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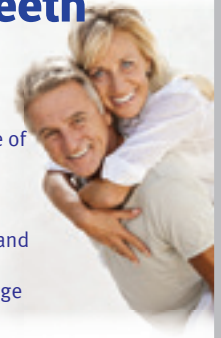
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Message from Le connétable

Dear Parishioners

I am writing this message only two hours after being sworn in as your newly elected Connetable. As previous, it is an honour and a privilege to be able to serve you over the next four years. The Bailiff when addressing the Royal Court stressed the importance of the role all States Members have in representing their electorate and the opportunity that you and all islanders have in being able to meet your elected representatives relatively easily, something that is not so common in other jurisdictions. I am sure I, and all our newly elected Deputies, will be readily available to meet and support you when needed.

I have no doubt all candidates in the Connetable, Deputies and Senators election want to thank all the St. Brelade parishioners that took the time to vote in

the General Election on Sunday June 7th. Firstly I want to congratulate the newly elected Deputies in St. Brelade on their success. I look forward to working closely with Monty Tadier, Jonathan Renouf and Gabriel Raimondo as we look to deal with issues both within St. Brelade and the States Assembly. I also wish to congratulate our former Parish Deputy, Helen Miles on her election to Senator after topping the poll.

I must mention those without whom we would not have had contested elections but unfortunately missed out or who decided not to seek re-election. I commiserate with former Parish Deputy John Young who was seeking a Parish Deputy seat and fought a strong campaign. I offer my thanks to former Deputy Moz Scott who represented St. Brelade so well, both in the States



Assembly and within the Parish, over the past four years and decided not to stand in this year's election.

Finally I want to pay tribute to Mike Jackson who has served the Parish so admirably since returning as Connetable in 2018. Mike has always had the Parish at heart when making sometimes difficult decisions and we should be grateful that St. Brelade has always had strong leaders. I thank Mike for his congratulations and offer of a 'handover' and wish him well for the future.

Steve Pallett. Constable Of St Brelade

Thanks to the contributors, regular and new. This edition has a special feature on the elections. The cover, courtesy of Jonathan Renouf, shows the St Brelade Deputies "Class of 2022" together one last time. Thanks to the regular contributors who always come up trumps within the deadline! As always, I'd like to thank Brian McKenzie, Mark Holley, and Mailmate for their help designing and producing the magazine.

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A plan to build a new toilet block and replace the drainage system at Elephant Park has been given the green light, with parishioners in St Brelade agreeing to spend up to £300,000 on the project.

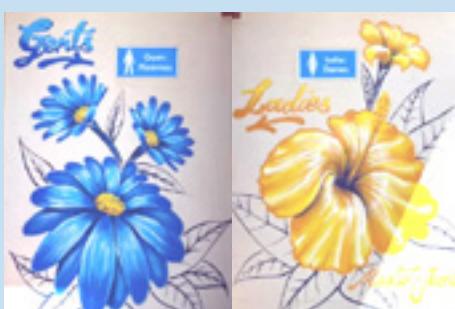
Around 40 residents attended the Parish Assembly, chaired by Constable Mike Jackson. Those present were united in their view that the current facilities are worn out and long overdue for replacement, though several people raised concerns about the price tag — £250,000 for the new block and £50,000 for associated drainage work, as well as the £55,000 already spent on earlier designs (a £500,000 rejected plan) that were ultimately abandoned.

After ninety minutes discussion, the meeting voted decisively to fund the scheme with 33 in favour and five against. A young girl of nine years old spoke eloquently about the need for families to have decent toilet facilities.

In April 2026, the German bunker at the eastern end of St Brelade's Bay was sprayed with stylized blue and yellow graffiti. The Parish Constable, Mike Jackson, reminded the public that defacing listed heritage sites is a criminal offence. : Historians from the Channel Islands Occupation Society (CIOS) emphasized that cleaning the porous, historic concrete is incredibly difficult and expensive.

Another graffiti incident occurred in May at the Cotil du Grouin public toilet block in St Brelade's Bay. A visiting UK graffiti artist known as Master Skosh painted large, colorful floral murals while on the island for a private commission. Artwork featured blue flowers outside the gents' restroom and yellow flowers outside the ladies' restroom. The Infrastructure Department covered the murals with white paint noting that strict regulations are necessary to prevent unchecked graffiti on public properties. However, in a diplomatic turn, they explicitly invited Master Skosh to reach out to them to potentially collaborate on approved public art projects in the future.

Also in May, Nellie the Elephant returned to the Elephant park! The work carried out during its "spa break" involved a full refurbishment: old and damaged fiberglass at the rear was stripped away, the structure itself was strengthened, and new safety features were added, including soft padding beneath the



elephant's belly and fresh rubber edge strips. The surface was upgraded with a non-slip texture to make it safer for children, and the entire slide was recoated to give it a bright, glossy new pink finish. The photos of Nellie's return were taken by Jan Dyer.

A new interactive online map and tracking tool for Asian Hornets Map can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.je/Environment/LandMarineWildlife/ProblemSpecies/pages/asianhornets.aspx>

The tool allows you to log a live insect or nest location by pinning it directly onto a digital map of the island. Color-coded markers show whether a logged nest has been destroyed, if a report is confirmed or plausible, and to differentiate between insect species. This helps avoid thousands of repeat reports coming in for the same nest location. If you prefer to track and report from a smartphone, you can download the official Asian Hornet Watch app, which is free for both iOS and Android devices

A colony of bees settled high in St Brelade's Church roof. A beekeeper was brought in to relocate the hive safely, protecting both the insects and the historic building. Parishioners were amused by the unexpected visitors, joking about "bees in the belfry," and relieved the move caused no harm.

St Brelade's Church installed a new electronic organ. It uses high-quality sampled sounds to recreate the tone and character of a full pipe organ while offering far greater consistency and easier maintenance. The upgrade will enhance music for services, weddings, and concerts, giving the church a richer and more dependable sound that suits the building's acoustics without the complexity of a full pipe installation.

