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# FOREWORD

Another year forward and here is the first of the two editions of the Townie we have planned for this year.

In our last edition we highlighted the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1, and in this edition we look at the centenary of the first group of Guernsey volunteers to leave the island to take part in that monumental conflict, and we are grateful to Simon Hamon for his article, and congratulate all those who took part in recreating the historic march to town on March the 8th.

Another massive event this year is the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the island from the Nazi occupying forces, and we all look forward to taking part in what should be a very memorable day. It is hoped that parishioners take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the event in town in some style.

As well as looking forward, we also look back at events that have taken place since we last wrote; the Douzaine Floral team not only achieved the first Gold award for the parish, but also went one better and actually won their class at the Britain in Bloom annual awards, which was a fantastic achievement,



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**Townie Sub-Committee** (from left to right): Rob Grant, Keith Pike, Jacqui Robin, Neil Forman and Richard Harding

and one that we are all particularly proud of as it shows the very best of our parish.

The War shrine at the foot of Smith Street is now back in its rightful place after an absence of 60 years, thanks to the hard work of Keith Pike and a dedicated team, and we hope you will agree that this is a timely and suitable replacement, so well done to them.

Once again the Douzaine will be holding a 'Party in the Park' at Cambridge Park this summer, and we hope you can all come along and enjoy an afternoon out. Details are inside this edition.

We would again like to invite any parishioners who have an article or item of interest that they would like to include in a future edition, to please contact a member of the Townie sub-committee. We hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine. [T](#)

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# INTRODUCTION BY THE CONSTABLES

Another year has passed and much has happened during 2014, including the election of a new Constable and three new Douzeniers, who began their duties on 1st January 2015. We would like to say a big “thank you” to Barry Cash, Ann Outram, John Roper and Pat Johnson for their contributions to the betterment of the parish during their terms of office. Barry has been a great mentor for me as I learned the job of Constable, which hopefully will stand me in good stead having taken over the role of Senior Constable from him.



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I extend a welcome to Jenny Tasker as a Constable and together we welcome Mary McDermott, Mike Garrett and Joe Mooney as Douzeniers. They will all find there is much to learn but they have all expressed their willingness to work hard for the parish. We thank our office and maintenance staff for their continued support. Special thanks to the inmates at Le Nicolles Prison who have done superb work on projects for the parish and

to all paid workers and volunteers, who have helped to make St Peter Port a better place.



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The success of the St Peter Port Floral Team and its supporters was a real joy and the accolade of Gold in Bristol so well deserved. Their nomination and Katina's at the Awards Evening, gave St Peter Port excellent publicity for all the right reasons.

It has been good to see how well our Parish is being cared for, upgraded and repaired. The Candie Cemetery wall now looks great and is safe and the Cambridge Park gully by the little car park has had worked carried out to make the facility safer for those visiting it. However, our groundsmen still have difficulty with those who do not park there legitimately! We have lots to do, but I believe that we have the enthusiasm and will continue to have our Town seen as the “jewel in Guernsey's crown”. 📍

*The Constables are also members of the Douzaine.*

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# WHAT'S ON 2015

We have listed, below, many of the events that will be taking place during the period from May to October 2015. Whilst the majority will take place in St Peter Port, there are also a few events outside the parish that we would like to highlight, including the various shows and regatta. For further information please go to the web page [www.visitguernsey.com](http://www.visitguernsey.com) or [www.towncentrepartnership.com](http://www.towncentrepartnership.com)

## Public Holidays:

Monday 4th May  
Monday 25th May  
Monday 31st August

May Bank Holiday  
Spring Bank Holiday  
Summer Bank Holiday

## Events:

Sat 28th March - Sun 4th October

Celts & Romans: Treasure & Trade

Fri 3rd April - Mon 11th May

Heritage Festival

Various Sundays May - September

Seafront Sundays

Sun 3rd May

Hafenschloss

Mon 4th - Tues 26th May

Victor Hugo International Music Festival

Fri 9th May (Bank Holiday)

Liberation Day

Sun 10th May - Sun 27th September

Sunday Concerts in Candie Gardens

Fri 15th May

Museums at Night / La Nuit Des Musees

Sat 16th May - Sat 26th September

Saturday Concerts in Market Square

Fri 29th May - Sat 6th June

Sure Festival of Comedy

Tue 9th - Sun 14th June

Herm Real Ale & Cider festival

Sat 4th - Sun 12th July

Guernsey in Bloom Festival

Mon 6th July

Le Viaer Marchi

Fri 17th, 24th, 31st July & 7th Aug

KPMG Castle Nights

Sat 18th July - Sat 1st August

Town Carnival & La Faete d'la Musique a la Ville

Sat 25th July

Rocquaine Regatta

Sat 1st - Sun 2nd August

Torteval Scarecrow Festival

Fri 14th - Sat 15th August

The South Show

Sun 16th August

Fete d'etai - Summer Festival

Wed 19th - Thurs 20th August

The West Show

Wed 26th - Thurs 27th August

The North Show & Battle of Flowers

Sat 5th - Sat 19th September

Autumn Walking Weeks

Wed 9th - Sun 13th September

Herm Real Ale & Cider Festival

Thurs 10th September

Guernsey Air Displays

Sat 12th September

Proms on the Pier

Thurs 17th - Sun 20th September

Guernsey Literary Festival



Thurs 1st Oct - Wed 11th Nov  
Sat 10th - Sun 18th October  
Sat 10th - Sat 24th October  
Sat 17th Oct - Thurs 31st Dec

Tennerfest  
Autumn Floral Guernsey Festival  
NCCPG Nerine Festival  
Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2015

## Candie Gardens Concerts

Town Centre Partnership present Candie Gardens Concerts - Sundays in 2015 (3pm until 4pm).  
Sponsored by Ana Leaf Foundation and supported by the Guernsey Arts Commission.

17th May	Guernsey Concert Brass
24th May	University of Chichester Orchestra
31st May	Guernsey Jazz Orchestra
7th June	Guernsey Symphonic Winds Orchestra
14th June	Elastic Band / Glenn Miller *
21st June	Stephanie Coombs *
28th June	Guernsey Concert Brass
5th July	Jazz Accord *
12th July	Elastic Band with Alison Castle *
19th July	Stormy Monday *
26th July	Carnival - TBA
2nd August	Ashleigh Gardener-Wheeler *
9th August	Kate Kelleway *
16th August	Stephanie Coombs *
23rd August	Guernsey Concert Brass
30th August	Jazz Accord *
6th September	Stormy Monday *
13th September	Bel Canto *
20th September	Guernsey Concert Brass
27th September	Michel et Davide *

### **Entrance Free. \* In event of bad weather performances in the Theatre.**

Commencing May 16th and running until 26th September there will be lunchtime performances in Market square normally commencing at 12.15pm and 1.30pm which have been sponsored by Brooks Macdonald Asset Management (International) Limited.

**The University of Chichester** will be visiting the Island on 20th May until 26th May and during their visit they will perform at Island schools and Colleges and in the Town, including Market square and Candie Gardens, plus they are performing their version of the musical 'Carousel' at St James on 21st May with their 70 strong Pops Orchestra giving a concert on Saturday 23rd May at St James.

**Town Carnival** will commence on Saturday 18th July and run for two weeks finishing on Saturday 1st August (with thanks for the additional funding to the Guernsey Arts Commission). The second week of Carnival will be dedicated entirely to local performers and each day the entertainment should commence at 10.30am and run until 3pm at various sponsored performance areas throughout Town.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE OFFICE

Opening times: **8.30am - 4.00pm**  
**Monday - Friday** (open through lunchtime)  
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Ann Jennings, Martyn Guilbert & Jenny Bullock

Our groundsmen Geoff Le Gallez and Len Bullock have been assisted by part-time groundsman John Naftel over the winter. The workload eases slightly in the winter, although the grass never really stops growing with our climate. Grass cutting has continued at Candie Cemetery and the Green Lanes. The Green Lanes Cemetery (although not parish property), has also undergone some maintenance. The lads have also continued, weather permitting, the major task of straightening headstones and levelling the “dips” in Candie Cemetery caused by settlement of the graves. Lawn mowing in some areas was becoming dangerous with these foot deep dips. Sterilized soil is being used so as not to introduce any unwanted “weeds” and then seeded over. The cemetery is rich in wild flowers which will soon populate the new grass.

Geoff and Len have been busy in the Candie road workshop and have built, painted and planted up the two blue planters that you now see at the top of Smith Street (a traffic calming initiative led by Constable Dennis Le Moignan).

The winter storms create plenty of work for our intrepid team who are used to being out in all weathers. They recently picked up nine one-tonne bags of tree debris from Churchill Avenue and Cambridge Park after a rough night. The parish pick-up truck is well utilised in taking all this debris to Chouet for recycling. Abreuvoirs and Lavoires have been cleaned and land surrounding the Town Church is also regularly maintained. The team also keep an eye on the many newly refurbished benches dotted around the town and are presently refurbishing several more benches in the traditional green and cream livery for rolling out this spring.

The three office-based parish staff, Martyn, Jenny and Ann are now gearing up to prepare the Remede and parish Rate bills, which will hopefully be sent out in late April. They have been busy all winter with the usual mix of issuing Dog, Sunday Trading and Liquor licences, enquiries of all sorts and liaising with the various States departments and Douzaine Members. Organising the recent parish elections also comes under the remit of the office staff, with the manning of the polling stations and the count being done by the Constables and Douzaine. Life is never dull at the Constables Office! 



# 2015 Liberation Celebrations


## *Remember and Celebrate 70 Years of Freedom*

Saturday 9th May will mark the 70th anniversary of Guernsey's liberation from five long years of occupation. This year's Liberation Day embraces islanders and visitors alike with special honour being given to the war-time generation, those who were in Guernsey during the occupation, those who were either deported or evacuated and those who saw active service during World War II.

