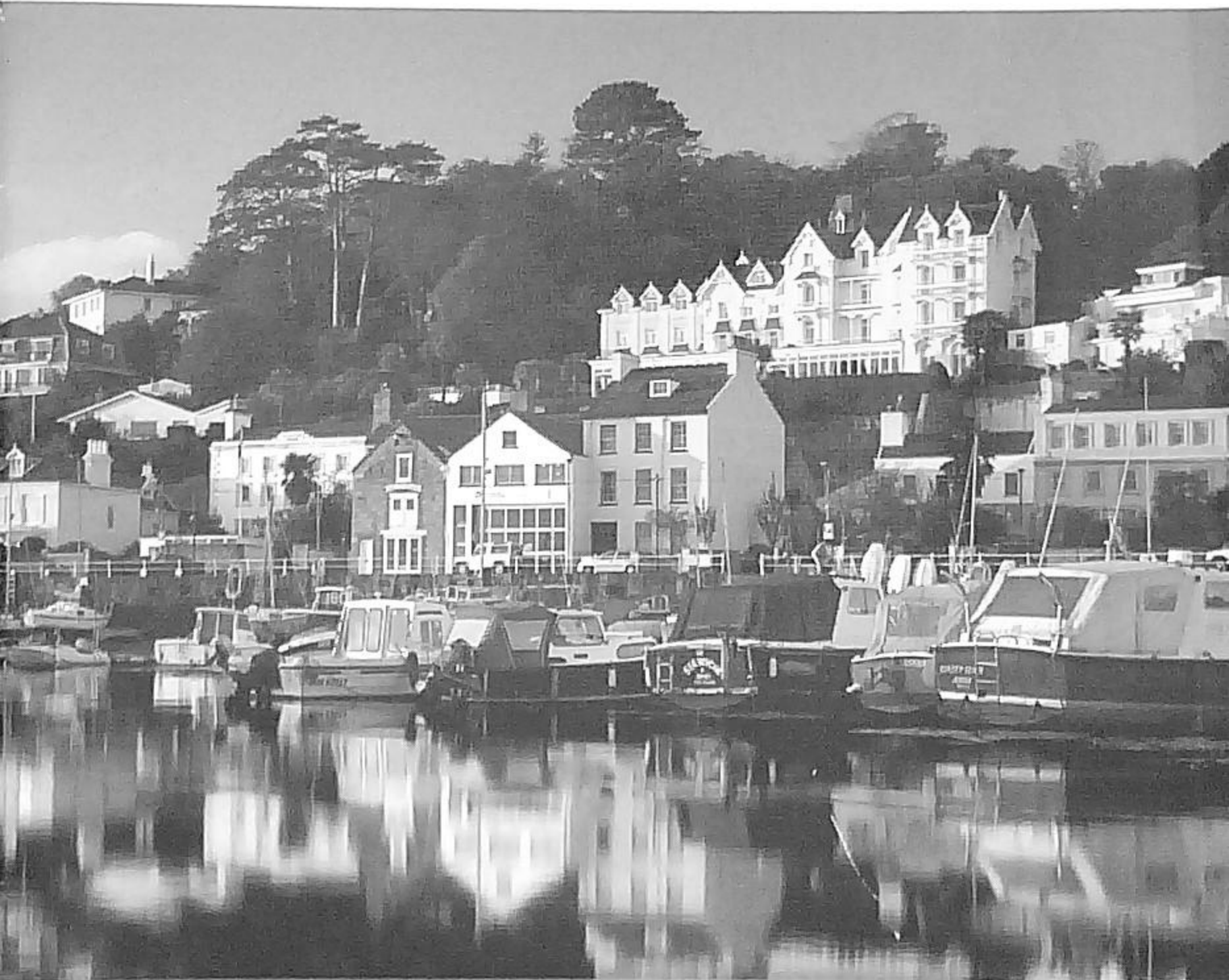


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St Aubin
Past & Present



Village Life

Located in the Parish of St Brelade, St Aubin is a place of many moods. It has a sleepy, old world atmosphere yet can be lively too.