RNLI Lifeguard Patrols Return: Lifeguards completed their induction training in mid-May to resume daily seasonal patrols across St Brelade's Bay, El Tico, Le Braye, and the Watersplash. The RNLI also celebrated 15 years of beach patrols on the island.

Visites du Branchage dates announced: Friday 10th July 2026 and Friday 18th September 2026. Landowners and occupiers must ensure all hedges, branches, and banks bordering public roads and footpaths are cut back before the Branchage inspections on 10 July and 18 September. Vegetation must be trimmed to legal clearances, overhangs removed, and all cuttings cleared from roads, verges, and drains so nothing obstructs visibility or creates hazards. See website for exact details:

<https://www.gov.je/Home/RoadsTravel/Roads/Branchage>

community Events

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- 50G Jersey Salted Butter
- 200G Breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons of plain flour
- 2 beaten eggs



METHOD

Bring the potatoes and spring onions to the boil then turn down the heat. And simmer for 10 to 12 minutes or until cooked. Drain the water off then add half the butter, 25G and mash together, leave to cool.

In a smaller saucepan put the fish in with the remaining 25G butter and on a low heat, gently cook and stir occasionally for 4 to 5 minutes until the fish is just cooked and flakey.

Add the fish and cheese to the mash and stir until all combined. Leave to cool for 30 to 45 minutes. Divide the mixture into 8 fish cakes and make them into the shapes of a fish cake, not flat but nicely round.

On three separate plates put flour on the first one, then egg on the next and finally the breadcrumbs on the last plate. Dust the fish cakes individually with first the flour on both sides, then the egg and finally the breadcrumbs until well coated.

Put some olive oil into a large frying pan and gently heat for 2 minutes, turn the heat down and add the fish cakes and cook gently on each side for approximately 4 to 5 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

Serve with either Jersey new potatoes and fresh vegetables or Salad and New potatoes. Enjoy!

ALTERNATIVES

You can choose just 1 or 2 types of fish instead, your choice, and different type of hard cheese too like Red Leicester perhaps. You can add chopped chives or other flavors to the fish cakes, experiment!

Once you have made the 8 fish cakes, before you add flour, egg and breadcrumbs, they can be frozen for up to 1 month if you put them individually between greaseproof paper and into freezer bags. When you're ready to cook them, defrost thoroughly then finish with the flour, egg and breadcrumbs.

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From Bug Hunts to Jungle chilli:

A Wild Start to the Summer Term!

By Evelyn Langlois, Akela 10th St Brelade Scout Group, Dome Cub Pack



As soon as the weather improves, we all head for the outdoors with lots of activities at our hut and out and about in the community and countryside.

Our Oak Beavers have been learning about the trees that grow in the grounds of Les Creux, looking at how they are changing as we move into summer. They have also been making seed bombs from compost, flour, clay, water and, of course, are full of lovely flower seeds. These have been thrown all over the grounds and will, hopefully, grow and produce flowers all summer for the wildlife which love our campsite. A visitor from Durrell came along to talk all about the mini beasts that live everywhere. The beavers were then sent out on a bug hunt to see what they could find. They found all sorts of interesting creatures in all sorts of interesting places. Beech Beavers have also been finding out how to keep themselves and the wildlife safe at a campfire. They also watched Akela light a campfire and learnt about the fire triangle: heat, fuel and oxygen. Once lit, we sang and toasted marshmallows to eat with chocolate biscuits - yummy! The Beavers have also been learning about money, so they will be able to correctly check their change when they buy an ice cream this summer.

The Cubs have been practising their tent pitching skills; now we are moving into our tent camping term. Our older Cubs helped our new Cubs pitch a tent as part of their Leadership Challenge badge, passing on their knowledge about campsite safety and how we look after our equipment. The Cubs also learnt about the Countryside Code and how we can safely enjoy the outside while still being respectful to others who live there and use it too.

The Scouts and Cubs had a joint camp in May with a 'Jumnji: The Next Level' theme. Lots of fun and challenging activities were planned, including a mapping skills hike, spider web escape, the floor is quicksand obstacle course and, of course, a campfire. The Cubs and Scouts had to perfect their 'o n demand' Dr Bravestone smoldering, (heroic side look to the camera). One popular activity was to prepare and cook their own Jungle chilli over open fires, followed by baked bananas with marshmallows (thanks to our Olio mum!) . This was a really exciting activity for the teams, especially our younger children, who had never done anything like that before. It was great to see the children working together, and the chillis were delicious!

Our Scouts visited Durrell at the start of the term and had a super evening helping to create a wildlife area with a bug hotel and bird feeders. They brought this knowledge back with them and then built wildlife feeders for our environment of Les Creux. They were also present at the Slave Workers Memorial service at the crematorium, along with some of our older Cubs, on Liberation Day. It is a highly respectful service, and our scouts always make us proud.

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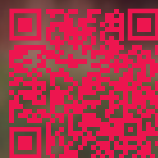
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The return of the Senators appears to have diminished the number of candidates for Deputy. In St Brelade, as in two other electoral districts, the number of candidates standing only outstripped the number of seats by one.

Meanwhile, one St Brelade Deputy, Helen Miles, opted to try for Senator Ever since the general election had all seats falling on the same day, this has always been a challenge, and various Deputies from St Brelade have fallen by the wayside. Helen topped the Senatorial contest with 15,859 votes, and will probably aim to stand as a prospective Chief Minister.

A new candidate for the Senatorial seats also came from St Brelade. Martin Aliga came from Nigeria to St Brelade, and opted to go for Senator rather than learning the ropes as a Deputy first. His campaign, fought on a very different style to other candidates. Unfortunately he came 14th with just 5,390 votes, but some of the issues he raised are still very pertinent.

