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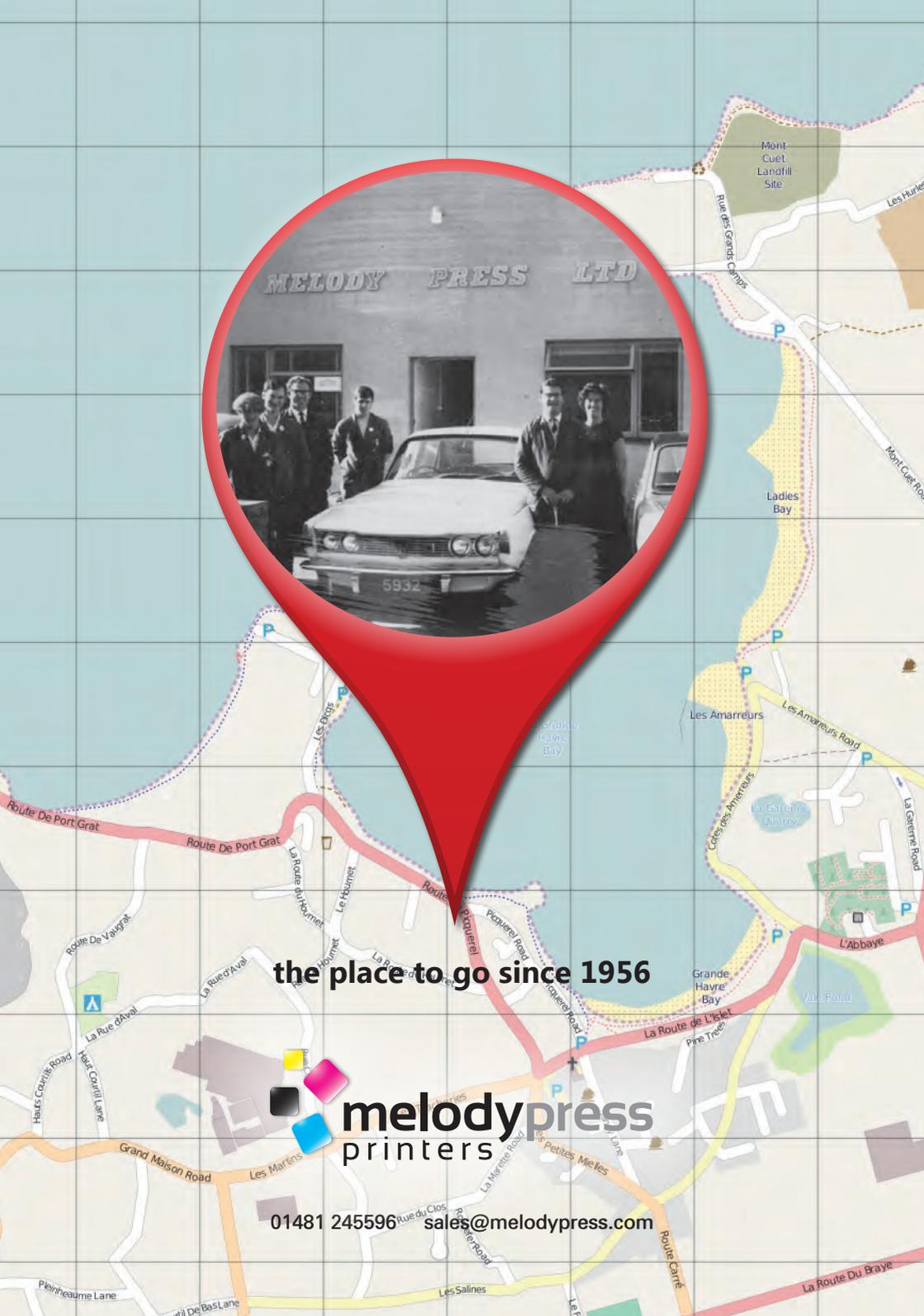
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FOREWORD

By Lieutenant-Governor
Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB

I am delighted to have been asked to pen a short foreword to this latest edition of 'The Townie'.

Kathryn and I have now been installed full time in Government House for a little over three months. Each day we have to pinch ourselves to make sure that this isn't a dream and yes, we really have been lucky enough to have been asked to come and live here - in the beautiful Parish of St Peter Port.

Initial impressions are vivid and plentiful - of both the town and the Bailiwick as a whole. Exquisite countryside, fabulous scenery, a beautiful and charming town, unique history and culture, a vibrant and active society, and the fact that there is always something going on somewhere - all you need to do is step outside and go looking.

But, above all, we have been struck by the warm sense of hospitality, friendliness,



inclusivity, and of a community that looks after itself and each other. The public-mindedness of the people of the parish and the Island is most striking and 'The Townie' is a clear manifestation of this.

Both Kathryn and I have had demanding and varied careers that have involved travelling extensively and living and working in many different places - in both the United Kingdom and further afield. That said, neither of us can think of a place where we would rather spend the next five years! 🇧🇧

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There is always something different happening within our Parish, whether it be something big, small and sometimes controversial. It ensures we as Constables are kept on our toes.

One matter which did cause quite a stir was the idea put forward to move the Smith Street War Memorial to the rear of the Sunken Garden. The plan being withdrawn by the Education, Sport & Culture Committee.

Having resigned from that committee, I proposed at a recent Douzaine meeting that we write to Education, Sport & Culture requesting they do urgent repairs to the Memorial as it is badly cracked and needing urgent work done to secure it for the future. The Douzaine unanimously agreed and a letter including photographs of the severe cracks in the Memorial was duly sent.

In July in the interest of 'Entende Cordiale', I received an invitation from the St. Helier Constable, to attend the opening of the 'Fete De St. Helier' and the St. Helier Municipal Dinner. This I accepted and both were very enjoyable occasions. At no cost to the rate payers, I hasten to add.

Two Parish pumps have been renovated this year as part of our rolling programme and Prisoners at the States' Prison have been refurbishing and painting some benches which will be re-sited at the bus station when completed. 

Candie Cemetery, which is the Parish's responsibility has an interesting history which begins in 1831. If you wish to learn more about that, please let know me so that I can arrange a visit. The Cemetery is now an official War Graves Commission site, with two WW1 soldiers being buried there. Occasionally, the Cemetery is still in active use when loved ones pass on and families make use of their existing graves or vaults.

Our groundsmen do a superb maintenance job and also deal with damaged gravestones. These may have fallen because of some graves collapsing. Difficult, but essential safety work. A delightful 'garden of rest' has been created on the Monument Road side, providing a much appreciated peaceful area for visitors to sit.

Work on the Uplands Road wall is proceeding and several weep holes have been drilled to ease pressure from the ground behind. Eventually, some ground will need removal so that further damage is not caused. We will keep you informed of progress being made.

The Constables have met the new Rector of the Town Church: Reverend Matthew Barrett. There are several ideas and events that we may be able to initiate, involving Town and the Church. In future, I would like to see us using the Church for Parish Meetings, but that requires a law change! 

The Constables are also members of the Douzaine.

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Parish Meeting and Elections

Wednesday 2nd November 2016
at 7.30pm

Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE OFFICE

By **Martyn Guilbert**, Secretary to the Constables

Another summer over, and it has been a good one, the weather has been lovely and the Town Carnival has kept us amused with the sound of music finding its way into Lefebvre Street. The floral displays in Town looked fantastic and we hope the Parish Floral team have fared well in the Britain in Bloom competition.

Don't forget our standing invitation to come in and view our beautifully restored building in Lefebvre Street. There is just some minor rectification work to be done now that the 12 month maintenance period has ended.

The office staff were very busy during May, June and July taking in most of the 2016 Rates, just a small number of debtors now who don't wish to part with their money. If you have not paid your 2016 Rates, please do so urgently to avoid further action!

Geoff and the grounds staff have also had a busy summer keeping control of the grass cutting and maintenance around all the Parish sites. They are now part way through a major tidy up at the garden in Brock Road, with the small bandstand having a major refurb and repaint.

The next event that the office is gearing up for is the November Parish Meeting and Parish elections which is being held on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in the Harry Bound Room at Les Cotils. Parishoners are encouraged to attend. The main business will be the election of a Constable and five Douzeniers. Please note however that the

Mon Evening	Tues Evening	Wed Evening	Thu Evening	Fri Evening	Sat Evening	Sun Evening
9 Sep	20 Sep Residual waste Paper and cardboard	21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep Residual waste	24 Sep	25 Sep
16 Sep	27 Sep Residual waste Cans, plastic and cartons	28 Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep Residual waste	01 Oct	02 Oct
23 Oct	04 Oct Residual waste Paper and cardboard	05 Oct	06 Oct	07 Oct Residual waste	08 Oct	09 Oct
30 Oct	11 Oct Residual waste Cans, plastic and cartons	12 Oct	13 Oct	14 Oct Residual waste	15 Oct	16 Oct
6 Oct	18 Oct Residual waste Paper and cardboard	19 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct Residual waste	22 Oct	23 Oct

Kerbside Recycling Calendar

election may not happen at the Parish meeting if it is deferred by a show of hands (if 7 or more electors demand it), in which case an election will be held on the 16th November. The location of polling station(s) and times will be announced.