The old town crowds around the harbour, a mixture of hotels, restaurants, shops and galleries. Three very different granite churches add a certain grandeur and there are hidden corners to explore among the 18th century merchants' houses packed close to the harbour.

Take time to explore, choose somewhere to relax and enjoy a meal – whatever the time of day.

Historic St Aubin

This corner of St Aubin's Bay has always provided shelter from south westerly winds. Evidence of prehistoric man has been found on the shore nearby. In time a small village centred on a medieval watermill grew over centuries into a town of wealthy ship-owning merchants, with a market-place at its centre, and a fortified islet to guard from attack by sea.

It is easy to imagine the horse-drawn excursions of a century ago, the rumble of the trains, and to picture the old sailing ships in the harbour with sea-captains and sailors swaggering on the harbour-side. Today's activities fit easily into the old framework, with facilities for modern sea-sports nearby.

Did you know?

The name, St Aubin, belongs to the 5th century Bishop of Angers and invokes the patron saint's protection against piracy. Highly appropriate it seems considering the threat to British naval supremacy of the past and, later, the local ships licensed as privateers.



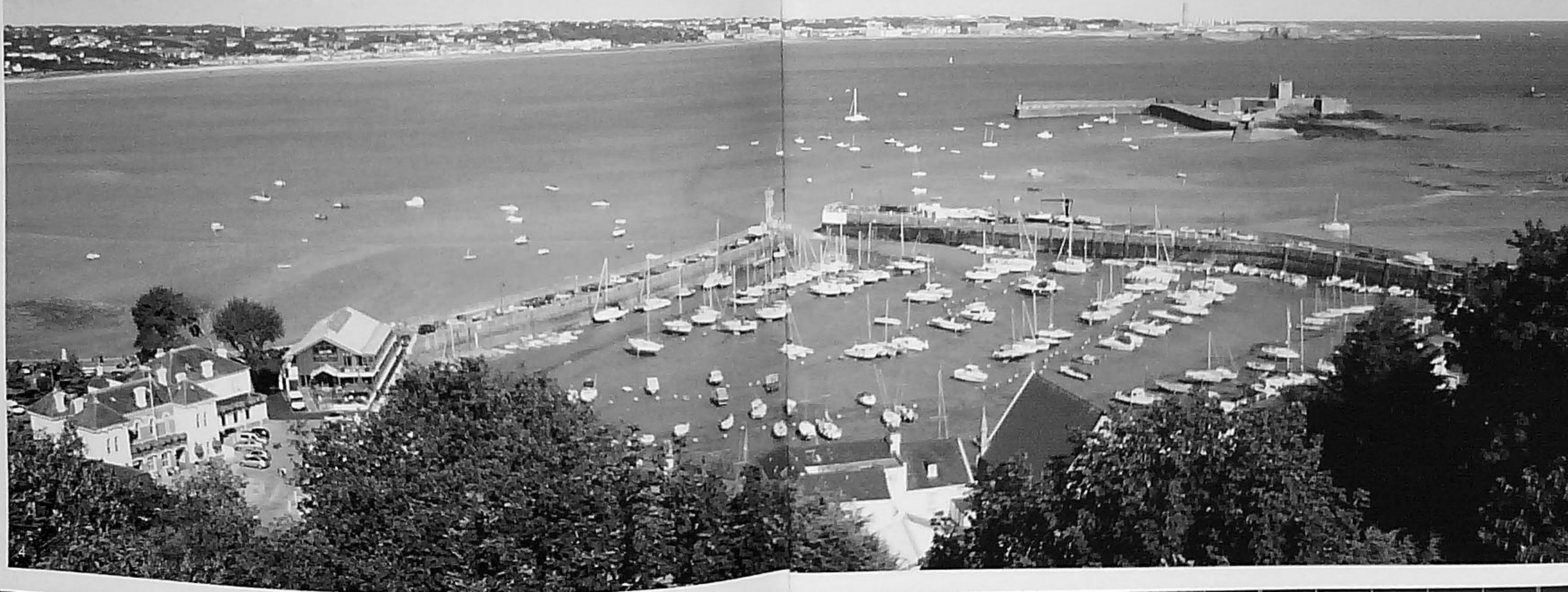
The Harbour

The first pier was constructed in the late 17th century at the small islet, with a wharf built of immense stones. A 16th century tower with cannon protected the islet and more gun batteries were added during the English Civil war. The 18th century saw fortified ramparts for a garrison.

Privateering was a major activity during the English Civil War when the Royalist cause was supported by the licensing of local ships to attack and capture enemies of the King. Cargo from these attacks were sold off following judgement by an Admiralty Court, probably giving 'The Old Court House Inn', its name.

Major changes began in the 18th century when land was reclaimed to create a wharf known as The Bulwarks. The south arm of the harbour was started and later extended, and the north pier was completed in 1819. However, the harbour soon silted up, and the trade favoured the new harbour in St Helier.

Within a few decades, steam was taking over from the age of sail, and eventually St Aubin became a place of leisure and pleasure boating. Photographs of the famous yacht Westward can be seen in the bar at The Old Court House, and other artefacts are on display at the Maritime Museum, St Helier.





The Parish Hall

St Aubin is not one of the twelve parishes. It lies within the Parish of St Brelade, and is home to the Parish Hall and Police Station, an impressive building which stands facing the harbour. Here is the office of the elected Connétable (Constable or 'mayor') who represents the parish in the Island's government, the States of Jersey.