Meanwhile among the Deputies there were some surprises. Deputy Moz Scott announced quite early that she was not going to stand again. John Young, a former Deputy in St Brelade, decided to stand, but within the platform of the Reform Party, alongside erstwhile and long serving Deputy Montfort Tadier. Deputy Jonathan Renouf was seeking re-election. But the youngest newcomer was Gabriel Raimondo, who would just be 18 by Election Day.

Jonathan Renouf: 2414 (ELECTED)
Monty Tadier: 2122 (ELECTED)
Gabriel Raimondo: 1603 (ELECTED)
John Young: 1152 (NOT ELECTED)

It was a mixed day for Reform in St Brelade, with Monty retaining his seat, but John Young failing to win back a Deputy seat.

Jonathan Renouf's environmental credential clearly chimed with the electorate, as he was re-elected.

The increase in his vote suggests that his will be a voice to be listened to in the new Assembly.

Gabriel Raimondo was seen by many as too young to stand, but clearly more of the electorate decided that young people needed a voice in the Assembly, and that the voice of the young should not be forgotten or sidelined.

The Constable's election was always going to be an uncertain contest, as many people liked both candidates, and both were well respected within the Parish. Steve Pallett succeeded (2,093 votes), and will be bringing a new energy to the Parish. Commiserations to Mike Jackson (1,339 votes), who has steered the Parish through choppy waters and who will now set sail from the Parish Hall once more. On leaving the counting at Communicare, he said: "It is what it is. It is democracy and I wish my congratulations to Steve."



La Baguette spring '26

Spring is the time when the Parish bursts into bloom and thanks to our gardening team summer bedding plants are in place on the Parish Hall and other sections under our management. I don't think anyone begrudges funding this as it serves to brighten our days.

The annual first 'Visite du Branchage' comes up on 10th July so now is the time to instruct all those with responsibility for such matters to get the shears and secateurs out or for those employ garden maintenance companies to give instructions to them.

I'm grateful to the 35 'adjoints' who volunteered to help at the general election on 7th June. It was a big 'ask' expecting them to stay up till 4 am and see the counting done. Did I forget to mention that when asking for volunteers?? The community camaraderie amongst them all and the Parish staff was noticeable.

I congratulate those elected in St. Brelade and wish them every success during their terms of office. The

role carries significant responsibilities, and I hope they will always prioritise the interests of Parishioners.

One of my final acts as Connétable has been to sign off permissions for licenced premises to remain open till 2 am on specified times and dates for live televised matches for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. I look forward to hearing the results and hope Parishioners enjoy the games.

I conclude by saying that it has been a privilege to serve as Connetable of this wonderful Parish. I could not have done this without the support of the dedicated Parish staff in all the areas that we manage including Maison St. Brelade. I've always stood up for what I've believed to be right and worked hard for Parishioners and Islanders alike by keeping a steady hand on the helm of this special corner of Jersey.

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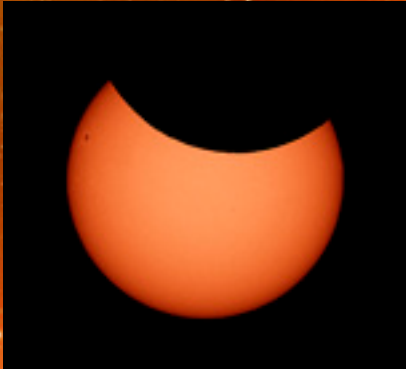


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Jersey Astronomy Club News

By Matthew Shepard



In May, Neil Mahrer gave a presentation all about Eclipses. This is relevant this year because there is going to be a near full solar eclipse on 12 August 2026 seen from Jersey.

A solar eclipse involves the Moon moving in orbit between Earth and Sun, cutting off sunlight for part of the surface of the Earth. This is rare than lunar eclipses because the Moon is so small; on average, a total solar eclipse occurs somewhere on Earth roughly every 18 months, but any given location waits 360–410 years for one. A remarkable coincidence makes totality possible: the Sun is about 400 times larger than the Moon but also about 400 times farther away, so they appear the same size in the sky.

During a total solar eclipse you briefly see the fainter layers normally drowned out by the photosphere's glare: the diamond ring, Baily's beads formed by lunar valleys, the red chromosphere, bright prominences, and the pale, structured corona spreading into space.

The exact distance of the Moon determines whether an eclipse is total or annular, since the Moon's orbit is more eccentric than Earth's; because the Moon is usually about 2.1% smaller in apparent size than the Sun, annular eclipses are slightly more common. The eclipse shadow has a wide penumbra and a very narrow umbra, and this umbral shadow races from west to east across Earth at roughly 1700 km/h. Any one spot on the

ground experiences totality for only 1–7 minutes.

Viewing the Sun during an eclipse must be done with extreme care, because the Sun is blindingly bright and the eye has no pain receptors to warn you of light or UV damage. You should never rely on improvised methods such as smoked glass, CDs, or old filters, as these block visible light but offer no real UV protection. Safe methods include projection, where the Sun's image is cast onto a surface, and certified Mylar eclipse glasses, which are designed to block harmful radiation. Telescopes must use Mylar front-mounted filters and cameras also need protection because concentrated sunlight can destroy sensors.

For Jersey on 12 August, the eclipse will be a partial solar eclipse, beginning at 18:21, when the Sun sits about 19° above the WNW horizon. It reaches its greatest extent at 19:17, by which time the Sun has dropped to around 10°, making a clear western horizon essential. Good vantage points such as Grosnez, Corbière or St Ouen's Bay give the best chance of an unobstructed view, and the club hopes to set up a hydrogen-alpha telescope and a small refractor for safe filtered viewing as the Sun sinks toward the sea.