Finally an advert for our website where you will find lots of useful information, www.stppcons.com including a very useful recycling (and refuse) calendar. Just enter part of your address and it will tell you your refuse nights, recycling night and what material to put out. Messages about bank holiday arrangements will also be posted here. [📍](#)

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GUERNSEY FRENCH PHRASES YOU NEED

By Jan Marquis

OCTOBER

Au meis d'octobre nou s'apeurchêve des jours racouochi, et k'il est metché d'ertagier l's ôloges éenne haecure.

O meee-d auktaub nou s'ahpuhr-sheev deee shzour rahcwaushee, eee keel eee mecheh-d errtaashz-yeh-l z-oloshz en a-er.

In October you notice that the days have got shorter, and that you need to put the clocks back an hour.

NOVEMBER

Pens-ou faire aen Boudloe pour la Seraïe Boudloe?

Pauss-ou ferr ae Boudlau pour lah Serraye Boudlau?

Are you making a Guy for Bonfire Night?

DECEMBER

Nou vou souhaete aen Bouan Noué, aiyi aen bouan tems!

Nou vou swaet ae Bwau Nweh, eee-yeé ae bwau tau!

We wish you a Merry Christmas, have a great time!

JANUARY

Nou vou souhaete éenne Bouanne Nouvele Aunaïe pilloine d'Paix et Prosperitaï!

Nou vou swaet en Bwauun Nouveel Aunaye Pee-oynn-d Peeé eee Praussperreetaye!

We wish you a Happy New Year full of peace and prosperity!

FEBRUARY

Au meis d'févérier i s'peut ké y ait du fré et d'la née.

O meee-d feverree-eh ee s'puh keh y eee du fréh eee dlah neee.

In February there may be cold and snow.

MARCH

Ch'est k'l'ernouvé s'ameune tchaer nou vé les fleurs ki s'déniche su les fossais.

Sh'eee-k l'errnouveh s'ahmuhn chaer nou veh leeé fee-ubr kee s'deneesh su leeé faussaye.

Spring is on its way as you can see flowers appearing on the hedges.

Learn a little of our Norman language over a drink!

- Appernai aen ptit d'giernesiais daove enne veraie!

The Imperial Hotel (Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00pm).
Informal language lessons aimed at adults, and centred around having a go at speaking in small, friendly groups.

Lunchtime lessons at Candie Museum and Art Gallery, contact Jo Dowding on 747264 or email: Josephine.Dowding@cultureleisure.gov.gg

Translation service also available, from house names and T-shirt slogans to branding for local businesses and products.

Please get in touch with Yan on 07781 166606 or email: janmarquis@suremail.gg

LA SOCIÉTÉ GUERNESIAISE YESTERDAY AND TODAY

By Richard Hocart

On 10 October 1882 thirty islanders met at the Guille-Allès Library and decided to form the Guernsey Natural Science Society dedicated to the study of the natural sciences and the island's wild plants and animals. Thomas Guille and Frederic Allès, the philanthropists who set up the Library, offered the new society the use of the lecture hall and a room in the Library, which became the society's base for nearly a hundred years.

Among the early members were talented amateur naturalists like William Luff, who

recorded the insects of Guernsey, and Ernest Marquand, who searched for and listed its wild flowers. In 1889 the first Report and Transactions was published. (Transactions was the Victorian term for reports and lectures read to the members at their meetings.) The printed Report and Transactions still appear every year.

Seven years after its foundation the society decided to expand its work into the study of local archaeology, history, folklore and Guernsey French. This required a name change and so it became the Guernsey Society



A Junior Section outing to look at the geology at Moulin Huet

of Natural Science and Local Research. In time, members felt that a shorter name was needed and in 1922, with a nod to Jersey which already had its Société Jersiaise, the society became La Société Guernesiaise, which means 'the Guernsey Society'.

Today the society has about 1,000 members and is based at its headquarters adjoining the Museum in Candie Gardens. Much of the work of the society is carried on in the sections made up of members with a particular interest in a subject. There are sections for archaeology, astronomy, botany, entomology (insects), family history, geology, historic buildings, marine biology, natural history, ornithology and Guernsey French.

Sections hold meetings, invite experts to give talks and organise outings and surveys

A loose-flowered orchid in one of La Société's reserves



A visit to Les Annevilles Manor in the Vale

in the field. The Archaeology Section works closely with the States Archaeologist, who directs rescue and other digs at sites around the island. The Astronomy Section runs an observatory near La Houquette School. The public are welcome to visit the observatory on open evenings when they can look at the moon, the planets and the stars through the Section's telescopes. The Family History Section is based at a room at Les Côtils and members are always willing to advise those people who want to trace their local ancestry. A Junior Section organises outings and activities for younger members.

Despite its small size Guernsey is rich in wildlife. The number and variety of wild flowers, insects and, of course, marine plants and animals, makes the island a special place for all who are interested in the natural world.

In spring and autumn thousands of migrant birds pass through the island and in summer many familiar resident and summer-visiting bird species stay to breed.

Many species of plants and animals are at risk from human activity such as building, intensive agriculture and misguided tidiness.

Saltmarsh at the Colin Best Nature Reserve, L'Érée



Since the 1970s the society has acquired land of high wildlife value to conserve it. The land is managed to ensure that the wildlife can continue to thrive. The society now has ten major nature reserves and several smaller pieces of land. They include wet meadows, the Vale Pond, part of the Pleinmont headland and the wooded valley above Quanteraine Mill in St. Peter's.

The society also advises and helps other landowning bodies with land management. A new project is the conservation grazing herd of Guernsey steers, which can be seen on coastal grassland along the west coast. Grazing limits the growth of the larger and more dominant species of plant and allows the smaller more specialised plants to thrive. Such plants are the food plants for the insects that prefer coastal grassland.

The society offers many opportunities for volunteering, whether it be digging on an archaeological excavation, surveying molluscs on the seashore, or spending an hour on our bookstall at the West Show. Membership of La Société Guernesiais is open to all, Guernsey-born and non-Guernsey-born, speakers and non-speakers of Guernsey French (the non-speakers now outnumber the speakers by at least ten to one), graduates and non-graduates. [T](#)

For further information go to www.societe.org.gg or contact the secretary Kate Lee at Candie Telephone: 725093 or e-mail: secretary@societe.org.gg.

HMS DARING - ON BOARD 'GUERNSEY'S WARSHIP'

By Richard Harding



HMS Daring is a Type 45 Area Air Defence destroyer based in Portsmouth - the first of six each costing £1 billion now in Royal Navy service. The others are Dauntless, Diamond, Dragon, Defender and Duncan. Her Viper Missiles are capable of destroying targets up to 70 miles away. She has a top speed of around 45 knots, is 151 metres long and weighs 8000 tonnes. She is the seventh ship to hold the name. Construction work by BAE Systems began on the Clyde in 2003.

She was launched in February 2006 and made her maiden visit to Guernsey on 27th January 2009, en route to being commissioned in Portsmouth the following day, where she was welcomed to her home port by cheering crowds.

She provided humanitarian relief to the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan in 2013 and circumnavigated the globe during that year and early in 2014. Earlier this year Daring's crew successfully carried out test firings of Aster 30 missiles.

Daring has a regular company of up to 190 personnel, can carry a Royal Marines detachment 60 strong and could handle a far larger number should a humanitarian evacuation be necessary.

The WR21 gas turbine engines that power Daring, and the other Type 45's, have recently been upgraded to better cope with the high water temperatures in some parts of the world, along with new diesel generators.





As you read this, she and her company are undertaking a tour of duty in the Gulf. All being well, half the ship's company will be on board at Christmas and return home on leave for the New Year and vice versa for the other half.

Members of the ship's company have taken part in several events including football matches and charity runs while in Guernsey as well as meeting with Guernsey Sea Cadets.

Thanks to my day job as a presenter and journalist at Island FM I have had the honour of visiting Daring three times on media visits - most recently on her brief stopover in July. I also took advantage of a public visit to return with my partner Bev and her son Matt, when we saw a Westland Lynx helicopter. Daring is affiliated to both Guernsey and the City of Birmingham where Bev

comes from originally so she was doubly keen to visit the ship.

All my visits to Daring have involved the same tender, the Liberty Lass brought over from Torbay, which is specially adapted to access the hatch towards the stern of the ship. The tender runs a regular service between the ship and the cruise liner landing stage on the Albert Pier. There's usually a bit of swell alongside but once you cross the ramp

and step aboard Daring it is incredibly stable. On each media visit I was welcomed along with my fellow journalists and escorted through the maze of hatches and corridors. You have to watch your step with many pipes and hazards.

The ship's company whizz down flights of steps front-first but I was happy to accept the advice of facing the steps.