Highlights include the Liberation Outdoor Church Service at Footes Lane; the Condor Liberation Cavalcade which already has over 200 participants and will be the biggest Cavalcade of recent years; the Home Front marquee on Albert Pier offering a full programme throughout the day of evocative 1940s music, dance and singing; a wide range of activities for children on Crown Pier; the sounds and colour of local Samba Burros, the Majorettes, Cheerleaders and Arabesque and the giant Ali Dome Stage on North Beach that will be the platform for the LibRock Concert in the evening. The Liberation Market, with 18 local stall holders, will line up on the Crown Pier showcasing



their beautiful homemade gifts, crafts and produce and the Normandie Markets will be on the Red Light Arm, Albert Pier, offering a true taste of Normandy France. For those who want to learn more about the occupation, deportation and evacuation, come and watch three extraordinary films in the Town Church from 11am to 5pm that are based on interviews with Guernsey men and women who lived through the troubled years of 1940-1945 either in Guernsey or further afield. The Liberation Fireworks will provide a wonderful visual spectacle at 9.30pm - 9.45pm.

Liberation Day continues to be an important and poignant day in the history of the Bailiwick and this year will mark and commemorate that whilst it was the war time generation who fought for Guernsey's freedom, the baton is now in the hands of the children of today and tomorrow. 

*For full information on 2015 Liberation Celebrations, please visit:*  
[www.guernseyliberationday.com](http://www.guernseyliberationday.com)

Photo's by Chris George



# ST PETER PORT WAR SHRINE

By Douzenier Keith Pike

After an absence of 60 years this important memorial to our war dead has been proudly reinstated.

## High Street War Memorial Unveiling

On the 4th January 1917, a war shrine was erected in the heart of St Peter Port in memory of those parishioners who had lost their lives fighting in the early years of the First World War. Contrary to the popular belief that the war was coming to an end, the conflict continued for another 2 years, and in 1920 the original shrine was replaced with an enlarged triptych memorial. The prominent landmark, with its Roll of Honour listing 196 men, remained in situ for 35 years until it was removed because it was in a poor state of repair.



Port Constable) formed a committee to oversee the project.

The main task was fundraising which was led by Keith. The shrine has been publicly funded with generous donations from families, individuals and local businesses. Not only have the costs of production been met but the money received has also helped with the printing costs of a booklet about the shrine.

## Manufacture

Great care was taken to copy the design of the original shrine. However, it was decided that more modern materials should be used which would reduce maintenance costs in the longer term. Smith Signs were asked to create the reproduction.

The attention to detail was very important and materials had to be ordered especially for a job this big! Each element of the design had to be checked against images of the original and reproduced. Smith Signs used heavy gauge acrylic for the frame. It was CNC routed using large format state of the art equipment, and then the engraved details were embellished with 22 Carat gold leaf. To ensure accuracy the names were printed digitally onto a separate panel using UV stable ink.



## Preparations

The idea of reinstating the shrine was proposed by tour guide and businessman Kelvin Seeds several years ago. In 2013 St Peter Port Douzenier Keith Pike took up the cause, and the project slowly gained momentum. Keith, along with Kelvin Seeds, Liz Walton (Great War Study Group), Helen Glencross (Guernsey Museums, Culture and Leisure Department), Dan Smith (Smith Signs) and Dennis Le Moignan (St Peter

The Committee were delighted with the result. Dan Smith said “It is not every day that you are given such a meaningful project with such creative and social elements. We are incredibly proud to have been involved”.

## The Unveiling

The shrine was unveiled on Friday 7th November at 12.30pm by His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Air Marshal Peter Walker CB, CBE. The Committee was overwhelmed by the turnout, with some people even travelling from the UK to attend.

Lt-Governor & Mrs Walker were met by Senior Constable Barry Cash, and then inspected the troops of the Guernsey Military History Company who provided a Guard of Honour just as local soldiers had in 1917.

Barry Cash and then the Lieutenant-Governor spoke before the large Union Jack flag was removed from the shrine, unveiling it for the first time to the public. The Last Post was played by the lone bugler, Marcus Shaw, before a short silence was observed. The Shrine was then blessed by Chief Minister, Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq



before the Reveille was sounded. Many poppies and crosses were then placed on the Shrine by the crowd.

## War Shrine Booklet

With the assistance from the Channel Islands Great War Study Group, Guernsey Museums, the Priaulx Library and relatives, each name on the Roll of Honour has been researched and where possible, a photograph found. These details along with a history of the shrine and photographs of the unveiling have been compiled into a full colour booklet. Copies are available from Keith Pike or the St Peter Port Constables office, by donation. [📄](https://www.facebook.com/keithpike)

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# FLORAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Douzenier Katina Jones

Photographs courtesy of Richard Lord



**W**hat a busy 2014 we have had, the results of the Parish competitions are: The winners!

***Private Gardens - Mr & Mrs P De Carteret  
Banks - Credit Suisse  
Public Houses - Foresters Arms  
Cafes & Restaurants - Christies  
Public Buildings - Royal Court  
Hotels - Pandora  
Shops - Avenue Flowers  
Commercial Premises - Swoffers  
Special Award - Art of Living Volunteers***

A huge thank you to all who entered, we hope you will join us this year and try to beat the 55 entries of 2014.

Competitions this year will be in July. The date has not yet been fixed, but all entrants will receive an entry form. Please encourage your neighbours to join in too, there is a community award in Floral Guernsey. You could enter if you get a few houses together. It is very important to gain as many entries as possible for us, as this helps us in our quest to make St Peter Port blooming beautiful, and show the island we are not just a car park for the Island.

In October last year, the team travelled to Bristol for the results of the Britain in Bloom Competitions. We took Guernsey flags with us to put on our table, and little "Love Guernsey pass it on" booklets. These were put on every table in the awards hall, and wherever we



Photograph courtesy of Richard Lord

went, we gave them out. We are very proud of our Island home, and delighted with the way St Peter Port has upped its game on the world stage. This is thanks to all parishes who work so hard to make a difference.

We were also delighted to be the category winner in Britain in Bloom and bring home a Gold award. Thank you to all who supported us in this entry, it was hard work, but we all enjoyed it.

We were also invited to a Vin d'honneur by the Bailiff Sir Richard Collas. What a year for us all! We will continue to make St Peter Port blooming great for all.

We would like to say thank you to floral group members who have left the team. That is Martin and Helen Storey, who have worked so hard to get the parish up to scratch for the competitions. Without their support we would not have won such a high prize, and as co-ordinator, I give them my grateful thanks for all their hard work. I hope they enjoy their retirement, and we will be calling on them often for advice. Also, thank you to Patrick


Johnson, who has organised the main floral displays in the parish for many years.

The success of the Britain in Bloom is because he had a vision and would not give up. Thank you to them all.

Our thanks also go to all who helped us in the run up to judgment day, without your commitment we could not have done this. Now we have a new year, and a new team. So we look forwards to working together to make the parish bloom.

If anyone would like to help in any way, please contact Katina on 725103.

I also thank those who nominated me and my team in the Guernsey Press awards, Unsung Hero and Ambassador Awards. We did not win, but we were delighted to be nominated and then shortlisted, such an honour!

We had a super evening and enjoyed it very much. It made a difference to dress up, and not wear wellies and gardening gloves. We look forwards to working around the parish this year and making a difference in the green areas. For the benefit of all. 

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# GUERNSEY ENTERS THE WAR

By Simon Hamon

*March the 4th 2015, marked the 100th anniversary of the first contingent of volunteer Guernsey Militia men leaving the Island to serve with the Royal Irish Regiment. On March the 8th 2015, the Guernsey Military History Company re-traced their march to the port.*

At first glance it may not be obvious what the connection could be between the Channel Island of Guernsey and the Royal Irish Regiment, but the firm union began after the start of the Great War in March 1915 and the Centenary of the departure of the first contingent of Guernsey men was re-enacted recently reports Simon Hamon.

Between 30 September 1910 and 1 October 1913, the 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment (RIR) was stationed as the garrison

force in Guernsey. During this period of time the RIR contributed freely to both the defence of the island and its social and sporting events, and there were many sports matches between this Garrison Force, the local Royal Guernsey Militia (RGM) and the Elizabeth College Cadets, known then as the Officers Training Corps (OTC). Following their departure the following comment was published in the 'Guernsey Weekly Press,' the letter which appeared on 16th January 1915 was from Private J Solomons of 2nd RIR, in which he wrote that 'as long as I live I will never forget Guernsey and the kindness of the people, and all my chums say the same.' At the outbreak of the Great War naturally the Guernseyman wanted to do his bit, but although Guernsey is loyal to the English Crown (since the days of William the



Photograph courtesy of Tony Rive

Conqueror) they are not part of the United Kingdom, and as such men could not enlist directly into the British Army other than individually and many did.

However, a petition was forwarded to allow members of the RGM volunteers to join up as a unit, and representations were made for entry into the RIR, the 2nd Middlesex or 2nd Manchester Regiments, who had preceded the RIR as the Garrison Forces in Guernsey. There were issues with volunteers from the RGM having their training and ranks acknowledged in Kitchener's 'New Army', as they were not part of the UK Territorial Force. They soon, however, proved themselves in the 16th (Irish) Division of the British Army, alongside Irishmen who had joined the Volunteer units both in Ulster and in Southern Ireland, on either side of the Home Rule political debate. Another supporter who favoured entry into the RIR was the Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey (the representative of the British Monarch in Guernsey), Sir Reginald Clare Hart, VC, GCB, KCVO, was a native of Co. Clare, Ireland. He is known to have passed on the men's request to the War Office, no doubt with added enthusiasm, given his Irish heritage. He remained Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey until the end of hostilities. The recruitment of the Guernseymen also suited the War Office because of shortages in the 16th (Irish) Division, who were recruiting at the time mainly in the agricultural south of Ireland and so the scene was set.

The RGM wore identical uniforms to the British Army of the time and were issued with the standard 1903 pattern leather Slade-Wallace equipment, and the Short Magazine Lee Enfield rifle. These RGM volunteers of the Service Contingent wore shoulder titles, reported again in the *The Guernsey Evening Press* "the shoulder badges issued to the personnel show the word 'Guernsey' surmounted by a bugle", but they eventually

wore the cap badge of the RIR. The men who joined up were transferred into "D" Company of the 6th RIR.

