

Focus



● Six-year-old Marnie Jeal at the centenary Rocquaine Regatta celebrations.

(1006618)

A YEAR PICTURE

We've said goodbye to 2010 and welcome 2011. **Aimee Le Cocq** looks back on the year and remembers the stories that made the year special.

LAST year saw some major events take place in the island and the Globe was there to cover them all. The end of the decade saw the 65th anniversary of the Liberation of Guernsey and the biggest celebrations to date. It was also the 100th anniversary of the Rocquaine Regatta and that meant another massive party. In February, design firm Gravity Engineering was in the island to find out from local BMXers and skaters what they wanted their proposed new skatepark to look like. They held a drop-in and took away with them many ideas. Following years of campaigning, a permanent skatepark at Beau Sejour was given the go-ahead. But £200,000 is still needed to fund the project. On 7 April, former Radio 1 presenter Mark Radcliffe was in the island to sign his book, Thank You For the Days, at the Press Shop. During his visit he played a gig with his folk rock band, Family Mahone, at the Fermain Tavern.

May 9 saw the island's Liberation Day celebrations those held to mark the anniversary in 2005. The cavalcade along the floats and 100 military vehicles take to the streets. The islanders and visitors from the Town to mark the occasion. Naval Air Squadrons 846 flew over the island. 1,200 people took part in Guernsey Sings at Na. In July, the Greenman Festival was held at P. UK punk bands [spun] Spit Like This played local acts Brutus Stone Minutes 2 Late. August saw the centenary Rocquaine Regatta. St. Marnie Jeal graced the Globe on 4 August. Around 2,000 people gathered for the event, which was an uncharacteristically busy day. Matthew Le Maitre was cover star in October. Scouts attempted to break a world record. The group collected 80,000 20p coins in a line in an attempt to

View and buy pictures online at [www.globe.co.uk](#)



● On Liberation Day, 1,200 people took part in Guernsey Sings.

(0966796)



● The Liberation Day cavalcade included 100 military vehicles.

(0966493)

R IN RES...

welcomed in a new decade.
e past 12 months and
e headlines...

's biggest
ations since
e 60th

saw 24
y vehicles
housands of
flocked to
asion.
771 and
and and
art in
orth Beach.
n Chaos
leinmont.
ge] and
alongside
efish and 2

ary of the
ix-year-old
e cover of
ust, on stilts.
turned out
was held on
y sunny

as our
when local
break a
up laid
a mile-long
break the

world record time for doing so. Unfortunately, their two hours, 25 minutes and 38 seconds was not quick enough. But they weren't too disappointed – they still managed to raise lots of cash to help pay for less-affluent Scouts around the world to attend a Jamboree in Sweden. November became Movember in Guernsey, with island men binning the razor and growing facial hair in the name of charity. The event raised money for and awareness of prostate cancer. One group of men taking part were 18 staff at Beau Sejour. Senior recreation assistant Paul Jones went a step further and promised to have his waxed off at the end of the month if £1,000 had been raised, which it was. But when the facial waxing proved problematic, he had his back done instead. Another major charity event was the Santa Fun Run in December. Two hundred people donned red and white costumes and ran from L'Anresse to Town to raise money for Aid Reaching Children.

www.thisisguernsey.com.



● UK rockers Spit Like This were among the acts who played the Greenman Chaos Festival in July.



● Scouts tried – and failed – to set a new world record time for laying a mile of 20p coins. (1035191)



● Plans were drawn up and approved for a new skatepark at Beau Sejour – this year will see fund-raising efforts kick into gear. (1066885)



● The ever-popular Santa Fun Run took place last month. (1070879)



● November became Movember for prostate cancer awareness. (1055894)