The Constable is head of all Parish administration, including a number of elected honorary officers (Centeniers, Vingteniers and Constable's Officers) who act as police and officiate in various parish matters.

The Market

A growing population and garrison soldiers demanded that a market place be provided. By 1771 a market was established, rebuilt in 1826 and then redeveloped, to accommodate the railway track, in 1884. Today half the building remains, rebuilt with its pillared façade and now occupied by NatWest Bank.

In the end of the building an unusual money-box, a collecting box for the poor, is built in to the stonework. No longer in use, it is a reminder of another age, when the wealthy were reminded of those less fortunate.

The Railway

From 1870 steam trains ran around the coast, linking St Aubin with St Helier. The railway was extended in 1884, first to La Moye granite quarries, to fetch stone for export, and then to La Corbière and its famous lighthouse.

The Parish Hall is housed in the former railway station hotel. This splendid building opened as St Christopher's Hotel in 1871, later becoming the Terminus Hotel. It has been the Parish Hall since 1948. As part of the terminus of The Jersey Railway a domed canopy stood over the station at the rear where today cars are parked.

In 1936 a fire in the station destroyed much of the rolling-stock as well as the station building. The disaster finally brought Jersey's railway system to a close.

Look out for two stout granite pillars which remain against the wall. The new section of track passed close to the building and they were placed there to prevent the trains from hitting the building as they slowly rocked when they made the tight turn to climb the hill.

Today the Railway Walk is a delightful wide pathway, a linear park lined with trees, which links St Aubin and Corbiere, where the famous lighthouse stands. See page 16.



Enjoy a walk steeped in history

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Start your stroll at the Parish Hall next to the harbour, you might see some of the locals; ducks, brent geese and a variety of other migratory birds.

Cross over the road to NatWest Bank, and continue along The Bulwarks. The modern front of The Tenby conceals a former shipping-yard where today you can sit in the sun. Behind the Methodist Church is Le Quai Bisson, where the old chapel and former Sunday School is aligned with old warehouses which today shelter new occupants. St Aubin's Methodist Church, built in 1867, has a beautifully restored interior. It also provides a venue for occasional concerts.

