

Grouville Gazette

An independent glimpse of life in our parish



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Happy Birthday Grouville Gazette



The 'team' celebrating success – and a memorable birthday!

Our Grouville Gazette has teethed, taken its first step, said its first word and now has five freshly lit candles on its Birthday Cake. It was conceived in the wake of our Deputy's first election, when after canvassing parishioners, the feeling was that we needed something to reinvigorate the incredible community spirit that is so unique to Grouville, as well as greeting and informing newcomers to the parish.

The magazine is both practical and fun; it informs us parishioners of what is going on in the thriving Parish of Grouville, day-to-day; but it also shares bright ideas, funny stories and a range of different perspectives. We always welcome contributions from all our interested parishioners! The Gazette is entirely self-sufficient, with many thanks to Sandie Livingston for working so hard to sell advertising space within each issue. We have over 100 volunteers – about 20 in administration and editorial and over 80 deliverers. We give the deliverers a glass of wine (or 2) at

the parish hall when they collect their magazines for delivery and sometimes put on events around that evening, like music shows or art exhibitions, in collaboration with a fellow charitable Grouville enterprise, Art in the Frame.

Like all proud parents, we become overjoyed when our little bundle of fun receives a compliment. During the recent judging of International in Bloom competition, the Canadian judges remarked in their assessment that *"to have the Grouville Gazette provide you with fine media coverage is invaluable to a committee such as yours. Nourish this partnership"*. The Grouville Gazette team certainly intend to do just that. As part of our 5th birthday celebrations we intend to extend our readership to the World Wide Web (see page 5) – yes the GG has now gone live! Therefore past Grouvillais living far and wide can keep up with the news of their parish – wherever they are. Happy birthday GG – and on to the first decade!



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Grouville Panto "The Green Pipers of Grouville" by Yve Bullen



The wonder of the Pantomime

Yes, it's Panto Time again and "The Green Pipers of Grouville" will be our 10th Panto. It is at the Parish Hall and runs from Friday 28th November to Sunday 30th November.

The Grouville Panto Club performed the first panto in 1999 to raise funds for the millennium celebrations. It was meant to be a 'one off' but, due to popular request, we have performed a panto every year since then. Each year we donate the proceeds to a different local charity and this year the profit will be given to St. Helier Lifeboat Appeal.

Our story opens with Widow Tanguy, a very poor laundress at her wits end. So poor is she that, following the disappearance of her husband one dark and stormy night, she can no longer feed her children. When her children also disappear she seeks the help of some very good friends and in the end, well.....come along and find out. We've lots of Hisses and Boos, laughter, tears, songs and sing-a-longs.

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The Grouville Gazette has been nominated as a Favourite!

by Shona Livingston

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Grouville Gazette we are going online and you can find us at www.grouvillegazette.com. This links into a brand new website called 'My Favourite Jersey' (MYFJ) a new networking site set to take over as the way to connect with the island online. It's packed full of interviews with well-known locals as well as your friends, family and neighbours and is designed for you to share your views, opinions and upcoming events, but most of all, as the name suggests, it will be for everyone to reveal their favourite things in Jersey.

Thus, people who are not currently enjoying living in our wonderful island, for whatever reason, can still keep up to date with important issues or changes in Jersey. MYFJ can show the world how lovely the island is and how fervent the people here are about their home, or just make them envious that they are not living here themselves.

The site also contains Parish domains. So not only do you find news on the Island as a whole, but you can connect better with your fellow parishioners. You may share views on the best nightclubs or start debates about the best restaurants in Gorey.

The only way your business can feature on MYFJ is by actually being nominated as someone's favourite. Favourites are nominated through personal interviews and subject specific blogs.

"My Favourite Grouville is a brand new community forum within My Favourite Jersey provided for everyone that lives or works in Grouville! We are delighted that the Grouville Gazette has been nominated as a favourite local publication," commented Leanda Jane Guy from My Favourite Jersey. "A huge amount of work goes into publishing the Grouville Gazette and how great for the team to be recognized by readers for all their hard work."

Now in collaboration with MYFJ the Grouville Gazette link www.grouvillegazette.com also sits on the My Favourite Jersey site in the Grouville Parish section.

MYFJ will become the quickest way to spread the word about all activity in Grouville. Make sure everyone knows what is going on in the Parish. Share your good news and post your press releases or events. Businesses, clubs, associations and individuals can submit their news and events to My Favourite Grouville for all to see! With additional polling and blog features coming soon you can discover what the Island is thinking and doing.

To audition to be interviewed for My Favourite Jersey about all your favourite things log on to www.myfj.je. Remember the only way a local business can feature on MYFJ is by being nominated as a favourite; so let your favourites be known. The comments featured on the site are completely determined by you the public, and the polling systems weed out any biased opinions, so that you know all the top-rated Jersey businesses listed are completely genuine.

Click on to www.myfj.je and have a look, with such a clear layout it's easy to use. So everyone from Grannies,

toddlers and technophobes to those internet fanatics with an addiction to checking their inboxes every time they walk past a computer get on MYFJ and have a go, there's lots of fun links and exciting news as well as some hilarious interviews.

Make My Favourite Grouville your first stop to get the word out in your Parish about your favourite things.

