La Hougue Avenue
 La Pouquelaye (Top)
 Landfield Drive
 Le Breton Lane
 Manor Park Avenue
 Manor Park Road
 Marrett Court
 Market Street
 Millais Park
 Mont Pinel
 Mulcaster Street
 Nomond Avenue
 Orchard Mews
 Plam Grove
 Phillips Street
 Pleasant Street
 Rue des Arbres
 Rue des Mielles
 Sand Street
 St James Place
 Weighbridge (Place from Ordinance Yard)

Brooklyn Street
 Charles Street
 David Place
 Don Street
 Farley's Lane
 Mont Cochon
 Museum Street
 Pomme D'or Farm
 Seafield Avenue
 Simon Place
 St Aubin's Road (Paris Lane to Seafield Avenue)
 St Mark's Road
 Stopford Road
 Tower Gardens
 Tyneville Lane
 Union Street
 Victoria Avenue (All)
 Victoria Street

THURSDAY
MAR 7 & 21, APR 4 & 18,
MAY 2, 16 & 30

Cannon Street
 Church Street
 Clare Street
 Commercial Buildings
 Commercial Street
 Conway Street
 Devonshire Place
 Dummy Lane
 Elizabeth Lane
 Esplanade
 Fern Valley
 Francis Street (Social Security)
 Hastings Lane
 Hastings Road
 La Collette
 La Route de Liberation Le Mont Cantel
 Le Quai aux Marchand
 Le Clos de Balmain
 Lempriere Street
 Liberation Square
 Manor Court
 Midvale Close
 New St James Street
 Queens Lane

Roseville Street
 South (La Route du Fort to Harve des Pas)
 Rouge Boullion (Both Sides)
 Roussel Mews
 Roussel Street
 Savile Street
 Seaton Place
 St Clement's Road (La Route du Fort to Colomberie)
 The Parade
 Upper Clarendon Road
 Undercliffe Road
 Upper Midvale Road
 Victoria Crescent Westpark Avenue
 Windsor Road

FRIDAY
MAR 1, 15 & 29,
APR 12 & 16, MAY 10 & 24

Aquila Road
 Bellozanne Valley
 Clos St Andre
 Devonshire Lane
 Doue de St Croix
 Garden Lane
 Gloucester Street
 Great Union Road (To Devonshire Place)
 Great Union Street
 Hansford Lane
 Hillgrove Estate
 Hue Street
 James Street
 Journeaux Street
 La Rue Cyril Mauger
 La Ruelle Vaucluse
 Le Ville au Roi
 Landscape Grove
 Le Clos St André
 Le Douet de St Croix
 Les Champs Park

Estate
 Millbrook Close
 Millbrook Lane
 Old Mont Cochon
 Old St Andrew's Road
 Pied du Côtill
 Pomona Road
 Poonah Lane
 Poonah Road
 Route es Nouaux
 Rue de Trachy
 St Andrew's Road
 St James Street (Rue Funchal)

FRIDAY
MAR 8 & 22, APR 5 & 19,
MAY 3, 17 & 31

Almorah Crescent Apts.
 Beaulieu Park
 Clarendon Road
 Clos de Parcq
 Clos du Paradis
 La Clos de Debenaire
 La Grande Pouclée
 La Pouquelaye (Bottom)
 La Rue des Chenes
 Lower King's Cliff
 Palmyra Lane
 Palmyra Road
 Pen Y Craig Avenue
 Peter Street
 Pomona Lane
 Queen's Avenue
 Raleigh Avenue
 Raleigh Lane
 Richmond Road
 St Saviour's Road
 Upper King's Cliff
 Woodville Apartments
 Woodville Avenue Wellington Road (RHS up to La Rue des Chenes)

THURSDAY
MAR 14 & 28, APR 11 & 25,
MAY 9 & 23

Ann Street
 Bath Street
 Belmont Gardens
 Belmont Place
 Belmont Road
 Boulevard Avenue

Bank Holiday Refuse & Recycling Dates

COLLECTION	DATE	REFUSE	RECYCLING	GLASS
Good Friday	29th March	Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service
Saturday	30th March	PAID CALLS ONLY	No Service	No Service
Sunday	31st March	PAID CALLS ONLY	No Service	No Service
Easter Monday	1st April	Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service
May Bank Holiday	6th May	Normal Service	Normal Service	Paid Collections Only
Liberation Day	9th May	Normal Service	Normal Service	Paid Collections Only
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May	Normal Service	Normal Service	Paid Collections Only
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August	Normal Service	Normal Service	Paid Collections Only

Parish Assemblies

Assemblies of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Helier will be held at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 27th March, Wednesday 24th April and Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7pm** to consider Parish business.

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

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

A S Crowcroft, *Connétable*
Town Hall

Roads Committee Meetings

Meetings of the St Helier Roads Committee will take place on **Wednesday 13th March, Wednesday 10th April and Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 9.30am** at the Town Hall to consider various matters relating to roads and buildings in St Helier.

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

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

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Residents Parking Permits Important Notice

The expiry date for Residents' Permits is **Wednesday 1st May 2024**.

If you are a member of the Scheme and will not be able to renew your Permit before the expiry date, please contact the Customer Services Team at the Town Hall at townhall@sthelier.je or **811811**

Parish Rates Important Notice

The Notice of Assessments are due to be issued to all St Helier ratepayers.

Please note that this is not a demand for payment, but notification of your property and land assessments for 2024.

This important notice provides all ratepayers with the opportunity to check and, if necessary, discuss their assessment with the Assessment Committee.

D-Day Commemoration Thursday 6th June

Veterans and members of the public are invited to gather at the Cenotaph from 10.45am. The short ceremony will start at 11am and will be followed by a Vin d'Honneur at the Town Hall, to which all are welcome.

Contact **Elise Wetherall** at elise.wetherall@sthelier.je or **811835** for further information.



Senior Citizens' Outings 2024 Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July

The Constable of St Helier invites the Parish's Senior Citizens to enjoy one of the annual afternoon drives and cream teas at one of our wonderful Jersey restaurants on ONE of the above dates, from 1.15pm to 5pm.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall and tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. This event is for St Helier residents only. For further information please contact **Jacqui Jolley** on **811854**.

Visite Du Branchage 2024

In accordance with the requirements of the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie, the first Visite du Branchage of the year will take place in St Helier on Friday 12th July.

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

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