One such Guernseyman who took up the opportunity to join the regiment was Adolphus John Le Patourel, son of Adolphus and Emily De Moulpied who lived in the Lower Rohais, St Peter Port. Adolphus or John as he was commonly known, was born on 23 November 1895 and was just 20 when he joined up in St Peter Port. When he joined the 6th RIR, his regimental number was 6/3262. He had two sisters, one of which had died as a child and one brother Wilfred Thomas who joined up a year later at the age of 19 serving with the 9th divisional ammunition column, Royal Artillery. It is



Photograph courtesy of Richard Lord



known that John was at the Battle of Mons as he was awarded the Mons Medal. John took the opportunity given to many Guernseymen serving with the Royal Irish Regiment and transferred into the newly formed 1st Battalion, Royal Guernsey Light Infantry (RGLI), where his service number changed to 539. In his time in the RGLI he was attached to the machine gun detachment. John survived the Great War and was demobbed on 29 March 1919.

Back to the present day and on 8 March 2015, a parade to mark the departure of the first Guernsey detachment. The parade was led by a squad of 10 re-enactors from the Guernsey Military History Company, followed by 200 students of Elizabeth College as part of the College Cadet Force, and a Colour Party consisting of a Standard Bearer and 2 escorts from the Royal Irish Regiment. The parade followed the same route taken 100 years earlier by the 227 Volunteers from the Guernsey Militia, who had joined the

6th RIR. There were much greater numbers that had volunteered, those who went were selected by ballot on 5th February 1915 as the first contingent for active service at the front. They marched from the Militia Headquarters at Les Beaucamps to the harbour in St Peter Port, a distance of just three and a half miles. This modern re-enactment concluded with a Church service at the Town Church followed by a reception at The Guernsey Sporting Club.

Originally the volunteers had left Guernsey for Fermoy, Co. Cork on 4th March 1915, to train with 6th RIR, reaching the trenches in France on 14th January 1916. Later all the officers and many others, took up the opportunity to transfer to the newly formed Royal Guernsey Light Infantry (RGLI) in the spring and summer of 1917. However, 42 men chose to stay with the 6th RIR until it disbanded on 9th February 1918.

Some of the actions fought by "D" Company 6th RIR were; The Somme from August 1916, with prominent roles in the battles to take Guillemont and Ginchy (September 1916); Messines Ridge and Wytschaete, spring 1917; the Passchendaele offensive, July/August 1917; and finally Cambrai, November 1917, where they fought alongside the RGLI.





Following the return of the men to Guernsey, it was decided to set up a Club by the 81 survivors of 'D' (Guernsey) Company, 6th RIR, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Hutchesson MC, he in fact became the founding President and he wanted to provide a positive focus for his men away from the trauma of the trenches, so the objectives of the club listed in its founding articles were as follows; To be an association of all amateur sportsmen, to support the advancement of sport in the Island, to become a lasting memorial to the officers, NCOs and men of the 1st Guernsey Service Contingent who sacrificed their lives in the War, and to provide an Aid Fund out of any profits or surplus accruing. So became the club, which was known as The Guernsey Sporting Club, founded on 13th January 1920.

A memorial service for the 74 fallen of 'D' Company was held in St. James on 13th September 1920. The Bailiff, Mr. Edward Chepmell Ozanne then opened Warwick

House, the Club HQ, which had been purchased with a grant from the United Services Fund. The Bishop of the Falkland Islands (a Guernseyman, the Right Reverend Norman Stewart de Jersey) consecrated the premises. The Weekly Press reported the ceremony under the heading "Pro Patria" as the official opening of the Club, "founded as a permanent memorial to the men of "D" Company, 6th RIR, the first Guernsey Service Contingent, who had sacrificed their lives".

The Guernsey Sporting Club remains to this day, although the sporting activities have been scaled down to running the Guernsey Billiards and Snooker Association. The history of the Club and the men from "D" Company, 6th RIR, and the first Guernsey Service Contingent is being researched for a future publication by Alan Cross, to whom the author wishes to extend his grateful thanks for all his help in compiling this report. [T](#)



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# ALLIED AIRCREW MEMORIAL

By John Goodwin and Simon Hamon

With less than five months to go until the Allied Aircrew Memorial, we thought we would give you an update on our progress. You will probably have seen the large display panels at the Airport. The numbers have been added to since our last report in the Townie, and we now have 148 Allied Aircrew who will be commemorated. We have raised £36,000 of the target £50,000. This will now include an electronic book of remembrance, more details can be read about the aircrew on the memorial. Money can be donated by going to our website [www.aamgsy.com](http://www.aamgsy.com) and using PayPal.

The air war around Guernsey is a significant part of the German Occupation of the islands, and a general misconception is, that aircraft only flew around here occasionally. This is far from the truth, aircraft were on a variety of missions in the area on an almost daily basis, and as a consequence many were shot down. As part of the research into these deaths, we have looked into all the relevant incidents and two such incidents happened just outside St Peter Port Harbour.

The first pilot was Flight Lieutenant Hugh Percy RAFVR (Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve). Hugh Harold Percy of Chwilog, Gwynedd, Caernarvonshire, was born on 15 January 1920 in Midhurst, Kent the son of John Hugh Percy and Josephine Bell. Percy was educated at Bradfield College and St. John's College, Cambridge. He learned to fly with the University Air Squadron in 1939 and was called to full-time service soon after



Hugh Percy (AAM Collection)

the outbreak of war. Percy was commissioned in early November 1939, at No. 1 ITW (Initial Training Wing), Cambridge, and was afterwards posted to FTS (Flight Training School), Cranwell, on No. 2 War Course. With the course completed at 5 FTS, Sealand, he was sent to No. 1 School of Army Cooperation at Old Sarum.

On 10th June 1940, Percy arrived at 5 OTU (Operational Training Unit), Aston Down, and after converting to Defiants (a two seater turret fighter), he was posted to 264 Squadron at Duxford. On 19th June he became one of the Battle of Britain pilots.

On 22 May 1944 at 09:00, four Spitfires of 610 Squadron took off from their base at Bolt Head, Devonshire, on an armed shipping reconnaissance in the Channel



Freya Radar the one they tried to attack when Saville was killed.

Islands, Guernsey area, during which the flight leader, 24 year old Flight Lieutenant Percy in a MkXIV Spitfire RB162 was hit by anti-aircraft fire from Bréhon Tower, (Official reports give Pleinmont Tower). Percy climbed to 1,500 feet and bailed out, but unfortunately his parachute failed to open, his aircraft glided down to the south and crashed into the sea off Jerbourg, Percy's body was never recovered.

Ralph Durand reported, "Four planes flying low down the Russel Channel and firing on Bréhon Tower". An action report from Batterie Straßberg reported; Between 09.30 and 09:32 enemy aircraft were fired on by our 2cm Oerlikon at a range of 1,500 meters. Numerous hits were observed on one of the aircraft and it was seen to crash into the sea, some 10 kilometres south of the battery. A total of 110 rounds of 2cm were fired.

When the remaining pilots from 610 Squadron were unable to locate Percy, they

returned to base and landed at 10:10 and gave their report. A search was commenced with three Spitfires of 276 Air Sea Rescue Squadron, they left their base at Bolt Head at 10:55, to search 2 miles west of Guernsey, this was due to the inaccurate report about Pleinmont Tower, as such nothing was seen, and they landed again at 13:15.

There appears to be no report of the action surviving from Bréhon Tower, regarding what happened there. What is known is that on that day Gefreiter (Corporal) G Kühn was killed, and later buried at Baugy Cemetery, Jerbourg. As there is no other reported actions that day, it is possible but unconfirmed that his death was as a result of this air-attack on the tower.

The second story relates to Flight Lieutenant Saville RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force). John Walton Saville of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, was born in April 1910 in Idle, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, the son



John Saville (AAM Collection)

of William Saville, and Florence Ilma Saville. The family moved to Canada in 1911, and in the years following John was joined by three younger sisters, Joyce, Phyllis and Dorothy, all living in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Saville joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in June 1941 and was posted to No. 11 Flying Service Training School, Yorktown, on course 34 training from the 26th July, and graduating with the rank of Sergeant on the 7th October 1941. On the 17th October 1941 Saville was posted to the School of Army Co-operation which was reopened at Rockcliffe, Ontario. Saville was with 123 Squadron for nearly twenty months, and was subsequently promoted to Pilot Officer. He left the squadron for training in mid-1943 and returned to the squadron a few months later on 31st December 1943, the squadron was renumbered No. 439 Squadron, and the squadron transferred overseas to Wellingore, England. Saville was again promoted and became a Flight Lieutenant and was appointed as Commander of "B" flight.

It was the final periods of build up for the invasion of France, and on the eve of Operation Overlord, it became imperative to knock out the long range radar installations in the close vicinity. Guernsey was one such location. The RAF only managed to identify the radar site at Fort George, St. Peter Port, known as "Goldfisch". The RAF had to knock out the installations of both "Freya" and giant "Würzburg" radar sites at Fort George.

RAF photos taken on 4th June 1944, suggested that the radar site at Fort George had only been three-quarters destroyed by the bombing raid on 3rd June 1944, with one Freya Radar in a small sandbagged position on the north-eastern corner having escaped damage. In fact they had not damaged any of the radar at Fort George. Not knowing this, the RAF had to attack it again, but bad weather prevented an attack on 4th June, and so 439 Squadron were ordered to attack it the following day. 439 Tiger Squadron took off at 08:20 on the 5th with the usual formation of eight Typhoons.

