

Torteval constable Sue Aldwell with Frank Le Cheminant and his cattle in the Glebe fields next to the parish church.
(Picture by Adrian Miller, 27175298)



Cattle grace fields in front of church again

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2020 there will also be the 75th anniversary of the Liberation Party on 16 May. Mr Le Cheminant said he would work around those

commitments. The fields would be cut for silage and it was likely that any cattle would be in there for three months during the summer.

Since the start of the year, Mr Le Cheminant has been a parish douzenier. He said he was first approached about being one about three or four years ago but was too busy at the time.

'I've always been interested in it and it's something that's just happened,' he said.

Mrs Aldwell said the douzaine was an eclectic mix of people who brought a diversity of skills to the table and they were delighted when the only farmer in the parish decided to join.

'His knowledge of the parish by working the land for many years is second to none and on joining us brings a wealth of experience and understanding of parish agriculture matters,' she said.

CATTLE are grazing the glebe fields again for the first time in about 10 years.

Farmer Frank Le Cheminant has operated from the nearby Smithfield Farm for some 15 years and his herd currently consists of 119 cows and 72 heifers.

Constable Sue Aldwell said they were informed last summer that the tenant of the glebe fields had decided not to continue the arrangement and would hand back the agreement at the end of December.

'The douzaine approached Frank as he rents other fields from the parish and he agreed to take on the fields when they became available at the market rent,' she said.

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Each year the glebe fields are used for parking at the annual Scarecrow Festival and for