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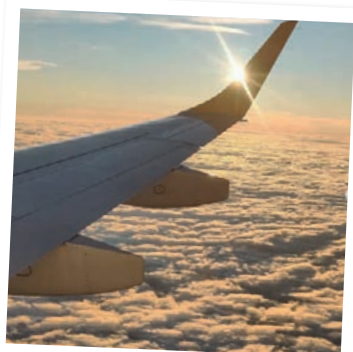
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its scheduled services



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2020**

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the Isle of Man



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and Guernsey



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short-haul airline
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ADDED**

OK, it's not the easiest of names – pronounced **Or-ree-nee** – but it's certainly one that islanders are proud of. 'Aurigny' is the Norman name for Alderney, the northern island in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, where Aurigny Air Services was launched in 1968.

Aurigny has been serving the Channel Islands for over 50 years and is owned by the States of Guernsey.

OUR DESTINATIONS

FROM GUERNSEY

- ALDERNEY
- BIRMINGHAM
- BRISTOL
- DUBLIN
- EAST MIDLANDS†
- EXETER
- GRENoble†
- LEEDS BRADFORD†
- LONDON GATWICK
- MALAGA†
- MANCHESTER
- SOUTHAMPTON

FROM ALDERNEY

- GUERNSEY
- SOUTHAMPTON

† Seasonal route

Look out for additional destinations for short breaks being added throughout 2022.

Direct flights to Ibiza, Madrid, Prague, Porto, Nice, Mallorca, Barcelona and Edinburgh already on sale.

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OUR FLEET

Aurigny currently has a fleet of six aircraft serving the network.

We introduced our flagship Jet, an Embraer 195, in July 2014 to service the Guernsey-Gatwick route. The twinjet aircraft is the largest aircraft in the fleet, with a capacity of 122 passengers.

Three ATRs also help to serve our UK and European destinations. The newest additions are three brand-new ATR 72-600 aircraft which Aurigny took delivery of at the end of 2019. Each came fitted with a contemporary cabin design which introduced the latest standards of comfort, offering more space for luggage in overhead bins and providing passengers with 18" wide seats.

We took delivery of our second New Generation Dornier 228 in 2017, to serve the Alderney routes.



Embraer 195

NUMBER IN FLEET 1

BUILT Sao Jose Dos Campos, Brazil

ENGINES

2 x General Electric CF34-10E7 Turbofans

MAXIMUM SPEED 542 knots (624 mph)

PASSENGERS CARRIED 122

RANGE 2,500 miles (4,023 km)



ATR 72-600

NUMBER IN FLEET 3

BUILT Toulouse, France

ENGINES

2 x Pratt & Whitney PW-127 M Turboprops

MAXIMUM SPEED 276 knots (318 mph)

PASSENGERS CARRIED 72

RANGE 1,023 miles (1,646 km)



Dornier 228NG

NUMBER IN FLEET 2

BUILT Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany

ENGINES

2 x Garrett TPE331-10 Turboprops

MAXIMUM SPEED 223 knots (257 mph)

PASSENGERS CARRIED 19

RANGE 350 miles (563 km)



WELCOME ABOARD!

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Thank you for flying with Aurigny today. Wherever you are heading, I hope your flight is comfortable and our crew assists you with making your flight an enjoyable experience. Please do not hesitate to ask them should you need any assistance during your flight.

This summer really has been a delight. With endless long days and superb weather, it has been the perfect combination of the archetypal long, hot, and fun summer. The beauty of the Bailiwick is that you are never too far from finding a piece of secluded paradise all to yourself - with more than 27 beaches and coves, visitors and locals alike are truly spoilt for choice. Talking of islands, this time a little further afield yet close to home, we welcomed Love Islands' Andrew Le Page and Tasha Ghouri to Guernsey to celebrate Pride in September. A hugely popular event with thousands of people participating, this year, for the first time, our very own contingent of Aurigny cabin crew and staff, representing our airline, took part. Well done to everyone involved; Pride gets bigger and better each and every year.

We are delighted to be returning to Grenoble this season. In around two hours from Guernsey, you can enjoy the white powder of the Alps. Conveniently located, Grenoble allows access to some of the area's best ski resorts with a choice of the spectacular three valleys, Courchevel, Val d'Isère and the renowned Espace Killy.

Whether you ski or prefer the après ski, Grenoble is certainly a destination for everyone. Please check out our travel guide on page 40.

For the ultimate winter wonderland and Christmas cheer, please do not miss out on our article covering the UK's excellent Christmas Markets (page 56). With markets in Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Southampton, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Winchester, you will be spoilt for choice. And of course, don't forget the complete Christmas extravaganza of Hyde Park Winter Wonderland. If you have never been, I highly recommend you add it to your bucket list of things still to do.

Autumn and winter are favourite seasons for many. Even if you prefer it warmer, you probably still appreciate some of this time of year's delights - perhaps a peaceful weekend at home while the others head off to one of the many pantomimes and shows on offer. We hope Aurigny helps connect you to whatever magical moments you have planned this season, whether it be enjoying the festivities, visiting friends, or exploring somewhere new.

Wherever your journey takes you today, I hope you have a pleasant flight and thank you for choosing to fly with Aurigny - we look forward to welcoming you on board again in the near future.

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO EUROPEAN TOP SPOTS

As the summer draws to a close we are thrilled to have flown direct services to more European destinations this year than ever before and there will be more in November and December.

Over 1,000 Guernsey people have been able to visit Palma, Malaga, Porto, Prague, Barcelona, Glasgow, Madrid and Nice over the summer months avoiding transiting the UK. Watch out for further news as we reveal plans for more flights in the years ahead.



Barcelona



Prague



Madrid



Porto



Mallorca



AURIGNY ON DISPLAY AT THE NORTH SHOW

We were pleased to be part of the North Show Battle of Flowers in August where our Aurigny team had Junior Joey and our Aurigny Deckchair on display, which drew

crowds over both of the days, and we collected donations for our chosen charities of 2022, Guernsey Hard of Hearing and Alderney Cancer Relief.



PROUD TO PLAY A PART

Aurigny employees were delighted to participate in their first Channel Islands Pride this year. Aurigny cabin crew and pilots delighted the crowds, distributing rainbow paper windmills, balloons, sweets and soft drinks from our inflight service trolleys in Market Street, of St Peter Port.

Aurigny's slogan was 'Proud' and our team couldn't have been prouder to be part of the event.

CELEBRITIES IN SEPTEMBER



Andrew Le Page and Natasha Ghouri

In September we were delighted to welcome on board Andrew Le Page and Natasha Ghouri from the TV series Love Island, Andrew comes from Guernsey so it was very special to welcome him on board our flight on his first trip home after he left the villa and for him to show Natasha around his home of Guernsey.