Reports for 5th June 1944, suggest the weather was cloudy all morning with a fairly strong breeze. The eight Typhoon Mark Ib's, took off from Hurn, Dorset, each carrying two nose-fused (instantaneous) 500 lb high capacity bombs. The squadron led by Saville in aircraft number MN210, flew against this highly defended target, falling into line astern they descended in a long dive from 11,000ft to 3,000ft in two bomb runs, first from the northeast, and then across the target in an easterly direction. All sixteen of the bombs appeared to burst on or near the target itself, however a large explosion was reported in the sea just offshore, at the time it was believed to have been a rogue bomb. However Flight Lieutenant Saville's aircraft was not seen after the second dive, and it was later presumed that his aircraft had been hit by the intense

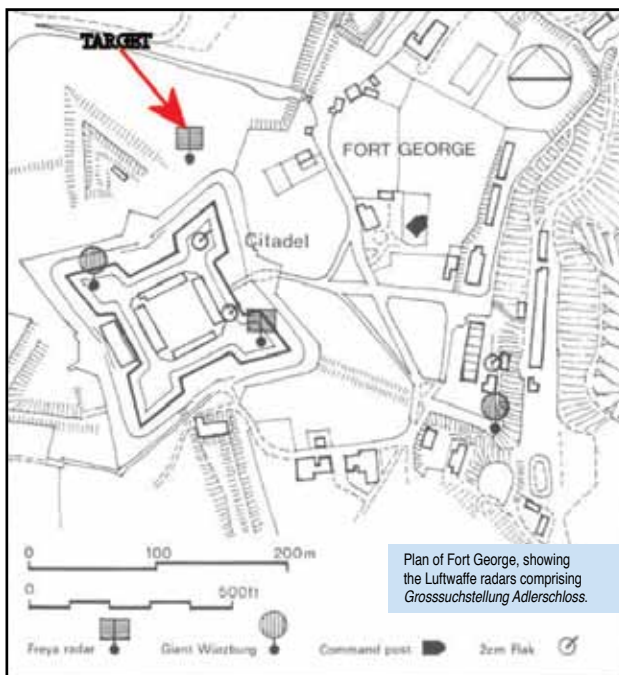


flak, it was presumed that he had failed to recover from the dive, and his aircraft was the large splash observed by the other pilots. The Flak was certainly heavy that day, and ironically another aircraft, nicknamed “Flak-bait” piloted by Flying Officer Stelter, was struck in the radiator by a heavy chunk of shrapnel.

With all the bombs dropped, and after circling to see if any traces of wreckage from Saville’s aircraft could be spotted, the aircraft were forced to head back to Hurn, after facing intense flak. Immediately upon their return, a section of four aircraft led by Flying Officer Burton was dispatched on an air sea rescue mission, to search for traces of the missing aircraft. The search was unsuccessful. Saville, at the age of 34, was the Squadron’s first member to be lost as a result of enemy action, and it was presumed he was killed on impact, his body was never recovered.

Regrettably the radar was not knocked out, and was able to confirm both aircraft and shipping movements on D-Day, to German forces on the coast of Normandy. Saville’s crash site was not located until the mid-1960’s by Richard Keen, it is only 200 yards from Castle Cornet and following this in the 1970’s, members of the Guernsey Nautical Archaeology Team (GNAT) conducted a survey of the site confirming it as Saville’s aircraft, and it was subsequently listed as an official war grave by the Canadian Government.

A photo showing what was believed to be the Saville crash was shown to John Goodwin many years ago and anyone who thinks they may have a copy of the photo or other information is asked to contact us through the AAM website. [📍](#)



# A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF GUERNSEY'S RADIO STATIONS

By Douzenier Richard Harding

This year the Bailiwick's newest radio station took to the air, although you may not know it unless you live in Alderney. On the 12th February, following a series of short-term trial licences, Quay FM became the Channel Islands first Ofcom-licensed community station broadcasting on 107.1MHz. It was founded by broadcasting veteran and island resident Colin Mason. Licences were advertised for the whole Bailiwick and although there were rumours several groups had shown an interest, only Quay FM applied by the closing date in March last year.

The story of radio in the Bailiwick goes back much further. Two of the 'swinging sixties' offshore pirate radio station ships were fitted out at the Marine & General boatyard in St. Sampsons. Radio 270's ship, a converted Dutch lugger called the Oceaen 7 then sailed to an anchorage in Bridlington Bay to broadcast to the north east of England and Radio Scotland 242's MV Comet headed even further north... Remembering the principle of Radio Caroline and the other offshore pirate stations as well as the so-called 'périphériques' beaming in their signals from outside France into the country - RTL from Luxembourg, Europe 1 from Germany, RMC from Monaco and Sud Radio from Andorra, the founder of France's biggest commercial radio network NRJ (pronounced energy) Jean-Paul Baudecroux held brief talks with Sark's Seigneur Michael Beaumont in the early eighties with the idea of building a huge transmitting station on the island to serve France. Perhaps not unsurprisingly the idea was quickly rejected...

The first Guernsey-based station to hit the local airwaves wasn't Island FM or even BBC Radio Guernsey but hospital station Jubilee Radio based at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital. Named



after the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, they began programming within the hospital the following year although there have been a few interruptions over the years. The station can now be heard on the internet or on smartphones using the TuneIn app. Jubilee have recently refurbished their studios which have been moved to a new home above the canteen.

Broadcast radio arrived in the Bailiwick when BBC Radio Guernsey took to the air on AM only (or Medium Wave as it was then known) on 269 metres or 1116kHz from Commerce House on the seafront on the 16th March 1982. The first manager was Tony Talmage and current Assistant Editor Kay Langlois is the only remaining member of the original team. Originally the station broadcast for just a few hours a day and their first major challenge was covering the 1982 States election. Stereo FM transmissions began on 93.5MHz in 1985 with an Alderney relay on 99MHz added a few years ago. Earlier this century the station moved to state-of-the-art new studios at Bulwer Avenue, and has greatly expanded its broadcasting hours compared to the early days. The station sometimes splits its frequencies to offer live coverage of States meetings on 1116kHz AM alongside regular programming on its FM frequencies.

In August 1988, the Channel Islands got their first real taste of local commercial radio, albeit semi-pirate when Contact 94 started broadcasting programmes in English from Lessay in Normandy. The operators led by Jersey hotelier Stephen Clipp bought a small legal French station, turned up the power and



**BBC RADIO  
GUERNSEY**

beamed their signal towards the islands. The station changed frequencies several times and the signal was strongest in Jersey where they had a sales office. Following the announcement that legal commercial radio was going to come to the Channel Islands, and judicial moves to close the station for interfering with the signals of other radio stations, Contact 94 decided to close down in 1991 so that it was in a position to bid for the Jersey licence. In the end they didn't bid and the licence was won by Channel 103FM.


The Channel Islands could have had local commercial radio many years earlier. Manx Radio in the Isle of Man began in 1964. The idea for local radio here had been studied by the President of the Guernsey Post Office Board Conseiller Peppino Santangelo and the States of Guernsey gave in-principle approval to a pan-island station for Guernsey and Jersey in 1970 but it foundered when the States of Jersey referred it back to the Broadcasting Committee.

There have been several temporary stations over the years known as RSLs (Restricted Service Licences) broadcasting for a up to a month at a time such as Offshore Radio set up to cover the World Powerboat week in 1988, Island Sport 105.3 run by Island FM and also relayed in Jersey on 101.3MHz for the 2003 NatWest Island Games, the trial broadcasts of Quay FM in Alderney twice a year, and even Old School FM broadcasting briefly from Elizabeth College. There have also been a few internet radio stations most recently one operated by Fusion Night Club.

Guernsey's licence was won by Island FM and the station was opened on the 15th October 1992 by Broadcasting Committee President, the late Valerie Renouf. The station took to the air on 104.7MHz FM from Southside in St Sampson's when current Commerce & Employment Minister Kevin Stewart, formerly



a presenter on both BBC Radio Guernsey and Contact 94, made the opening announcement and played the first song, Madonna's La Isla Bonita (Spanish for the beautiful island). The station later added a relay station to improve reception in Alderney on 93.7MHz. Island FM set up the very successful local charity Help a Guernsey Child and has run many fundraising events including Big Kids Days. In 1998 Island FM was sold to local newspaper baron Sir Ray Tindle and Tindle Radio was born. The group took over the Beach in Great Yarmouth and expanded at one point to own around 13 radio stations including Jersey's Channel 103FM. In 2013 Tindle sold its loss-making stations in East Anglia but retained the two Channel Island stations along with Midlands 103 in Ireland. Island FM still has its original Chairman, John Burley, and one original team member, Carl Ward, who started as a freelancer before landing a full-time show in 1996. In terms of market share, reach and listening hours per head Island FM continues to have the highest audience figures for any radio station in the whole of Britain (RAJAR Q4 2014).

Despite competition from TV, services like Spotify, X Box, downloads and more, I'm still optimistic that radio has a bright future. Here, we could eventually have more community radio stations and possibly a DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting) multiplex with some locally-produced channels although whether they would be commercially viable in such a small market, is another question. In 1979 the Buggles claimed video killed the radio star. I say, not yet! 

# THE CHANGING FACE OF ST PETER PORT

*In this edition of the Townie Douzenier Rob Grant has selected four photographs from very different parts of the town, to see the changes that have taken place over the last 100 years. We hope you enjoy them.*

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



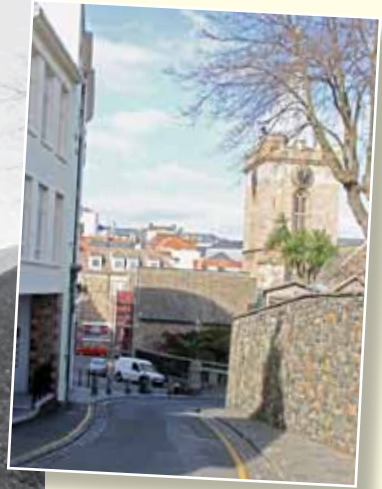
Our first view of the harbour was from the early 1900's, before the New Jetty was built in 1926.

In our modern comparison there is very little left of the buildings in the foreground, although the building lower left, at the entrance to Bosq Lane, remains.