It was in St Aubin that the first Methodists broke away from the established Anglican Church. Seamen returning from fisheries on the Canadian coast in the late 18th century brought back the new 'method' of worship learnt from missionaries sent from Bristol. Early converts suffered initial persecution, but despite this the new sect flourished throughout Jersey.

Carry on and you will pass the Harbour Gallery, the island's largest selling and exhibiting gallery and home to working artists.

Continue to the The Old Court House Inn, once a favourite with TV detective Jim Bergerac, and older than most of its neighbours. A little further on and you'll find The Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club, the sixth oldest yacht club in the world, and the slipway that leads across the sands to the fort causeway, accessible at low tide.

This once sandy beach, Belcroute Bay, has been nicknamed 'Pebble Beach' since stone spoil from the wartime tunnels was dumped here, to be smoothed by time and tide. The view from this corner across Belcroute Bay is tranquil. It is difficult to imagine the fleet sailing back from the Canadian Cod fisheries, or the cannon placed among the trees on the far point to protect Royalist interests during the English Civil War. The manor house of Noirmont dating back to medieval times is out of sight in the corner of the bay.

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Did you know?

In years gone by, before heated swimming pools, the sea was the place to swim, the beach beyond the harbour was a tidal 'lido' with diving boards and rafts and the harbour was used for a water carnival.



Map Key

Restaurants

- 1** Bon Viseur
- 2** Cheffins
- 3** Harbour View
- 4** La Barca
- 5** Cataplana Restaurant
- 6** New Dynasty
- 7** Old Court House Inn
- 8** Pedro's
- 9** Salty Dog Bar & Bistro
- 10** Shapla Indian Restaurant
- 11** The Boathouse Restaurant & Bar
- 12** Le Village Deli House
- 13** Tides Restaurant (Somerville Hotel)

Pubs & Wine Bars

- 7** Old Court House Inn
- 6** St Aubin's Wine Bar
- 14** Tenby Bars
- 15** The Trafalgar

Café's

- 16** Crusoe's Cabin
- 17** Murray's
- 18** St Aubin's Café
- 19** Food in the Frame (Harbour Gallery)

Hotels

- 20** Hotel La Tour
- 21** La Haule Manor Hotel
- 7** Old Court House Inn
- 13** Somerville Hotel