I glimpsed medical areas, people queuing at the canteen, the mess rooms, the engine room and on two occasions the Opps Room from where the missiles are actually fired. I also visited the Captain's Quarters and the Bridge with its sophisticated navigation systems and commanding views. The commanding officer has his own special seat surrounded by high-tech equipment from where he (so far they have all been male) can direct potentially life and death operations. On my first visit I interviewed Captain Paul Mc Alpine and on the last two occasions Commander Philip Dennis both of whom were friendly, self-deprecating and happy to answer all my questions.

On visits to the island a drinks reception is usually held for around 40 guests followed by dinner for the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bailiff and a small number of other senior figures.



Daring's visits to Guernsey may only be occasional for operational reasons but her company are proud of the links with the island and we can be proud that our island is linked to the first of the latest generation of warships. [T](#)

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By Rob Grant

SSAFA, (Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Families Association), the 'Armed Forces charity' is the oldest national, tri-service, military charity in the UK, founded in 1885.

It has a network of over 7,000 volunteers at 92 branches and 68 service committees around the world, including on Guernsey. This network supports some 60,000 serving personnel, reservists, veterans and their families each year - this is anyone who is serving, or has ever served in the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force, and their family.

Branches are completely run by trained volunteers, including Guernsey Branch, who support anyone in need from the local Armed Forces community. They provide vital



practical, financial and emotional support to local individuals facing issues ranging from financial hardship and homelessness to family breakdown.

In 2015 alone, SSAFA Guernsey Branch's dedicated volunteer caseworkers did 38 vital home visits on the Island, to offer support to its Armed Forces Community. SSAFA caseworkers will visit new and returning beneficiaries who are usually veterans or their dependents living in the local community, and assess their needs, building a tailored package of support for them. [T](#)

If you or a family member who have any link to the armed services, now or previously, would like to discuss any issues please get in touch.

To speak to SSAFA Guernsey Branch Chairman Lieutenant Colonel John Silvester or Branch Secretary Janet Iles, for more information, to volunteer for SSAFA locally, to help fund raise or to approach the SSAFA Guernsey branch for support, please email guernsey@ssafa.org.uk or call 07781 436 055.



FLORAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Douzenier Katina Jones

It has been a very busy year again. We are still working with States Works to bring the Victoria Tower Garden up to its former glory. The plants that have been put in, after the hard work carried out to make space for them, certainly enhance the Garden.

We now need more plants and shrubs to add to the area and we will also be planting spring bulbs in the autumn.

If anyone would like to sponsor the area, please contact us at the Constables' Office or the States Land Management. Work will continue when funds are found.

We have a programme that will see many more spring bulbs going into parish and public land in St Peter Port in the autumn. Cambridge Park, for example, will need a good number of helpers to plant the crocus and daffodil bulbs!

The Parish Awards Competitions went well with 51 entries. They were judged by the Land Management team, Bob Carre and Nick Ouseley, while the Public Building entries were judged by our own Constables.

Thank you to all who helped and to Amherst School for allowing us to present our awards at the school. It was also good to see present





at the event, the children who helped in their own gardening clubs. A list of winners is on our Floral St Peter Port face book site and will be on our own website soon.

The Britain in Bloom entry went well and we enjoyed the day with the Royal Horticultural Society judges. We have to wait until 14 October to find out the results but we are grateful to all who helped us with the entry. It was a privilege to show them our beautiful parish.



Many thanks to all the children and adults who spent time colouring in the flags for us. They were used on the day and were given away along our route. The judges did notice them and the shops who displayed them and they also liked our route cards.

We were very grateful to the cleaning teams who spent hours cleaning the town and the route. This is a vital part of our entry and on the day, town was spotless.

But there are still many who do not realise cigarette butts are litter and a fine of £70 could be issued to them if caught! If anyone would like a butt bin that will fit in your pocket or handbag we have them at the Constables' Office. They are free! 📍

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:

Floral St Peter Port are also delighted that Logistical Procurement Solutions are sponsoring the Victoria Tower Garden. We look forwards to them helping us to plant out the garden, to bring it back to its former glory! Pictures will be in the next Parish Magazine!



THE GERMAN DEFENCES OF ST PETER PORT

Part 5 - Divisional Artillery

By Paul Bourgaize

With thanks to Paul Bourgaize, of Festung Guernsey, for the continuing series on occupational defences of St Peter Port during WW2.

As reported in my previous article, St Peter Port was home to just two artillery batteries, the 11/1265 HKAR, Army Coastal Artillery Regiment and 7/319 Divisional Artillery Regiment. For this second part we'll concentrate on **7/319 Batt. Georgfeste**.

This battery started life in and around the grounds of Belvedere House at Fort George and its name Georgfeste was a literal translation. The battery consisted of four 10cm Skoda field guns of Czech origin. They were mounted on small circular concrete bases with earth/sand bag emplacements.

As with *Naumannshöhe*, the battery was tasked with laying down fire on the east coast, specifically Belle Grève Bay and providing harbour barrage fire. The guns had a range of 9,800 metres.

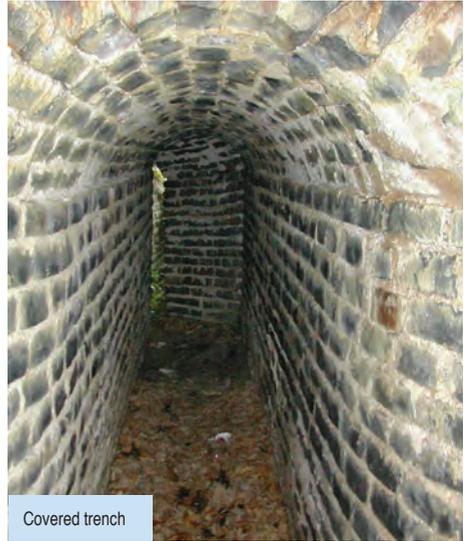
Before Belvedere House was sold by the States of Guernsey, we were able to carry out a full survey of the various structures on this site. Concrete ammunition bunkers and personnel shelters are linked by a series of both open and covered trenches. These are made exclusively with grey granite setts, which are also found on many other battery sites. The covered trenches on this site, however, are very well constructed, and, at the time of the survey, were extremely well preserved. One of the reserve ammunition bunkers still retained its original timber door and frame.



Concrete base of gun emplacement



Section of open trench



Covered trench

In the run up to D-Day the allies carried out four air raids on the radar station at Fort George, the last being on 5th June 1944. In response to this, the battery was ordered to relocate to the grounds of Havilland Hall.

An RAF aerial reconnaissance photo taken on 2nd June shows the field is still clear, but by the evening of 6th June, at least two guns can be seen, and by 12th June all four are in-situ.



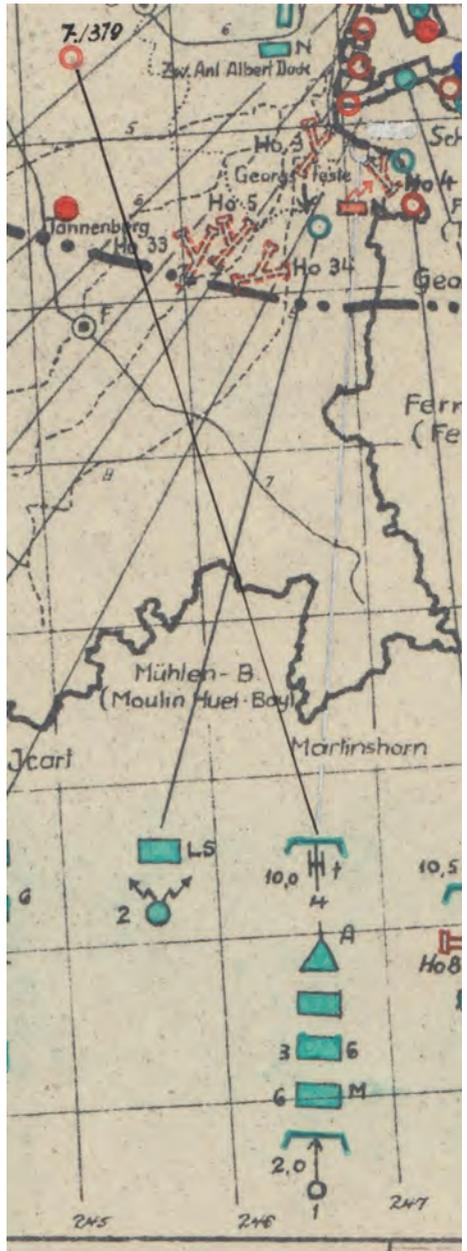
Interior of the Observation/Command Post