In the 1936 photo Vrangue Mill still stood opposite Rue Thomas, but now all that remains are the old wall and the steps, now long since overgrown. We would be interested to hear from anyone who remembers the old mill?

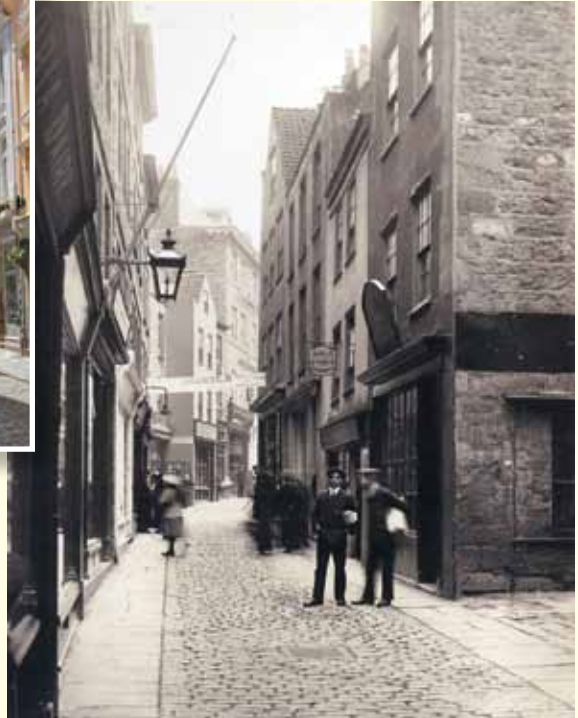




Our first image shows Cornet street around the beginning of the 20th century, before the steps and Loafers wall were added, and the street then veered to the right.



Although most of the buildings on the left of the photograph are little changed, the buildings on the right were demolished in the early 1900's to widen the Poller. It's good to see the cobbles were retained.



## A message from our **LATVIAN REPRESENTATIVE**

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



*In this article we will look closer at the political system and government of Latvia beginning with a short look at its history.*

Due to Latvia's strategic location, its territories were a frequent point for conflict and conquest between four major powers, the State of the Teutonic Order, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Sweden and Russia. A rising of Latvian nationalism from the 1850s onward bore fruit after World War I. After two years of struggle in the Russian Civil War, Latvia won sovereign independence, recognised by Russia in 1920 and the international community (United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Japan) in 1921. In April 1920 the Constitution of Latvia and in June the new Law of Elections were passed, opening the way to electing the parliament - Saeima. Latvia's independent status was interrupted at the outset of World War II when the country was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union, invaded and occupied by Nazi Germany in 1941, then retaken by the Soviets in 1944-1945.

Liberalisation in the communist regime began in the mid-1980s in the USSR with the perestroika and glasnost instituted by Mikhail Gorbachev. On May 4, 1990 The Latvian Supreme Council, elected in the first democratic elections since the 1930s, adopted a declaration restoring independence. Soon after that Latvia become a member of the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund. In 2004 Latvia become a full member of the European Union and NATO. During the period (1999-2007) Vaira Vīke-Freiberga was the first female President of Latvia and I had the honour of meeting her in person during her visit to the UK in 2006. In the 19th century, the first Latvian National Awakening began among ethnic Latvian intellectuals. This revival was led by the "Young Latvians". In the 1880s the movement "New Current" arose and it led to the creation of the Latvian Social Democratic Party.

Today Latvia has a multi-party system, where no one party often has a chance of gaining power alone so parties must work with each other to form coalition governments. Locally, Latvia elects municipal

councils, consisting of seven to sixty members, depending on the size of the municipality, by proportional representation for a four-year term.

According to the Satversme (Constitution), Latvia is a parliamentary republic in which the sovereign power belongs to the people, who are represented by a unicameral parliament (Saeima), with 100 members elected in general elections for a four-year period. The Saeima, and also the people, have the right to legislate, in accordance with the procedures, and to the extent, provided by the Constitution. The Saeima elects a President for a term of four years. Andris Bērziņš, recent President of the Republic of Latvia was elected on 2 June 2011.

The latest elections to the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia were held on October 4, 2014. These were the 12th Saeima elections. Voter turnout was 58%. A local polling station for Latvia's Parliamentary Election was set up in Guernsey at Les Cotils and some 281 Latvian nationals cast their vote. Following the 2014 Parliamentary Elections, in which the Unity Party came in second, the President of Latvia, Andris Bērziņš nominated Laimdota Straujuma to lead the new government, which was approved by Saeima on November 5, 2014. Laimdota Straujuma is the first female Prime Minister in Latvia's history.

Latvia has grown steadily as a country. In 2014 Rīga was European Capital of Culture. For the first six months of 2015 Latvia is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. [T](#)



President of Latvia Vaira Vīke-Freiberga and Lilita Krūze, 2006.

# LATVIEŠI GĒRNZIJĀ

By Lilita Krūze, Latvijas Republikas Goda konsule Gērnzijā



*Šajā rakstā apskatīsim Latvijas Republikas veidošanos, tās politisko un valsts sistēmu.*

Līdz pat deviņpadsmitā gadsimta sešdesmitajiem gadiem latviešiem bija visai vāja nacionālās identitātes izpratne, jo dzimtbūšana ierobežoja zemnieku intelektuālās un sociālās ģeogrāfijas robežas. Lielie muižu īpašumi noveda pie zemes nepietiekamības pieaugušajam iedzīvotāju skaitam. Vācu garīdzniekiem un rakstniekiem radās interese par latviešu zemnieku valodu un kultūru. Palielinājās izglītoto latviešu skaits. Juris Alunāns, Krišjāns Barons, Atis Kronvalds, Krišjāns Valdemārs un citi radīja jaunlatviešu kustību.

Tajā pašā laikā Rīga veidojās par svarīgu industriālo centru. Pēc dzimtbūšanas likvidēšanas 19.gs. 70.-80. gados pieauga lauku iedzīvotāju migrācija uz pilsētām, palielinājās inteliģences īpatsvars. Izveidojās situācija, kad sabiedriskais pieprasījums sāka pāraugt jaunlatviešu idejisko piedāvājumu. Tā vietā radās Jaunā strāva. Jānis Pliekšāns, Pēteris Stučka un citi sāka paust nacionālpolitiskas un sociālpolitiskas idejas, kas pakāpeniski noformējās demokrātiskā ideoloģijā. 1901. g. izveidojās Latvijas sociāldemokrātiskā partija. 1904.g. šī partija sadalījās; tās atzars LSS pamatā bija izveidot Latvijas valsti. Latvijas pirmais neatkarības posms aptver periodu no neatkarības pasludināšanas 1918.g.18.novembrī līdz 1940.g.17.jūnijam, kad PSRS karaspēks iebruka tās teritorijā un okupēja valsti.

Līdz ar neatkarības pasludināšanu sākās Latvijas Republikas kā demokrātiskas valsts vēsture. 1934.g.15.maijā Kārlis Ulmanis veica valsts apvērsumu. 1940.g.6. augustā Latvija tika inkorporēta PSRS sastāvā kā Latvijas PSR, 1941.g. jūnijā tā tika no jauna okupēta un iekļauta nacistu Ostlandes sastāvā, bet 1944.-45.g. to no jauna okupēja Sarkanā armija. Tikai no 1990.g.4. maija Latvija kļuva par demokrātisku valsti. Tās neatkarības atjaunošana starptautiski tika atzīta pēc 1992. gada 21. augusta, un Krievijas karaspēka izvešana no Latvijas sākās 1992. gada 19. martā.

Latvija pievienojās NATO 2004.g.29. martā un kļuva par Eiropas Savienības dalībvalsti 2004.



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# THE GERMAN DEFENCES OF ST PETER PORT

## Part 3 - The Beach Defences (South)

By Paul Bourgaize



Photo taken by Major Rice after Liberation, showing the two 4.7 Pak embrasures and tank turret. (National Archives)

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

**W**e now look at Havelet Bay, as the main harbour defences will be covered in a later article. This boasted two 4.7cm Pak guns, these mounted in much simpler one-roomed bunkers. The bunker nearest the old Slaughter House had a curved steel roof, normally employed on a larger design of anti-tank gun bunker found elsewhere on the Atlantic Wall. The 450mm of steel plate gave the same protection as 2 metres of reinforced concrete and therefore enabled a much lower profile, in this case the upper walkway was left unobstructed.

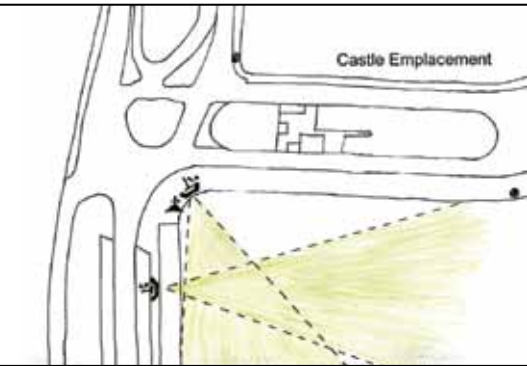
The second bunker is thought to be of a similar design, with careful inspection of the pavement flagstones its original position can be determined. Both 4.7 Pak embrasures lacked the armoured shield and were covered by a simple hinged cover which would be lowered when firing, with the spent shells falling onto the beach below.

A tank turret mounted on the walkway adjacent and camouflaged with a wooden roof is clearly visible in several photographs. Two more Tobruks for machine guns were sited on the walkway towards the castle, and on the corner of the marina. All structures at this site were also removed post war. There is also mention in an intelligence report by an escapee in 1942, of a tank turret on the





Major Rice photo of the 4.7 Pak bunker taken from the direction of the SlaughterHouse. (National Archives)

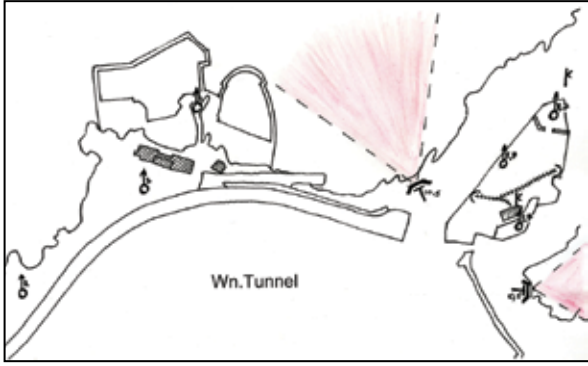


large numbers, the French Canon de 105 mle 1913 Schneider, re-designed 10.5cm K331(f). This was employed at all the major strong points, normally in a casemate to provide overhead protection to the crew, and some in simple field positions.