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AURIGNY BEHIND THE SCENES

EUAN GREGG DORNIER 228 FIRST OFFICER

“ I have been with the company for just over two years. I was lucky enough to start flying here in May 2020 at the start of the pandemic. ”

What are your hobbies outside of work?

I have gone through a range of sports in the last few years, but at the moment I am focusing on fencing and running. I also enjoy spending time with friends and my girlfriend outside of work. I've found the fleet to have a great social scene.

What is your proudest moment?

My proudest moment was when I passed my Instrument Rating exam during my flight training. After years of work I had finally become a professional (and more importantly, employable!) pilot. I was also immensely proud of my Dad on his wedding day in 2017.

What would a perfect day look like?

A perfect working day in aviation? No such thing! But ideally I'd start the morning with a coffee with my girlfriend and a few friends at 'Coco' by my place in St Peter Port before a quick swim in Havelet Bay or the chilly bathing pools! I'll then get ready with the TV on before heading to work for

a mid-afternoon report for my afternoon's flying to Southampton and Alderney. If all goes well, I'll fly six times through the afternoon with a mate, filled with plenty of sunny visual approaches taking in views of Herm and Sark. On a nice summer day, I really could convince myself I am flying a Dornier around the Caribbean. If all goes to plan I'll be home for 7pm just in time to head out for a quick run while it's still warm before dinner. The perfect end to the day would probably be with a drink in hand somewhere in town as the sun goes down over the boats on Albert Pier.

What is your favourite holiday destination?

I have always loved travelling to the USA, but if I had a favourite I'd have to say Charleston in South Carolina. The weather, people and laid back atmosphere make it a great place to relax or have a bit of fun taking part in a lot of unique outdoor activities in the heat.

What was the last book you read?

I last read 'Warlord' which follows the history of Libya since the Arab

Spring under its new political system and government.

Do you have a favourite TV programme or series and film?

Top Gun 'Maverick' has recently taken my top spot! TV wise I always love binge watching a series but we also like to sit down in the evening and rewatch something easy going like 'How I Met Your Mother' or 'Superstore' just to switch off for a couple of hours.

What is your favourite part of Guernsey?

The social scene here has been really amazing. I've met people from all walks of life and have made a lot of friends for life. It's lovely to have all your mates in such close proximity. The ability to reach a variety of different islands and beaches within a few minutes has also allowed me to explore a lot. I'm yet to visit Sark but that's next on the list. During the summer it is very much like living on a holiday with some fun flying thrown in.

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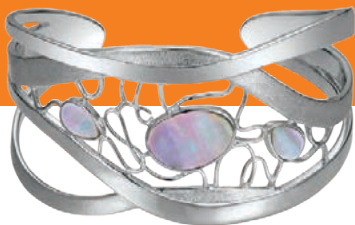




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Handheld devices, such as tablets, e-readers and mobile phones, may be used during all phases of the flight, provided the 'flight safe' mode is enabled before departure. Larger devices must be safely secured in hand luggage during taxi, take-off and landing, either in the overhead locker or under the seat in front of you. Any device that transmits or receives communications but does not have a flight safe mode must be switched off from doors closed to doors open.

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ARE THERE ANY TIMES I CANNOT USE MY HANDHELD DEVICES?

Under certain circumstances your flight or cabin crew will ask that all electronic devices be switched off, for example, during refuel operations. This will be announced over the PA.

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Personal headphones can be used for some stages of the flight and may be attached to your personal device. We ask that customers remove their headphones whenever the seat belt signs are illuminated during the taxi, take-off and landing phases and during the safety demonstration.

CAN I USE A REMOTE POWER PACK?

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*Electronic devices can only be used on the ATR and Embraer E195 aircraft. Unfortunately they cannot be used on the Dornier.

BAGGAGE ADVICE FOR PASSENGERS



Always secure a tag onto your baggage containing key contact details, including where you will be staying.



Insert a sheet of paper into your bag with key personal details, such as your name, contact details, flight numbers and address of where you will be staying.



Carry any essential items, such as money and medication, with you on the flight.



Customise the look of your bag to make it easier to identify.



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ON BOARD

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1. Follow crew member instructions promptly
2. Respect crew members and fellow passengers
3. Behave in a safe and appropriate manner
4. Refrain from endangering the safety of the aircraft or its occupants

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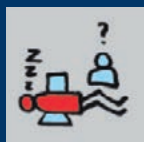
Assaulting, intimidating, threatening a crew member or passenger



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Engaging in or displaying any indecent or lewd behaviour



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LIVING THE DREAM

GUERNSEY HAMPER COMPANY OWNER CHANTAL RAUTENBACH SPEAKS TO AMANDA EULENKAMP ABOUT HER BESPOKE BUSINESS

Our interview begins with Chantal admitting that she is 'absolutely obsessed' by local products, adding that Guernsey produces so many different things locally that it is amazing for such a small place.

We meet in a café, during the hottest August on record. When I arrive, Chantal is busy on her computer, processing orders for the busy season ahead.

'Christmas has started for me already,' she smiles, telling me that she has already had corporates who ordered last year contact her for their orders for this year. Indeed, seven of her delivery days in the run-up to Christmas are full.

A trained chef who studied law at university, Chantal worked for a number of years in hospitality in Guernsey when she first moved to the island from her home country, South Africa. In 2017, she was a member of the Taste Guernsey committee, which during her time was rebranded to 'Eat, Drink and Be Local'. Those who have visited the foodie Seafront Sundays that run during the summer months in St Peter Port will be familiar with the logo.

'It was incredible,' she says. 'We had international chefs come over and cook, using our local produce. On those Sundays

I got to meet some amazing people, not only in the food and drink industry, but also local craftspeople.'

As a single mum, Chantal needed work with more flexibility, and two years ago started thinking seriously about the Guernsey Hamper Company. What had begun as a Christmas pop up shop 'on a whim' in 2020 went so well that Chantal says she 'absolutely had to do it'.

From then, her business – supplying hampers packed full of locally produced or sourced items – has gone from strength to strength.

As well as the food and drink items that you would expect a chef to include, Chantal's hamper items include beauty and wellbeing products, and 'loads of candles'. Sourcing items from the other islands in the Bailiwick, such as sea salt from Alderney and chocolates from Sark, is something she enjoys. On a recent trip to Sark she discovered two new suppliers. One makes pottery, and bespoke soap dishes for the soaps that Chantal sells will soon be included in her hampers.

She's also just created her own range, 'Living the Dream', which includes products made by local craftspeople that are unique to Chantal.

