

November

Catch up with Mark “the fish” le Riche.

St Aubin is following the trend of virtually every village or shopping centre in preparing for the Christmas season. The Christmas lights and decorations are being dusted off, checked over and prepared to transform the normal, or should I say, freshly renovated look of the village into a Christmas themed showcase.

The parish officials are not alone in preparing for the Christmas period as Mark is enthusiastic to continue his tradition of raising funds for his favourite charities by dressing in his now familiar outfits of story or historic characters and “shaking a bucket” around the village.

Serious fund raising takes both time and effort of which many of us shire away from being as dedicated in giving of oneself so sacrificially. The RNLI recently recognised the splendid contribution that Mark has made toward supporting the RNLI over many years and invited him to a presentation and tour of the local RNLI all weather lifeboat and shore based facilities. Mark had a great time and felt that he was the privileged one whereas he, along with many others, are a community of supporters and volunteers that willingly give of themselves to help others.

Fishing has not featured highly in Mark’s activities during the month as beach netting, below the half tide mark, has been hampered by the continued presence of large amounts of seaweed being caught in the net. Hopefully, December will prove to be a more productive month.