Loading a shell into the breach



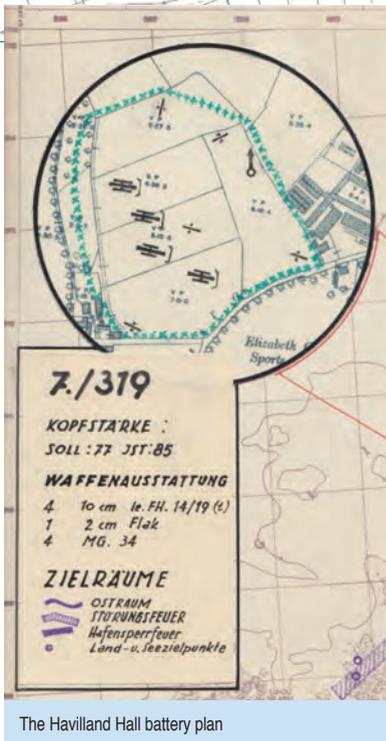
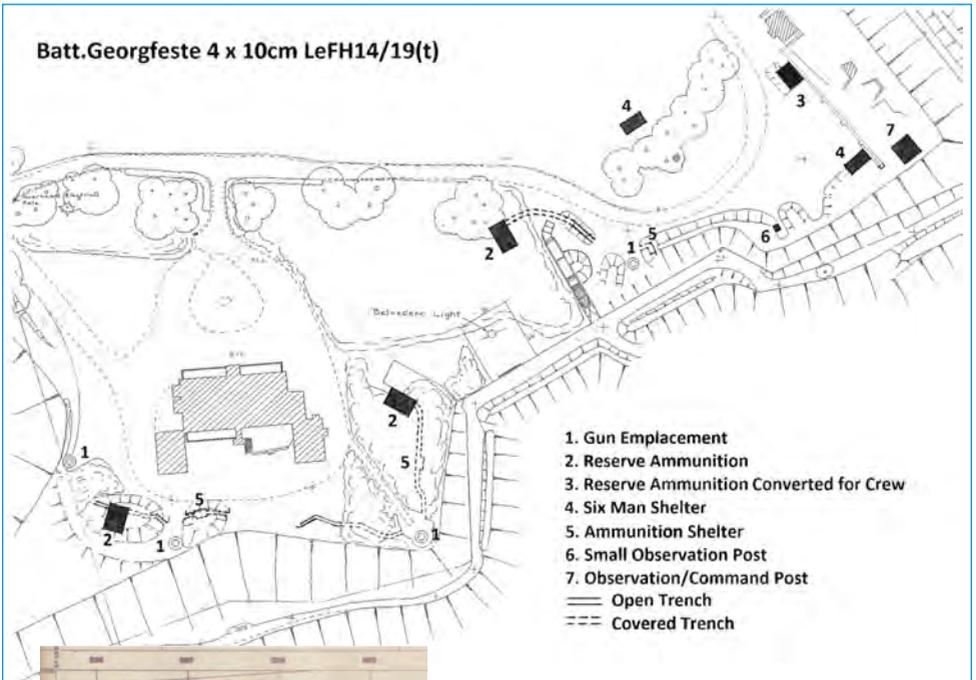
10cm Skoda in field emplacement



Above:
Amended KVV Map from private source

Left:
Royal Court KVV Ost Map

Batt.Georgfeste 4 x 10cm LeFH14/19(t)



The Havilland Hall battery plan

It is here that another error comes to light with the Festung Guernsey plans. This move was taking place while the plans were being drawn up, and on the Royal Court copy of the KVV map we can see that the battery is still shown at Fort George. On the KVV Map from a private source, the line has been carefully removed with what looks like the wartime equivalent of Tippex, and redrawn in its new position at Havilland Hall. This would lead you to believe that all the structures shown were also at this new location, but the guns remained in field emplacements and nothing else was built. 📍

All the excerpts from wartime maps and photographs are from the Festung Guernsey volumes held by the Priaulx Library, Royal Court and Guernsey Museums. My thanks to Steve Powell (Occupation Archive) for providing the images and to Pierre Renier for analysing the RAF reconnaissance photos in his collection to provide the required dates.

MAGICAL DAYS IN THE PARK, 2016

By Jane Hunter



The Floral Guernsey Foundation was delighted that members of St Peter Port Douzaine volunteered to help with this year's Magical Days in the Park. Thanks to the generous partnership of The Sarah Groves Foundation and sponsorship by Waitrose, Ravenscroft, the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture and support by The Guernsey Botanical Trust, Floral Guernsey was able, once again, to facilitate some excellent outdoor learning opportunities for primary school children.

Across three days in early July over 1,890 children from across the Bailiwick had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, such as bushcraft skills, working with willow, making dream catchers and producing aboriginal art, to mention just a few. There was also horticultural expertise from Trees for Life, Queux Plant Centre and the States Works Department. With great excitement the younger children met Peter Rabbit who emerged from his burrow and entered Mr. McGregor's vegetable garden!

It was especially pleasing that the children of Sark School came, as did Reception and Year One children of St Anne's School, Alderney. Thanks to specific sponsorship from the Company MPG to make this happen, and to terrific co-operation by Aurigny, 17 very young children had a truly magical experience. Some of these children had not spent the day away from their parents before! Due to the timing of their journey they spent some time at the Forest Primary School before coming to the Park and at the end of the day enjoyed a visit to The Saumarez Park Folk Museum.

Members of the Floral Group from Sark came for one day and joined in by taking a workshop on creating miniature gardens, which the children really enjoyed. Several of the workshops produced items that the children could take away with them, such



as the herb gardens created in milk cartons! Some schools now have some multi-purpose throws made of leaves and wool; others have some brightly painted wooden tiles. Floral Guernsey is working with Helen Bonner-Morgan to put on a public display of all the painted tiles before they are returned to the individual schools.

Cathy Morgan, of the Guernsey Botanical Trust, worked tirelessly with her team in the Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden to both make the garden look amazing but also to give the children a very special learning experience. Floral Guernsey's mascot, Peter Rabbit, played a very important part in making the Beatrix Potter stories come alive. The children were fascinated about the valuable skills of Apothecary from David Richards, whose knowledge and delivery brought this topic alive. Saumarez Park was the perfect location for the other activities and Eric Grimsley shared his knowledge about its history pointing out areas one would normally miss.

David Hunt, of Native Eyes, shared his fantastic knowledge of bushcraft, delivering



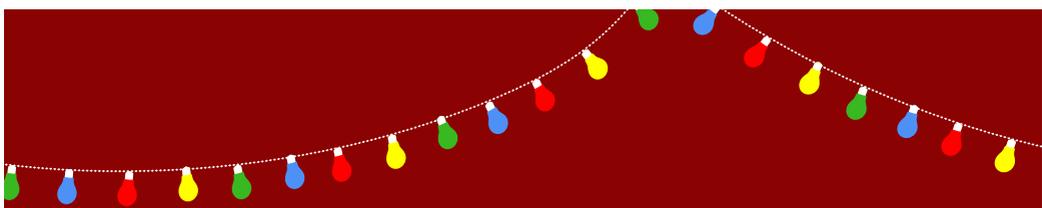
brilliant workshops that fully engaged the children. Dave Le Tissier of Your Moments Captured has taken hundreds of fabulous photographs that he has donated to the schools and Floral Guernsey. The expressions on the children's faces say it all! They are focused, excited, intrigued and often genuinely amazed.

Workshop leaders included both local specialists and three visiting experts; there were artists, teachers with forest schools' skills, horticulturalists and voluntary enthusiasts all of whom made sure the activities were participative and would give the children a beneficial outdoor learning experience.

It was lovely to have the involvement of students from the College of Further Education and The Grammar School. The performing arts students assisted as Maids in the Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden and those studying for the International Baccalaureate acted as Games Makers. Both roles required initiative and contributed significantly to the smooth running of the event.

Salvatore's team at the Saumarez Park Café produced over 2,000 picnics ably distributed by the many volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help with this awe-inspiring and wonderful three days.

It took a year to bring together but was so well worth it. It was a full community effort and the Floral Guernsey Foundation is immensely grateful to everyone who was involved and assisted in some way. 



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Events:

Sun 30th October, 01:00
Mon 7th Nov - Sat 12th Nov
Sat 12th November

Sun 13th November
Sat 19th November
Sat 3rd December
8th, 15th & 22nd December
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Sun 26th March, 2017, 01:00

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Parish Meeting, Harry Bound Room, Les Cotils

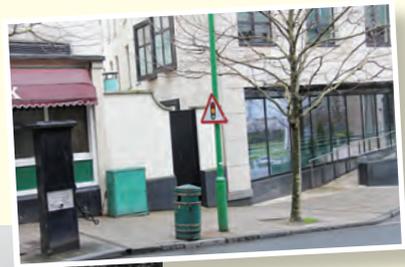
THE CHANGING FACE OF ST PETER PORT

Rob Grant has kindly selected four photographs showing the changes that have taken place around the parish over the last century or so. We hope you enjoy them.

Old photographs courtesy of the Carel Toms collection at the Priaulx Library.



The courtyard at the Mermaid Tavern in Herm has undergone many changes over the years, with the raised deck and shop developed over the last 20 years, so apart from the main house in the background very little remains of the 1966 view. What used to be the long, narrow Neptune restaurant, was itself redeveloped within the last 10 years.



These old stores still stood, opposite the Swan Inn in St Julian's Avenue, in this 1962 photograph, but were demolished shortly after. The replacement buildings were themselves later demolished to make way for the finance house that now occupies this spot. The original pump still stands, as does the building to the left. New trees were later added.