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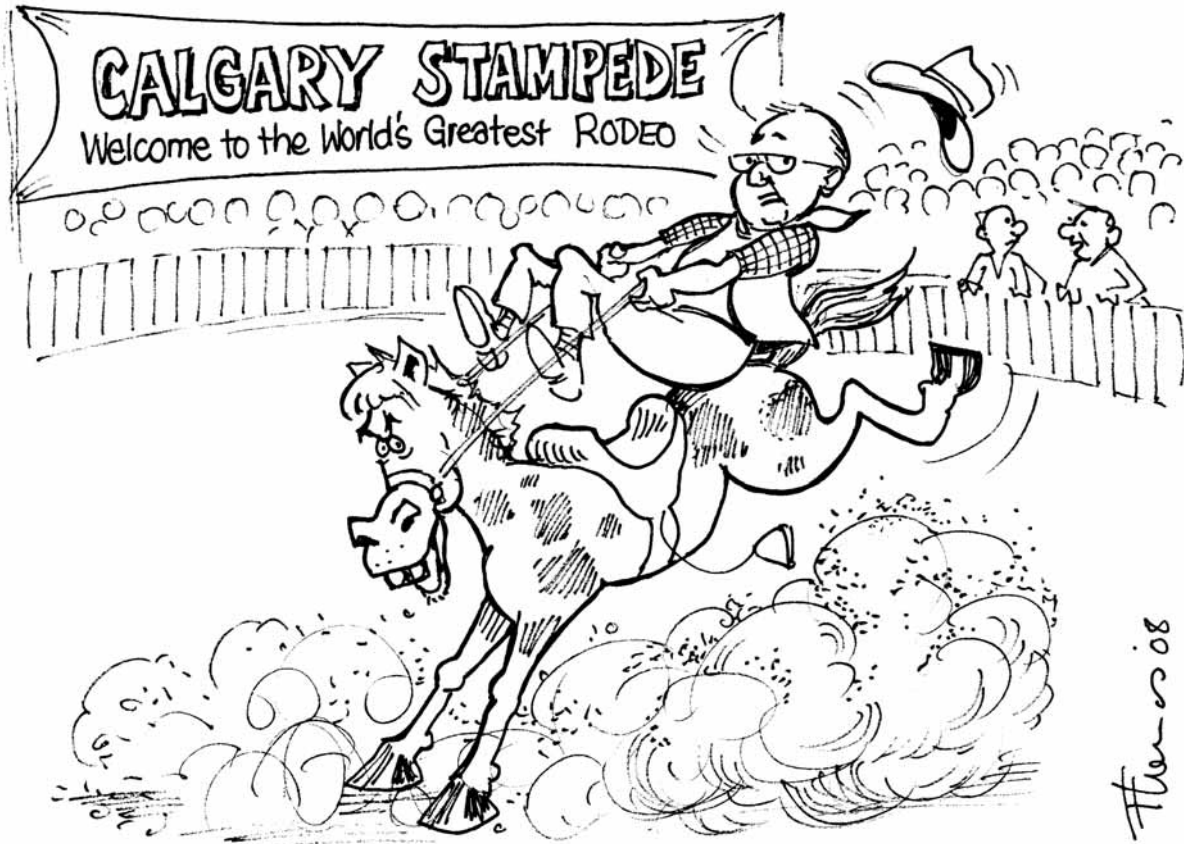
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'We must have taken a wrong turning, the Constable was supposed to be receiving Grouville's awards at the World in Bloom Show!'

To Deliver by Christmas Day – by Betty-Clare Rive

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
It wasn't a pretty sight.
So he called his reindeers to pull him out,
and they pulled with all their might.

Imagine his plight, on a cold winter's night,
with a sleigh full of toys to deliver,
In naught but his drawers and a hole in his sock,
and his body all of a quiver.

Said Rudolph, "I'm the smallest; I'll get your clothes,
I can see them down there", he cried,
"With my antlers I'll hook them; I'm nearly there, Ohhh".
Then he got his head stuck inside.

So again the reindeer started to pull.
"Give a twist, give a wiggle", Santa said.
Then all of a sudden Rudolph's head popped out,
But his nose had got scraped and was red.

Said Santa, when he was back in his pants
and in his boots, "We'll be on our way soon".
But time had gone by and now it was dark,
for the clouds had hidden the moon.

"Oh what shall I do; it's never happened before.
To go on is not safe; I can't see"
"Oh please don't despair", Rudolph said with a smile,
"perhaps I can help...let me see".

For his nose was aglow and it shone in the dark,
like a star to show the way.
So they worked through the night, Rudolph's nose as a
light,
and were finished for Christmas Day!



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It's a tricky one! I think I've seen those pavings somewhere before... can you guess where in Grouville this is? Write or email your answer to Grouville Gazette, The Barn, Le Parcq, Grouville JE3 9AQ or grouvillegazette@hotmail.com. First correct answer wins the prize.

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The Sundial at Grouville Church

by Eddie French

My initial thought of designing a sundial for Grouville Church began one bright Saturday morning in November of 2006. After making a home-made device to measure the declination of a wall in its relationship to the angle of the sun, I thought it might be a good time to test it. With my watch set to the exact GMT time I set off.