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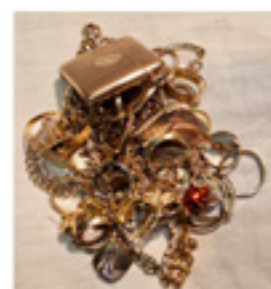
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Summer Term 2026 has led to a lot of variety so far with a term outside as much as possible enjoying the beautiful weather and island.

We have been working towards the craft badge so have done some origami, we have also done some sewing to make sock puppets and will do a performance using them in small groups. We also enjoyed an evening with Helen from Hoops and Glitter who taught the Brownies some hula hoop skills.

We attended the Liberation Day Parade which is such a special Jersey event. We were very proud to be present and represent the Brownie pack and Girl Guiding Jersey more widely.

We enjoyed an evening walk down to Devils Hole allowing us to get some exercise and admire the spectacular Jersey scenery. We will get another chance to do this when we walk down to Beauport and play games on the beach later in the term.

Still to come, we have the Cox Cup competition, the summer BBQ down at La Braye and also a trip to Government house.

Brownie Adventure was hosted this term and the girls had an amazing morning at Samares Manor earning their 'In the Spring' badge. There was a great variety of activities including making bird feeders, creating jewellery with elder wood, doing Japanese painting by dying material using flowers and their natural colours and creating wildflower crowns. It was a fabulous event – thanks to the leaders involved in organising it.

We have some new members who will have taken their Brownie promise this term. If you are between 7 and 10 years old and also interested in becoming a Brownie, please

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At the April WI meeting Lou Hicklin product leader for Kairos Arts gave a very inspirational talk about her fourteen years working with the charity. Kairos Arts stands as the sole therapeutic arts organisation in Jersey, overseen by a dedicated team. They provide bespoke therapeutic arts workshops for groups of vulnerable adults and children, as well as 1:1 sessions for children and young people who have suffered trauma. Although Lou has a strong Christian faith which guides her work this is not pushed by those who work with Kairos. Lives can be transformed through drama, music, collage, painting and play therapy. The charity works with Brighter Futures, Eyecan, Hospice, the prison and many other charities where training can be offered for those wishing to work towards a diploma working with children and vulnerable adults.

Programmes are also available for charities eg Freeda where Kairos can offer a safe space for women through music and collage. Trust is built up over several weeks of therapy with a support network and a follow up. A successful group art installation was recently put on by the women at the Jairo Gallery.

Lou brought with her a range of beautiful products made by girls in India and Bolivia who are affected by prostitution and exploitation many working in the red light districts. Girls are taught in after care homes how to make these items from jute bags to notebooks and scarves often with recycled materials such as silk saris. Members were able to buy some of the items. Learning these skills will give them joy, provide them with employment and especially the key word HOPE.

In May La Moye WI hosted a joint meeting with St. Aubin and St. Peter WI. Members had two resolutions to vote for which will go through to the AGM of the National WI in June. The first one is to call for more accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion in the UK. Lack of suitable facilities can affect those with medical certain conditions, the elderly, carers and parents. The second resolution was to call for action on women's homelessness which has become a growing problem in the UK. This can be a hidden problem from outreach services because women are more likely to seek safety by riding overnight buses, sofa surfing or sleeping in hospitals. All voted unanimously for both resolutions.

After a delicious supper members enjoyed a few rounds of Beetle which was a slightly different version of a Beetle Drive but was competitive none the less and Galaxy Minstrals were awarded as prizes for the highest scores and the booby prize for the lowest. A very successful and varied evening.

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7th Jersey ATC Report

By Tony Bellows



In March, on International Women's Day 2026, the 7th Jersey celebrated the women and girls who are part of our squadron and the wider RAF Air Cadets community. When the Air Cadet movement first began in the 1940s, it was originally created for boys and young men, reflecting the attitudes of the time. Girls were not permitted to join the Air Training Corps, and opportunities for women in aviation and the military were limited. That changed in the 1980s, when female cadets were finally welcomed into the organisation. Since then, thousands of young women have taken part in flying, leadership training, fieldcraft, adventure training, and international camps. At our squadron, we're proud to support and encourage young women to challenge themselves, develop confidence, and pursue their ambitions, whether in aviation, the RAF, or any path they choose.

held at Langford Sports hall, learning the basics of climbing and belaying, and tackling the most difficult routes on the wall. This will count towards the physical section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In April, the Squadron held a Drill Training Course which also involved cadets from 201 Overseas (Guernsey). Cadets were assessed on uniform, personal foot drill, a theory paper and delivery of a practical lesson. All Cadets passed and are now able to competently teach drill using the approved Drill Lesson Structure (DLS).

The Squadron helped the Island celebrate Liberation Day, this year marking the 81st anniversary of the island's freedom from German occupation on Saturday, 9 May 2026.

Recently two of our senior cadets (Cdt Sgt Edgar Militis and Cdt Sgt Lewis Carroll) attended a Region led Gold level Space Camp at Boscombe Down which they passed. They have now started teaching Blue level to our cadets. The local Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association have also supported the Squadron by purchasing training items for delivering the course; including air powered rockets and Galaxy Space Rovers.

In May, two groups completed a practice expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, displaying teamwork, camp craft skills and navigation. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a highlight of what you can do at the Squadron.

If you are in Year 8 and 12 years old, why not contact us on training.7os@rafac.mod.gov.uk and find out what our cadets love about being a member of the Squadron.



The cream of the Islands cadet units met for the Annual Inter Cadet Unit Challenge between Victoria College CCF, the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps together. Cadet teams of 8 faced a series of challenges, from archery, first aid, fieldcraft, command task and an escape room using a combination of code and radio skills. There was also a high ropes activity with Jacob's Ladder challenge. The squadron were the winning team, and also won the best unit.

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Les quennevais school Report

By Harry and Romie (Head Boy and Head Girl Class of 2026)

La Baguette is very pleased that thanks to the good offices of the Deputy Head at Les Quennevais who has facilitated this, the school report has been written by two students from Les Quennevais School who have provided an excellent report.

