

JERSEY CAMPING & CARAVANNING CLUB.

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday January 19th. The John Williams Slide Show. Trinity Parish Hall. 8pm.

Wednesday February 23rd. A talk by Linda Romeril of the Jersey Archive. Trinity Parish Hall .8pm

Saturday March 19th. Annual Dinner.

Wednesday April 20th . AGM.

Thursday April 28th Shakedown Rally.

Annual Rally. Thursday 2nd June - Monday 6th June 2011

Next Newsletter. Last week of February.

A Christmas Message from our President, Robin Perchard.

"With the end of yet another year fast approaching, perhaps it is a sign of age, but it doesn't seem twelve months since I sat down to write last years Christmas Message !

I really cannot believe that this is my third, and final Christmas as President

The last three years have simply flown by.

We have enjoyed another very successful year as a Club.

One of the many highlights, in my opinion, being the Rally at St Emilion..

As Michel had decided to stand down as Rally Master, I am pleased that his last Rally was so successful. He will be missed, but I am sure that not having to worry about any problems on future Rallies,, Michel and Barbara will have a more relaxing and enjoyable time.

Some members have had a sad and difficult year, and I am sure our thoughts have been, and will continue to be , with them..

On behalf of Anne and myself, I would like to wish you all

"A very Happy Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful, New Year"

Robin.

Once again the popularity of the Photo Competition was proved when an almost “Full House” of Members got together on Wednesday October 20th to view the many and varied photographs taken over the past year. It was great to see at least one new face winning a prize when Rosemary Dodkins’ lovely photo of Poppies was judged to be the winner of the Campsite section. Then I’m afraid it was back to the same old “snappers” to win the remaining sections! I do have hopes for next year as Chris Willmetts tells me that he is going to buy a new camera!



Robin presenting Rosemary with her prize.

- Campsite:** Rosemary Dodkins.
- Humorous:** Andrew Averty
- Scenic:** Robin Perchard.
- Miscellaneous:** Rob Hamon.
- Caption:** Andrew Averty



Rob Hamon with his winning snap of a Cormorant and its lunch.



Judging in progress!



Robin addressing the meeting.

Andrew Averty with Ruth Perree,, the subject of his “humorous” photo.



Before the meeting commenced, Robin Perchard asked us to observe a minutes silence in memory of Liz Chinn, who so sadly died recently. Without giving anything much away, he then went on to give a few clues as to the area in which next years Rally will be held, so that Members would be able to plan their onward journeys. It will be held at a site close to Fontainebleau, Paris, from Thursday June 2nd to Monday June 6th. It promises to be quite exciting, with among other things, a trip on the Seine in a Bateau Mouche, and an evening coach tour of Paris to see the sights and lights. The evening was nicely rounded off by Cheese and Wine, giving everyone an opportunity for a really good chat.

The Theme Evening on Wednesday November 17th was a FUN evening for the 60 Members who attended, many in Fancy Dress.

I am quite sure that Trinity Parish Hall has not seen so many Rockers and Hippies for many years! Beneath all the wigs and flowery clothes, were youths of the 60's, reborn and reliving the spirit of those, sadly, long gone, "Happy Days." A great attraction on the evening proved to be the display of enlarged photos of us as we were in those far off 60's. What a good looking lot we were!

Catering for the evening was once again in the unflappable hands of Terry Bunting, assisted as usual by his band of enthusiastic "Sous Chefs". Terry was heard to say that he would have no hesitation in employing all of them if he were to open a restaurant! The Club owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Terry who every year comes up trumps, thinking up a menu, and co-ordinating our catering efforts. This year for the first time (but I hope not the last) Jennifer Towers gave us the benefit of her experience as a Teacher of Dance, to get some of us on to the floor for a Jive. I personally would welcome a Camping Club evening of Ballroom Dancing, including Jive. A subject perhaps for a future meeting?

Winners of the Fancy Dress Competition were Collette Willmett as a very convincing Tina Turner look-alike, and Dave Jacobs as Roy Orbison. Thanks to all who made the effort to dress up - It does make a difference, and adds to the fun of the evening, but aren't the wigs uncomfortable!

It was lovely to see Barbara Baggs back with us after such a long time. She has been missed!



Collette Willmett & David Jacobs.
Fancy Dress Winners.



Val & John Williams.



Anita English,
Rozanne Jacobs
and Val Williams.



Anne Perchard.



The Photo Table.
What a difference 50 years have
made!



Janet and Dennis "Elvis"
Ferbrache..



"The Oldest Rockers in Town".
Chris Willmett & Paul. Warren.



Paula & Alan.le Maistre



Julia Hamon.



Collette Willmett being presented with her prize by a very "hirsute" Robin.Perchard.



Dave & Betty Ellis. Lateral Thinkers, "Par Excellence!".



Glenda & Dave Killip.



Ruth & Andrew Averty



Jennie Towers & Jan Ferbrache. Showing how it should be done!



Alvaro Bernardini & his, thankfully, silent guitar.



Jennie Towers looking very strict ! And her "Ghetto Blaster".