'I like to stand out from other people as I like my producers to make things that nobody else has,' she says.

So, why has she chosen to call her range 'Living the Dream'?

'It's been my mantra for the last five or six years,' she explains. 'I just feel that we wake up every morning and so many of us have had so many burdens in life, so I decided one day that if I didn't wake up and be positive about everything, then life was going to be miserable.'

'Some days I say "living the dream" with sarcasm – but I say it all the time!'

Chantal's daughter designed a logo for her at school, and the bespoke range, which started with a couple of candles, will be expanded to initially include chocolates and beauty products.



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'I want to encourage local producers to make new products as well, and just say to them that there is a market to sell them. It doesn't have to be mass productions, just little bits and pieces from everybody that will be put together.'

One trend she is seeing is that people are increasingly asking her to create the hampers for them. 'They'll contact me and ask me to put something together for £50 or £100. I love doing this as it gives me space to be creative.' It has also led to her starting a range called 'My Box Gifts', where she will put two or three things together in a box to give people ideas.

She has ranges for women and children and is expanding the men's range as she finds more and more products to include. Coming from a food background, one of her favourite things is her apron - complete with an outline map of Guernsey - and the range of hot chocolate stirrers.

'I'm obsessed with them! I've got 12 in the range so far and am designing two more for Christmas.'

With sustainability firmly in her mind, Chantal sources her hampers from the UK and is investigating how to recycle them once they've been used. She also uses jute bags and navy kraft bags, which can be recycled.

Her workshop, where she and her daughter (when not at school) pack the hampers by hand, is stuffed full of goodies. Chantal aims for a 48 - 72 hour turnaround from receiving the order to delivering the hamper, but admits that it is not always possible to have everything in stock all the time, especially with food items. 'I'll always try and replace the item and so far nobody has questioned it or complained,' she says.

Corporate orders, especially at Christmas time, are big business for her and, while she has previously delivered the goods herself in her small electric van, this year she is in discussions to outsource the delivery aspect of the process.

'I will need to expand at some stage,' she says, adding that the next thing on her to-do list is to work with more small local businesses. 'Some goods, such as wine and champagne, are not produced in Guernsey, but if I can source them locally, then that's helping me and I'm supporting them.'

GUERNSEY TEA COMPANY



Chantal lived in China for four years, teaching English as a foreign language, as well as setting up a tequila bar complete with 54 tequilas! While there, she became fascinated by tea and has now designed her own range, each

with a name reflecting something about Guernsey.

EARL GREY – Inspired by the Governor from 1797 to 1807, Charles Grey, 1st Earl Grey, who was also the father to the 2nd Earl Grey, after whom Earl Grey Tea is named.

ENGLISH ROYAL BLEND – Inspired by our island being a Crown Dependency. In the Channel Islands the Queen is known as the Duke of Normandy. At official functions, islanders raise the loyal toast to 'La Reine, notre Duc' or 'The Duke of Normandy, our Queen'.

CREAM CARAMEL – Inspired by the famous Guernsey cows that produce the sumptuous Guernsey milk used in cream caramel fudge.

GIN & TONIC – Inspired by our industrious gin industry that has evolved over the last few years, with numerous different blends being created on our island.

GUNPOWDER GREEN – Inspired by the German occupation of our beautiful island from 30 June 1940 until it was liberated on 9 May 1945. Numerous artillery positions built by the Germans are still visible on the island today.

RUM – Inspired by the stories of smuggling on our island. The late 17th century saw smuggling take place on a large scale. Guernsey warehouses were filled with brandy, wine, rum, and tobacco, all in high demand and taxed in England.

NEW FLAVOURS:

MARMALADE – Inspired by Keiller's marmalade that was made on the island between 1857 and 1879 to escape the duties on sugar and to keep their recipes secret.

GORSE – Inspired by the scent of gorse that covers our cliffpaths in Guernsey (however, there won't be any actual gorse, it is all about the scent and aroma!).



LA SABLONNERIE



Established in 1948, La Sablonnerie retains the characteristics of an old farmhouse built some 400 years ago and is situated on the lovely island of Sark in the Channel Islands.

La Sablonnerie is owned and managed by Elizabeth Perrée. Guests return year after year to recapture the beauty of the island and to enjoy the excellent cuisine, wine, cosiness and friendliness that are evident at the hotel.

Of course, being so close to the sea, freshly caught fish and famous Sark lobsters are popular specialities of the hotel. La Sablonnerie has been featured in the Which? hotel guide as 'the place to stay in the Channel Islands', and also received the highly coveted award from Condé Nast Johansen - Small Hotel of the Year as well as being nominated as their Most Romantic Hotel and now Les Routiers' Hotel of the Year Award. Needless to say, you have to visit to find out exactly what everyone is talking about.

Arrive by ferry or private boat, horse and carriage or just Shanks' pony to enjoy the charm of La Sablonnerie, a hotel of rare quality situated in the southern part of Sark, even more beautiful, remote and romantic than the rest. Nestled in gorgeous gardens, a haven for lovers of peace and tranquillity, birds, butterflies and flowers. How could one not enjoy this amazing paradise? A stepping stone to heaven, even if you just arrive for one of their glorious cream teas or a lobster salad in the garden.

Guests gather in the bar or the rose- and lavender-scented

garden for a cocktail or a glass of Champagne before dining. The bar with its roaring log fire is a convivial meeting place. After dining, guests return to the bar to sit and converse with each other. Some guests take advantage of Little Sark as the perfect place for a moonlit walk or simply gazing at star-studded skies. Sark offers exceptional star-gazing due to its lack of light pollution.

Sark is how life used to be, it is like stepping back into an Enid Blyton book - what dreams are made of, but still having the modern luxuries.

La Sablonnerie is a hotel of rare quality situated in a time warp of simplicity on the tiny, idyllic Channel Island of Sark, where no motor cars are allowed and life ambles along at a peaceful, unhurried pace. The hotel has an enviable reputation for its superb food and wines; local butter, fresh cream, meat, fruit and vegetables which, where possible, are sourced from the hotel's own farm and gardens. The hotel accommodation is very clean and comfortable and totally geared to unhurried relaxation.

It has a strong international clientele who visit regularly. It is like having friends to stay, and of course, picking up a string of awards and accolades is terrific.

The hotel has been extended and discreetly modernised to provide 22 rooms, each individual in style

and décor, including a delightful Honeymoon Suite. Immaculate comfort, lovely linen, fresh flowers and fruit. Excellent food and service, with ample staff who are courteous and a joy to be with, creating lots of fun and real joie de vivre for everyone.

The hotel's motto is 'Nothing is impossible at La Sablonnerie - the show must go on - and everything must be tickety-boo'.