Since February half term, our school has been jam-packed with events, from our hit show Calamity Jane to our Year 11 exam preparation for the summer term. After Calamity Jane, we started the term with our ultimate fundraiser, Red Nose Day, where we raised over £5,000 for Comic Relief. To achieve this, we created events such as karaoke at lunch, the Les Quennevais Traitors, and teacher gunging!

After Red Nose Day, we held our annual Swimming Gala, a house competition hosted at Les Quennevais Sports Centre, where over one hundred students took part in races for their house. Speaking of swimming, the Sports Awards took place around two weeks ago. The Sports Awards is an evening event that celebrates our sporting community, featuring celebrity guests and impressive trophies.

One of our final house competitions before Sports Day in the summer is the House Photography Competition. A brief is given in house assemblies (this year's theme is "Contrast"), and students can submit three photos taken around Jersey, which are judged by our creative department. All these house competitions create a friendly yet competitive rivalry between houses, culminating on Sports Day, when the winners of the

House Cup are announced at the Whole School Awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a key part of Years 9 and 10 at our school. Over 150 Year 9 students took part in their Bronze Award this year, and a record-breaking number of Year 10 students will be completing it in the coming week. DofE brings year groups together in a shared challenge and supports the community through volunteering.

Trident, completed during Year 10, gives students the opportunity to work for an employer for two weeks. Reflecting on our own Trident experience last year, it provided an incredible insight into workplaces around Jersey and showed us what we are working towards during our GCSEs.

Finally, at the end of the spring term, we hold the Easter Bunny Dash, giving younger students the chance to get outside and compete with their friends for their house in the warmer weather.

After the Easter holidays, focus turns to GCSE examinations. As Year 11 students, we have been preparing since Year 10, but the final term is the last push. Most students sit over 20 exams within approximately two months! We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated teachers who support us right up to the end of our time at Les Quennevais. They run after-school and holiday revision sessions and continue helping us in class until study leave begins in a few weeks.

On our final day before study leave, we hold the leavers' ceremony, a chance to celebrate Year 11 and their achievements over five years of secondary education. The ceremony includes awards, entertainment, and a penultimate goodbye before results day in August.



Parishioners Remember



Occupation –Through the Eyes of A child – 1939–1945 – Part 2

Parishioner Graham Bougourd shares his memories with La Baguette

As a family, I was one of seven children plus my mother, father, grandmother and lodger – all residing in one house with no bathroom and no running water! We lived in a former public house by what is now the roundabout at Five Oaks, which besides the bedrooms had a cellar, a main living room and a kitchen, which had a few uncomfortable chairs and a sofa in it with, as our only cooking facilities, (if you had any fuel), a Jersey range which was a great big black metal monster of a thing that took up a considerable amount of space.

There is one just like it in the Jersey War Tunnels if you wanted to ever see one. This provided the only hot water, via kettles, for all 11 residents living there. The only means of washing was in a washing up bowl, apart from the weekly soaking in a galvanised bath, where the youngest went in first and the oldest last, all using the same water! Thank goodness for showers and water on tap today.

There was no electricity, with only gas lighting in the living room and kitchen. Without any heating throughout the house, during the very cold winters we had to wear our coats when in the building to keep warm and our bedroom windows often froze on the inside. When you went to bed, the only form of lighting to your room was to take a candle.

With no bathroom and no running water, we had to use a well close by for all supplies needed for the household. This was 50 yards down the lane, which is still there but is now covered over and largely forgotten about. A cold

water tap was installed after the war in the outdoor copper house, where the only toilet also resided.

At one time, my brother, Alan, and I had impetigo, for which we had to attend the hospital every day for treatment. The only means of transport was a child's scooter and so my eldest brother, Ron, and my eldest sister, Joan, took it in turns to push us both standing on it, clinging to the handlebars, from Five Oaks to St Helier, and back again!





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Not a Lot of People Know That:

Parish Elections in the Past

This piece was written by Deputy Edward Le Quesne (1882-1957), remembering a time before 1948, when Jurats, not Senators, sat in the States of Jersey, alongside all the Parish Rectors, Connetables and Deputies. He describes an election in 1905, when the fading legacy of the Laurel and Rose factions still often dictated parish politics, when only male ratepayers could vote.

Island and parochial elections were great events, and some of the things that happened at those elections hardly appear credible to-day.

Elections were expensive, and if a close contest was expected large sums of money were expended to buy the votes of waverers, or of those suspected of being amenable to a "pourboire", to induce them for once to forget their loyalty.

One man might be offered £20 for a heifer or cow worth £10; the opposite party, hearing of this, would probably increase the offer to £30, and having accepted the larger amount the elector would probably vote for the first. In some

cases, when there was great doubt as to how a man would vote, he had to be kept away from the polling booth by some means, and a favourite method was to get him so drunk on election day that he could not possibly attend to record his vote. Another method was to get him intoxicated, placed in a boat and taken for a trip to Sark whilst the polling took place.

I can recall many humorous incidents connected with Elections, one connected with Island elections for the juratship.

There was a vacancy for the position of Jurat, and no candidate was forthcoming. Three of us were seated chatting. "We must find a candidate", said one of my friends. "I know a little fellow who would take if asked. Let us ring him up", the other friend replied.

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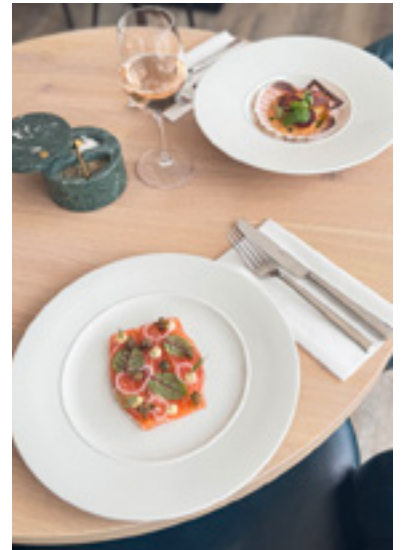
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Pétanque news

By Derek Hart

The golfer, Gary Player, once remarked "the more I practice the luckier I get".

