

During April Mark ventured out boat fishing for the first time this season. Just a few miles out from L'Etacquerel a "polly" box was filled with a large amount of whiting, several mackerel and a number of snipe. Mark anticipates that by early May the larger whiting will have moved to their breeding grounds further north. However, the presence of snipe indicates that the mackerel will shortly be returning to local waters in large shoals from the middle of May.

The popular spots for catching bream south of the "Demie" and south-west of La Corbière should make for some exciting fishing during May and early June. His advise to me was to try and get out before the French Beam Trawlers take the larger fish. "Don't wait until you see the distinctive vessels at work or you will be too late. It only takes the Beam Trawlers a few days to sweep the best fish from the fishery".

Mark's other interests of Petanque and Kite flying have been keeping him busy, when not fishing, during the first few days of the month.

As part of the 140th celebrations of the building of the La Corbière lighthouse Mark was flying his Slay kites from the lighthouse causeway with a diverse selection of flags of local interest. Despite having sore muscles from the marathon kite flying he when on the following day to compete in the "Jersey Open Petanque" finals held at the Les Quennevais pitch.

Stemming from Mark's interest in Petanque and with all the revisions taking place in St Aubin's village, Mark is passionate that these should include a Petanque pitch. Anyone that may share his interest in pursuing such a scheme should get in contact with him on [01534 742612](tel:01534742612).