At Wn.Tunnel, we find two guns, the first in a field position outside the south entrance to Ho 8, which is now the Aquarium, and a second in a one-off designed reinforced field order casemate outside the north entrance.

site of the Half Moon restaurant, but this does not appear in the Festung Guernsey volumes. It is possible this turret was relocated elsewhere at a later date.

The final resistance nest is at La Valette, Wn.Tunnel, and covers a much larger area, being spread from Clarence Battery and Soldiers Bay through to the bathing pools. Here we find the second captured weapon used here in





10.5cm Coastal Defence Gun in casemate

Originally a wheeled field gun, this was then converted to its Atlantic Wall role, with the addition of a curved armoured shield and fortress mounting to allow it to traverse through 90°. This gun had a range of 12,000m and could fire armour-piercing or high explosive shells.

This resistance nest was a real multi-agency affair, with army, flak and naval crews manning the various weapons. 3.7cm flak guns in emplacements at Clarence Battery, together with a flak searchlight that could be wheeled to either side on rails from its shelter. A second searchlight for the infantry,

German officers stand outside the Northern 10.5cm Gun casemate. (Festung Guernsey Volumes)



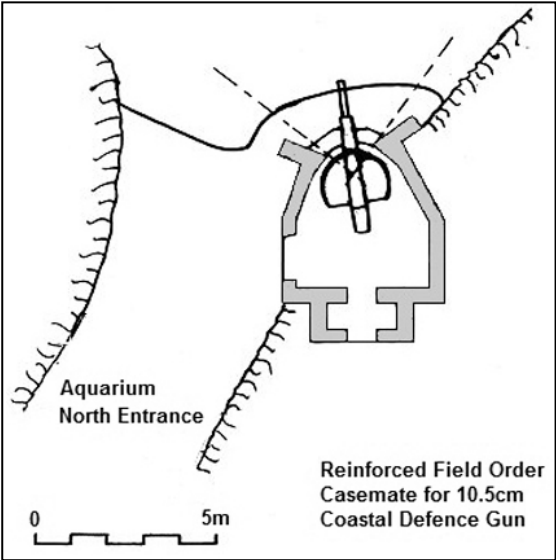


3.7cm Pak 36 anti-tank gun below and above, MG34 machine-gun in Tobruk pit. (Festung Guernsey Volumes)

was mounted further North on the end of the headland. Three 2cm flak guns were emplaced in the area of the bathing pools, two on the grass bank adjacent to the road, and a third on a platform above the Ladies Pool. Wn.Tunnel lists a crew of 1 NCO and 14 men, along with 1 Naval NCO and 11

ratings at Alarm Stage 2. Also attached are 6 NCO's and 31 men of the Flak unit, who were manning the various anti-aircraft guns in the area. Finally a detachment of VGAD, Verstärkergrenzeaufsichdienst (Reinforced Frontier Control Service) armed with a Dutch machine-gun. **T**

Key to Map Symbols	
	Machine-gun in Tobruk Pit
	Machine-gun in Tank Turret
	Searchlight
	3.7cm Pak
	4.7cm Pak
	10.5cm Coastal Defence Gun
	2cm Flak Gun
	3.7cm Flak Gun



# ST. STEPHEN'S GUIDES CELEBRATE THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY

By Debbie Robilliard

This year not only marks the 70th anniversary of the Liberation, but in a quiet leafy corner of St Peter Port, the longest running Guide unit is also looking forward to a milestone birthday. The 7th St Stephen's Guide unit which is a small but integral part of the parish community turns 70 this year. This article takes a brief look at some of the history. Girl Guiding in Guernsey was officially recognised in 1912, but there were earlier Guides before this date.

The 7th Guernsey Guides (St Stephen's), were officially registered in October 1945, which was about the time many families returned to Guernsey after the Occupation. The Guides were well established at St Stephen's by 1950. They have continually

met since 1945, making it the oldest Guide Unit in Guernsey with an unbroken history. Uniformed organisations were banned during the Occupation, although girls did carry on the spirit of Guiding when possible.

One of the first leaders of 7th St Stephen's Guides, was Miss Grace McCormack, who also started St Stephen's Brownies in 1950 with Mrs Lilian Kaines. Three generations of the Kaines family have been leaders in St Stephen's Brownies & Guides. The Guide leader in charge was known as "Captain" and the assistant leader as "Lieutenant". A Guide Unit was known as a "Company".

St Stephen's Brownie Pack was first registered in March 1950 as the 15th Guernsey (St





Stephen's), and re-registered in 1990 as the 7th Guernsey (St Stephen's). (All the St Stephen's Unit numbers then matched). The 7th Guernsey (St Stephen's) Rainbow Unit was registered in January 1990. 2015 will be the Guides 70th, Brownies 65th and Rainbows 25th anniversaries. (They all have an unbroken history from when they were first registered).

If you have memories as a Guide of St Stephen's then we would love to hear from you. We would love to hear your memories or see any photographs you may have.


Just like the Guides of that very first unit enjoyed various activities such as hiking,



camping, tracking and home skills etc. Our modern girls take on a variety of challenges and are always up for trying something new, but also still enjoy the more traditional aspects of Guiding too.

From sleeping in castles, to camping on Lihou in December. There is something for everyone. We have lots of activities planned to help celebrate our birthday, which hopefully will include a trip away for our girls. We will also be holding a party for past and present Guides.



Over the coming months, the girls are looking to trace some of our history, and would love to hear from you if you were a Guide at Stephen's and have memories or photos you would like to share. We would like to put together a display "St Stephen's Guides through the decades". So any memorabilia, badges, etc., would be greatly appreciated. 

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# DEUTSCHE IN GUERNSEY; GERMANS IN GUERNSEY

By Chris Betley, Germany's Honorary Consul to Guernsey

Guernsey's international community is a large and vibrant part of the island's economy and entrepreneurial spirit. Working quietly and efficiently within it are many German residents.

Our group, 'Deutsche in Guernsey', started in 2011 on German Unity Day (3rd October), for social Germans in Guernsey - *fuer Leute die sich gerne treffen und Schnackern!* The group came about by several local Germans wanting to meet & speak more German, more often (as well as to encourage anyone else interested in Germany, its language, culture & food, who lives in, or is visiting, Guernsey).

We meet on the first Monday of every month at The Hideaway, Moores Hotel, where Head Chef Thomas Rickauer always prepares a delicious menu with a distinctly germanic influence.

There are usually between 20 and 40 people of all backgrounds, ages and interests who

combine to provide a fun and friendly evening. There is also an active Facebook Community page, *DeutscheinGuernsey*, which continues the 'conversations' online.

Whilst intentionally informal, our group has helped provide an identity and focus for many Germans living (or visiting) the island, creating a strong community spirit as well as building many friendships. Friendships that extend both within the island and beyond - we have supported initiatives that encourage international accord and greater understanding, involving Friends of Biberach, the visits of several German Ambassadors, special memorial Services of Remembrance, and working with German tour companies and cruise ships to better promote our island...

In 2015, we will be helping to put on a special Liberation Day celebration event with the visit of the Berlin Philharmonic Octet





The Berlin Philharmonic Octet will be performing at St James on Friday 8th May

(as part of the Victor Hugo International Music Festival - see [vhfestival.com](http://vhfestival.com) - and kindly sponsored by Deutsche Bank and Mourant Ozannes). This widely anticipated performance by some of the world's leading musicians will include a special narration of letters and diary extracts from Channel Islands' residents during the Occupation, providing a moving and poignant celebration of the 70th anniversary of liberation.


This event will take place at St James on Friday 8th May - tickets are on sale and available from St James Box Office or [guernseytickets.gg](http://guernseytickets.gg).

We are also pleased to hear that 'Deutsche in Guernsey' will be increased by a group of 30 from Biberach, including the Oberbürgermeister (Town Mayor), who will be coming to Guernsey especially for the Liberation Day anniversary celebrations. Later in the year, we will be welcoming

a group of German students who will be spending a week in the island courtesy of the *Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge* (German War Graves Commission), another visit timed to coincide with the special liberation anniversary (although not the day itself) and intended to provide an educational, cultural and learning experience about important past historical links between Germany and the Channel Islands.

Also during 2015, we are hopeful that the new German Ambassador to the Court of St James, Dr Peter Ammon, will make his first trip to Guernsey.

And finally, we hear rumours of a special Oktoberfest event planned to take place in St Peter Port in the autumn, complete with authentic Bier, Dirndls and Oompah Band music...

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## LORD'S TAVERNERS GUERNSEY

*By Nigel Carter*

**T**he Lord's Taverners Guernsey Region is the islands oldest established and foremost Sporting Charity. It was set up 35 years ago and has been blessed with Chairmen from all walks of life, but who have all brought their various skills to bear in raising funds to help the disadvantaged young people of the Bailiwick improve their lives through sport. Notable former Chairs who are still very much involved to this day are Geoff Birch, Greville Mitchell, David Corson, Micky Robert, Derek Shepherd, Toni Clayton and Claude Ford.

Alex Ford, a second generation Taverner, our current chairman is, notably, the youngest ever chair of a Lord's Taverners Region, one of his

many accomplishments in his first year was agreement with the trustees of the UK charity, that a minimum of 70% of funds raised here by our charity will be spent in Guernsey, with the remainder going towards other charitable causes on the mainland. It has been further guaranteed that no locally raised funds will go towards Head Office overheads or administration. This guarantees that all funds raised in Guernsey will go to assist disadvantaged young people with the vast majority of funds remaining on-island.

