



Pix in Brief

CI success and community partnerships



1. NEXT GENERATION IT

Next Generation IT has teamed up with the Guernsey Community Foundation to offer its Office Anywhere cloud-based server infrastructure for free.

‘The Foundation promotes effective philanthropy, and so any assistance Next Generation IT provides them will have an exponentially positive impact on the local community as it allows them to focus their time and money on encouraging volunteering and supporting other local charities locally,’ said Next Generation IT director Jason Connolly, pictured with GCF chief executive Dave Chilton.

The firm already provides IT support to a number of other charitable organisations.

2. SKIPTON

The Skipton Art Series 2015 in Jersey has attracted a strong response from artists and the development of new collaborations. The Series will have at least 16 new and emerging artists participating in this year’s planned events and 15 collaborative projects including work with charities, schools and community groups.

Skipton Art Series was launched this year to encompass the Skipton Open Studios, as well as additional visual art events throughout the year, and is sponsored for the next two years.

‘We are delighted to support the Skipton Art Series and play a part in stimulating and encouraging local artist collaboration and creativity. The plans for 2015 are very exciting indeed and it is good to see artists wholeheartedly embracing the concept,’ said Skipton International managing director Jim Coupe.

One of the projects include Les P’tits Faïtchieaux, where artists have created thousands of small clay figures at La Hougue Bie to be fired in a pit oven on site, and the public are invited to make figures too for an exhibition on the site later this year.

3. CANACCORD GENUITY WEALTH MANAGEMENT

St Martin’s School, playing as England, lifted both the senior and junior cups at this year’s Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management Annual Schools’ Tag Rugby Festival, which was run as ‘mini World Cup’.

The festival saw more than 400 primary school children take part representing their school, each of which was allocated a country. Trophies and medals were presented by Chris Colclough, head of portfolio management at Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management and players from the Guernsey first XV, St Jacques and the Guernsey women’s team.

‘It was fantastic to see so many children enjoying the sport as well as a great turnout of supporters to cheer them on,’ said rugby development officer Steve Melbourne.

4. VOISIN & VOLAW

Wetwheels Jersey, the charity that provides maritime experiences for disabled and disadvantaged people in Jersey from a specially-built catamaran, is launching a new education programme this year thanks to the support of local law firm Voisin and trust company Volaw.

The Voisin and Volaw education programme includes learning about marine biology and conservation, local heritage and the island’s geography – all from the sea and with the assistance of local experts.

‘Corporate social responsibility is high on our agenda at Voisin and Volaw and we have run vital campaigns over the years,’ said Georgina Jeffries, head of marketing, Voisin and Volaw. ‘Moving our focus to Wetwheels is a natural progression for us as it extends our reach to all ages.’

5. GOLDMONEY

There was lots of hopping, skipping and chocolate eating at the third annual Grace Crocker Bunny Run. Teams of bunnies, supported by staff at GoldMoney, visited nurseries and schools across Jersey and raised an estimated £2,500 for the charity, which supports families travelling to the UK for treatment for seriously ill children.

The event is sponsored by GoldMoney and organised by the company’s Chief financial officer, Pete Wright, and his wife Rachel. 16 schools and nurseries signed up.

Geoff Turk, chief executive officer, GoldMoney said: ‘As a company we thoroughly enjoyed helping Pete and the Grace Crocker Foundation, not only through sponsorship, but Pete’s colleagues got into the spirit of it all and dressed up as bunnies or helped in the support crew. This fantastic initiative has raised well over £9,000 over the three years.’

6. SURE

Sure has become a corporate partner for the Jersey Student Business Challenge alongside Barclays, EY and Ogier. The Jersey Student Business Challenge this year has seen 10 teams of students from Grainville and a further 10 teams from JCG start up and run their own businesses with an initial investment of £100. Each team is supported by a mentor from the partner firms, with the winners announced in May.

‘The Challenge underpins Sure’s commitment to Jersey’s grass roots development by giving local 11 to 16-year-old students a unique insight into business and project management. We have been really impressed with the students’ ideas and enthusiasm in this year’s competition and are looking forward to getting involved next year,’ said Sure’s head of commercial operations, Lisa McLauchlan.