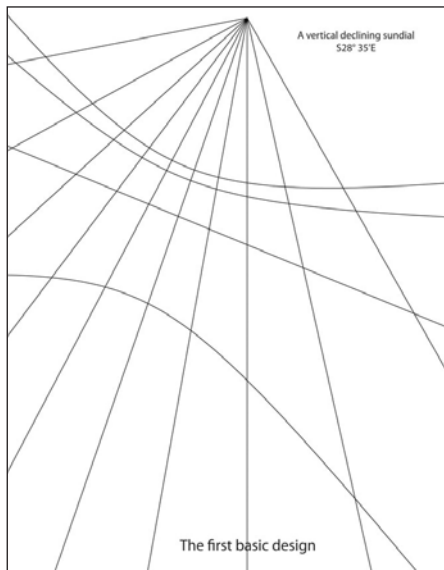
Two minutes later I arrived at my local church. The sun was shining as I held the 'gizmo' against the south facing church wall. Both bubbles were at the centre and the shadow reading was 17.9 degrees and my watch said 11.11.52sec. Arriving home I transferred the information on to my computer's sundial programme and it informed me that the church wall was declining 28.35° east of south.

Within hours I had a basic design for a 'Vertical declining sundial'. This is a dial that does not directly face north, south, east or west, but faces some intermediate compass point. However, I needed two vital bits of information before I could start filling in details; one was a significant date that would relate to the church history. I also needed a motto that was becoming to the church.

I picked up the phone and rang Mike Lange-Smith, the Rector of Grouville Church. He gave me all the information I required and at the end of our chat we came to the conclusion that maybe this idea could be taken further. I promised to send Mike a copy of my first attempt, which I did a few days later.

The rest is now history; we have become the eighth parish church in Jersey to have a sundial, which hopefully will add to the charm of our beautiful parish church.

I would like to thank both Mike and Robin Dupré for their enthusiasm and help in turning an idea into reality and to give a huge thank you to our Connétable Dan Murphy and his wife Dawn who are the generous donors of this gift. I must also thank Mark of F.J. Carter for his expertise in the making and fitting of our sundial.



The basic design



The blessing of the sundial

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Christmas Bombe – by Kay Viney, from Simply Ices

Ingredients:

125g (4 oz)	Mixed raisins, sultanas, currants
50g (2oz)	Glacé cherries
25g (1oz)	Mixed peel
Zest of 2	Oranges
1 tsp	Molasses
3 tsp	Mixed spice
2 tbs	Brandy
4 tbs	Port
4	Egg yolks
75g (3oz)	Dark Muscovado sugar
300ml (1/2 pt)	Whipping cream
4	Egg whites
	To decorate
75g (3oz)	Raisins
3 tbs	Brandy
	Sprig holly



taken it from the machine. Put the finished ice cream into a bowl and store in the freezer.

The Christmas Bombe really is a Christmas Treat!
Makes approximately 700ml (23 fl oz).

Alternatively, try this easy ice cream, which can be used instead of the home made custard:

Ingredients

150ml (5fl oz)	double cream
425g (15 oz)	carton ready-made custard
	Dash of Vanilla essence

Method

1. Whip cream until it forms soft peaks.
2. Fold into the custard with the vanilla essence until evenly mixed.
3. Spoon into a plastic container, cover and freeze – stir from time to time.
4. Mix in the soaked fruit when partly frozen.
5. Freeze till firm.

To Serve

Put the raisins into the brandy, preferably overnight. Turn the bombe onto a plate and decorate by sticking the raisins all over the outside. Finish with a sprig of holly.

Method

Place the fruit, cherries, peel, orange zest, molasses, spice, brandy, and port into a bowl and leave to soak overnight.

Make a custard with the milk, egg yolks and Muscovado sugar and leave until cold. Mix the cream and egg whites, which have been lightly beaten, into the cold custard and pour into your ice-cream machine. Add the contents of the bowl to the ice cream, either in the machine, or by stirring it into the ice cream just after you have



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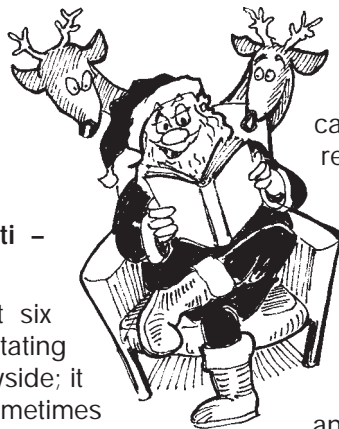
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I'm Not Scared by Niccolo Ammaniti – reviewed by Al Thomas

A brilliant unputdownable book about six children, one of whom makes a devastating discovery in the scorched Italian countryside; it is a gripping rollercoaster of a story, sometimes funny sometimes scary, but one that will have you totally hooked and on edge until that final climactic page.

A Good Old Laugh, by Rosemarie Jarski – reviewed by Anita Boyce

A collection of wrinkly wit and wisdom for the 'Old' that are the new 'Young'; it is a book that can make one smile and laugh, a definite Christmas read for Aunties, Uncles and Grandparents alike that have that certain sense of humour.

Pop Goes the Weasel by Albert Jack – reviewed by Dorothy Holden

Did you know that Humpty Dumpty was not an egg but a powerful cannon used by the Royalist Forces during the English Civil war of 1642 to 1651? This and many other intriguing historical facts and surprising stories form the background to the nursery rhymes we all know so well and are published in a new book called 'Pop Goes the Weasel' by Albert Jack. It is a well-illustrated book, easy to dip into and would make an excellent stocking filler this Christmas.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer – reviewed by Lisa Scholefield

This book is a joy to read! Artistically published by Bloomsbury it would make a beautiful gift for anyone

who loves books. It is a story set in 1946 told in letters, starting in England but swiftly moving to Guernsey. The Guernsey that takes shape is heroic and funny. Shaffer, an American has caught a unique Channel Islands flavour, which is refreshing and quietly inspiring.