The area around the weighbridge has changed almost beyond recognition since the black and white photograph was taken in the early 60's, but while the Royal Hotel and Monros are now long gone, the buildings to the centre-right of Monros have stood for over a 100 years, and were formerly a hotel, and, for many of us in our youth, the site of the 'Chicken Platter' fast food outlet.



Until the mid-1920's this rather quaint old garden stood at the top of Smith street, just in front of St Paul's church, which was demolished in the early 1970's. Following discussions on a number of possible sites, the War Memorial was built here in 1926 to commemorate the local men who fell during World War One. And while the quaint old garden has now become a busy traffic island, Remembrance Day is held here each year, to remember the dead of all British conflicts.

A PATIENT-CENTRED APPROACH TO HEALTH CARE

By Douzenier Jacquie Robin

An early diagnosis and good, regular treatment for musculoskeletal issues/injuries can usually prevent them becoming chronic and give patients their quality of life back, as I've experienced first-hand.

When I was involved in a car accident seven years ago, I experienced a lot of trauma to my musculoskeletal system which was both painful and debilitating. (Years before I had incurred a work related injury to my right arm which the car accident also aggravated big time). I was feeling pretty desperate for help. Reading the Guernsey Press, I saw an article for Remedial Deep Tissue Sports Massage and although I'd been receiving physiotherapy and acupuncture, I was not experiencing much relief from my symptoms and decided to have a consultation with Mark Griffin from the Chiropractor + Massage Clinic (CMC).

Mark took a history and then examined me and explained that the pain I was experiencing was from issues deep within my muscles which had occurred with the accident at work which had now become chronic and the trauma from the car accident was still acute. He assured me that he could give me relief and that over time his deep tissue massage would break down the layers in the muscles and get to the root of my original problem. Most other therapies do not get deep within the muscle and unless this is done the bad habits that our muscles have learned from our day to day lives continue to occur. Mark said this type of massage was not for the faint hearted due to the discomfort I would experience during it, but this discomfort would ease over time.

To cut a long story short; over the next weeks and months Mark worked his magic along



Guthrie Steer



Mark Griffin

with the input of his business partner Guthrie Steer's chiropractic expertise. I am delighted to say that they have increased my quality of life enormously which is maintained with regular massages from Mark every three weeks unless I have a relapse and see him earlier.

During the many hours I have spent on the massage table at CMC I have learnt that as well as treating patients there is a strong emphasis on educating and allowing patients to better understand their own role in the maintenance of good health and prevention of injury. This helps us to break the bad habits we've taught our muscles and install new good habits.

Early diagnosis and treatment for musculoskeletal injuries is important and will usually prevent an acute problem becoming a chronic one, therefore go seek help earlier rather than later. So big thanks from me to Mark, Guthrie and the rest of the team at CMC for educating and giving me a better quality of life.

If you would like to see if Mark, Guthrie or think another member of the team can help you, please ring Miche (she's the glue that binds them) on 723724 or pop into the clinic in Bosq Lane, St Peter Port. 📍

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A message from our LATVIAN REPRESENTATIVE

By *Lilita Krūze*, Honorary Consul of Latvia to Guernsey



HONORARY CONSULS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA. WHAT DO WE DO?

The Summer of 2016 will stay in our memories for the historic BREXIT where the people of the United Kingdom decided to leave the European Union, and for the Summer Olympics in Rio. Personally I can add my granddaughter's first birthday and my participation in the 8th Meeting of the Honorary Consuls of the Republic of Latvia in Riga, Latvia. 89 Honorary Consuls from 54 countries came together to share experiences, to participate in official sessions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Saeima (the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia), to meet the President of the Republic of Latvia Raimonds Vējonis, to meet officials of the Ventspils City Council and representatives of the Liepāja City Council to mention just a few.

Latvian Honorary Consuls and the United Kingdom. What do we do? We further the development of commercial, economic, cultural and scientific relations between Latvia and the United Kingdom. We do not provide consular services, including the issuance of Schengen visas for travel to Latvia. These services are only provided by the Latvian Embassy in London. The Latvian Consul in Northern Ireland Dr. William Gerard O'Hare has the right to issue return certificates - a

temporary travel document to return to Latvia. For those who wonder, the Honorary Consul position is unpaid. It is an honour to serve Latvia and its people.

What have I done since October 2014 when my post started? First of all, on my own I wouldn't have done anything. All is down to the team effort. We have been able to set up a polling station at Les Cotils for the 12th Saeima election, hold a reception for Elmars Rozītis, Archbishop of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (LELCA) and Andris Abakuks, pastor from LELCA. We have been able to set up a travelling exhibition of the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia at Guernsey Airport, organise Latvian film nights and twice a year celebrate our official days, meanwhile collecting monies for unfortunate children in Latvia. I receive calls and e-mails from Latvian nationals on an everyday basis not only on passport issues but also the Minimum Wage, Housing Licences, Pensions, etc.

I would like to remind all, whatever enquiry, you can get in touch with me in Latvian, English and Russian on my mobile phone 07781 455088 or e-mail: lilita@cwgsy.net

I would like to thank all of the staff at the Embassy of Latvia in London for their support, advice and friendship. Ambassador Andris Teikmanis in September started his new duties in United States of America. I wish new, successful challenges to him, myself and all of the Guernsey community. 



LATVIEŠI GĒRNSIJĀ

By Lilita Krūze, Latvijas Republikas Goda konsule Gērnsijā



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS GODA KONSULI. KO MĒS DARĀM?

A izgājusi vasara daudziem paliks atmiņā ar Lielbritānijas iedzīvotāju vēsturisko lēmumu atstāt Eiropas Savienību, kā arī Vasaras Olimpiskajām spēlēm Riodežaneiro. Man personiski vasara iezīmējās ar mazmeitiņas pirmo dzimšanas dienu un ar 8. Vispasaules Latvijas Republikas Goda konsulu sietu Rīgā. Tik grandiozā pasākumā piedalījās pirmo reizi, un esot starp 89 Latvijas Republikas Goda konsuliem, tiešām sajutu, ka esmu viena no viņiem. Sapratu, cik ārkārtīgi daudz Latvijas Republikas Ārlietu Ministrija mums visiem ir uzticējusies.

Mums bija ne tikai oficiālas pieņemšanas Ārlietu Ministrijā, Melngalvju namā un Saeimā, bet arī tikšanās ar Ventspils un Liepājas pilsētas vadītājiem, kā arī ekskursijas jaunajos uzņēmumos abās pilsētās. Sevišķi siltas atmiņas paliks no vēju pilsētas- tās mīkstās, dzeltenās pludmales smiltis un Baltijas jūras silto viļņu pieskārieni.

Ko tad mēs, Latvijas Republikas Goda konsuli darām? Mēs pārstāvam Latviju Republiku un aizstāvam tās pilsoņu un nepilsoņu intereses 54 pasaules valstīs. Mēs attīstām komerciālos,

ekonomiskos, kultūras, zinātnes un izglītības sakarus, kā arī attīstām sadraudzību starp Latvijas Republiku un uzņemošo valsti. Visus šos pienākumus mēs veicam kā goda lietu, nesapeļojot materiālu atlīdzību.

Apvienotajā Karalistē ir seši Latvijas Republikas Goda konsulāti. Pēc ASV mēs esam lielākā un arī jaunākā komanda, jo vairāki konsulāti tika atvērti tikai šajā gadā. Man bija ārkārtīgi liels prieks un pagodinājums satikt visus savus angļu kolēģus Latvijā. Tā bija brīnišķīga iespēja apmainīties pieredzē, saprast atšķirības un kopīgo mūsu darbā, kā arī mācīties.

Ko es esmu izdarījusi kopš 2014. gada oktobra? Vispirms vēlos teikt, ka viena pati es neko nevaru izdarīt. Pateicoties komandas darbam, esam bijuši spējīgi atvērt vēlēšanu iecirkni Latvijas Republikas 12. Saeimas vēlēšanām, uzņemt LELB Arhibīskapu E. Rozīti un prāvestu A. Abakuku, noturēt latviešu dievkalpojumu, atvērt Latvijas Republikas Okupācijas muzeja izstādi, noturēt lekcijas un filmu izrādes par Latviju, organizēt balles divas reizes gadā; ne tikai piedalīties labdarības pasākumos, bet arī pašiem vākt ziedojumus un dāvanas Tiskādu bērnamam Latvijā. Katru nedēļu ar mani personiski sazinās latvieši, kam ir jautājumi ne tikai personu apliecinošā dokumenta nokārtošanā, bet arī tīri sadzīvīskās lietās. Izmantojot iespēju, atgādinu, ka ar mani var sazināties latviešu, krievu un angļu valodā, rakstot uz e-pasta adresi: lilita@cwgsy.net un zvanot uz mobilo telefonu 07781 455088.