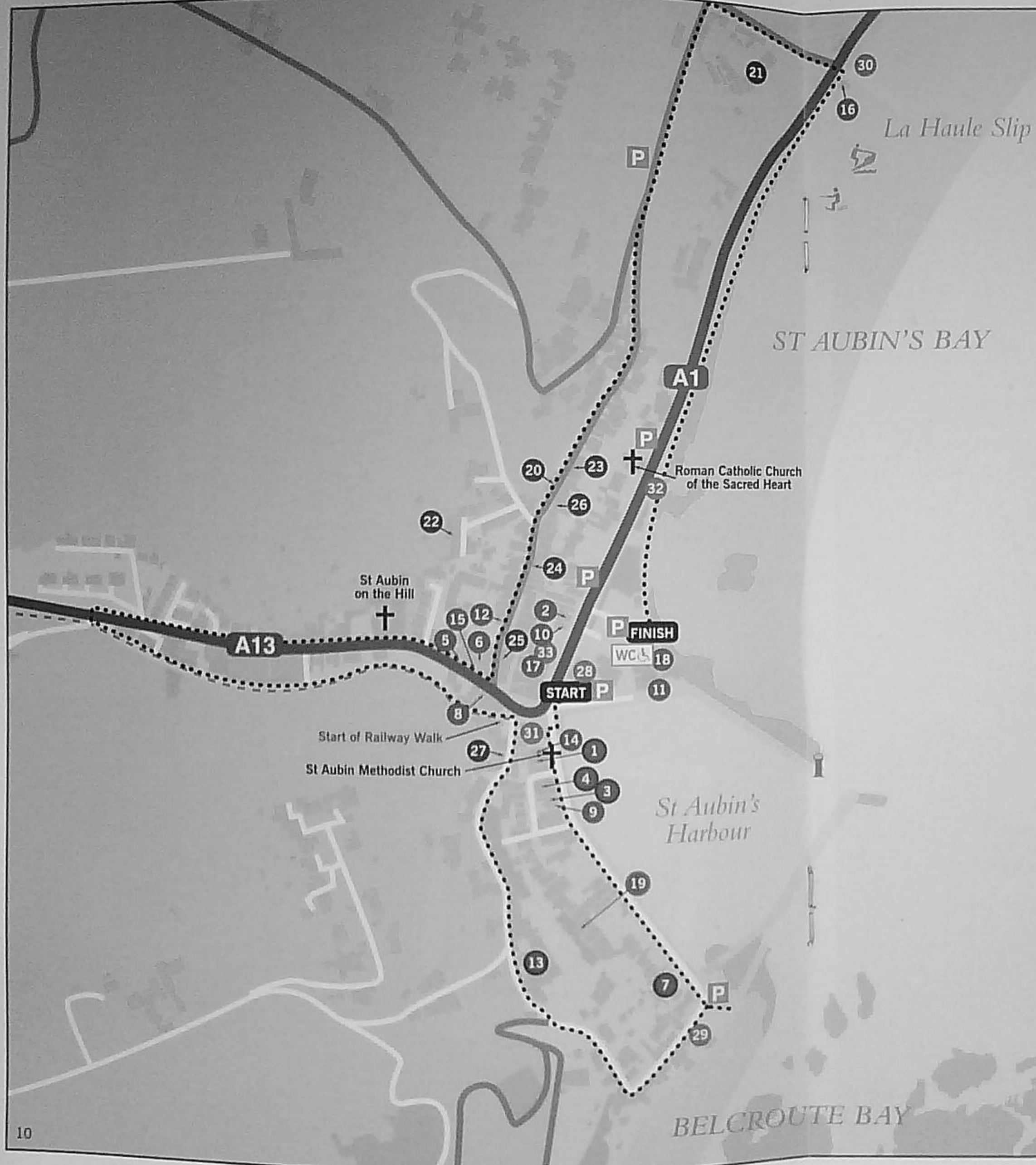
Guest Accommodation

- 1** Bon Viseur
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- St Aubin Walking Route
- - - Railway Walk
- Main Road
- 'B' Road
- Minor Road
- Green Lane



St Aubin's Fort

At the bottom of the steeply winding hill, **Mont du Boulevard**, is another merchant's house on the opposite corner to The Royal C.I. Yacht Club. The hill leads to the Somerville Hotel, and on up to Noirmont and Portelet. On the corner, Ivy House was once the home of photographer and artist Malcolm Arbuthnot whose distinctive work including sculpture can be seen in the Gallery at the Jersey Museum, St Helier. Note also the raised entrance steps and porch – many of St Aubin's houses have this feature to provide access to storage cellars underneath.

Follow the road to the right, behind the Somerville Hotel, to return to the centre of St Aubin via Market Hill (Rue au Moestre), and remember that this was once the only road and The Bulwarks stand where the tide line used to be! There are some narrow steps between the buildings on the right leading back down to the harbour. At the foot of the hill on the left is La Poste, where the Post Office was run by the Smith family for about 100 years. Today, Murray's – the internet café around the corner opposite the Parish Hall – provides modern communication.

Take the first left at the bottom of Market Hill and head up the Railway Track that runs parallel to the main road, Mont les Vaux. The wartime tunnels are now used for storage and are home

to Jersey Cycle Tours. Follow the pedestrianised track until you see a fine granite signpost. Opposite is the old Parish Elementary School which is now used as a private college teaching English as a second language to students from other parts of the world.

