



Grace in *Action...*

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OVE AND CARE FOR JERSEY'S POOR & NEEDY.

"THE INSIDE LINE!"

JERSEY PEDAL CAR GRAND PRIX



Grace Trust Team Darren , Vini , Mike, Fiona , Terry and Danial

The 7th July was the hottest day of the year up to then. At first we were happy just to compete and 'have a go'....then we were happy to get into the last eight...then the last four! We finally came second which earned us a silver medal each. We were nothing but chuffed. We qualified for the final and had no break in between so in effect we had two races back to back. It was a team effort. BIG thanks to Darren, Terry and especially Mike and Danial who worked so hard and reduced the average age of the team considerably!



We all agreed that "Brighter Futures" were worthy winners. All of the teams involved made it a fun event to be involved in. BIG APPLAUSE and 'Pit Passes' all round to the Lions Club, especially 'Peter (Murray Walker) Tabb' who gave the running commentary.



SATURDAY LUNCHES

Vini's Veiwpoint :

Our lunches at St Pauls Church are a real buzz. I always find myself wondering how it is that so many folk come together, from so many different backgrounds and paths, and yet for that hour or so there is community and fellowship. The foyer in St Pauls will have been prepared the previous day, table cloths, cutlery, glasses and serviettes put out to perfection and neatness. In the kitchen we have one of our 5 teams who always do so well in turning out a lovely meal and on time. Each team works in their own unique way but the outcome is always good. Not everyone who is there will have come for the grace, the songs we sing or the short message that is usually given between Main course and dessert, but some certainly do.

To me this is a "Church Service" in it's most simplest of forms whether folk think it's just a meal, a cup of tea and a bit of banter, well that is up to them, but to me it's a picture of a community who can come in and be served by those who volunteer their time. The key here is this; that the volunteers do what they do because they want to and love to, they don't have to.

The folk who come along are at complete liberty to leave at any time they wish to, and so they should be. There is no hidden agenda, if we do have, our agenda is totally visible and transparent. We live in an age of scepticism and fear, a feeling that "no one does something for nothing". I believe a visit to one of our lunches would change this view.

Finally; when I walk into the foyer early on the Saturday morning I always know there is someone else present, an invisible guest if you like.! The important thing is that the guest is not left alone there when we all leave, he goes out with us all, believers or not.



Due to the increased demand upon us for food and rising costs, Grace Trust launched the food baskets project.

We provide the baskets and when they are full we collect them and distribute the goods to those in need



Food baskets

The food collected must be non-perishable, tins, rice, cereal etc. To date we have baskets in the following churches:

St Pauls, St Ouen, St John, Gouray, St Mary, St Matthew, St Lawrence, Grouville, Town Church, St Marks,

St Lukes, St Andrews and St Helier Methodist Centre. We also

have baskets in Le Rocquier School, The Bridge, St Saviour Parish Hall and Capco. If you would like to have a basket for your parish or place of work please contact us.



A HUGE THANK YOU

TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN FOOD



OFFICE NEWS



In addition to Gerry and Vini hanging around in the office you may have seen Carol also tapping away at a computer.

Carol comes in once a week to help out with the administration.

Carol is known in St Ouen as the "girl Treussard", she was born and raised in Jersey and went to St Mary's Primary School and Hautlieu. Whilst studying in the U.K Carol met her husband, Tim on a working holiday in Canada. Tim and Carol married in 1981 and lived in Zimbabwe (Tim's home country) for twenty five years. Tim & Carol have two daughters who are both getting married this year! Carol returned to Jersey in 2006 and apart from working at Grace Trust, Carol and Tim run their own business.

Carol counts herself extremely fortunate to have the opportunity of working at Grace Trust and being part of the Family.

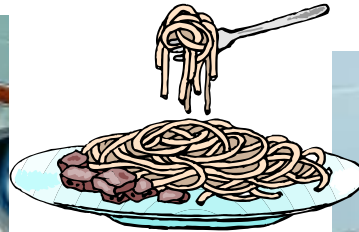




THE ITALIAN JOB

We were made an offer we couldn't refuse!

Out of work chef Dave Hampton has benefitted with some help from Grace Trust over the past few months. To say 'thank you' he offered to make some home-made pasta/bolognese dishes to be distributed with our emergency food packs. These were cooked at St Pauls Church who kindly offered their premises for the project and many of our needy folk are now benefitting by taking one of these frozen meals home.