Q&A with Elizabeth Perrée

If you weren't a Hotel Owner/Manager, what would you have been?

I honestly do not know, probably an interior designer or an actress.

Which hotelier do you most admire?

Raymond Blanc.

Describe your business in five words:

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Beach Guide

Guernsey has a beach and a bay for everyone. Here we discover Rocquaine Bay.



ROCQUAINE BAY

You might expect a vast, sandy beach like Rocquaine to be overrun by swarms of sun-seekers in the summer months, but in fact this tends to be one of the quieter bays on this side of the island. As a result it packs a lot more for the discerning beach-goer than many places further up the west coast.

Visually dominated by Fort Grey – with its distinctive white top, one of Guernsey's most iconic landmarks – Rocquaine has plenty to offer no matter what the tides are doing. With an enormous expanse of sand and an abundance of rock pools, it's the very model of a family beach.

As one end of the island's largest bay, the beach boasts panoramic views of L'Eree and Lihou Island to the north and, out to sea, the Hanois Lighthouse. Rising imperiously out of the depths, the tower has weathered countless storms down the years and stands as imperturbably today as it did when it first became operational in 1862. Before automatisation in 1996, it was permanently manned by a lighthouse keeper. He must have had some great views.

Rocquaine's quiet existence owes as much to its lack of amenities as anything else, but with the Portelet kiosk in easy reach it need not be a deal-breaker. The upside is that you'll have the

beach mostly to yourself. Except, that is, on one Saturday in mid-summer, when Rocquaine enjoys its day in the spotlight with the annual Rocquaine Regatta, a quintessentially 'Guernsey' affair of raft races, beanjar, live music and all-night revelry.

Optimum Tide Low, coming up

Best Feature The wide open spaces

Taken from Guernsey Beach Guide.

WINTER WALKING

In the cooler months, wrap up warm and take a walk across Rocquaine and along the coastal path to the Fairy Ring, also known as the Table des Pions, at Pleinmont. A circular ditch cut into the grass, edged with large stones, superstition has that if you walk around it three times and make a wish, the wish is supposed to come true. In reality, it was used as a dug-out picnic bench of sorts by island officials when inspecting roads and coastal defences up until 1837.

WILD WINTER SWIMMING

Cold water swimming has lots of fans, with individuals reporting lowered stress levels, clarity of mind and boosted immune system. But you need to be prepared:

1. Make sure you are warm before and after your swim - bring lots of warm clothing and a hot drink with you.
2. Go into the sea slowly and feet first to let your body adjust, taking care when you are entering the water to keep your breathing under control before you begin to swim.
3. Dry off quickly and get into your layers to let yourself warm up slowly.
4. Don't stay in for too long!
5. Make sure to check the conditions before you head out.

Thanks to Visit Guernsey

Fort Grey is open every day until 30 October 10am – 4pm

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DOGS ON BEACHES



Richmond beach winter ban (between 1 October and 30 April)

Richmond Beach has its own classification as 'voluntary ban' throughout the winter. This means that even though it is legal to take your dog on this beach it is a very important site for the declining wading bird populations. Dogs should be kept away from Vazon south in the winter to protect wildlife.

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STOCKS HOTEL AND SARK

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Q. How has 2022 been for Sark and Stocks Hotel so far?

A. Following two challenging years, 2022 has been great. We have welcomed a combination of new visitors and returning guests who have enjoyed the unique natural beauty and traditional tranquillity of the island. In 2022 more cafés and restaurants opened on the island, or were under new management, and there were new shops in The Avenue. This all provided more variety for visitors. For Stocks, as with the entire hospitality industry, there were staffing challenges which resulted in our having to carefully manage the volume of business that we did to ensure that quality was maintained for our customers, and our staff were able to manage, but we coped with this and have had superb customer feedback.

Q. Looking ahead for the rest of this year, what are your plans?

A. Since we reopened after our renovations in 2011 Stocks Hotel has always remained open in the winter months until the first week of January. We usually close for a couple of months until mid-March, which allows our staff to take a well-earned rest, and for us to undertake any essential repairs that are needed. We have always maintained our property to an extraordinarily high standard and this time in the winter enables us to do this properly.

Q. What is access to the island in the winter like? How frequent are the ferries and is disruption an issue?

A. The Isle of Sark Shipping Company operate a superb and safe lifeline service year-round with a regular though less frequent schedule in the winter. This year between October and December there are morning and afternoon boats every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and then on the rest of the days there will be one boat, being in the mornings on Tuesday and Thursday, and mid-afternoon on a Sunday. Occasionally ferry times can be changed due to the weather but the service is very rarely completely cancelled even when the weather can be a bit 'splashy!' During winter 2021 there were only 4 days when the ferry was cancelled.

Q. What activities are available in Sark in the winter?

A. Sark is wonderfully different in the winter. During the quieter time, walking and cycling are the most popular pastimes, and you will often have the tranquil lanes and cliff paths to yourself. If you make it to a beach in the winter, it is usual to have the entire bay to yourself.

Chocolate making courses can be pre-arranged at Caragh chocolates on certain days, some of the carriages are still available if pre booked, there is yoga every Tuesday and Thursday, running club on a Monday and either Saturday or Sunday mornings, darts, pool and quiz leagues and there are often community events during the winter months which are advertised on the Sark tourism website: www.sark.co.uk. Sark in the winter really attracts those who enjoy the outdoors and the wonderful feeling on returning to the indoors of having battled a little with the elements!

Q. What is available at Stocks Hotel in the winter?

A. Stocks is open from October to early January. Throughout October and early November, we offer our popular Tennerfest evening dinner menu, and thereafter we have a super winter menu where the chefs can use their time to create some great warming food to enjoy after a day on the windy cliffs and beaches. The ambience at Stocks is homely and cosy, you can happily kick off your shoes and curl up with a good book and a drink in front of a roaring log fire in the residents' lounge or library, or the atmospheric old Smugglers bar. It's like having your very own country mansion.

Q. What is Christmas and New Year like on the island?

A. The festive period on Sark is fantastic. There are some days when the boat doesn't run so when you visit for Christmas or New Year you feel a great sense of calm as once the last boat goes the island is unable to be disturbed. There are great community events including candlelit services, Midnight Mass, Christmas and Boxing Day drinks, and there are often fun and games on New Year's Day at one of the pubs or the Island Hall. At Stocks there is usually a great atmosphere with families and friends often staying for a few days.