Cross over the road and follow the pavement down the hill back towards the harbour. Down the hill, on the left, is the church of St Aubin on the Hill, an elegant 'new' Anglican church built in 1892 as a replacement for the 18th century Chapel of Ease. Local merchants built it to save themselves the long journey over the hill to the Parish Church at St Brelade's Bay.

Note the windows; look for one in the tiny side chapel by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Sir Edward Burne-Jones and the large west window depicting the wedding feast at Cana by Henry Thomas Bosdet.

The road passes the old Harbour Pump dated 1862 where seafarers could collect water for their voyages and beyond the church, beside the main road, a granite stone records the site of the medieval watermill, Le Moulin Desgoutesplie.

Opposite is St Aubin's Institute, the gift of local magistrate Jurat Le Gros. The large date-stone of 1827 records the initials of former constable, Jacques Remon and his wife

Whether you visit this picturesque harbour village by day or by night, St Aubin will remind you that you're here for a good time.



Discover St Aubin's historic past

(Please see map centre pages)



Turn left at the Trafalgar Tavern, where Karl Marx once stayed, and into the High Street. Also called La Rue du Crocquet, it leads over the 'Crocquet', or promontory, that blocked off St Aubin from the east before the coast road was built in 1844. Many of the village's oldest houses are in this street.

Some of St Aubin's most famous sons and daughters were born or lived here including Charles Robin, one of the most successful merchants in the cod trade, Jean Janvrin, a formidable privateer and Jean Martel of brandy fame.

Continue up the hill where there is a superb viewing point at the top (notice the Victorian post-box, one of the first in the world, just beyond) and down to the main road.

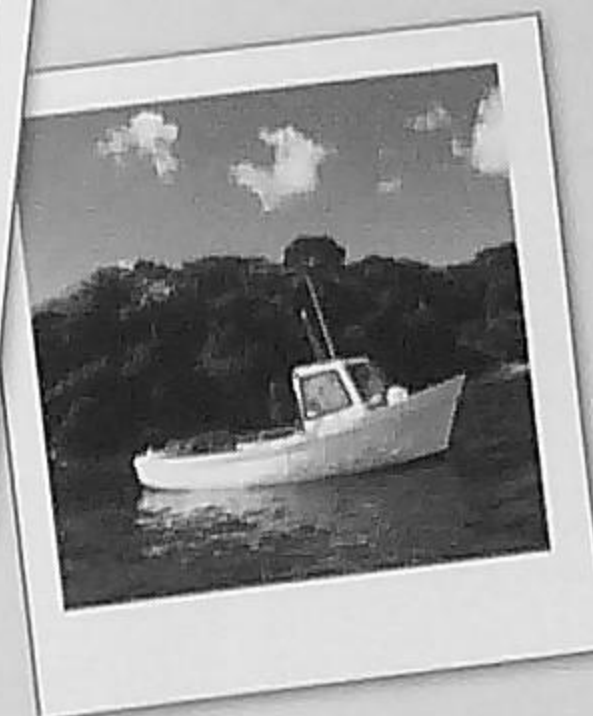
Turn right and cross the road with care. La Haule Manor Hotel, a former Seigneurie (the manor house of a feudal lord) of the estate of Francief is one of the oldest manors in the island and now a hotel. With the present house built in 1796, it has belonged to the same family since 1513 and was an ammunition store for St Aubin's fort in the 16th century. Lucas Bros, a busy farm shop and florist can be found behind the manor at La Haule Farm.

The hotel stands opposite a slipway with raised cobbles that gave horses grip when bringing cart-loads of seaweed from the beach. Called 'vraic', seaweed is still used to fertilise the fields. On the slipway is Crusoe's Cabin, a popular stop off for refreshments, and during the warmer months a variety of sea sports are offered by the Jersey Sea Sport Centre.

Take the promenade and follow the sea wall to The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart overlooking the bay. It takes its name from the school in St Aubin run by Belgian nuns a century ago. Built in the late 1930s of rose coloured granite, the stone mason Joseph Le Guyader created the design of the anchor beneath the clock face. This was an act of compassion when the battleship 'Graf Spee' was sunk in 1939.