It was good to see David at work, 'clean as you go' is David's policy. When he had finished the kitchen was spotless, as it was through most of his cooking. It was good to see David not rushing things as he left the pasta cool before pouring the sauce on top. The pasta was cooked 'al dente' so that when it is re-heated it will be perfect!



'Preparation' was the key word and the final product proved it! David was spot on with his estimation of quantities as we made 96 cooked meals and our target was 90 to 100. Well done David and also thanks to Helen who helped in the kitchen as well. "YES CHEF!"



BIG THANKS to The Salvation Army for allowing the Grace Trust Band to practice on Tuesday afternoons in their building.

As you will know 'Parklife' is continually changing, part of this change has seen an increase in musicians, hence the 'Grace Trust **Band**'.

The gigs we have played so far (St Ouen, St Clement & Trinity) in this new format have gone really well.

With more gigs to come, our songs are changing too, covering from John Denver to David Bowie, Travis to The Monkees.

The Times they are a changing

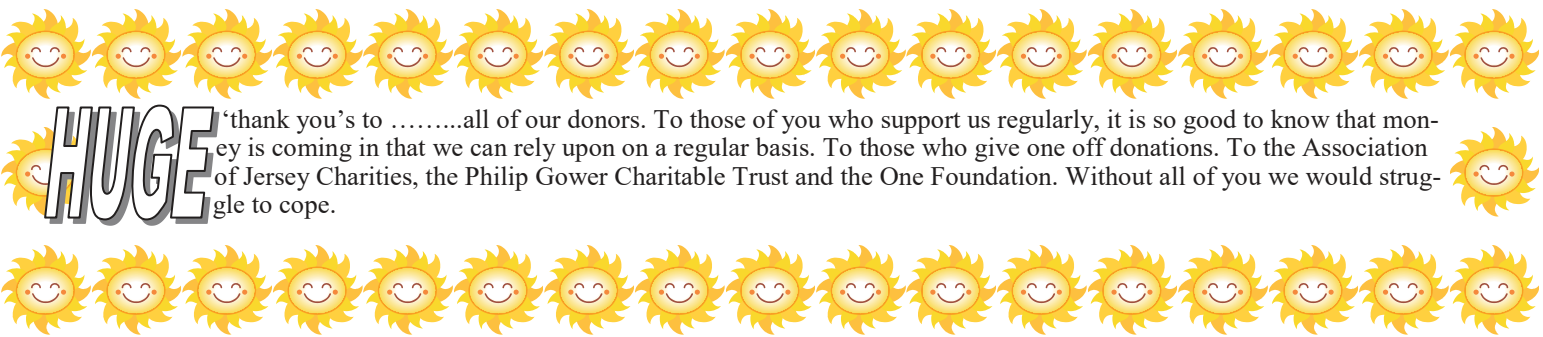
Watch this space for more changes to come.....



Supermarkets



These pictures are from the Co-op at Charing Cross who have very kindly allowed us to have this basket in their shop for shoppers to donate non-perishable goods to us. Waitrose have also invited us to collect donations throughout the year....more news on this to come.....



'thank you's toall of our donors. To those of you who support us regularly, it is so good to know that money is coming in that we can rely upon on a regular basis. To those who give one off donations. To the Association of Jersey Charities, the Philip Gower Charitable Trust and the One Foundation. Without all of you we would struggle to cope.

Art in the Park !!



Janine and Mary

Every Tuesday afternoon between two and four o'clock at All Saints Church hall is a meeting of (in their own words) friendly idiots! The Art in the Park bunch certainly are friendly and Tuesday afternoons are enjoyed tremendously by all who attend.



Apart from giving vent to their creativity, Art in the Park spend lots of time chatting, discussing the weather and generally putting the world to rights. Mary has never looked back since she started attending. Certainly everyone agrees that it is a great afternoon to make friends and get out. Confidence is built up and beautiful, colourful work is produced. In the last four months Janine has introduced far more craft-work, such as bead making.



Some of the work produced—including above, a first time attempt



'Grandad' aka Gerry keeping Mary under control



Janine Graham does a brilliant job at steering the Art in the Park ship but needs more volunteers to help out. Even if you don't consider yourself 'arty' but would like to come along, help Janine out, have a chat and lots of laughs please contact us.

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