Now, few of the St Brelada's pétanque group are avid golfers but the sentiment expressed applies to all sports- pétanque is no exception.

Last year's success in the Pétanque Jersey Inter Parish League, winning all the available silverware has served to stiffen their resolve to succeed in the current season.

To get to the top is one thing, to stay at the top is altogether a different kettle of "poisson". So this is where the practice comes to the fore.

Already this year there have been two training sessions organised by the groups qualified coach.

One session was about tactics and the other was aimed at getting players to shoot boule to boule. A skill that really does require practice.

Our sessions are based on a series of enjoyable but challenging exercises involving simple equipment - a car tyre, a plastic bottle, plastic circles and lengths of string.

The idea is to get players to launch their boule at the correct height, speed and direction and land on the right spot. Of

course body alignment is really important as well.

However practice is one thing performing in a game is something entirely different and this is where confidence comes in. Confidence comes with success and the more success you have in practice the more the confidence grows and consequently the more success you have in a game.

But not everyone aspires to play at those heady heights. Many may just want to enjoy a friendly social game (or perhaps take the view expressed to me some years ago by a player who said "I do not practice as I would be so good no one would want to play against me"!)

Whatever your aspirations you will be sure of a warm welcome at the Elephant Park terrains. The group meet every Saturday morning at 10.00 a.m. and Monday afternoon at 2.00 p.m.

The emphasis is on enjoying the Sport of Pétanque so come along and get involved in this fascinating game.

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Les creux:

The New Enterprise

By Tony Bellows

After the withdrawal of the previous application, the development of the old Les Creux Bowls site was awarded by Minister Andy Jehan to St Brelade Parishioner Jenny Heald.

Her concept is to develop the site into a lively community hub, uniting a full-day nursery, affordable multi-sport space, and year-round café. It directly addresses the west's childcare shortage and lack of accessible social facilities. It will have weekday nursery use and community access at evenings and weekends. There will also be a space for community use in the daytimes, as the intention is for the nursery to not entirely dominate the day time space. Her goal is to get both community and nursery using the building during the week days, taking into consideration the safeguarding requirement for separate areas.

So who is Jenny Heald? She is an experienced leader in education, childcare and social enterprise.

Jenny founded Alderney Children's Centre in 2021 and now leads it as Chief Executive, guiding nursery education, forest school, and family support programmes. She oversees finances, fundraising, staff development, and partnerships. Her leadership secured charity status, expanded services, and ensured reliable, high-quality childcare for Alderney's close-knit island community. Evolving from her Humming Bees Nursery, it now offers forest school, holiday clubs and stay-and-play sessions. As a charity, every surplus funds improvements, staff training and new projects that

strengthen community connections.

In 2018 she founded Diamond Services Limited, which still operates. It is a specialist recruitment agency supplying skilled childcare and education staff to nurseries, schools, and private families worldwide. This manages clients, contracts, safeguarding, and placements, tailoring solutions for requirements. Her role spans growth, finances, and maintaining strong relationships across the UK, Channel Islands, and overseas.

It is clear that Jenny has demonstrated her ability to build and run successful childcare and community services.

At present, because of the election, there is hiatus, and plans cannot be progressed until new Ministers are appointed, so La Baguette will be returning to review progress in September, by which time, there will be more progress to report.

More on Jenny's plans can be seen here:
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BOWling club News

By Ethel Southern

St Brelade Bowls Club has undergone an upgrade over the winter. Comfy seating inside and out for spectators, floor to ceiling windows that open, creating a continental feel. The bar has beer on draft and a wide range of wines. The club can be found next to Les Quennevais Sports Hall. It boasts members from teenagers to extremely fit nonagenarians.

St Brelade Bowls Club welcomes 'fun' and 'serious' bowlers.

There are opportunities for novice bowlers, club bowlers and international bowlers.

Bowling sessions run from the middle of April and run until late September. There are 3 sessions available every day. Sessions start at 10am, 2pm and 6pm.

Casual bowling, roll ups, are most popular during afternoon sessions, however, working members make the most of the evening sessions.

Coaching is free, pop in and give it a try. Smart casual attire is encouraged for internal club leagues. These leagues include singles, pairs and triples matches.

Each month, on a Sunday afternoon members compete for different club trophies.

Fun bowling matches also take place, recently including

a Liberation Day and a King's Baton Commonwealth Games Competition. Themed dress is actively encouraged!

The club members are affiliated to Bowls Jersey and 5 members having won trophies in Bowls Jersey inter club knockout out competitions will be representing Jersey in the British Isles Championships in Scotland at the end of June. These members are Tony Smith, Lynne Cummins Gwen Stark, Estelle Burns and Liz Wall.

Recently, 44 bowlers competed for the Opening Day Competition (The Mike Newman Trophy). Due to the number of entrants 8 teams played in teams of 4 and 4 teams played in teams of 3.

In third place with 4 points and a shot difference of plus 7 were Peter Robinson, Rose Fairhurst, Nigel Hammond and Dave Singleton. 2nd were Dave Gallichan, Pat Slous and Steve Bailey with 4 points and a shot difference of plus 11. However the winners with 4 points and a magnificent shot difference of plus 21 were Lynne Cummins, Tom Smith and Bernice Boylan.

It is possible to try out bowls and have a taster session. You would be very welcome. Families are welcome. For more details please contact Club Secretary Lynne Cummins on 07797754772.