It is difficult to imagine that the whole of the seafront, including the area of the Parish Hall was once the sea-shore. As time went by, land was reclaimed along the shore and used for ship-building, and then built up to create the road.

Continue to the Parish Hall and enjoy a refreshing drink or something to eat. See page 18 - 19.



Getting there

Parking

Parking is available in St Aubin and at various car parks close to the promenade starting at St Helier. Payment by paycards is required for parking wherever the paycard symbol is displayed. A parking disc may be used as an alternative in some parking areas and this should be set to show your arrival time. If you do not have a parking disc, which is reusable, you should use the scratch cards.

For further details pick up a copy of 'Parking and Driving in Jersey' from Jersey Tourism.

Bus

You'll find it easy to get around the island with the help of an excellent bus service. The public bus service offer a range of unlimited travel tickets that allow you to travel around the island on different buses.

For further information call
01534 877772 or go to www.mybus.je

Bus timetables are available for 50 pence from the bus terminus and from Jersey Tourism. The timetables include all route times and maps.

Le Petit Train

Tel: 07797 777199

A charming and unusual way of travelling between St Helier and St Aubin is "Le Petit Train", a comfortable and leisurely road train service along the promenade. Your trip follows the former 19th century train route and hugs the south coast of St Aubin's Bay. An informative and entertaining audio commentary introduces passengers to the folklore, heritage and environment of this stunning bay area.

The fascinating commentary and sound effects bring to life one of Jersey's most scenic routes and introduces not only sights of special interest but intriguing insights into Jersey's way of life.

Five trips daily from Liberation Square, St Helier or Parish Hall, St Aubin.

Taxis

A taxi company is based in the village, but there is no taxi rank in St Aubin. If you require a taxi, many of the restaurants, hotels and guest accommodation will be happy to arrange this for you upon request.



Accommodation

Hotels

Hotel La Tour

Grade ★ ★ ★
Tel: 743770
www.hotellatour.com

La Haule Manor Hotel

Grade ★ ★ ★ ★ (GA)
Tel: 741426

Old Court House Inn

Grade ★ ★
Tel: 746433
www.oldcourthousejersey.com

Somerville Hotel

Grade ★ ★ ★ ★
Tel: 741226
www.dolanhotels.com

Guest Accommodation

Bon Viveur

Tel: 741049
Grade ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.bonviveurjersey.com

Harbour View

Tel: 741585 Registered
www.harbourviewjersey.com

La Barca

Tel: 744275 Registered

Olanda

Tel: 742573
Grade ★ ★ (GA)
www.jerseyisland.com/staubin/olanda

Panorama

Tel: 742429
Grade ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.panoramajersey.com

Peterborough House

Tel: 741568
Grade ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.jerseyisland.com/staubin/peterborough

Sabots D'Or

Tel: 743732
Grade ★ ★ ★ ★ (GA)

St Magloire

Tel: 741302
Grade ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.jerseyisland.com/staubin/stmagloire

Porthole Cottage

Tel: 745007
Grade ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.porthole-cottage.com

Also nearby:

Au Caprice

Tel: 722083
Grade ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.aucapricejersey.com

Bryn-Y-Mor

Tel: 720295 Registered
www.hotel-jersey.co.uk

Lyndhurst

Tel: 720317
Grade ★ ★ ★ (GA)
www.lyndhurstguesthouse.com

Ocean Walk

Tel: 742163 Registered

GA = Guest Accommodation. Full accommodation details and explanations of grading available from Jersey Tourism.

Food and Drink

Restaurants

Bon Viveur

Tel: 741049

English and Continental cuisine with a reputation for locally caught fish and shell fish dishes.

Cheffins

Tel: 747118

An blend of classic and contemporary dishes to enjoy in the stylish interior or al fresco.