Q. What would you say to someone who is nervous of visiting Sark in the winter?

A. Obviously, we would encourage them to come and see a completely different side to Sark. We know it won't be for everyone, but if you enjoy blustery walks, quiet lanes and bays, warm fires and great food, and a chance to enjoy a drink or two with the locals at a Thursday darts night, or Wednesday quiz, Sark is undoubtedly worth the 40-minute boat ride. We also find that lots of people enjoy telling their friends and family tales of braving the waves on the Sark boat in the winter!



GOOD REBEL

BY AMANDA EULENKAMP

ADVERTISEMENT

There's a new kid on the block. Good Rebel, the younger, feistier sibling of Fat Rascal – an established restaurant with a cosy vibe – is muscling her way into the hearts of Guernsey folk and visitors alike.

Situated at Admiral Park, Good Rebel is the baby of owner Steve Hopkins. Industrial in style but with warm wood tables and a comfortable colour palette, the restaurant is wowing customers not only with its ambience but with a menu that is pleasingly different to the norm.

Onion bhajis for breakfast? Why not? I can guarantee that once you've tasted the creation that is curry leaf hummus, garlic spinach and crispy onion bhajis, topped with cooked-to-perfection poached eggs, you'll be hooked.

It was the favourite item that we – En Voyage advertising exec Ash, photographer Sophie and I – sampled. The others were so close behind that, if it were a horse race, it would be a photo finish.

While we enjoyed the dishes that Steve and head chef Patricio Filipe delivered, I chatted to Steve about Good Rebel and why he is so enamoured with her.

'I was presented with a completely empty shell; we decided where to

put the kitchen, the bar, the toilets. It was a completely blank canvas,' he said.

Now, it has stunning artwork on the walls, and a mixture of small and large tables complete with plant centrepieces, comfortable bench seating, and the aforementioned industrial style, emphasised by the practical concrete floor and open ceiling.

The aim is to have a space where people can feel comfortable, whether they're there for a business meeting, a lunch with friends, or a weekend brunch.

As well as the inside space, which has room for 75 covers, the outside plaza is, if anything, even bigger, doubling capacity.

'The space outside has been great over the summer, and for the winter, we're looking at designing it to be much cosier.

'We've had fun with the menu, too,' he said. 'There's an emphasis on the 'good', with wellness juices and healthy breakfasts, balanced with the 'bad', so you can still enjoy a fry-up for breakfast.'

Good Rebel is incredibly popular with the office workers in the surrounding area, so it is advisable to book a table to guarantee a space.

GOOD FOOD

8am: our mission is to taste and review some of the breakfast dishes on offer at Good Rebel. First things first, and a pot of hot, delicious decaffeinated tea is delivered to the table for me. Ash chose a latte while Sophie enjoyed two cups of cappuccino ('I need my coffee fix,' she said).

We also sampled a couple of the wellness juices, just to balance things up. My cucumber, apple, parsley, celery and kale juice was refreshing, and Sophie's glass of carrot, orange, ginger, turmeric and lemon packed a punch.

Available in a shot size as well as a full glass, they're a quick, easy and tasty way to get your five-a-day.

Given that the menu is packed full of tempting dishes, we left it to Steve to bring out a few favourites. All three of us had independently eaten at Good Rebel prior to this food review, so we were familiar with some of the dishes.

But, it is fair to say that we had erred on the side of caution, sticking with dishes that we knew, such as the (absolutely delicious) smashed avocado, poached eggs and feta cheese on sourdough.

Steve encouraged us to be more adventurous, and soon we were tucking in to one of Good Rebel's



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signature dishes, Turkish eggs, a lip-licking concoction of poached eggs, garlic and chilli yoghurt, smoked paprika and toasted sourdough. We also shared what was our ultimate favourite, the onion bhajis, as well as our go-to smashed avocado, plus a new one for us all, sautéed chorizo with romesco sauce topped with poached eggs on toasted sourdough.

All the dishes were cooked perfectly and tasted divine. Sharing was actually a really good idea, otherwise one or all of us would have had food envy.

We finished up sharing the banana pancakes, simply pancakes topped with banana, almonds and honey. A sweet way to end a satisfyingly filling breakfast.

While we all loved the old

favourites, I have to say that if you go to Good Rebel then rebel. Try something different. You won't regret it.

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Lunch 12:00 - 15:00

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11 November

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10 – 31 December

PETER PAN

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10 – 31 December
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Mayflower Theatre, Southampton



KOI KOI

AMANDA EULENKAMP AND COLLEAGUES RETURN TO SAMPLE MORE ASIAN FUSION FOOD

ADVERTORIAL

Regular readers of En Voyage will know that we've had the pleasure of eating here a couple of times before – they may even be having food envy! For those reading this magazine for the first time, Koi Koi is an amazing bar and restaurant that features colourful cocktails and fantastic food, served in sophisticated surroundings.

Koi Koi can be found in the heart of St Peter Port, in an atmospheric cobbled area called Lefebvre Street. Make time to enjoy a cocktail in the bar (as we did) before heading upstairs to share a meal with friends.

Manager Cosmin always spoils us with cocktails and this visit was no exception. I loved the refreshing zing of all-time favourite the Mai Tai, made with Bumbu rum from Barbados. While I started mine in the bar, chatting menus with Cosmin, I finished it during the meal as I got distracted by the simply named 'Orange' from the colours list in the cocktail menu. This fruity combo contained one of my favourites, Aperol, mixed with

spicy mango, passion fruit and orange juice. Photographer Sophie laid claim to the Blossom cocktail, a heady mix of spiced rum, raspberry and Archers peach schnapps.

A good start, then.

We were led upstairs to the dining area by Cosmin and headed straight through the main restaurant to the private dining room, with its walls of green foliage. Ideal for hosting a birthday party or even a corporate event, the private dining room is separated from the main part by a few steps, plus the huge fish tank that mesmerised several young diners, including En Voyage sales exec Ash's eight-year-old daughter, Lexi, who'd joined us to eat her first sushi out.

She wasn't disappointed – and neither were we. Keen to try some new dishes, Cosmin brought out an array of dishes. The biggest hit of the night as far as Lexi was concerned were the sesame chicken dumplings, moist parcels of delicious meat. We also enjoyed the earthy yet refreshing beetroot

dumplings, beautiful shades of deep pink achieved by using natural plant colours – ideal for vegetarians, who are catered for superbly at Koi Koi.

In fact, it was a vegetarian main dish that we tucked into next. From the main plates menu we were served karifurawaa, cauliflower steak accompanied by a sauce made with truffle aioli, with spiced fritter, pickle and hazelnut. It was delicious and, even though none of us is vegetarian, we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Sticking with vegetables, we all loved the side dish of asparagus with ponzu butter and chilli.

Another main dish that we devoured was honey and soy glazed quail. Accompanied by dauphinoise potatoes, broccoli puree and a sake jus on the side, a quarter share was not enough!