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson – reviewed by Bruce Willing

A thriller, translated from the original Swedish, it keeps up a fast pace and involves the machinations of a family who have a secret to hide. It is an excellent and original story with a great twist at the end. You will not want to put it down!

Young Bloods by Simon Scarrow – reviewed by Sandie Livingston

This book gives a fantastic account of the early lives of Wellington and Napoleon, two men destined for greatness, and shows how similar their early lives and careers were. Although fictionalised, this first in an epic tale has a definite air of authenticity about it. 'Young Bloods' is pacy and compelling, the action is breath-taking and there's a real sense of being there as history is being made. Simon Scarrow captures the essence of both men and delivers a brilliant read. An excellent start to what is sure to be a wonderful series.

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Geranium Oil – A Discovery

by Bruce Willing

Ten years ago, friends of ours, who were working in South Africa, decided to make that country their home. They started a travel business and then, four years ago moved to Gingindlovu, an hour north of Durban, on the Indian Ocean coast, to farm cane. This has gone well and now they have decided to produce geranium oil as well.

Why geranium? Because it is native to South Africa and has multiple uses, in homeopathic medicine, toiletries and in many domestic perfumed goods, where the oil is used as a base. It is, however, an amazing 'smell' in its own right and it is not until you have experienced it in the raw that you realise just how wide spread is its use.

They have planted four hectares of geranium bushes and I was involved in the production process, which starts



Geraniums in the foreground, cane behind

with the cutting of a familiar looking plant, then wilting it in large bags overnight, before transporting it to a steam still to extract the oil.



The hard won geranium oil

The cutting only takes place in the 'cooler' months of the year and you are looking to produce half a tonne of foliage, a day, five days a week. It is hard, dirty and warm work. The wilting done, the foliage is loaded into a twin pot still, through which is passed super-heated steam, (produced from a 100 amp boiler!), which goes down through a cooling column and then into a collecting vessel, where the oil floats to the top and is filtered off. This latter process takes about 90 minutes per batch and there are approximately three batches per cut. The net result is about 1.5 litres of very high grade and wonderful smelling oil per day.

The scheme has taken three years to reach production and only goes to show just how much hard work is involved in producing what to many is just "a smell". Not for me though; it was a great experience and if you would like to know more about the oil, please have a look at this website:

<http://www.essentialoils.co.za/essential-oils/rose-geranium.htm>

Apple i-Phone – Top Tip

If you are going to South Africa in the near future you can buy an unlocked i-Phone for about £430 (at current exchange rate). It works perfectly with any of our local telephone providers SIM cards, right out of the box!

Alternatively, wait until Christmas when unlocked i-Phones should be available in the UK and with local providers, priced competitively, as the current Apple contract with O2 in the UK runs out.

A Tale of Two (Non) Elections

by Bruce Willing



The Grouville Team: all smiles after the unopposed re-election of Deputy Carolyn Labey

Earlier in the year our Deputy, Carolyn Labey, asked me if I would help her organise her re-election campaign and so we got down to the very serious and time-consuming business of putting together the necessary election materials, such as her poster design, manifesto, list of achievements and the various publicity letters that make a successful campaign.

Of course, as we now know, there is not to be an election, just as there was not to be an election for our Connétable, hence this piece, which reflects on why, as a parish, once we are happy with our elected States members, we are reluctant to go for change. In my view, it comes down to one word, 'performance'. Once we recognise a hard working and committed person, we do not volunteer for change.

As far as Carolyn Labey is concerned, her achievements stand out through this magazine, which she founded and whose 5th anniversary we celebrate in this edition. She is a hard working mother with three teenage children and it is therefore not surprising that she has been Assistant Minister for Education Sport and Culture for the past three years, an appointment that clearly recognises her talents as an organiser and as someone who feels deeply about the community we live in and her passion for the island's culture and heritage.

She has also worked tirelessly for the parish and among many achievements has secured an extension to the Grouville school playing fields; opposed the building of a restaurant on Gorey common; successfully campaigned

against the development of the Seymour Inn seaside car park, resulting in it being saved for the parish through a land swap; got mains water extended to Le Boulivot, Le Bourg and La Vielle Rue areas; with the then Chef de Police, got a 'lolly pop' person for Grouville school and participated in many parish events, including the Grouville in Bloom Committee, the Autumn Fayre, Gorey Youth Club, Grouville Luncheon Club and, of course, the Grouville Panto.

What of our Connétable; he decided not to stand for re-election this autumn as he had already defended his position twice and did not want to stand so soon after his last election – and who can blame him? He has been our Connétable for over five years and his greatest achievement, as far as I am concerned, is that he has managed to reduce our rates and then keep them below the level of inflation. He has also led a great team in the Parish Hall and of course overseen the wonderful success we have had in the Britain in Bloom competition.

We are lucky to have two committed and hard working people as our Deputy and Connétable, respectively. Both have completed two terms; both remain unchallenged as our Parish representatives and it is not difficult to see why. Each has achieved a lot and is easily approachable. They are clearly committed to their work, on behalf of the parish community and the island. We are indeed fortunate to have them represent us and it would appear that the voters of Grouville agree.