The Beach Detective

By Alex Fearn

ouaisné and st Brelade's bay

Welcome back, to article 8 Beach Detectives! Now some more about events of what happened in and around the bay.

An allied plane crashed onto the cliff above Bouilly Port on the 7th of January 1945. It was a Lockheed Lightning P38-J. This American built twin engined and twin rear bodied, single tailed plane first saw service in 1942. It had twin V12 piston engines giving it a maximum speed of 414 mph, cruising speed of 275 mph, ceiling height of 44,000 ft and a range of 1,300 miles. It was armed with 1 Hispano 20mm cannon and 4 M2 0.5 Brownings in the nose. The "J" variant was introduced in August 1943 and had improved cooling, flat bullet proof windscreens, electrical power-boosted ailerons and increased fuel capacity.

Second Lieutenant Kelly Moutray was piloting the aircraft without radio in heavy snow showers. This led him to lose his way over the French coast and when he saw the island, thinking it was the Isle of Wight, he was surprised when the flak (anti-aircraft fire) opened up. The plane was hit by German flak and came down above the graveyard close to Les Creux. Lt Moutray was able to bale out and landed in St Brelade's Bay. He was able to reach a rock but unable to heave himself completely out of the water. This was witnessed by 18-year-old John de La Haye. He expected the Germans to make a rescue effort, but they just lined the shore. John secured a float from the

top of the beach and swam out the 300 yards to the rock. Lt Moutray was nearing exhaustion and was injured with six bullet wounds to his leg. The float had broken up, and John felt he could not safely pull the heavily built Lieutenant to the shore, so he decided to wait for the tide to ebb. After another failed attempt by a German soldier to swim out to the rock, and with dusk approaching the Germans sent out a boat and illuminated the area with a searchlight.

Lt Moutray was taken to the General Hospital for treatment and later to the Prison Camp at South Hill.

On 12 May 1945, an unusual "kill" mark on one of the German Navy boats, was seen by US Navy men. This indicates this was one of the flak guns which hit the plane.

The plane was left where it crashed and many souvenirs were taken. One of the propellers is on display in the Channel Island Military Museum.

The story continues after Liberation, Lt Moutray called on John to thank him for saving his life and the then Bailiff of Jersey, Mr Alexander Coutanche, presented John with a silver medal and a document recording his bravery. On the first anniversary of Liberation on 9th May 1946, at a ceremony in the People's Park, General Drexel Biddle, on behalf of General Eisenhower, presented John with the American Medal of Freedom.



Peter Bastion was born on 13th September 1939 in Camborne, Cornwall, which was just ten days after the outbreak of war. He grew up during wartime Cornwall, where food was scarce and German planes sometimes flew overhead.

His devout Wesleyan Methodist parents enforced strict Sunday routines of chapel and Sunday school, forbidding newspapers and unprepared vegetables. Walking to school, Peter hid in hedges during air raids and endured cold, lumpy rice pudding that put him off rice for life. After village and grammar school, he dreamed of becoming a vet but couldn't afford the fees. Instead, he pursued agriculture, earning a two-year scholarship after a year as a farm pupil, enjoying the work and the welcome escape from Sunday chapel.

Peter completed college with a National Diploma and won one of only six UK scholarships for postgraduate Farm Management. Short of money, he worked while studying and later became assistant estate and farms manager on Tresco in the Isles of Scilly, where he his first wife. They spent twelve happy years on the small, close-knit island of 120 people, where everyone relied on one another and the company ran most local services. During a visit, the Queen Mother famously asked Peter if he could use a radio in an emergency, praising the islanders' spirit.

Peter saw his role on Tresco changing as the company set up holiday cottages, so he and his wife moved to the East Riding of Yorkshire, where he spent three years before taking an advisory post managing 10,000 acres. During this time, he learned he'd been shortlisted for a job in Jersey. Despite expecting their first baby, they accepted, sold their house, and Peter visited Jersey and liked what he found. They moved for four rewarding years, making friends and enjoying the work, he was reassigned to March, Cambridgeshire.

This was not as lively as Jersey and the Ministry of Agriculture was changing. But there was a chance to leave with a financial handshake. Peter did and after just 17 short months he was back in Jersey but this time as general manager for John Le Sueur and Co. Sadly, during this period his first marriage ended, but he later remarried June and enjoyed nearly fifty happy years, gaining stepchildren Jan and Andrew.

Peter spent twelve years with John Le Sueur until the merchant side of the business was sold, prompting him to consider moving on. At the same time, the States advertised for a technical services manager. He applied, was appointed, and returned to Howard Davis Farm, the very place he had worked thirteen years earlier.

From 1983 until his retirement in 1999, Peter worked to ensure Jersey's farming and fishing industries received a fair share of States funding, supporting many dependent sectors. He believed success relied on three groups: the farmers and fishermen, the officers, and the department's management. Peter regarded his Ag and Fish team as the best in the States, proud of their wide expertise, from plant pathologists and advisory officers to scientists, milk recorders and fisheries staff. Their work ranged from animal testing to abattoir duties, giving the department an unusually broad remit that Peter valued deeply.

But it was not all work. Peter and June also enjoyed pétanque (as Secretary, Chairman, President and Honorary Life President of the local club), scouting, holidays in the car or cruising and enjoyed almost 25 years of retirement. She predeceased him, passing away on 4th November 2023, nearly two years before his own passing on 14th March 2026.

Peter had been involved in Scouting since childhood and when he came back to Jersey, he joined the training team,

where in his first month he met Gordon de Gruchy, the deputy chief commissioner, who became a lifelong friend. Gordon gave a eulogy at Peter's funeral where he said: "Peter was so fond of Scouting and he had been part of the movement all his life. When a person in the Scout Movement passes away, the term 'Gone Home' is used. I will finish this eulogy the same way. Peter Bastion, Gone Home."

La Baguette expresses its condolences to Peter's step children, Janette and Andrew, his sister Elizabeth Ellis and his friends.