Vēlos pateikties Latvijas Republikas vēstniecības Londonā darbiniekiem, sevišķi Solveigai Silkalnai un vēstniekam Andrim Teikmanim par atbalstu, padomu un draudzību. Šā gada rudenī Andris Teikmanis ir uzsācis Latvijas Republikas vēstnieka darbu Amerikas Savienotajās Valstīs. Novēlu jaunus, skaistus, panākumiem bagātus izaicinājumus un radošu darbu ne tikai viņam, bet arī sev un mums visiem. 🇹🇷

DEUTSCHE IN GUERNSEY

By **Chris Betley** Honorary Consul,
Federal Republic of Germany



I'm often asked how many Germans live in Guernsey, or if I know the importance of the German visitor market to our island. Perhaps it just seems there are more *Deutsche in Guernsey*, both living and on holiday, but the reality suggests slightly lower numbers.

According to available statistics, German citizens resident in Guernsey total 226 - slightly more than Italy (113), Spain (63) or Austria (42), but (only just) less than France (231), Wales (284) or Poland (329). Numbers of summer workers would increase this figure significantly, although there don't seem to be any available figures for transient worker nationalities (who wouldn't otherwise be included as being either permanently resident or visiting the island on holiday).

The German visitor market is often cited as being an important one. In our neighbouring island, German visitors to Jersey are reported to spend on average £807 per person - the highest expenditure compared to *any* other visitor. Actual visitor figures to Guernsey are surprisingly low, with an average of 11,000 per year, representing about 3.5% of total visitor numbers.

It is clear that this market could certainly increase if Guernsey had the connections and bed number capacity to accommodate more.

Air Berlin operates two direct flights each week during the season, from Dusseldorf and Stuttgart, both routes which I understand have been popular and well subscribed

(including by my own family). Guernsey's runway length and lack of shared vision, plan or overall joined-up thinking to encourage



A German film crew from TV station Saarländischer Rundfunk visited Guernsey, filming for their holiday programme 'Da will ich hin', to be broadcast in October.



Filming at Fermain Beach Café.

A song was never far from the choir - even when queuing for food.



more tourism initiatives for airlines, tour operators and direct visitors seem to be our biggest obstacles.

Meanwhile, the island continues to offer a friendly and warm welcome to those who manage to discover our natural charms, the delights of which are sometimes caught on camera. The German TV station, Saarländischer Rundfunk, for example (part of the ARD public-service broadcaster), spent a week in the island recently to film a half hour travel show (planned for broadcast in late October). Peter Kruchten, director and producer, said he had visited the island 20 years ago and always wanted to come back.

‘I went to Jersey, Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Lihou’, he said. ‘Guernsey was best, especially St Peter Port.’

That’s always good to hear! It will be interesting to see how this enthusiasm translates to film when Peter’s programme is broadcast across Germany in October.

Perhaps our biggest German supporters in promoting the island come from the town of

Biberach, which has its own close connection with Guernsey.

The Biberach Friends of Guernsey keep in close contact with local friends and regularly help organise visits or events, including their own ‘*Guernsey Wochen*’ (Guernsey Week).

Recent visits this year include Andreas Winter and his fabulous Flute Choir, in May, and the St Martin’s Boys’ Choir, all 54 of them,



A superb performance at the Town Church, with a guest appearance by adopted Biberacher, Guernsey’s Eric Sharman.

who visited us in early August and 'wowed' the island with their singing - not just at the Town Church concert, but also at Pembroke Beach during their *Willkommen BBQ* and in Herm, where they camped for seven days.

Conductor Andreas has brought numerous musical groups to perform in Guernsey over the years, whilst this was the third time Choirmaster Johannes Striegel had accompanied his accomplished Boys' Choir to the island.

From visitors to full time residents, Deutsche in Guernsey meet up every month for an informal meal at Moores Hotel, where German chef, Thomas Rickauer, always prepares a delicious selection. The group is five years old and always welcomes German speakers to join them. 



A surprise visit by Guernsey's Bailiff, Sir Richard Collas, who had enjoyed the Choir's Friday night concert so much that he wanted to tell Herr Choirmaster, Johannes Striegel, himself.



MV Europa - one of many German cruise ships to visit Guernsey in 2016.



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GUERNSEY VOLUNTARY SERVICE MEALS ON WHEELS

By Sandra Collins

St Peter Port residents may be surprised to know that the Guernsey Voluntary Service Meals on Wheels Service delivers approximately 30,000 meals per annum throughout Guernsey and a further 5,000 meals per annum in Alderney.

Until 2011 Guernsey Voluntary Service (GVS) was known as the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS), a branch of the national organisation having been formed locally in 1949. In 1960 we became involved with Meals on Wheels and the service has continued to grow since then. Despite the re-launch as GVS in 2011 the services we offer within the Bailiwick remain largely unchanged and our main services today are:-

- Meals on Wheels,
- Two day centres for older people (Jubilee Day Centre in St Sampson's and the Russels Day Centre in St Martin's),
- Blood donor calling service at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital,
- A trolley shop for residents and visitors at Le Grand Courtil,



- The rest tents at the West and North Shows,
- A refreshment service in the Royal Court building,

Back in the 1940's WRVS (or WVS as it was then) evolved to help isolated and lonely people, particularly the elderly. The charity was particularly well known as a provider of the Meals on Wheels service which delivers hot meals to the housebound. Their mission back in the 1940's was 'To help people to maintain independence and dignity in their homes and communities, particularly in later life' - a mission which still holds true for GVS in 2016.

For the Meals on Wheels service in Guernsey, we have four dedicated cars based at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital (PEH) where the hot meals are produced. On six days per week our volunteers collect the meals from the PEH at 10.30am and then there are four rounds covering the whole island. Volunteers go out in teams of two - a driver and a "runner" and



the meals are stored in hot boxes in the cars so that the last meal delivered should be as hot as the first. Obviously not only do our volunteers deliver the hot meals, they also check on the recipients ensuring that they are up and about and have no immediate concerns. If we find any of our clients unwell or missing our volunteers can report back into the GVS office so that we can alert the next of kin or medical professionals as appropriate.

Clients are all referred by medical professionals and can have up to six meals per week. Although predominantly for older people, it is medical need rather than age which leads to referrals so a younger person who, for whatever reason, cannot prepare and cook a healthy meal, would be able to receive the meals. GVS has to buy the meals from the States and in turn we charge them out to clients at £3 for a two course meal (2016 prices). GVS employ one part time member of staff to co-ordinate the whole operation from taking referrals, liaising with clients (and their relatives and medical professionals), to ordering the meals, co-ordinating volunteers for each day, sorting out daily problems during the rounds etc. Although we do get some financial help from the States, we have to cover the capital and running costs of the four cars, salary of our co-ordinator, office overheads etc.

So next time you see a Meals on Wheels car out on the road they could be delivering to one of your relations or friends or even to you. Our cars are all sponsored by local companies or charities (currently Guernsey Round Table, the Rotary ITEX Walk, HSBC Private Bank and the Guernsey Lions and Leo Clubs) but we are always having to look for new sponsors so if you know of any organisation which may like to be involved in future, please contact us.

Alternatively we are always looking for volunteers for both Meals on Wheels and



other services. Most Meals on Wheels volunteers do a round every three or four weeks but it can be more or less to suit individuals and is all on a rota basis. Volunteers would need to be available from approximately 10.15am to 1.30pm on the day. [📍](#)

For more information on GVS, including Meals on Wheels, our other services, volunteering or donating please contact Sandra by: phoning on **247518** between 9am and 1pm weekdays
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GUERNSEY NERINE FESTIVAL

8th to 22nd October 2016

By Andrew Lanoe and Rosemary Rankilor

Each year the Lower Glasshouse in Candie Gardens is filled with the wonderful blooms of Guernsey's national flower, the Guernsey Lily. The Nerine Festival runs for two weeks in mid October and is held by Plant Heritage Guernsey, a local charity whose aim is to preserve the plants in our gardens and promote the plant heritage of Guernsey.

Plant Heritage Guernsey has a large collection of Nerines which has been built up over many years and the charity is lucky enough to have recently been offered several old collections of bulbs including some which have been bred locally. Plant Heritage Guernsey is in the process

of applying for National Collection Status for the Nerines to further protect the collection.

The species *Nerine Sarniensis* has been associated with Guernsey for nearly 350 years although how they got to the island is a matter of dispute. Some people say they were washed ashore after a shipwreck, others that they were introduced by General John Lambert when he was imprisoned in Castle Cornet after the English Civil War. Either way Nerines were well established in Guernsey by the time Carl Linnaeus, the Swedish botanist came to name them. He thought they were native to Guernsey, hence the botanical name of the species - *Nerine Sarniensis*. Sarnia



Inside lower glasshouse (Photo by Jill Bishop)



Inside lower glasshouse (Photo by Jill Bishop)



Sarniensis Corusca Major (Photo by Nick Dornaille)

was the Roman name for Guernsey, giving the epithet.

The Nerines are shown at their best in the Lower Glasshouse which is one of the two eighteenth-century glasshouses in Candie Gardens. These glasshouses are of particular importance because they are among the very few from that time that are still standing today and are looked after by the Committee for Environment and Infrastructure. Plant Heritage Guernsey is proud to be allowed to display the Nerines in the Lower Glasshouse.