Harvest Fair Photographs 2008

Compiled by Sandie Livingston

Photographs by Shona Livingston



Miss Grouville supporting the harvest fair by working on the jewellery stall



Wendy Lange-Smith helping the under eights sack race



Jack Varie's first harvest fair with Mum and Dad, Jenny and Ali



Fancy dress competition winners! Left to right: Rachel Egerton, Sophie Wildbore-Hands, Sophie Egerton and Emma Wildbore-Hands



Who needs expensive play equipment?



The cherished accordion band



Fierce Cavalry bombard the harvest fair!

Christmas and Fête Noué last year



Grouville Battle of Flowers Float re-vamped for the Fête Noué!



Drew Livingston on the Grouville Float at Fête Noué. I couldn't recognise him either!



The Optimists Fête Noué float



Santa swoops in on his sleigh to visit Grouville children at the Parish Hall!



Sol Silvester (2) timid about meeting Santa has mum for support!



Erin Luis (6) and Jessica Dunning (6) came to see Santa last year



Again and again, every year Grouville Juniors seem to succeed in dominating the dance floor at all of the Battle of Flowers events and this year, at the unofficial Battle Bash 2008, at the Pomme D'Or Hotel, was no different! All the Grouville gang definitely made sure who was in charge of the dance floor when their all time favourite 'Bat out of hell' came-on... Party on Grouville Juniors!!!!

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Parish Personality Portrait No. 7



Rebecca Ransom

by Al Thomas

On a recent visit to Ransom's Garden Centre I was lucky enough to bump into Rebecca Ransom, because, if like me you are fairly clueless about plants and planting, this is definitely the lady you need to talk to.

Originally Rebecca had ambitions to study graphic art at Brighton Polytechnic but was smitten by last-minute doubts and went travelling around Europe instead. Her companion on this adventure was something of a history buff, consequently Rebecca found herself gazing at a lot of old buildings that she didn't particularly want to see. However, many of these old buildings were surrounded by lovely old gardens and the inbuilt Ransom interest in all things horticultural rose to the surface. With her interest freshly aroused in gardens and garden design, Rebecca set her sights on gaining admittance into the world-famous Horticultural College at Kew, following in the footsteps of father and grandfather Ransom.

Much to her disappointment, however, she found that she needed three years practical experience before Kew would accept her application. So this meant working and

studying around and about in the UK before admittance to Kew was finally gained.

Having achieved all the necessary qualifications Rebecca decided first to try them out in Northern Ireland and found herself teaching horticulture and garden design to the unemployed, most of whom had a leaning towards the republican cause. This added a certain frisson to her work, particularly as this was at the height of the troubles. Her English accent was regarded with a certain amount of suspicion and, at one point, she found herself carefully scraping away the printed Union Flag from the body of the lawn mowers before letting her students loose on them.

In the past you may have seen Rebecca on ITV's 'Let's go Gardening', or on Channel 4's 'Garden Club'. These days she is kept very busy within the family business, but if like me you get lucky and spot her amidst the exotic flora and foliage in Ransoms Garden Centre, I'm sure she'll be only too happy to advise you on your garden problems.

Blue Skies and Prairie Sunsets

by Connétable Dan Murphy

I am sure that all Parishioners are now aware that the Parish in Bloom Committee was invited to enter the Communities in Bloom International awards competition after its success in winning Britain in Bloom last year.

The inspection was held in August with one Canadian and one American judge visiting us over a 3-day period. We were then invited to the City of Lethbridge, Alberta for the annual awards ceremony in September.

Bernard and Martine Rebours and I therefore set out for the New World and flew to Calgary on 15th September. We arrived at about 10 pm and spent an hour trying to find the road out of the airport, the authorities having decided to change the layout between us accessing the Internet and our arrival. However, the roads are very straightforward once you get on to them and we arrived at Lethbridge slightly after midnight.

The next morning was the ceremony of raising the City In Bloom flag at the City Hall, where we were received by the Mayor, who then gave us a conducted tour. One of the interesting items was a feather from the war bonnet of an Indian Chief. Apparently, when the tribe had a 'pow-wow' the person speaking was required to hold the feather, which meant that he was not allowed to lie! A lesson here perhaps?

The Mayor also invited all the contestants to a flag exchange ceremony on the Wednesday evening where I was required to make a short speech. This was fine as we were third in line and I had prepared myself for it. However, the first two were French Canadian cities and spoke in French to great applause. Never having been noted as avoiding the limelight I translated mine into French as I went along, telling those that had never heard of Jersey about the Jersey cows, New Jersey, and the cod fishing families of the Gaspé, hoping to endear us to any judges of the French Canadian culture who may have been wavering!

There were various symposiums and lectures during the week, but we did have some time off to explore the surrounding prairies and the Rockies. The sheer size of the place, for example watching a line of 12 combine harvesters travelling up a wheat field that was probably larger than Jersey, with the beautiful Rockies in the background, will be a lifetime memory for all of us.

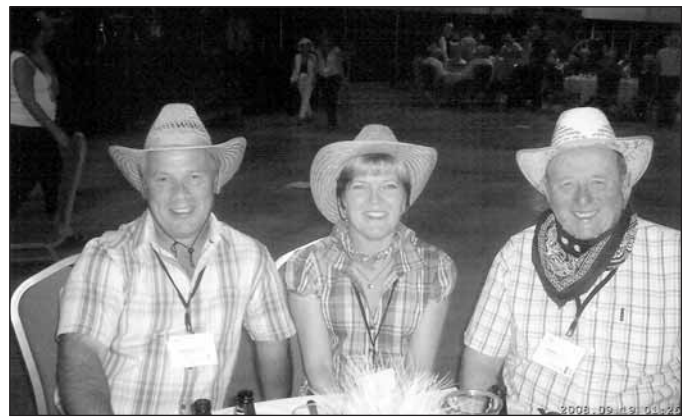
The City also invited us to a "Great Canadian Barn Dance", which was exactly how I imagined it would be with a live band and servings of the famous Alberta beef. This has to be tasted as it is hung for 21-plus days and it is only corn fed cattle that are used.