### **So what have we done for the island so far?**

Among other notable achievements we have supported the KGV development for almost the whole period of our 35 year existence,

and we will continue to support it until the completion of the project. We have provided the old Mont Varouf Disabled School Play Ground. We have provided help for Le Rondin, and are now helping Le Murier through the provision of specially equipped minibuses. We have also supported Saumarez Park Play Ground and North Youth Club along with many other worthy on-island causes over the years.

### So how do we do what we do?

Over the course of the year the Lord's Taverners hold several themed events, generally with a link to sport. These are always incredibly popular and incredibly well supported. These are the events that we held in 2014:

The Grand National Lads Lunch, was the most successful of recent years and shows signs of becoming more and more popular year on year. Nearly 80 attended a three course lunch at the Cobo Bay Hotel hosted by the inimitable Barry Williams, the guys got to bet at their tables, take part in the Charity auction and watch the race on the big screen. It was a memorable day enjoyed by all and raised several thousand pounds for the Charity.

We were also privileged to have an old favourite David Shepherd return to the island, to entertain us with his witty stories of his amazing work with many of the world's most dangerous animals over a private dinner.

Stars from the fields of sport, stage and the small screen then gathered at the "Herm International Cricket Ground" for the annual Lord's Taverners Celebrity Cricket Match. The event moved from Sark after 13 very successful years to the beautiful island of Herm in 2011. Proceedings commenced on Friday 27th June with a Champagne Reception and Dinner at the luxurious Farmhouse Hotel in St Saviours. Proceedings continued on the Saturday, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Peter Walker and Mrs Walker invited the guests to a Champagne Reception at Government House on the Saturday morning, followed in

the evening by a Gala Dinner at St. Peter Port's famous St. Pierre Park Hotel.

The culmination of the weekend was the Cricket Match itself in Herm on the Sunday, where nearly 400 people sat down to a fabulous Lobster Lunch in a grand marquee and raised thousands of pounds at the Charity auction. The final guest list included, among others, the following well known celebrities: From East Enders: Gillian Wright, Ricky Groves, Perry Fenwick and John Altman (Nasty Nick Cotton); from the wider entertainment world Chris Tarrant, Lorraine Chase, Struan Rodger, Bill Tidy, Pop icon Toyah Willcox and her husband the legendary Robert Fripp, from the professional cricketing world, Andy Caddick, Martin Ball and Paul Taylor and Taverners President Chris Cowdrey. The event was a tremendous success and raised significant funds for the Charity.

Last year saw a new event arrive on the calendar, which was our Lords & Lady Taverners Fancy Dress Halloween Ball at the Duke of Richmond Hotel, it has to be said that it was a great success. 180 people sat down to a four course a la carte dinner, and were entertained by UK Group "Bags of Rock" together with local rockers "Jomali".



Next up on our calendar was the Kids Xmas Party at the Farmhouse, where young families get to enjoy Christmas lunch with presents and the chance to meet our beloved island mascot Daniel the Donkey

There was also the lad's comedy night at the Cobo Bay, where several UK comedy acts entertained us throughout the evening, under the expert eye of Barry Williams.

Finally, in terms of causes that we have supported in 2014, we have presented the North Youth Club with a new minibus, supported the KGV redevelopment where the Taverners logo will be seen over the Guernsey Lord's Taverners Cricket Pavilion and changing rooms for the disabled. This year some of the other causes we are looking to support are to provide a mini bus to Le Murier, and a trip away for the local disabled cricket team.

We have an ongoing commitment to the disadvantaged young people of this island, and



we need the support of the generous people of Guernsey, either through attending our events, or by joining us and helping us to arrange them, or by suggesting other ideas to raise money.

Either way, get in touch with us if you can help - see you at the next event! [📞](#)

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# THE ART OF LIVING

By Andrew Pouteaux

St. Peter Port needs volunteers. A part played by the Art of Living Community Volunteers in St. Peter Port. With the organiser of the Art of Living Community Volunteers living in St. Peter Port it was inevitable that St. Peter Port is one of the parishes this group supports. As well as seeking new volunteers (interested?) and matching this to tasks needing to be done, this group seeks partners for a variety of tasks from commercial and other partners.

Art of Living Community Volunteers started over three years ago, with the ambitious intention of supporting the cultural life of Guernsey, and seeking volunteers from all parishes. The group works with the Constables, Douzaines, and Floral Committees of the island, and the Caritas Foundation that is their main charity.

The first major task for the parish, was bringing an abandoned and overgrown cemetery in Green Lanes under control following complaints from neighbours. It is now being cared for by the parish groundsmen, and is being improved. More usual tasks included taming the willow “worm” and tent at Amherst School (cutting it back and tethering it), and planting the window boxes at Wesley Church for the summer.



Last Summer St. Peter Port’s Britain in Bloom entry needed a lot of support from many agencies, companies and volunteers. Among these, Art of Living Community Volunteers were involved in many tasks. The West Wall Garden in Castle Cornet features as the picture at the top of their Facebook page. It was a big task, undertaken with others, and included clearing out the plants from a large garden, planting it, and then weeding it for the judging.

When it was decided that the judges would look at rusty bollards along the Front, they had to be painted with the other street furniture. By working with a group from GFSC, it was possible to get over twenty volunteers to work alongside the St. Peter Port Floral Group. With the job broken down into stages and an early start (so as not to clash with the closure of the sea front), good progress was made, and far more than was originally envisaged was completed in less than a morning. You don’t believe it? Well go and look.

This autumn the Art of Living Community Volunteers were chosen by the Police to give their trainees community experience. Working with the Constables of St. Peter Port, and the groundsmen, an enthusiastic group helped to straighten the gravestones after last winter’s damage.

Would you like to help us? Look at Art of Living Community Volunteers on Facebook (or type in [www.facebook.com/artoflivinggsyvolunteers](https://www.facebook.com/artoflivinggsyvolunteers) if you don’t have a Facebook account), and look at the fun of doing these tasks and the joy this work brings. 

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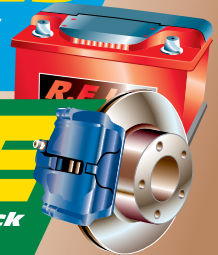
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# ST PETER PORT 1689-1713

By Dr Gregory Stevens Cox MBE

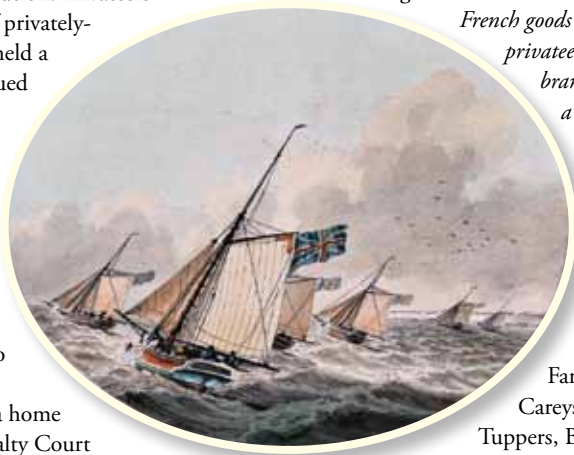
In 1689, the status of neutrality was removed from the Channel Islands. This meant that the islanders were able to help the new British monarchs, William and Mary by engaging in warfare. From 1689 until 1697, and from 1702 until 1713, Britain was locked in warfare against France. The Islanders contributed by arming privateering vessels. Privateering has often been confused with piracy. In fact the two activities were quite different. Piracy was condemned by the maritime powers and pirates faced summary execution. Privateers were the captains of privately-owned vessels who held a letter-of-marque issued by the Admiralty. The letter-of-marque entitled the privateer to operate against the shipping of an enemy. Privateers aimed to capture enemy cargo ships. These 'prizes' were then taken to a home port and an Admiralty Court would try the case, to determine whether the prize had been taken legitimately within the terms of international maritime law. If the prize was legitimate, the proceeds were shared by the captain, crew, owner, and the investors in the enterprise.

Initially the Guernsey captains and ship-owners were slow to take to privateering. However, the sea-farers of St Malo were enthusiastic 'corsaires' and the Islanders eventually followed suit. Between 1702 and 1713, the High Court

of Admiralty in London issued 185 letters-of-marque to Guernsey captains. Nearly eight hundred prize vessels were captured during that period. The late Professor Bromley calculated that the gain to Guernsey may have been in the order of £100,000, a considerable sum in those days. The historian Jonathan Duncan recognized the significance of privateering -

*For the first time in its annals, the island was enabled to export commodities of high value.*

*English merchants came over to purchase French goods captured by the privateers, and particularly brandies, which met with a ready sale. When peace was restored, new ideas of trade gradually developed themselves among the inhabitants, who had now acquired some capital.*



Families such as the Careys, Le Mesuriers, Tuppers, Bonamys, and

Dobrees benefitted from this capital accumulation, and prospered as merchants throughout the 18th century. As Britain was frequently at war with France and Spain during the Georgian era the Guernsey merchants enjoyed further opportunities for privateering in the years 1739-1748, 1756-1763, 1777-1783, 1793-1801, 1803-1814. [T](#)

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# AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Douzenier David Falla

## THE FUTURE OF ST PETER PORT

St Peter Port is likely to experience significant change over the next ten years, as a whole range of influences come into play to make new demands on the built environment. The underlying causes of change will include the emerging demographic profile of Guernsey, economic trends affecting local businesses and affordable housing needs. Additionally the planned changes in the operation of the harbour, new transport strategies and new trends in retail and leisure activities will equally create new demands on our town centre.