Nerine Sarniensis - native to the Western Cape of South Africa - is not frost hardy and particularly dislikes the wet associated with our winters so here most are grown under glass, although they can be grown outdoors if planted in a sheltered spot with very good drainage. They are quite happy in a frost-free greenhouse or porch.

The Nerine display here attempts to re-create the painting 'House of Nerines' by W J Caparne which is in the collection of Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery and can be viewed by going to the Museum at the top of Candie Gardens.

There will be approximately 300 pots of Nerines on display in the Lower Glasshouse with colours ranging from pure white, through pinks and the deeper reds together with the bright orange/

red typical of the species. The majority will be cultivars or selections of *Nerine Sarniensis*. Even after hundreds of years of breeding these still show the defining characteristics of the species - flat broad leaves, regular flowers and straight erect reproductive parts. Some will be hybrids with other species of *Nerine* and these will show features of these species - narrow or channelled leaves, and irregular flowers with curved reproductive parts. It is possible a few other species will still be in flower - they tend to bloom a little earlier.

Many of the blooms have a sparkle which is clearly seen when the sun shines on the petals and makes a vibrant display. The sparkle or coruscation is caused by a layer of cells just below the surface of the petal that are faceted (like a diamond) and reflect the light (like a diamond). Very few plants coruscate and while the assumption is that it should be an evolutionary trait to encourage pollinators, apparently there is no evidence this is so. Just nature being pleasant. Let's hope the sun shines for these two weeks.

The sun will also draw out the aroma of chocolate from some of the cultivars. 'Corusca Major' is an old cultivar that was widely grown commercially for the cut flower trade and to many is 'The Guernsey Lily' - it has all the defining characteristics of *Nerine Sarniensis* including the sparkle (coruscation) and scent.

As well as being a showcase for the Collection, the Nerine Festival is also an important source of funds for maintaining the Collection so there will be some smaller pots of nerines for sale - all grown by Plant Heritage Guernsey and full instructions for their care will be available.

This year the Festival opens in the Lower Glasshouse on Saturday 8th October at 2.30pm and is then open each day from 10.00am - 4.00pm until Saturday 22nd October. Entrance is free so come along and have a look at Guernsey's beautiful national flower, and learn more about the Guernsey Lily and Plant Heritage Guernsey. 📍

GUERNSEY GLOBAL COMMUNITY

By Michael Bain



With a focus on Guernsey's global connections and its broadening multi-cultural society, The Guernsey Global Community was created in February 2016 and has been rapidly attracting new members ever since.

Over the years, Guernsey has achieved an impressively global footprint, spanning global maritime trade, worldwide horticulture exports and more recently, the international finance sector. With these connections both past and present, Guernsey today has a strong global spirit which The Guernsey Global Community celebrates.

The community, created by a group of teachers and students from Accent Language School, hosts popular events for people to meet, learn, chat and just have fun! The four events to date have been casual evening meet ups at varying bars, with around 30 people joining and mingling.

The conversations are wide ranging, from languages, travel and international business to cultures and cuisine, as well as many other topics including of course, Guernsey itself and life on the island.

In addition to diverse conversations, members have also said they enjoyed meeting new people and networking. Beatriz Munoz moved to Guernsey from Spain a year ago to pursue work as an au pair. She commented that: "The events have really helped me to meet more people. I've enjoyed meeting both long-term residents who often share a lot about this



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lovely island as well as people that like me, are new here and are in a similar situation.”

To bring extra international flavour, some of the events are themed and so far, there has been a meet up with a travel focus and an Italian night... with tasty Italian snacks and drinks!

Anna-Lisa Detassis, Director of Accent Language School and community co-creator said: “Working at a language school on the island, I see frequent reminders that there’s a lot of interest among Guernsey’s residents to not only feel more connected to the many cultures we’re lucky to have on the island, but also to enjoy different international experiences. We hope to bring even more engaging events in the future.”

The events are open to everyone and are free to attend. If the above sounds appealing, be sure to sign up to the website mailing list to find out about future events.

À la perchoine! 📍



SCHOOLS MATTERS

By Tracey Moore

AMHERST SCHOOL

We have been truly fortunate to have had Investec as our partner over the last 6 years. They have been amazing and their support has benefitted the children of Amherst in so many ways. Sadly this partnership came to an end at the end of March and we wanted to share some of their work since 2010 and publicly thank them for their help.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

This gives our children a positive start to the day. Research tells us that children who don't have breakfast can have difficulty maintaining concentration. With the help of an Investec volunteer each day we offer children healthy cereal, fruit juice and wholemeal toast. As well as the nutritional benefits children get time with an adult in a warm and welcoming environment. Our breakfast club continues to increase in numbers, even helping some parents get back to work.



MAX'S MARVELLOUS MATHS:

Investec staff have been amazing! They lead this activity three times a week focusing on developing the children's number confidence and understanding of basic number. The children love to work with the volunteers. The intervention is focused on our youngest children and it has been truly humbling seeing the Managing Director leading the activity and hearing the children's laughter and seeing their excitement for learning.

READING:

Investec have been integral to our success in raising standards in recent years. Our initial goal was to encourage boys to read more. By sending male volunteers, Investec provided our children with positive role models. The children look forward to their special time with the volunteers. Having an adult to themselves impacts positively on their self-esteem and may be for some children the only time an adult hears them read, other than a teacher.

BIG TALK:

One of our aims in recent years was to improve writing. If children can't speak it they can't write it. We were aware that many of our children were not completing their talk

homework and therefore were disadvantaged when they came to the writing task on a Friday. Once again Investec stepped in. Their volunteers support our children by giving their time to talk to the children. This is greatly valued by the pupils involved.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS:

Investec have accompanied us to Lihou and Saumarez Park. The children love to spend time with the volunteers. During the trips our children form strong relationships with the Investec staff. The children look up to the volunteers and their support makes the experience all the richer for the children.

ENVIRONMENT:

Staff from Investec have supported us in weaving willow tunnels, painting flower boxes and tables and installing a pond area.



We have also taken children to Investec. The children loved the opportunity to see the volunteers work place. This helped raise our children’s aspirations and gave them an understanding of the world of work. It has been a privilege to work with Investec and they will be greatly missed! 

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN ST PETER PORT

By **Tanya Walls** Archaeology Assitant, Guernsey Museum

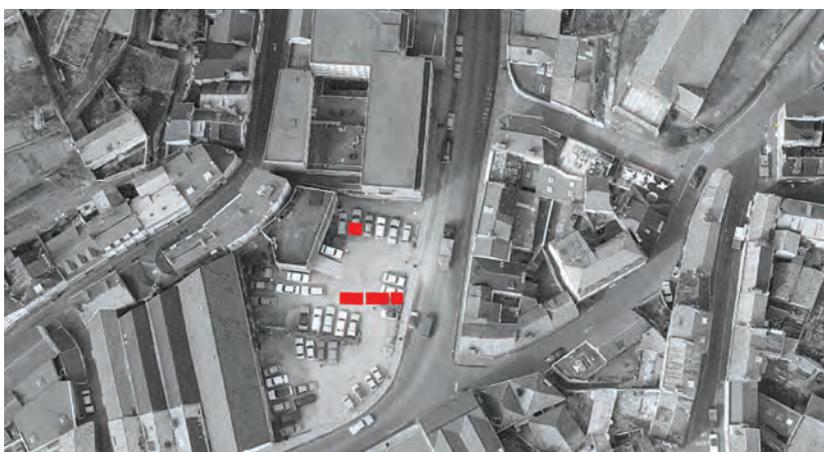
Over the last fifty years parts of St Peter Port have seen considerable development and several of these development sites have been archaeologically investigated. Many of those who worked on the sites were local volunteers putting in time when they could, often at weekends or in the evenings. I hope that a series of articles on these excavations will be of interest to Townie readers and begin, in 1975, with a site in the Bordage.

Excavations at the Bordage 1975-1976

In the mid 1970's plans were approved for a four-storey building on a site in the Bordage next door to Tudor House. At the time the site was an open space used for parking; the late 18th century buildings which had occupied the site having been demolished some time before. In November 1975 Bob Burns, the leader of the Archaeology Section of La Société Guernesiaise, began an excavation here with the objective of investigating the spread of the urban development of St Peter Port.

A series of two by two metre trenches were dug in various locations across the site. Some proved to be on ground entirely disturbed by modern activity, but others had good surviving archaeological deposits and these, which were mostly close to the road, were enlarged to enable thorough investigation.