The award ceremonies were held at a dinner on the Saturday night and attended by the representatives of winning communities from Ireland, Japan, the USA and Canada. We were there to represent Britain together with Stockton on Tees who had won the large Town/City category.

We achieved the maximum grade of 5 Blooms, but unfortunately didn't hit the top spot. However, the judges said "You can go back to Grouville with your heads held high. There was nothing between the first three".

You have to ask was it worth it and I have to say that our presence on the International stage has made a lot of people aware of Jersey in a different light, particularly given some of the negative impressions bandied about internationally in the past 6 months.

We shall be entering Britain in Bloom again in 2009 if we are successful in the Parish in Bloom competition and, who knows, we may have another opportunity to be on the international stage. This was a steep learning curve and I am sure that, given the opportunity, we can win the next time. Thanks to all our sponsors and to the Tenants for their support through the year.



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Loads to do at Gorey Youth Club

by John Le Maistre

Despite the valiant efforts of the volunteer staff, the Youth club had to cut back its Friday night opening towards the end of the last school term. Without a full-time youth worker in place it proved impossible to have enough people to keep it open. Fortunately Bradley Cooper, who is a fully qualified youth worker, has been seconded from St Peter's Youth club for the time being and the club is now back in full swing.

There have been some changes; the seniors, that's years 10 and above, now meet on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 9.30 pm and intermediate youth club, years 7, 8 and 9, meet on Fridays at the same times. Activities on offer during a normal club session are indoor five-a-side, badminton, dance, TV, computers, internet, consoles, cooking, art and craft, parachute games and chill-out areas with friends. The Youth Club Staff are open to recommendations and are constantly planning with young people how to develop their youth club to keep it exciting and up to date.

If you fit into either of the age groups, why not pop in and see what it is like? Or maybe you have children who are looking for something to do, so why not persuade them to go along? You can be sure that they will be made most welcome.

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Family Pages

Compiled by Pat Guegan

Duck Pond News



Hard at work at the Duck Pond nursery

The summer ended on a high when we won the RJA&HS 1st prize for the Environmentally Friendly/Wildlife Garden Class in the Nursery section of their Garden Competition. We are now the proud holders of a very impressive shield!

The new academic year started on 8th September and more than twenty new children have joined us. The first few weeks have been a settling-in period, learning routines and making friends. We have been blessed with dry weather and the children have been outside a great deal.

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Churches

Compiled by
Dorothy Holden

Grouville Parish Church

by Bruce Willing

The church moves on and we have had a fantastic autumn, starting with the autumn fayre, pictures of which are in the centre of the magazine. The unveiling of the sundial followed this and we now look forward to the Panto and to the **Christmas Fayre**, an unrivalled opportunity to find those special presents and decorations for Christmas. It takes place at the **Parish Hall on Saturday 6th December from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and we all look forward to seeing you there. Have a great Christmas!

News from St Peter La Rocque

by Yve Bullen

The Fishermen's chapel of St Peter La Rocque has now had a year of renovations and the chapel is drying out very well. The new west window, donated by the Payn family and made by Neil Mackenzie, has been installed and was blessed at a service at the end of March.

We are now planning our Christmas celebrations and once again the beautiful Christmas tree donated by Ransoms will be the focal point of our decorations for our Carols by Candlelight, which will take place on Sunday 7th December at 5pm. Do come early as the chapel is small and seating is limited.

We shall also be celebrating Christmas Day with a service of Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, at 9.30am. The congregation of St Peter La Rocque wishes you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy 2009.



The St Peter La Rocque Christmas Tree

News from Catholic Church

by Father Marcin Drabik

Two years ago when I came to the Island of Jersey everything was completely new for me. Now that Bishop Crispian has decided that I should be "a priest in the

East" of Jersey, once more everything is new to me. But one thing is close to my heart – people here are like a family for me. They have made me feel at home, like at my home in Poland. Thank you so much for everything, especially your prayers, blessings, care and love. I believe that for God everything is possible, so He can always change and correct my mistakes and increase my love for all who come my way. God bless. Father Marcin



Reception for Father Marcin Drabik.

From left to right are Deacon Tony Ward, Rev Mike Lange-Smith, Rector of Grouville, Father Marcin Drabik, Catholic Priest responsible for the East of Jersey and Rev Lawrence Turner, Rector of St Martin

Gouray Church News

by Jennie Jewell

Peter and Mary Williams have done a fantastic job of making everyone at Gouray very welcome and a few months ago they decided to introduce a Sunday School. One of the first jobs was to think of a name and a competition took place among the children. Super Cool Sunday School took the prize.

Several months on and a small but growing band of children, from less than two to early teens have been turning up. Mums and Dads are welcome to stay if they want to, go to the service or collect their children at the end.

Everyone is made to feel very welcome. Each session is set around a Bible story and the children enjoy making crafts that fit the theme, singing songs and listening to the story. Sometimes they even get involved in acting it out. The older children are always willing to help the little ones, especially with things like glue! The emphasis is on having fun while learning about Jesus.