One of my favourite things about Koi Koi (and there are a number) is that dining is relaxed, with the food doing the talking. The panko shrimp with homemade spicy mayo, sesame and chives was



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next up, another delicious dish that vied for top spot with the adults.

Sharing the dishes is friendly and informal, so with chopsticks poised, we started on the sushi. Works of art, it seemed a shame to eat them, but, hey, eat them we did!

Salmon teriyaki, with avocado, cucumber and togarashi topped with salmon katsu and spicy mayo hit the spot, as did the beautifully presented rainbow kaburomaki. With delicate colours, exquisite taste, and fresh fish – salmon, mackerel, and seabass – this is superlative sushi.

We had a gap between our savoury and sweet courses. Sometimes restaurants can put pressure on to serve the dessert but there was none of that at Koi Koi. When we were ready, two contrasting desserts were served to us. The first was the pineapple and coconut cheesecake, accompanied by a pina colada compote and coconut ice cream. If you are looking for a refreshing way to end the meal and cleanse your palette, then you can't beat this. The

other dish was mochi, a Japanese rice cake made of mochigome, a short-grain japonica glutinous rice. Served with a milk chocolate and hazelnut foam, I'd highly recommend trying this.

The finale to the meal were the three shot-size dessert cocktails that Cosmin brought to us. At £10 for three, these make a great alternative to a sweet treat.

Every dish is homemade with fresh ingredients and the attention to detail is clear to see. On the night we went, the restaurant was packed. It's a popular place with locals and visitors – and if you haven't tried it yet, do go. I guarantee you'll be going back again and again, just as I intend to.

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KINGS IN GUERNSEY IS SERVING UP A MOUTH-WATERING NEW VENUE

Kings in Guernsey has long been acknowledged as the island's Premier Health and Sports Club. Over the last year or so, further significant investment in the 1857 Bar & Bistro has established Kings as the perfect lifestyle venue for the whole family.

'Over recent years the board have invested significantly in the Kings home. Investments include a dedicated iMax style indoor cycling studio, unique to the Channel Islands, the development of stylish new changing rooms, world class gym equipment and many other improvements across the club and now with the opening of the 1857, a unique hospitality venue in the Islands', said club Manager Sean Mills.

The 1857 Bar & Bistro adds a completely new dimension to the Kings venue. This brand-new facility is a dynamic venue for sports events, special occasions and birthday parties and has already seen a number of sports and corporate events and private functions staged.

'We've welcomed corporate events, birthday, anniversary and christening parties and already bookings are coming in for office Christmas parties. We recently hosted a large charity fund-raising event for Ukraine and even staged our own Love Island Final party, which was attended by 70 people. My personal favourite was the Young Business Group summer party which we helped organise from start to finish,' said Mr Mills.

Those who have organised parties at 1857 have been blown away by the venue's attributes. '1857 is a fabulous venue. We (Young Business Group) held our

summer party there and we were really impressed with the quality of food, service and in particular the entertainment systems. The lighting is really good. The organisation was also very good, from planning all the way through to the night's entertainment,' said Monique Search, Young Business Group.

The centrepiece of the venue is an immersive 12ft video wall allowing 1857 to showcase the very best in live sports, movies, presentations, branding and amazing dance effects. Complemented by a complete surround sound system, it provides cinematic style sporting, corporate and dance experiences. Football, rugby, tennis, golf and F1 are screened throughout the year seven days a week. With Sky Sports, BT Sport and Amazon Prime on offer, the Champions League, Premier League, World Cup and other celebrated sporting occasions will all appear free to view on the impressive video wall. Having three digital TV packages also enables the venue to showcase up to three different events at once, providing even more choice during the busy modern-day televised sporting calendar.

The bistro is proving popular with Kings members and non-members are also warmly welcomed to the venue as it has a separate 1857 entrance to the health club facility.

'The bistro serves classics, each delivered with imagination, fresh local ingredients and a seasonal selection of specials. 'We have designed 1857 to be as stylish as anything you'd find on the island, the menu is not fussy or pretentious - it's nutritional, balanced and delicious. In particular, our Dip and Dine offering has been

very popular during the summer. We are delighted to be able to offer a dedicated Tennerfest menu throughout the month of October and into early November,' said head chef Miguel Goncalves.

The food offer is accompanied during the day with a selection of artisan coffee, juices, shakes and smoothies and by night with draught beer from £4 a pint, craft cocktails and a superb selection of wines by the glass and bottle. The food and beverage team are now developing an exciting cocktail menu, which will complement the popular bar area.

With the new bar and bistro, a separate dedicated private room and two flexible event suites with their own superb audio visual lighting systems and air conditioning throughout the facility, Kings offers a whole range of options that can be tailored for private hire for birthday parties, occasions such as Christmas and intimate meetings or private dining or large corporate events. 1857 offers children's party packages combined with an ever-growing range of Kings kids' activities. 1857 can host live music, DJ events and has a dedicated dancefloor using an interactive sound, lighting and audio system which is also unique to Guernsey. Plenty of food for thought and why 1857 is becoming such a mouth-watering proposition for Guernsey's discerning community.

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AUTUMN TRAVEL – A SEASON TO BE SAVOURED

By Amanda Eulenkamp

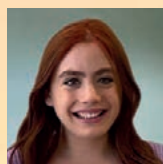
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Jessamy Baldwin



Ruth Robinson



Bernice Saunders



Rupert Diggins

JUST ONE FOR THE ROAD

THE PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS,
NICE, AT SUNSET ©ISTOCKPHOTO

No sooner have we put our sun hats away than it's time to dig out the ski gear. Travel is a year-round activity. Aurigny changes track as the days get darker, and offers its seasonal flights to Grenoble.

Many islanders have taken advantage of the ease of getting to the heart of the Alps in one hop over the past few years. Frequent flyer Ruth Robinson is taking to the slopes again and shares her experiences of previous trips, giving some expert advice on where to go and what to do.

I, too, have been skiing in my past, although it is fair to say that the Olympics won't be beckoning any time soon. However, ski holidays are far more than, well, skiing, and there is much to be experienced in some beautiful resorts, such as Les Arcs 1950. I hope you enjoy reading about it – I certainly enjoyed visiting it.

As we embrace autumn, with pumpkins and Hallowe'en, Bonfire Night and sparklers, warming mugs of hot chocolate and brisk walks, our thoughts inevitably turn to Christmas. While it is fun to head off to some of the European

Christmas markets, you can get an authentic experience at many of the Christmas markets that take place in the UK.