Above: Peter Bastion, technical services manager.





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Repair cafe Notebook

By Simon Langlois

The Jersey Repair Café has returned to St. Brelade twice so far this year, most recently last month at Les Quennevais School, and we'll be back there again on Saturday 26th September, 9.30am-1pm, so do add it to your calendar - Something you own is bound to need repairing by then!

We're very grateful to LQS for hosting this community initiative as it's a great venue, easily accessible on foot to many parishioners, but with plenty of parking for people from other parishes.

As you may know, the Jersey Repair Café is a group of volunteers who spend one Saturday morning every three weeks running a community event where we repair people's broken household items in a friendly, café style environment. Everything is FREE including all repairs, teas, coffees, cakes and live music from our amazing singer/musicians! So far, we've held over 80 events around the Island since it started in St. Brelade in 2020.

The most common question we're asked is, 'What do you repair?' Well, virtually anything you might own at home. Household items could be anything from clothing to bicycles, computers to lamps, or toys to jewellery. If you can carry it, bring it along. Obviously, really big items like chest freezers or wired-in or plumbed-in appliances like ovens or washing machines would be impractical, but we can sometimes give DIY repair advice about them on the JRC Facebook group.

Last month we had a few interesting items brought in like an accordion missing a note or two. There was a honey warming cabinet with a faulty thermostat - It's used to slowly heat and liquefy crystallised honey back to liquid without damaging its natural enzymes. And an old VHS tape recorder that had 'eaten' a valuable video recording of the owner when she was a baby; it was persuaded to return the treasured cassette undamaged.

We all work as a team, helping each other out with repair advice, tools or sometimes spare parts, so you don't need to be an expert repairer to volunteer. We're always keen to get more volunteers to join our happy band so do get in touch if you can help!

Everyone is welcome to come along, even if you don't have anything to repair. It's a great atmosphere, with volunteers at the ready, repairers lined up, musicians playing and teas, coffees and cake - All FREE!

More details can be found on the website www.repaircafe.org.je and on the Facebook group.





St Brelade

Household recycling collection 2026

This guide explains how to use the St. Brelade household recycling collection.

A collection planner is included so you know when your recycling will be collected.

Every home in St. Brelade receives a recycling collection, in addition to the existing rubbish and glass collections. Recycling collections will be on the same day as your refuse.

Collection Planner 2026

January	M	T	W	T	F	February	M	T	W	T	F	March	M	T	W	T	F
Paper & Card				1	2	Plastic Bottles	2	3	4	5	6	Plastic Bottles	2	3	4	5	6
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The Rector's Reflections

By Sarah McClelland, Rector, Parish Church of St Brelade with St Aubin on the Hill

As I write, election campaigning is in full swing with various hustings events and copious candidate manifestos through my door. But by the time you read this edition of La Baguette, the election will be old news and we will have a new government settling in and learning the ropes.

At the hustings I've been to so far, candidates have been respectful and even agreed with each other occasionally. Some of the debate has been equally respectful on social media - but some of it hasn't. Whether it's around politics or other matters from ferry companies to road works, it's easy to see why many contributors prefer to be anonymous. Maybe I'm getting old - but it does seem to me that we all used to be a bit kinder on Facebook!

I trust that our new government will settle in quickly and while they do, a little bit of kindness will help. Our new States members are taking on weighty challenges and one way to show kindness is to pray for them, if that's something you do. Let's pray that they would have time to listen to those who've elected them, and wisdom and courage to make good decisions even when that's difficult.

Jesus was a leader who was especially attentive to the marginalised in society, whether through difficult financial situations, mental health challenges, loss and

bereavement, or racial or gender discrimination - and these are great priorities for us too. Working together is the only way to achieve such priorities; working together with our newly elected politicians, with the many wonderful organisations who already make these issues a priority - and simply working together with each other.

It's so good to live in the wonderful community that is Jersey, and specifically our local Parish. And as we continue to work together and build community in this place, so we can continue to grow these values of kindness and prioritising those for whom life is less straightforward (that's all of us at some time or other!). In our parish there are lots of opportunities to build community. One such is the new Community Café in the Church Hall opposite the Parish Church every Wednesday, 10am - 12. Drop in for a chat, crafts, decent coffee and great cake (no charge).

We (not the royal 'we' - the church team!) can't wait to see you there!

Foxgloves

By Ingrid Bihet

Among the wildflowers that brighten the lanes, còtills, and wooded edges of the parish, few are as instantly recognisable or as striking as the foxglove. Known botanically as *Digitalis purpurea* and belonging to the Figwort family, it is related to speedwells, toad flax, and snapdragons. Native to western Europe, the foxglove thrives in temperate climates and is commonly found in woodland clearings, heathlands, hedgerows, and on coastal slopes. It flourishes in disturbed ground and thrives best on acid soil.

Although the purple form is most familiar, foxgloves can also be white, pink, or speckled. Its leaves form a soft, downy rosette at the base of the plant, oval and grey green with a slightly wrinkled texture in the first year, from which the flowering spike appears in the second year.

From late spring into early summer, the tall flowering spike rises, sometimes more than a metre high, bearing rows of tubular blooms. Each bell-shaped flower is delicately spotted inside, guiding bees towards the nectar. The plant is biennial and in its first year it produces only leaves, and in the second it flowers, sets seed, and dies back. By late summer, the green seed capsules dry and split, releasing thousands of tiny seeds that scatter on the wind. The foxglove supports many pollinators, especially bumblebees.

Foxglove has long been admired for its dramatic beauty, but also feared for its toxicity. All parts contain cardiac glycosides, compounds that later inspired the medicine digitalis. Nicholas Culpeper, the 17th century herbalist, described foxglove as a plant 'to cleanse and purge the body'. In Jèrriais, it is known as de l'ouothelle dé brébis.



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