The demolished 18th century buildings had been constructed on a layer of deliberately made-up ground, sealing earlier levels beneath. When this made-up ground was removed areas of flagstones and cobbles and a conduit were revealed; these were of early 18th century date and were probably in the



The Bordage site as it looked in 1979 with the trenches overlaid in red
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The Bordage site as it looks today with the trenches overlaid in red
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courtyard of a house known as La Vielle Maison. The site of this house was to the north-west of the trenches and unavailable for excavation because it had a modern building on it. Below this courtyard layer was soil which had been cultivated in the 16th - 18th centuries and below this was peat, on the top of which lay late medieval pottery. Water ingress prevented deeper excavation in all but one trench and in this one the peat was found to be about 80cm thick with soil containing angular stones beneath; this would have been the layer directly overlying the rock. This trench showed that, over a period of around 500 years, the ground level had risen by some 2.6 metres and that much of this was caused by deliberate tipping. The Bordage runs along the bottom of a valley and follows a stream fed from the high ground to the south and west. Consequently the area would have been naturally wet and over time people had dumped material to raise the ground levels. The dumped soil contained much domestic rubbish and some of this was made of organic materials, such as wood and leather, and had been preserved in the wet ground.

It was possible to date the different layers by the artefacts recovered in them and these finds also give an insight into activities which had taken place on the site. Over a thousand sherds of pottery were recovered, dating from the late medieval period to the late 18th century, and it was even possible to reconstruct a few of the vessels. The pottery was all imported and most came from France, England, Holland and Germany. Large quantities of animal bones were found and



Street view of the Bordage site in 1975, the ruined building to the left is on the site of La Vielle Maison



Trenches 1 and 2 as seen from the ruined building

these tell us that people were eating cattle, pig, sheep, goat, rabbit, fish and shell fish. There were also skeletons of two small, terrier-like dogs and a cat, the animals had been buried close to each other sometime in the 16th century and must have been pets, probably belonging to a single household. Various metal objects were found including a number of brass pins, the sizes of which suggest that they might have been used in lace-making. Due to the damp soil conditions leather and wooden articles also survived. These included a scrap of leather embossed with rosettes and letters, which may have been part of a horse harness, and fragments of shoes of a style worn in the 17th century. A total of sixteen coins were found and those identifiable are mostly 17th century French copper coins of a type known as double tournois. There were 436 fragments of clay pipe which date

between 1650 and 1780, some were certainly imports from Southampton and some of these can be identified as the products of Roger Browne who was manufacturing pipes between 1710 and 1765.

The excavations revealed no evidence that the site was occupied in prehistoric or Roman times, although just 200 metres away, beneath the market, is the old bonded stores where Roman settlement evidence was found in the 1990's. The earliest pottery found was 14th century and represents rubbish from the growing town. The Bordage lay outside the limits of the town as defined by the 'barriere stones' set up in 1700; St Peter Port originally focussed around the harbour and extended between Cornet Street and Le Pollet. The term 'bordage' refers to land on a feudal holding on which a 'bordier' collected rents and other feudal dues; the Bordage was probably on the 'Bordage Cornet', for which there are documentary sources dating



A small lamp filler, 18th century, Dutch

from the 14th century. If the land was worth something at that time then it was probably being used in some way. The dating of the finds is concentrated in the 17th century and it is reasonable to suppose that it was at this time that activity in the area of the Bordage intensified and the first buildings probably appeared. Certainly there was a house, belonging to the Carey family, just to the north of the site by 1644 and by 1787 the town had spread beyond the Bordage into, what is now, Lower Vauvert and Trinity Square. By the 19th century the area had become an important part of the commercial trading area of the town. [T](#)

If you would like to read more about this site, see 'Excavations at the Bordage, St Peter Port, Guernsey 1975/76' by R.B. Burns and this can be found in La Société Guernesiaise Report and Transactions 1975.



A decorative head from the top of a pitcher, Saintonge, France, late 16th - early 17th century

NEW INCUMBENTS AT THE TOWN AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCHES

The Reverend Matthew Barrett is to be the new Rector of the Town Church and also Vicar of St. John's, taking up the posts in October. Matthew was formerly Curate at the Vale Church and will be moving into St. John's Vicarage with his wife, Sally and daughters, Hannah and Esme, at the end of September.

Matthew will be working alongside the Reverend Peter Graysmith, who is to be the Mission Priest at the Town and St. John's Churches, as well as Chaplain to Elizabeth College. Peter was formerly the Vicar of Baswich in Staffordshire. He will be moving to Guernsey with his wife, Penny, daughter Anna and son, Matthew.

We will look forward to hearing more from Matthew and Peter as they begin their work in St. Peter Port. [T](#)

TOWN CARNIVAL 2016

By Jack Honeybill, Executive Officer Town Centre Partnership



The Town Carnival took place between 16th and 30th July this year with a budget of £50,000 covered from sponsorship of acts, performance areas, gold members £1,000, silver £500 and bronze members £300. In addition we were again fortunate to receive two anonymous donations as well as an anonymous sponsor for the Clowns, Sonny and Rainbow. The event is a truly community event with no exceptionally large sponsor and with the support of a grant from the Guernsey Arts Commission plus Airtel Vodafone covering 100 hours of local entertainment together with the fantastic Guernsey public donating £6,000 in our buckets we managed to cover costs. We were also delighted to have subsidised travel from Condor Ferries and subsidised

accommodation from Sarnia Hotels at Les Rocquettes Hotel.

This year there were some changes in the line up of artists with the Red Carnation Group again sponsoring Classy Cool, the fabulous string quartet. Ravenscroft Stockbrokers sponsored Stanley's Dixie Street Band from the Czech republic and Creaseys again sponsored the Punch and Judy which is a winner with all children young or old. Two tenors - Il Destino came over and created the wow factor, Vitae Brass the five piece Brass ensemble, the Sound of Steel and the Clowns completed the remainder of the company of 24 professionals.

The following local entertainers were involved, with the first week of the Carnival dedicated to local talent of which we have in abundance.

The Day Trippers, Swing Along, The Guernsey Jazz Orchestra, The Common Room, Guernsey Majorettes, Belles and Broomsticks, Fourtissimo, E C Listening, Mancini and me, Lydia Pugh, Chris Taylor, John Byrne, Olivia Younger, Charlie Cosnett, Carly Tucknott, Elliot Falla, Jesse Byrne, Charles Stenner, Amy Stenner, Toby Falla, Kate Kelleway, Lee Ann Hawkes, Ashleigh Gardener-Wheeler, Michel Kinnersley, Nicolle Wyatt, Sammie Denning, Aimee Queru, Scott Michel, Harry Giubileo, James Dumbleton, Maisie Foote, Michaela Byrne, Savannah Silva, Theo Maubec, Jaike Smith, Mick Le Huray, plus the staff at the Guille-Alles Library reading to the children before the Punch and Judy shows.

In all we covered 6 performance areas during the first week and 10 the second week commencing around 10am and finishing at 3.30pm. There were three Punch and Judy shows every day apart from the first Monday and various children's activities run by Sonny and Rainbow each afternoon which were sponsored again by Creasey's, including fancy dress and the Harmonica parade. A team of people were involved in the organisation of the Carnival which we consider was a great success this year despite two days of doubtful weather.

Many of the artists performed in the evenings at various venues and our team of myself, Andrew Pouteaux, Julie Madeley, John and Eileen Silvester, Peter Harwood, Lydia Pugh and other volunteers on a number of occasions, made it all tick along nicely.

Gold members were Liberation Group, Specsavers, Fuller Developments Limited, The Terrace Garden Café, Collette Jones. Silver members were Healthxchange Clinic, RBS International, Source Recruitment Specialists and there were 14 bronze members.

We also ran a Black Tie Cabaret Dinner at the Duke of Richmond Hotel attended by 125



people and entertained by professional and local artists in the company of the Lieutenant Governor Vice Admiral Ian Corder and Mrs Corder and the Bailiff Sir Richard Collas. We were indebted to 32 retail/hospitality town businesses who provided Tombola prizes. The evening made £4,000 towards the cost of the Carnival.

Details of next years event can be found on our website www.guernseytowncentre.gg. The dates are 15th to 29th July 2017 with again the first week dedicated to local talent. We already have some sponsorship for next year from the Red Carnation Group, Ravenscroft Stockbrokers Limited, and Les Rocquettes Hotel. [T](#)

PARISH ADMINISTRATION QUIZ

By Douzenier Mary McDermott

1. *How many dog licences were paid for last year?*
(a) 609 (b) 709 (c) 809
2. *How many liquor licence reports were issued last year?*
(a) 44 (b) 64 (c) 84
3. *How many accounts were sent out this year?*
(a) 7940 (b) 8940 (c) 9940
4. *What height do hedges have to be cut above the road?*
(a) 8 feet (b) 10 feet (c) 12 feet
5. *How many St Peter Port Douzeniers are there?*
(a) 12 (b) 15 (c) 20
6. *What is the maximum fine for allowing dog fouling?*
(a) £1,000 (b) £1,100 (c) £1,200
7. *On how many nights is household refuse collected in St Peter Port?*
(a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6
8. *How many busking permits were given out last year?*
(a) 39 (b) 49 (c) 59

Answers:
1. (b) 709 2. (a) 44 3. (b) 8,940 4. (c) 12 feet
5. (c) 20 6. (a) £1,000 7. (c) 6 8. (b) 49



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