Harbour View

Tel: 747306

A seasonal menu with a wide range of fresh seafood and local produce reflecting the fusion between English and continental tastes.

Hotel La Tour

Tel: 743770

Offering innovative food using local produce with a fusion of wholesome English and Country French flavours.

La Barca

Tel: 744275

An intimate restaurant with an alfresco area overlooking the harbour, serving Mediterranean dishes, fresh fish and grilles.

Cataplana Restaurant

Tel: 747740

Espetadas, Bacalhau, Cataplanas (copper cooking pot) and a wide range of seafood and meat dishes are offered in this friendly Madeiran restaurant.

New Dynasty

Tel: 887299

Chinese cuisine offering seafood specialities including fresh lobster, sea-bass and crab.

Old Court House Inn

Tel: 746433

Choose from the Mizzen restaurant, which has large glass windows overlooking the harbour, or the Granite restaurant that dates back to 1611.

Pedro's

Tel: 745567

Using fresh local produce and seasonal specials, their menu includes homemade stone-baked pizza, pasta, salads and char-grills.

Salty Dog Bar & Bistro

Tel: 742760

Styled on New World Cuisine, a combination of seafood, poultry, meat, vegetables, herbs and spices create subtle and seductive flavours.

Shapla Indian Restaurant

Tel: 746495

This 'House of Traditional Indian Cuisine' is a well established, comfortable and popular Indian restaurant.

The Boat House Restaurant & Bar

Tel: 744226

A sensational vista and fabulous food combine to create a truly fine dining experience. A variety of the finest fresh Jersey fish headline their superb menus.

Le Village Deli House

Tel: 747014

Breakfast and light meals are a speciality in this pretty deli. Omelettes, galettes, salads, sandwiches and crepes served 09:00 - 12:00 every day (evenings Fri and Sat).

Tides Restaurant (Somerville Hotel)

Tel: 491910

Enjoy the exciting, contemporary cuisine in this award winning restaurant and bar overlooking the harbour.

Food and Drink

Pubs & Wine Bars

Old Court House Inn

Tel: 746433

St Aubin's Wine Bar

Tel: 746458

Tenby Bars

Tel: 741224

The Trafalgar

Tel: 741334

Café's

Crusoe's Cabin

Tel: 745797

Murray's

Tel: 747963

St Aubin's Café

Tel: 746860

Food in the Frame

(Harbour Gallery)

Tel: 743044



Places to visit and shop

The Harbour Gallery & Studios

Tel: 743044
www.mnlg.com

The Channel Island's largest selling and exhibiting gallery and also home of; Jersey Soap, 'Sew & Sew', 'Knit Wits' and Evolve designers fashions from Jersey. Talk to working artists in their studios and enjoy the ambience of a working gallery.

St Brelade's College

Tel: 741035
www.st-brelades-college.co.uk

English language school offering intensive courses, short refresher courses, English for Business and examination courses. The school also runs separate holiday courses for teenagers.

Checkers Xpress & Post Office

Tel: 743131
Convenience supermarket open 7 days a week.

St Brelade's Parish Hall

Tel: 741141

Jackson Yacht Services

Tel: 743819
Boat building and brokerage, fishing tackle, nautical clothing and fashion wear.

Peterborough Garage

Tel: 741286
Petrol, oil, accessories & paycards.

Lucas Bros. Farm Shop, La Haule Farm

Tel: 745199
Florist, Nursery and local produce.

Hair & Beauty

Beauty Matters

Tel: 747045
Hair & Beauty treatments.

Portside Studio

Tel: 747908
Hair & Beauty treatments.

Matisse Hair & Beauty Studio

Tel: 741731
Haute coiffure, perfumery, & boutique.

Clothing

Flaunt

Tel: 745541
Ladies fashion wear.

Wild N Woolly

Tel: 745809
Woman's clothing ranging from casual to cocktail wear.

For further information visit

www.jersey.com

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