New contributor Bernice Saunders has done much of the legwork already, and has come up with a list of Christmas markets conveniently close to airports served by Aurigny. She has all the info you could possibly need, so why not visit a couple and sample some gluhwein and purchase some traditional Christmas goodies for your loved ones?

Bernice doesn't stop at Christmas markets, though. She has written a fab feature on shopping in the UK, ideal if you are looking for an outfit for the annual Christmas office bash or just need to update your wardrobe. Or simply want to indulge in some seasonal shopping and enjoy the vibe of the shopping malls, many of which will have their Christmas decorations up way before the big day itself.

At 22 years old, Bernice has recently returned home to Guernsey from four years in the UK where she studied English and creative writing at university. She says writing in all forms has always been a major

passion and I am really pleased that we can showcase some of her work in En Voyage.

Another home-grown talent, but now Bristol-based, Jessamy Baldwin writes about what to do in 48 hours in the city – including some quirky markets to find unique gifts, as well as the major malls in the area.

If all this talk of Christmas and the pictures it conjures up of snowy scenes makes you yearn for some autumn sun, then the French Riviera is as good a place to be as anywhere. While it may not be as hot as the Middle East or the Caribbean, it generally has temperatures of around 21°C in October and six hours of sunshine daily.

Our regular travel blogger Rupert Diggins gives us a great tour of Nice and its environs, and I dip into my memories again, with a piece on Monaco.

We may be emerging from one of the best summers ever, but autumn offers its own beauty. It's a season I love, a season to be savoured. I hope our travel pages tempt you to get out there and enjoy the destinations as much as we all do.



APRÈS SKI

Located at the foot of the French Alps in south-eastern France, Grenoble is the perfect base for ski holidays. Served seasonally by Aurigny during winter, it is the simple way to get to the slopes with the ski resorts of Tignes, Val d'Or and Val d'Isère within easy distance. Aurigny frequent flyer Ruth Robinson takes a look at the ski resorts nearby.



IMAGE ©ISTOCKPHOTO

We may have spent this summer on the beach enjoying the heatwave, but as the weather breaks, it's time to turn our thoughts to booking the winter ski trip. Aurigny direct flights to Grenoble are superb for a week's skiing - leave home in the morning and arrive in plenty of time to collect skis, snowboards and boots ready to hit the slopes after breakfast. Perfect.

There's a choice of so many resorts within a two hour transfer time, all with great skiing and picturesque walking trails for a more leisurely afternoon.

I think my favourites are the resorts in the Trois Vallees where you can stay in one resort and access at least one other via the lift systems and pisted runs. Val Thorens is high (almost 2,000m at the base) with many north facing runs and so the snow is usually good. It's lively with plenty of bars and restaurants. The centre of the town also has a leisure centre with a pool and gym to stretch those tired muscles.

Just down the valley is Les Menuires, a delightful family friendly resort. It's an easy ski or walk from Val Thorens and is quieter. I love it.

Mottaret is the highest resort in the Meribel valley (another of the Trois Vallees) with easy access to the main resort of Meribel. It's got lots of ski-in ski-out accommodation, which saves carrying skis to the nearest lift - always a bonus! It's quieter than lively Meribel and the area has excellent walking trails for the non-skier too. You might be lucky and spot a famous face or two, while enjoying a hot chocolate or vin chaud.

Les Arcs in the Tarentaise valley is a purpose-built set of resorts with a fantastic ski area. However, it has mixed memories for us, as the only time we've stayed in a shared chalet, the other occupants were football fans who watched a match on the TV every single evening... not the après ski we had in mind! It's been hotels or chalets shared with friends and family since then!

In the same valley, you'll find Val d'Isere and Tignes. The skiing area is vast and there's a shuttle bus (free with a lift pass) between the resorts. Val d'Isere is a much more sophisticated resort with fantastic après ski but Tignes le Lac has a lovely little artisan market and the walking trail around the lake is spectacular.

All the resorts have well groomed runs and it's worth an early start to enjoy the pristine snow before the rush starts!

So, the choice is yours, a quieter resort or one with lively après ski? A hotel or a chalet? (All the resorts have a good choice of restaurants for the chalet hosts' night off). But what they've all got in common is easy access on a direct Aurigny flight to Grenoble.

In 2023 we're off with the family including grandchildren - now that's got to be better direct!



SKIING MEMORIES

Amanda Eulenkamp reflects on a couple of skiing trips.





LEFT: LES DEUX ALPES AT NIGHT,
ABOVE: LES ARCS 1950. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO

An exchange trip when I was at school was my first experience of the snowy mountains of France. Staying at the home of Marie-Claire and her parents near to St-Jean-de-Maurienne (around an hour away from Grenoble), I was taken skiing by them.

I'd never skied before, so strapped on a pair of skis and bravely attempted a few steps. I do remember landing on my backside a few times, but in those days, it was easy to get up!

I didn't return to the French Alps to ski until my sons were a similar age as I had been on that school trip. This time, we travelled with another family, and the eight of us chose to stay in Arc 1950, a mountain village within the Les Arcs area, around a two hour transfer from Grenoble airport.

Developed by the same company as Whistler in Canada, Arc 1950 is completely pedestrianised and car-free. There is ski-in ski-out access to the pistes and in winter you can ski right through the village centre. In practical terms, it meant that you could ski straight out after breakfast, and straight back to

the hotel later in the day, before enjoying a swim or spa.

We stayed in an aparthotel, ideal for families, as it had two rooms plus living space with a kitchenette. There are plenty of restaurants to enjoy and we dined in a different one each evening.

As well as restaurants, there is a good choice of shops to browse in, plus lots of activities such as dog sled rides and a zip-line, catering for all levels of adventurer! And, being situated in the Paradiski ski area (the world's second largest), there is enough right on the doorstep to satisfy the keenest skier.

Les Arcs, Peisey-Vallandry and La Plagne are linked by one of Europe's largest cable cars, the Vanoise Express, accommodating up to 200 people. Having such a large area to ski in was ideal, as we hired a mountain guide/ski instructor for the four boys, who had a whale of a time going off to different places to explore, improving their skiing technique along the way.

The four adults, meanwhile, hired a ski instructor who took us at a more leisurely pace. I didn't progress beyond a blue run, but nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed

the mountain views, especially when sitting sipping a hot chocolate laced with a tippie of something alcoholic!

While group lessons are very popular, I think it is worth considering hiring an instructor between a few people. It gave us the chance to improve on slower slopes, while the boys had the opportunity to enjoy the greater ski area without being hampered by parents who were less adventurous...



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NICE IS THE WORD

SAYS TRAVEL BLOGGER RUPERT DIGGINS

If you are looking for a short break destination in Europe that is packed with art and culture, high-end shopping, sensational cuisine, and one of the most famous coastlines in the world, then it simply must be the Côte d'Azur, otherwise known as the French Riviera. At its heart is the stylish city of Nice, offering old-world charm but with a modern and vibrant twist.

