



Grace in Action...

LOVE AND CARE FOR JERSEY'S POOR & NEEDY.

Parklife at the The Grand Hotel



Collas Crill invited Parklife to sing at The Grand Hotel late last year and Grace Trust are delighted to be one of the beneficiaries of The Collas Crill Around the Island Walk on **June 20th 2015**. This is a great event that we are thrilled to be a part of, this annual walk sees local folk and visitors to Jersey raising money for various local charities. It is a unique challenge and one that certainly proves memorable for all involved, whether as a walker or part of the support teams.

Here comes Summer !



Art in the Park at the Eisteddfod

Art in the Park has seen numbers grow over the last year, the reason for this is simply down to the volunteers who tirelessly turn up to be there for those who really look forward to Tuesday afternoons. This initiative has the hallmarks of Grace Trust painted all over it,, the tea, coffee and biscuits, chirpy humour and an understanding of life when it isn't so great.



Pictured above ; Mary Sanguy who took a Silver award for her composition.

We have again entered some of our work in the Eisteddfod as we did last year. The class itself is held at All Saints Hall on Tuesday afternoons, we have benefited hugely by having Janine Graham leading the group along with many of our volunteers. It is a great initiative to be involved with, it provides a good meeting point and also it gives the community feel that is so needed in today's world.

We also have craftwork and baking classes overseen by Anne Fells who has worked so hard with Janine in making this project the success it is. We would also like to thank Danny Weaver who has consistently been on hand with support and advice.

Grace Trust Goes Back to School



It has been a great opportunity for us at Grace Trust to build a good relationship with Mont à L'Abbé School who are always so generous in their giving of food to our food bank. We have been going up to the school for the last five years to the end of term assemblies when they present us with food collected over the term and we have a short talk to the pupils about our work.

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, the Post 16 Students assisted us with two projects: They packed and labelled some of our news letters ready for delivery to the various Churches, Schools, Banks, Finance Companies and individuals who support us across the Island.



Since last October Post 16 students Bertie, Shona, Megan and Jake have been laying tables in preparation for the Saturday lunch at St Paul's Church. Overseen by teachers Antoinette and Leah the students lay place settings for an average of 50 people. They do a great job and the wonderful Eddie and Zena are always on hand to help out.



“To prepare a place for you”

To prepare a place for someone is a beautiful thing to do, it speaks of your willingness to serve someone whom you may not know. As our guests sit down each week, most usually like to sit where they always do! Someone has been there before them making sure they have all they need for that important time of togetherness, company and community.



Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Veitch or known to us as Becky and Terry pictured here with Terry's Mum Margaret. It was a great day at St Paul's where the happy couple were married by Rev. Paul Brooks and serenaded by Parklife “You ‘ve got something I need !”

We don't normally make a great big fuss over individual volunteers because you usually end up leaving someone out but we have to say a great big thank you to

Gladys Dunell

83 years young who raised a whopping £795 in the **SLEEPOUT** last November and she's up for it this year too!

The Sleepout at Pier road Car Park

This was a good opportunity for us last November to get involved with other agencies. This fundraiser helps to raise awareness of the whole issue of sleeping rough, sofa surfing and all that comes with this problem that can ultimately lead to being homeless.





S.S Vega

Below are the lyrics to a song that "Parklife" were asked to sing a little while ago. It is a song set to the Nursery Rhyme of "Sing a song a' sixpence," it was written Rev P. Horton of St Brelades Church in 1945. It was discovered in a glass frame some time ago by Geraldine Hamlin who felt it would be good to hear it sung, so with Annette Lowe's involvement, Parklife were filmed and recorded singing the song at St Brelade's Parish Hall for the Senior Citizens lunch in early December last year.

"THE VEGA"

Sing a song of Red Cross
A cargo load of grub,
Came to little Jersey,
In a little tub,
"Vega" was her name boys,
And there is vigour too,
In each little parcel
Sent to me and you.

CHORUS

Pop him on the table!
Canada's a brick!
Run and get a knife dad,
Cut him open quick.
Look at all the good things
Oh! My giddy aunt,
I could eat them all now,
But I know I shan't!