The new draft Island Plan seeks to recognise that change will always be with us, and therefore the approach that the Environment Department has taken in the new ten year

plan is to build flexibility into its processes and policies. This will mean that the plan will be capable of addressing new issues and challenges as they arise, and potential change that we have yet to recognise and understand. The new draft Island Plan responds to many of Guernsey's challenges following the publication of a whole series of States reports on transport, housing need and retail demand. The plan seeks to balance competing claims on the limited land resource of Guernsey, with most new development proposed for St Peter Port and St Sampson.

What do all these plans, reports and the consequential change mean for the centre of St Peter Port within the heart of our Parish?

New job opportunities will be created in the centre of Town in both traditional finance







businesses and the emerging creative sector and these in turn will compliment and help support adjacent retail and hospitality businesses in Town.

New development is envisaged above core retail areas and concentrated in the inner part of town to meet the need for housing the local population, including affordable and special housing. As the population ages, so the need for extra care accommodation will increase. In future more people will be able to work, sleep and play in the centre of St Peter Port and more likely, cycle and walk to work, so reducing traffic congestion at peak times.

La Vallette area in Havelet Bay could be transformed into a marine sports and outdoor sports leisure facility underpinned by enabling development. An important additional facility for people living in the centre of town.

The Harbour quays and piers could be improved for high quality leisure and hospitality venues, promenades made more attractive and facilities for local and visiting boat-owners and yachtsmen upgraded. Additional public car parking space can be located on the northern and southern edges of the centre of Town and integrated within new developments. This will allow piers and quays to be available in the future, for more attractive uses and for pedestrians and cyclists to move more freely and safely in the centre of Town.

New investment will be made to renew the harbour infrastructure so potentially allowing an integrated transport hub and improved port terminal facilities.


## TOWN HERITAGE, IMPROVEMENTS AND LOVING CARE

By common consent, St Peter Port is one of the finest coastal towns in the British Isles enjoying as it does, a wonderful prospect over the Little Russel.

In embracing and managing change, there remains the clear need to protect and enhance the environment in the Centre of Town, whilst taking every opportunity to improve the quality of the streetscape and open spaces and importantly, helping to make St Peter Port a welcoming and memorable place to visit.

Some of the future challenges posed for Town users that the Amenities Committee and the Douzaine as a whole will engage in, will be the consideration of how to best reconcile the many competing demands made on the public realm and general harbour environment.

There remains a real need to allow commerce to continue and thrive in the centre, to ensure that the retail core of St Peter Port can be protected and improved and for new housing to be accommodated. All of this of course without spoiling the natural charm and beauty of Town.

The aim of the Douzaine Amenities Committee in 2015 will be to engage with stake holders, Parishioners and the respective States Departments to jointly form approaches and solutions to improve the public realm so as to make the streets more people friendly, safer, accessible and looking good for everyone to enjoy. 



# WASTE COMMITTEE UPDATE...

By Douzenier Neil Forman

Following last year's Douzenier elections, we would like to welcome Douzenier Mary McDermott onto the committee. We would also like to thank Douzenier Rob Grant for his support in the past, who has sadly left the committee.


Since kerbside recycling was introduced in March 2014, we have seen a rise in recycling. The total recycled last year was 47%, in 2010 the total recycled was 45.8%.

Next year we will be paying a per bag charge to dump our rubbish, although actual costs are not yet decided, it is estimated that black bags will cost approximately £1.50 per bag, the blue & white recycling bags will cost approximately £0.50. So we will save money if we recycle.

St Peter Port will spend over £600,000 in tipping fees alone this year, this money will be

collected from our rates. The more we recycle, the less we will pay.

If you are unsure about what and when you can recycle, the Waste Committee launched a website last year which will give you all the details about what you can put in your recycling bags, and when they are collected. Go to [www.stppcons.com](http://www.stppcons.com), click on the Kerbside Recycling Calendar link and put in either your post code or address and it will give you collection days and what bags to put out. Due to the success of this website and the feedback we received last year, we have also added a mobile view to make it easier for you to access through mobiles and tablet devices.

As we move into spring, the committee will be soon carrying out beach cleans & general tidying up throughout our parish. 

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# GUERNSEY FRENCH PHRASES YOU NEED

By Jan Marquis

## APRIL

**Chu meis nou z-éra Pâques, qué j'vous souhaete tous Bouannes Pâques!**

*Shu mei nouz errah paahk, keh sh'vou swaett tou Bwaunn Paahk!*

**This month it is Easter, so I wish you all a Happy Easter!**

## MAY

**Chu meis nou célèbre septante àns dpis la Libérâtaion, et coume nou dit, 'Faot daonc s'en ermaette et célébrail'!**

*Shu mei nou seleb septaett a(n) dpee lah Liberrnaaciaon, eh caum nou dee, 'Fao da(ng) s'au-r-maett eh célébrayel!*

**This month we celebrate seventy years since the Liberation and as we say, 'Let us remember and celebrate!'**

## JUNE

**Sh'ra bian vite l'étaï, qué nou peut s'attende à vée dé pus laongs jours et dé pus biau tems.**

*Sh'rah biau veet l'ettaye, keh nou peu s'ataud a vei deh pu la(ng) jour ei deh pu bio tau.*

**It'll soon be summer, so we can expect to see longer days and finer weather.**

## JULY

**Lé 18 dé chu meis ch'érait l'cmochement du Carnival à la Ville, faot daon allai vé!**

*Leh deez weet deh shu mei sh'erré-l cmaushmau du Cahrneevah ah lah veel, faot da(ng) ahlaye vei.*

**It's the start of the Town Carnival on 18th of this month, let's all go and see it then.**

## AUGUST

**Lé meis d'Août est l'meis des Shaos traditiounaels en Dgernesî, pens-ous y allai?**

*Leh mei-d ou ei-l mei dei Shao trabdisiounael au Gierrnesî, pauss-ou y ahlaye?*

**August is the month of the traditional Shows in Guernsey, are you planning on going?**

## SEPTEMBER

**L'ercheyant c'menche chu meis, et nou z-est à jé n'sait quai sorte dé tems qu'il ameunera.**

*L'errchee-ae kmaush shu mei, nou-z-ei a jen sé kaye sorré deh tau keel ameunrah.*

**Autumn begins this month, and we're wondering what kind of weather it will bring.**

**Learn a little of our Norman language over a drink!**

**- Appernai aen ptit d'giernesiais daove enne veraie!**

The Imperial Hotel & The Dorset Arms (Tuesdays 7-8pm and Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm) 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**

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

## 150th ANNIVERSARY



St. Stephen's Church in Les Gravees is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its opening in 1865, with numerous events scheduled for its Festival Fortnight from May 25th to June 6th.

The church is a fine example of Victorian Gothic architecture and was built on open fields which had been part of the de Beauvoir estate. The funds were raised by public subscription and the foundation stone was laid in 1862. By 1860 the population of St. Peter Port had increased to 17000 and, with only 4000 pews available in the town, a new church was very much needed. The new building, designed by the architect George Frederick Bodley, provided 750 pews with the proviso that 450 were to be free seats, only 1100 pews had been 'free and unappropriated' hitherto.

Bodley was a pupil of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, and was well-acquainted with members of the Pre-Raphaelite brotherhood of the time, it was their influence that dictated the thirteenth century English style of the building. St. Stephen's is perhaps best known for its fine stained glass, much of which was a product of William Morris's studio. Morris himself supervised the overall design of the windows, which were one of his earliest commissions. The actual scenes and figures were produced by artists employed by his firm, including Philip Webb and Edward Burne-Jones.

Guernsey Post is proposing to feature the windows on its 2015 Christmas stamps. St. Stephen's Festival Fortnight itself will feature displays in the church showing its history, treasures, photographs and documents. There

will also be costume and flower displays, guided tours and refreshments throughout the day. A series of evening talks has been organised: **On May 25th Dr. G Stevens-Cox will speak on Victorian Guernsey; on May 27th Michael Hall, historian and biographer of George Boodley, will lecture on the architect; on June 1st, in association with the Art Fund Guernsey, Helen Elliston, Curator of the William Morris Society, will speak at Les Cotils and finally on June 3rd Rev. Leslie Craske will give a talk entitled 'Bells, Smells and Candles - the Oxford Movement and the Anglo-Catholic Tradition'. In addition, on May 30th, there will be a concert by the Accidentals Choir directed by Marilyn Pugh. Our finale will be a Victorian Tea Party and Fete on Saturday June 6th.**

We hope that our 150th anniversary celebrations will encourage all to take a renewed interest in this very special church! 📍



## PARISH TIES & SCARF CLASPS

For some time now Parishioners have been able to purchase dark blue ties with the St Peter Port Parish Emblem on them. Most of our male Douzeniers purchase one when they are elected as they like to wear them to official functions along with their Douzenier badge.

As a new female Douzenier, I realised that the ladies did not have anything they could wear other than their Douzenier badge. These badges are quite heavy and pull on delicate fabrics. I therefore suggested that we looked into either a scarf or scarf clasp. This was met with the full support of both the Constables and the Douzaine. I was asked to put together a small sub-committee to investigate.

After due consultation it was decided that due to the way scarves fold when worn it is not always possible to see the design on them and therefore a scarf clasp would be a more viable option.

I am pleased to advise that female Parishioners can now purchase a gold tone scarf clasp complete with Parish emblem to wear with a scarf of their choosing.

Look out for myself and other Douzeniers wearing them next time you see us. Both the ties and scarf clasps are available from the Constables Office.

**Jacquie Robin**  
Scarf sub-Committee






## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS APPEAL

By Douzenier John Sarre

“Hello everybody”, well didn’t Christmas come and go so quickly again last year, don’t you think so!!? Well I did, and I’m here again to remind you of our continual St Peter Port Christmas Lights Appeal.... yes I know, it’s only February and we have the summer in our sights, but we as Douzeniers must be looking at how we can possibly raise all of the £30,000.00+ it takes us each year to put the show on the road.

We are going to hold a few fundraising events throughout 2015, and would very much like your support at these, alternatively, you may want to do something yourselves. If you need any further details please don’t be afraid to contact any one of our committee through the Douzaine office or our telephone numbers which are published in this magazine, thanks again for your help and generosity last year. 

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