After about 35 minutes they are all taken into church to rejoin their parents. Mary, or one of the Sunday School helpers, stands up to tell the congregation what they have been doing and the children often join in and hold up their work to show everyone. How Super Cool is that?

If you would like to find out more, please contact Mary on 853255 or email mary.williams@gouraychurch.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES AND CONTACTS:

ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Grouville Parish Church and St. Peter La Rocque
Rev. Mike Lange-Smith Tel: 853073

Sunday, 7th December:

5.00pm Carols and Nativity at ST PETER LA ROCQUE

Sunday, 14th December:

5.00pm Carols, Crib and Christingles

Wed. 24th December, Christmas Eve:

5.00pm at Les Pres Manor – Crib Service with farm animals

11.15pm Midnight Communion

Thursday, 25th December Christmas Day:

8.30am Holy Communion

9.30am at ST PETER LA ROCQUE Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship with Communion

Gouray-on-the-Hill

Rev. Canon Peter Williams. Tel: 853255

Sunday, 7th December:

5.00pm Christingle Service

Sunday, 21st December:

5.00pm Carol Service by Candlelight

Wednesday, 24th December, Christmas Eve:

11.30pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight

Thursday, 25th December:

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Short Family Service

METHODIST CHURCHES

Rev. Chris White. Tel: 722093

La Rocque Chapel

Sunday, 21st December:

11.00am Carol Service

Georgetown Chapel

Wednesday, 24th December, Christmas Eve:

11.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 25th December, Christmas Day:

10.30am Morning worship

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Father Marcin Drabik: Tel: 853953 or 07797 7778786

Deacon Tony Ward: Tel: 853804

Wednesday 24 December

Gorey	6.00 pm
St Patrick	7.30 pm
St Patrick	8.00 pm
O L St Martin	9.30 pm
	10.00 pm

Christmas Eve

Mass
Carols
Family Mass
Carols
Mass

Thursday 25 December

O L St Martin	9.15 am
St Patrick	11.00 am

Christmas Day

Sung Mass
Sung Mass

Friday 26 December

St Patrick's	10.00 am
O L St Martin	7.00 pm

Feast of St Stephen

Mass
Mass



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SPORT & RECREATION

Compiled by Mike Labey

Grouville's Golfing Youngsters

by Sarah Keites

When Grouville resident Andrew Keites joined the Royal Jersey Golf Club as a junior in 1980 he set a trend that has seen several other members of his family catch the golfing bug. His father Michael joined him on the fairways a few years later and earlier this year his wife Sarah took up her membership. Andrew is now also the Club's Treasurer.

Now the next generation is being represented by Stanley (10) and Flora (8) who can often be seen out on the links with their parents or practising on the Club's putting green. Both youngsters have been following the Young Masters Golf programme, under the tutelage of PGA Professional James Evans. The scheme covers all



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aspects of the game at progressive levels and takes place at either the Longueville Golf Range or the Royal Jersey, depending on the skill being taught.

This season, Stanley and Flora have both taken part in the Club's Rookies competition, which runs on Friday nights during the spring/summer months and regularly attracts up to 20 young golfers playing over 9 holes. They also took part in the Royal Jersey's Adult/Junior four-somes' competition and Flora competed for the ladies' Carol Le Feuvre

Cup. This event was followed by a junior golf clinic given by Ryder Cup player Paul McGinley who gave advice on short game techniques and finished off by wowing the youngsters with a display of his driving skills, which average over 290 yards!

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Grouville Football Club News

Quick Review of the 2008-09 Season – So Far

1st Team. Managed once again by Ian Horswell this team has already proved competitive in the renamed Premiership Division. The 1ST team also reached the semi-final of the Charity Cup and the final of the inter-insular Collins Trophy.

Reserve Team. Having only played 2 games in 8 weeks it is hard to tell how well this team is performing, but won first league game.

C Team. Last season's league and cup winners continue to perform, winning all their league games so far.

Ladies. This team is looking for a new team manager/coach, so if anyone reading this article is interested in taking up this post please contact 722414. The caretaker management team is doing well with the Ladies drawing their first league game. Prior to this game, last season's player of the year trophies were presented to Rebecca Ladagu, Nardine Nicolas and Silvia Spinola. (See picture)



Ladies 07-08 Award Winners: Rebecca Ladagu, Nardine Nicolas and Silvia Spinola

Under 18's. Playing in the pre-January 2009 seeding league this team are looking likely to be playing in Division 2 in the New Year.

Under 16's. Also playing in the pre-January 2009 seeding league this team is performing well and has a chance of playing Division 1 football in the New Year.

Under 14's. Playing in Division 2 and should do well over the season.

Under 12's A. Seeded in a strong Red Group, this team is playing some of the top junior clubs in Jersey.

Under 12's B. Seeded in the Blue group and producing some excellent results.

Under 12 Girls. This section is yet to commence training but should be operational by November 2008. Any girls (10 to 12 years of age) interested in playing football are asked to contact 722414 for more details.

Trinity Shield. After reaching last year's final our team manager Andy Cadoret is looking to strengthen his team with new signings. Anyone who is living in, or was born in, Grouville and who would like to play for our Parish team and should please contact Andy on 07797 744379.

New Mini-Soccer and Practice Land Project Update: Reached its final phase and waiting for planning consent to install floodlights and storage unit. The club is still raising funds through its Sponsor a "Perch" scheme. There are still a large number of "Perches" available for sponsorship, so if anyone can help, please contact Bob Richardson on 722414 or email bobrichardson@jersey-mail.co.uk for more details.

