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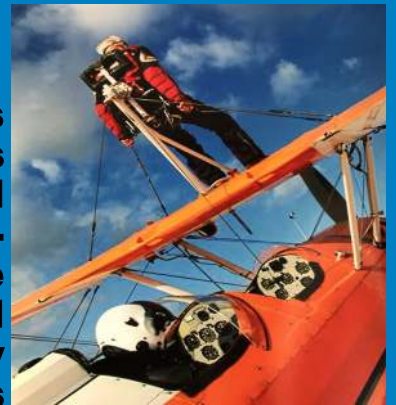
## We love Don !

Meet Don Dolbel. This guy is amazing, at 93 years young he decided to do some "wing walking" in his spare time, what a guy! We have known Don for a good few years now through the Parklife Choir, we are always amazed at his energy and enthusiasm for life, he is always one for a challenge and this certainly proved it! He can always remember singing in choirs and now sings in the Funeral choir, he says he doesn't always behave and he didn't during the Occupation either! He spent a few years in the Merchant Navy, a bit of a family tradition with three Sea captains on his Mum's side and 19 on his Father's side !



He is a baker by trade, supports Tottenham Hotspur, a very keen Boxer and a big fan of Henry Cooper! Don ran four boxing clubs in Jersey for many years before he became a boxing judge travelling to London to see and judge fights. In Parklife he really is a inspiration, he got involved because in Dons words; "I was always a sucker for the underdog" His favourite songs are;

*Je crois en Dieu. When I survey the wonderful cross and The Ninety and Nine (one was missing).* Great to have you on board Don, well done mate!



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# “ARMISTICE”

This is a piece that “Art in the Park” put together last Autumn 2017/early winter 2018. Comprising of 25 individual poppies, each one moulded by the 26 members and volunteers of Art in the Park. We were able to display this at the Jersey Eisteddfod this year taking the Open Class winner prize and a Platinum award. This project is what Grace Trust is all about, giving people a place of belonging and purpose through the love of Christ.



We would like to say a big thankyou to Daphne East. She kindly provided us space at St Helier Parish Hall during the Remembrance period last year to show what we call our “Poppy Log”. The log was put together by many of our folk at Art in the Park, we were so pleased to have our display visible where the general public could see our contribution to this special time of remembering 100 years since the end of the Great War.



**We would like to give a big thankyou to Annie, Michael and Fiona (not in picture) who did a fund raiser for us and raised nearly £ 350 on a really cold Saturday in December at the Central Market St Helier.**

As a Charity we depend completely on our volunteers, not just to assist us with the projects we run, but also in raising awareness of what we do and why we do it. The most valuable thing to most busy folk these days is time itself.

We are so blessed with people who are willing to offer up their time for Grace Trust. We can run as many different projects as we like but unless we have flesh and blood to supply that final finishing missing piece, projects won't run and will not work. We live in a time when the human element and input is of more worth than ever. We meet so many people from different backgrounds at Grace Trust, some have really difficult issues to overcome and some just need a little helping hand now and then, that little bit of reassurance, the hug the smile, the laugh, the tears. They need people with the simple ability to listen before charging in with advice that most people already know....

“Doing for others as you would like them to do for you” this advice never grows old.



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The Trizia Corporate Cook Days continue to thrive. Since March 2018 we have been able to use the Freedom Centre in Bath St for the Cook Days. Freedom media have kindly covered all utility costs involved for which we are so grateful. This year we have seen teams from First Names Group, Ocorian, Langham Hall, Hawksford, Lloyds, UBS and HSBC. In total they have cooked 2462 meals for our foodbank!



**We attended the Highlands Freshers' Fayre again in September 2018. This was a busy morning with a good opportunity to network with other agencies, also working with some of the younger generation and to chat to some of the young lads and lasses starting their college life at Highlands. Our "Right Road" and "Work**

**placement Scheme" continues, we have had two work placements and three driving lesson pupils in 2018. We also had two young folk pass their driving test last year which was great news for us and even better for them!**



*The Right Road Project*

**This is an initiative set up by us to give direction to young folk struggling to get their life into gear. We offer assistance obtaining a driving licence to help them find work. Call 631667 for more information**

## *Work Placement Scheme*

This is a project that has been set up to help young folk in the 18-30 age bracket into a work environment. The placement is usually for three months but can be extended if both parties feel they would like the placement to continue. With no cost to the employer and a minimum wage to the employee it is a way of gaining essential workplace experience.



THANK YOU



We would like to say a big thank you to Age Concern this year for letting us use their Mini Bus thanks to Paul, Trudy and Janet for dialling us in, sometimes at short warning. This was much appreciated. Parklife have had over 23 engagements this year and it would have been difficult without your help .



The “Grace Trust Drop In” continues to give a place and purpose for folk on Mondays 12– 2pm and Fridays 12-2 pm. It is a

great little community.

The tea and biscuits are only a small part of the scene with lots of laughs and stories. The support that is offered by each other for each other is what makes it work. A big thank you to Annie Fells who has made it all happen and also to Becky Hinton who is always on hand to assist and support Annie, thankyou ladies and to all who come along.



One of our regular concert bookings for Parklife is at Maison des Landes Hotel out in sunny St Ouen. We usually go there at the beginning of May and the end of September, there is always a big welcome from The Lions and all who work there. It is a great place for Parklife to go with our 2019 dates already booked for Tuesday May 7th and Thursday September 26th.

# A Massive Thank You

Apart from all the generous islanders who support us in many different ways we feel that we must say a special thank you to the Association of Jersey Charities. They have faithfully supported us for many, many years.



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