There's bully beef and pork boys,
Chocolate and cheese,
Everything to stop you getting
Groggy at the knees.
Sugar, tea and milk boys,
Fish and marmalade,
Such a table you have never
Seen your marmy laid

CHORUS

Now the funny thing is this,
You'll see the funny side,
We had pickles, stew and bacon
At the turning of the tide.
For we'd got into a pickle and
We'd fallen in a stew
And you saved your eggs and ba-
con
When the parcel came to you.

So port your gallant helm boys
Heading for the shore.
Here's the jolly "Vega"
Bringing us some more
Give a cheer for Canada
And England too,
For this welcome little gold mine
Sent to me and you.

CHORUS

So keep your pecker up lads,
Smiling as you go.
Rake in all your money, you
Must rake in all your dough.
Give it to the Red Cross,
Give it with a smile,
Just to show we're grateful
We must raise a smile.



**Diary date ;
July 18-19 2015
Model Boat Show at St
Brelade's Parish Hall
Fundraising for**

Grace Trust

Our good friends from the Jersey Model Boat Club have recently built a scaled model of the Vega as part of the 70th anniversary of its arrival in St Helier. It can now be seen on display at the Jersey War Tunnels where it is raising money for the Red Cross today.



Many thanks to Grant Feltham at **NEED IT NOW Ltd on behalf of DSV Road Ltd for shipping our new cooker to us from the mainland and assisting us with all procedures to ensure a good swift delivery. The new cooker will be resident in St Paul's Church and used for our regular Saturday Lunches.**



ARE YOU BOTHERED?

POVERTY. BEING ALONE. STRUGGLING.

It may seem hard for some to believe that these issues can exist on Jersey but sadly they do and they can affect all age ranges. During the month of April Grace Trust teamed up with Barnardos Nick Cook and Josh Miere to go into our local schools and youth clubs to raise awareness of poverty. We talked about how easy it is for folk to find themselves in difficulty and of course to spoke about the agencies that can assist when it all gets too much.

Vini's Viewpoint

“..and how many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see” sang Bob Dylan back in 1963 on Blowin' in the wind.

Sadly it can be a few times before we do see. Some are able to see where and how they can assist others while some struggle to feel that they can make a difference in other people's lives. The truth is we all have something to offer. I believe all we experience and learn can be utilised in turn to help others. One of the characteristics of Grace Trust that has always appealed to me is the variety of experiences, backgrounds and outlooks of those who give their time to volunteer for Grace Trust with so much energy and commitment.

None of us are immune to what life brings our way. Hopefully we will all at some stage discover the realities of love and contentment, equally at times we can discover the realities of loss and difficulty.

What better way is there than making good of something that hurts than turning it into what may bring help and healing for others. It's one thing being able to see, it's another being driven to react.

Seeing and reacting over seeing and ignoring is the essence of Charity. The essence of Grace is the receiving of a gift that is free, unexpected, something that we can't earn through our own merit. None of us know what tomorrow holds, so what we can do we should do today if possible, crossing the road to help to those in need or offering help to those who we do see instead of turning our head away .

In Memory of Danny Doong



Danny was a regular attendee at our Saturday Lunches. He died on 16th December last year and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Danny was born in Malaysia on 23rd April 1942. In 1960 he was invited to join the embryonic Royal Malayan Air Force as a pilot. Danny loved flying and was sent to RAF in Shropshire for training on the Piston Provost before he returned to re-join the RMAF.

He was a highly regarded officer who was rapidly promoted to Flt Lt rank and then Sqn Ldr. Unfortunately when he accepted a position of Fight Commander on the Herald squadron he began to show signs of the severe depression that would affect him for the rest of his life.

Danny suffered a complete break down and entered hospital in Kuala Lumpur where he was treated unsuccessfully for his condition.

He was invalided out of the service and entered a dark period of his life. He eventually pulled himself together and found his way to Jersey where a small part of his extended family had settled.



Danny took up accountancy and did very well until his final qualification exams and the strain caused him to sink into deep depression once more.

He was treated in Jersey and diagnosed as suffering bipolar disorder.

He joined the local RAFA branch and became a member of St Paul's Church where he made many friends

Danny became deeply religious and extremely generous, rewarding his friends with sometimes quaint but always thoughtful little presents.

His funeral was at St Paul's Church on 12th January 2015. He will be remembered with great affection by all at Grace Trust and especially by his remaining relatives whom we were delighted to meet at the funeral.



Pic above; Danny with colleagues on a Provost Trainer during their FTS course.

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