Remember all of the latest club news, results etc. can be found by visiting our website: www.grouville-fc.co.uk



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Please could anyone help?

Contact: **Pat Jackson,**
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Tel: 854184

Parish Hall News

By Peter Falle, Rebecca Maindonald
and Julie Le Quesne

DRIVING LICENCES

The majority of Driving Licences will expire at the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009. The Parish Hall will be sending out reminder letters with application forms enclosed to everyone who will need to renew their licence. These will be sent out in batches according to the expiry date on your licence, so you will not need to collect a form from the Parish Hall. The application form should be returned to Grouville Parish Hall with your current Driving Licence, the fee of £40 and one passport sized photograph. You should ensure that the photograph is colour and is set against a white, cream or plain background and that you are not wearing sunglasses, or tinted glasses. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Hall.

KEYHOLDER CARDS

With Christmas approaching and premises being left empty due to holidays, it is worth considering filling out a Keyholder card, which is available from the Parish Hall. It should be completed at least a week before departure and handed back in to the Parish Hall. The Grouville Honorary Police endeavour to visit the properties regularly and report any problems to the named keyholder. Cards can be completed for both residential and commercial premises.

DOG LICENCES

These are due from the 1st January 2009 and all owners with dogs over 6 months should ensure that they have a valid licence. Dog owners should also ensure that their dogs have a collar with a name tag and contact details on at all times. Application forms for the licences will be available from the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTION

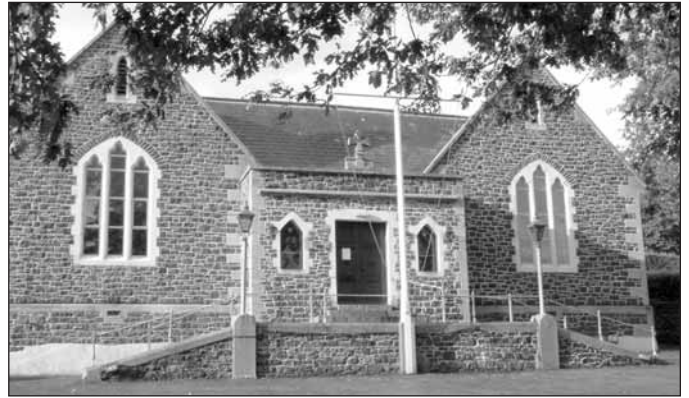
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Tuesday, 23rd Dec.	Monday, 22nd December
Wednesday, 24th Dec.	Tuesday, 23rd December
Thursday, 25th Dec.	Wednesday, 24th December
Friday, 26th Dec.	Wednesday, 24th December
Monday, 29th Dec.	Monday, 29th Dec. as normal
Tuesday, 30th Dec.	Tuesday, 30th Dec. as normal
Wednesday, 31st Dec.	Wednesday, 31st Dec. as normal
Thursday, 1st Jan.	Friday, 2nd January
Friday, 2nd Jan.	Friday, 2nd January as normal

FATHER CHRISTMAS

It is yet to be confirmed, but it is hoped that Father Christmas will make his annual visit this year on Thursday, 11th December at 5pm. All gifts and donations for the less well off in the Community can be made on or



before this date. Entertainment with DJ Caz, soft drinks and the traditional refreshments for the children will be available. All are welcome.

SOCIAL

Grouville's Senior Citizens Christmas Party is to take place on Saturday, 13th December at the Hotel Ambassadeur. If you have not received an invitation by the last week of November and would like to attend, please contact the Parish Hall, as we would like to encourage as many parishioners to attend as possible. Numbers are limited, but if we are unable to allocate you a place this year, we will add you to our list for next year.

CONNÉTABLE'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

The Connétable's Christmas reception will take place in the Parish Hall at 4pm on Friday, 19th December. All are warmly welcome to join the Connétable and Dawn for a Christmas tippie.

Could we extend Seasons Greetings to all Grouvilleais from The Connétable, Dawn, and Staff at the Parish Hall.

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Eluned	863455
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Mrs. A. Burnett	730924
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W.I.	Second Tuesday in each month; 7.45p.m.
Mrs Betty Hambly	853846
Senior Citizens	Last Friday in every month
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Connétable Dan Murphy's Message

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The challenge now is to keep up the good works as we know that there are going to be new challenges next year from other Parishes. We are very fortunate in Grouville in the number of volunteers who take part in our community activities and also in the quality of those people with their varied talents and interests.

We have many other parish groups working away including the twinning group (the Grouville Portbail association) the Battle of Flowers, our Honorary Police, the Friendship Club, the Clay pigeon group, the Pantomime Club, the W I and many others. If you have an interest, which you think would interest other Parishioners, please

Jersey Hospice Care

Jersey Hospice Care is looking for more volunteers (both men and women) to help at their St Ouen's shop at Beau Pres.

For more information please call Steve Harvey on 876555.

contact the Parish Hall and we can see if we can assist.

Some of you may have been affected by the ongoing "credit crunch" and I would like to assure Parishioners that our funds are safely deposited in accordance with the Procureurs and my policy of absolute safety and stability.

I look forward to next year with all its challenges and Dawn and I would like to invite you to a Christmas reception at the Parish Hall at 4 p.m. on Friday, 19th December.

Please accept our good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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