Glenda Killip and Ruth Perree assisting "Master Chef" Terry Bunting.



Our Rally Organisers are in the process of sorting out next years Shakedown Rally which it is hoped will take place somewhere in Brittany from April 28th. Nothing is finalised yet but we should have more details shortly.

The Shakedown Rally, as those who have been before will know, is an unofficial, unorganised, getting together of members to have fun, to share a few meals and a glass of wine or two, a barbecue, and maybe, some cycle rides or walks. Most importantly however, it gives us an opportunity to sort out any problems with our caravans or motor homes. to ensure as far as possible, that they are in tip top condition for the camping season to come.

The always, much anticipated, evening of slide photos and / or films, of last years Club activities put on every year, by John Williams will take place on Wednesday January 19th at Trinity Parish Hall. I say anticipated, because it is always very amusing, tinged with an element of dread that John has managed to sneak up on one, without being noticed, and taken one of his speciality, very unflattering, photos that one really would not want anyone to see, let alone see enlarged many times, and shown on a big screen in full detail!

Never mind, it is said to be good to be able to laugh at oneself!

The States of Jersey Senior Archivist, Linda Romeril will be giving us a talk on Family History and the part played in it by the Jersey Archive Service on Wednesday February 16th.

Some of us, have been researching our own Family history for some time, but it is such a fascinating subject that there is always much more that one can learn.

For those who have yet to start shining a light on to their ancestors, I would say, give it a go. It is far easier than you might think, especially if you have the use of a computer, and absolutely fascinating! We do of course already have our own expert in Janet Ferbrache, who has been working at the Jersey Archive researching her own and other peoples family tree's for many years. I am sure that Janet would confirm that it is a very rewarding , sometimes frustrating, but always absorbing, hobby.

It is perhaps not widely known that we do in fact have, in the club, a member of the Aristocracy, a descendent of the **Comte de Coqueville** no less.

Roy le Plongeon !

The Comte was born in Jersey in 1825. Later in his life he moved to America where he preferred to be known by his given name of Augustus le Plongeon,

I wonder why!

He became quite famous as a Photographer, Antiquarian, Amateur Archaeologist, Doctor, and as an expert on the Mayan Civilisation of the Yucatan Peninsular, although many of his findings and assertions have since been called into question, his photographic records of the Mayan Ruins are to this day, still greatly valued.

As Michael Caine used to say:: " Not many people know that".

Augustus le Plongeon.
Comte de Coqueville. 1825 - 1908.
Can you see any resemblance to Roy?
No, neither can I !





Hard on the heels of Ruth & David Perree, and Christine & Royston Moulson's Anniversary celebrations, comes news of yet more significant events in the lives of our members.

On October 17th, Sue and James Simon celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to them.

Looking at this photo of a good looking, and very slim couple, of 40 years ago, might lead one to suspect that in the years since, that Sue might perhaps have been feeding Jimmy rather too well !



By sheer chance, as this Newsletter was about to be printed, I heard that Dee and Barry Smith also celebrated their Ruby Wedding on October 17th and in fact were married in the same Church, on the same day, as Jim and Sue! It was only when they joined the Camping Club that they found this out!

Many congratulations to them as well
Unfortunately a photo has not been forthcoming from Dee & Barry.

Quite a good joke from Glenda Killip. I think it must be a very old one as I am sure that London prices are even higher now!

An elderly lady decided to give herself a big treat for her significant birthday by staying overnight in one of London's most expensive hotels.

When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for £250.

She exploded and demanded to know why the bill was so high. "It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth £250 for just an overnight stay without even breakfast".

The clerk told her that "£250 is the standard rate", so she insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: "The hotel has an olympic-size swimming pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use".

"But, I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have", explained the Manager.

He went on to say that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous.

"we have the best entertainers from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen performing here", the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows", the woman said.

"well we have them, and you could have", replied the Manager.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied. "But I didn't use it!"

The Manager was unmoved, so she decided to pay, wrote a cheque, and gave it to the manager.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the cheque. "But Madam, this cheque is only made out for £50."

"That's correct. I charged you £200 for sleeping with me", she replied.

"But I didn't sleep with you!" exclaims the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

A very interesting and informative contribution from Jeanine Hume.

What insurance cover for your Caravan?

As many members will already know, Tony & I lost our caravan last June in the floods in the South of France.

Our Caravan was insured through a reputable local Insurance Broker with an Insurance company which I suspect many other members are also with.

I believed that our caravan policy was a "New for Old" Policy, but in fact it was an **Indemnity Basis Policy**, and there is a difference as we found out.

Indemnity Basis.

If you lose your caravan, you would get the value of your caravan as it was the day before the loss. i.e. If the caravan is 2 years old, and say a caravans life is about 15 years, you would get approximately 13% taken off the value for depreciation.

New for Old.

So long as you review and increase your caravan value with your insurance every year to the value of a new replacement caravan, you will get that amount should you lose your caravan, but again, this is only valid for up to 10 years, after which you would only get "Market Value".

After many emails, and a meeting with one of the Directors of our Insurance Brokers, we managed to reach a settlement on our claim in late August. Unfortunately, that Broker was unable to provide us with a New for Old Policy for our new caravan which we were collecting from the UK in early September.

Mr Tim Nelson at The Trust Insurance Group Ltd (which incorporates Stoddart Insurance) is very knowledgeable, and helpful, and has found us a New for Old Policy with K Drewe Insurance Brokers Ltd. With Drewe, your caravan can be stored in France, and you are covered for touring in Europe (with certain exceptions) for up to 180 days in any one year.

Caravans are covered on a "New for Old" basis as above. Awnings up to 7 years old are also covered on a "New for Old" basis, up to a value of £2,500.

The premium is probably a bit more than we paid on the Indemnity Basis Policy, but I think well worth it if you are insuring a new or nearly new, caravan.

The above information is how it was explained to us. I have already suggested to some Committee Members, that it might be a good idea to invite Mr Nelson to one of our winter meetings to give us a more detailed professional explanation of the various types of insurances available.

The 2011 ACSI Guide is now available from Vicarious Books.

. www.vicarious-shop.com

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And, NO I do not have shares in the company!

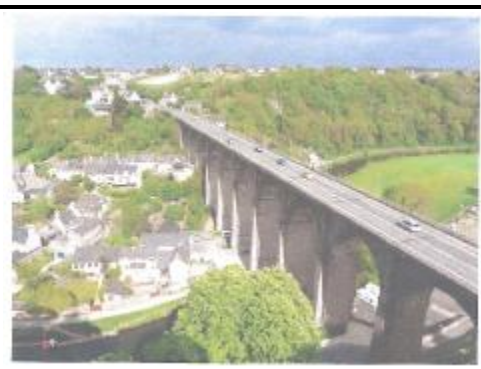
I have received some rather disturbing information from Steve Cuss, Editor of the Guernsey Camping and Caravanning Club Newsletter, who relates how he had met a couple in Niort on their first trip with their Motorhome, who had stopped at the Aire under the Viaduct at Dinan. When they got up in the morning, another motor home approached them to ask if their motor home was OK, which it fortunately was. The

reason for the query was that some suicide jumpers had landed on the roofs of other motor homes!

On another occasion an ex employee of his had parked there, and was walking back from the waste bins, when a body landed just 6 feet from him.

Apparently this is not uncommon around exam result time. I am told that over 50 people a year kill themselves by jumping from this Viaduct. That is almost one a week.

A horrific sight which I imagine would remain with one forever. An Aire to be avoided, I would say, which is a pity as it is ideally sited close to this delightful old town.



The Christmas Lunch held on Sunday December 5th at the Red Rose Restaurant was a great success, thoroughly enjoyable as usual. About 66 members were present. A good start to the rapidly looming "Festive Season".

It was good to meet Nanette and Alan Farrell for the first time. I hope that they will enjoy the Club as much as we do. I was glad to learn that they too are Motor homers, none of that tugging and pulling nonsense!

David Jacobs got in some joke telling practise before next years Rally, unfortunately the occupants of the table at the far end of the room were far too busy talking to hear what he said.

Tant pis!

Robin Perchard in a short speech, wished Members all the best for Christmas and the New Year, thanking also the Restaurant Staff for an excellent meal.

Apologies for absence were received from Dave & Betty Ellis.

Betty sadly, lost her Mother this week and Robin extended the condolences of Club Members to Betty and her family at this sad time for them.



Robin Perchard.



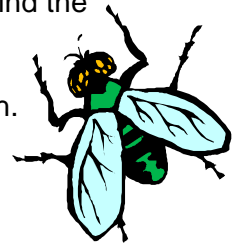
Dave Jacobs.

An Englishman went to Spain on a fishing trip. He hired a Spanish guide to help him find the best fishing spots. Since the Englishman was learning Spanish, he asked the guide to speak to him in Spanish, and to correct any mistakes in usage.

They were walking up a mountain trail when a large purple and blue fly crossed their path. The Englishman pointed at the insect with his fishing rod, and said, in Spanish: "Mira el mosca !"

The guide, sensing a teaching opportunity, replied: "No Senor, **la** mosca.....es femina"

The Englishman looked at him, then back at the fly, and said: "Good Heavens, you must have incredible eyesight".



It is good to be able to end the year with some happy news.

Those of you who have stayed at Camping Port Punay, Chatellaillon Plage, will be pleased to hear that the delightful Angelique Moreau gave birth in October, to her, and husband Morgan's, first child. A baby boy - Jules!

As most of you will know, earlier this year the campsite was literally destroyed overnight in a hurricane and consequent flood . A nightmare night when over 50 people lost their lives in the immediate area of the village.

We have sent Baby Jules a small present from the Club, a "Jersey Teddy". Camping Port Punay will be open for business in 2011 after what I am sure has been a "Herculean" task to rebuild the site.

A lovely, friendly, hardworking couple, we wish them every good fortune for their, and baby Jules's future.



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!