GETTING AROUND

Nice airport is ideally located just 6km from the centre of the city.

As with many cities these days, Nice has a scheme offering a 24h, 48h or 72h visitor pass with transport included. These passes allow you to discover the key sites of Nice and the French Riviera without the faff, as they include free access to many museums and attractions, plus unlimited use of the Nice transport

network (bus and trams) from just 32 euros. See frenchrivierapass.com for further information.

Taxis are readily available throughout the city, with the airport to city centre transfers costing a minimum of 35 euros.

Public transport in Nice consists of an excellent train and bus network, a tram system that connects the suburbs with the city centre, a bike share scheme called Velo Bleu, and there is even a scenic tourist train.

ABOUT NICE

Back in the late 18th century, the city welcomed British aristocratic families who looked to get away from the harshness of the UK winter for the milder climate of the French Riviera.

Prior to World War I, many hotels had been constructed, and the destination became famous all over the world. However, with the outbreak of war, tourism collapsed.

In the 1920s Nice was appearing dated, and resorts on the Italian Riviera, as well as Cannes and Biarritz, were stealing the headlines, so investments were made into the hotels and the construction of the Palais de la Méditerranée casino was completed.

With this, tourism started to increase, yet when World War II reared its ugly head, it once again collapsed. After more investment in the infrastructure, it was not until the '50s and '60s that visitor numbers started to grow, and it was then that the golden age of the French Riviera holiday dawned.

Today, the pristine sparkling sea and the evergreen Mediterranean climate attract visitors, celebrities and even royalty from all over the world. With Nice perfectly located on the Baie des Anges or Bay of Angels, it is a destination for all, with much to see and enjoy.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: NICE OLD TOWN; AVENUE JEAN MEDECIN; THE HOTEL NEGRESKO; 'COURS SALEYA' MARKET; VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER; SUN FOUNTAIN, PLACE MASSENA. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO

NICE OLD TOWN

Vieux Nice or the Old Town is located between Quai des Etats Unis and Place Massena.

I would suggest you head to the Old Town first thing in the morning. Here you will be treated to one of the best experiences in the city – the Cours Saleya – a flower, fruit and vegetable market.

Then potter around the little lanes with their delightful architecture and baroque churches. Pick out a restaurant for the evening and check out the many immaculately dressed boutiques. Shop for Provencal specialities such as lavender soap and olive oil.

It's unlikely you will miss it, but I recommend a visit to Place Massena, which is a picturesque square in the Old Town with its arcaded buildings. This is a great place for a mid-morning coffee and to people watch.

After further mooching, why not head over to the Promenade des Anglais for lunch at a stylish seaside restaurant?

THE PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS

The most famous attraction in Nice is the palm-tree-lined Promenade des Anglais. The beach is five miles long and packed with private beaches and restaurants. The pristine promenade that bends around the Bay of Angels

is alive with joggers, cyclists, inline skaters, walkers and a whole menagerie of small dogs being taken out for their daily exercise. The locals love their pooches, many of which are adorned in the latest bling!

The most attractive part of the Promenade des Anglais is the stretch between Castle Hill and the Hotel Negresco.

OUT 'N' ABOUT

One of the most popular things to do in Nice is to take the many steps or the free elevator up Castle Hill for some of the most amazing views of the Côte d'Azur.

Castle Hill is locally known as the Parc de la Colline du Château, telling even those with the most limited French language skills that the area is also a lovely park. There is, however, no castle as that was destroyed by Louis XIV more than 300 years ago. Still, it's a great place to go and explore.

THE HOTEL NEGRESKO

Built in 1913, the five star Belle Époque Hotel Negresco is one of the most recognisable buildings in Nice.

The hotel is famed for its dome, which is part of the Royal Salon and was designed by Gustave Eiffel. With its sensational art and sculptures, it sometimes feels more like a gallery or museum than a hotel.

BEACH LIFE

Step outside the Hotel Negresco and you are at the heart of the Bay of Angels and that glorious beach.

It's important to understand the rules regarding beaches here, as many areas are designated as private. Some are exclusive whereas others allow you to pay to enjoy the benefits of a comfy lounge, changing rooms and waiter service.

Then there are the public beaches of which La Plage Publique de Ponchettes is one of the most popular, with its wide range of water sports and cool vibe.

BOAT CRUISES

How about a Mediterranean boat trip? From Nice, there are plenty of options bookable locally and catering for all budgets. You could visit Villefranche-sur-Mer, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Eze-sur-Mer, St Tropez, the Ile Saint-Honorat or even magnificent Monaco.

CHURCHES & CATHEDRALS

If you're heading to Nice Old Town, keep an eye out for some of the best examples of the city's Baroque architecture. The Chapelle de la Miséricorde is considered one of the top Baroque churches in the world, while another Baroque masterpiece is the Eglise de Jésus. Be sure to check out the Cathedral of Saint Nicholas, Nice's Russian Orthodox Church.



MUSEUMS

The Marc Chagall Museum, dedicated to this Russian French artist's work, is renowned as one of the best museums in the city. The signature piece is Chagall's Biblical Message, 17 tableaux which line the walls. Other museums worthy of mention include the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMAC), the Musée Massena, the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle de Nice and the Matisse Museum.

SHOPPING

The Avenue Jean Medecin is the street that hosts many of the fashion industry's most recognised brands. It is also home to the two largest shopping centres, Nicetoile and Galleries Lafayette.

The area known as the 'Golden Triangle' between Rue Paradis, Rue Alphonse and Rue de Verdun is the place to go for high-end luxury boutiques.

Finally, don't forget to explore the Old Town for quirky shops and local handmade arts and crafts.

BARS & RESTAURANTS

The Old Town offers a choice of wonderful grungy-style bars and pubs, many featuring live music or DJs. Just off the seafront, if you are looking for the latest grooves, there are the busy nightclubs, while on the beach itself, the beach clubs are the places to be seen and provide that air of exclusivity.

Eating out in Nice and the region is a delight. Dishes focus on fresh local produce along with seafood, herbs and olive oil. From rooftop to private beach restaurants and from brasseries to tiny family-run businesses tucked away in the Old Town, there is something for every taste.

DAY TRIPS

If you are in Nice for a few days, then I would wholeheartedly recommend you spend a day or two out and about exploring the region as there are some truly wonderful experiences just a stone's throw from the city. Here are two great options that I have experienced myself – visit the towns and villages along the coast by train, or head inland with a hire car, and discover the nature, countryside, and hidden villages of the region.

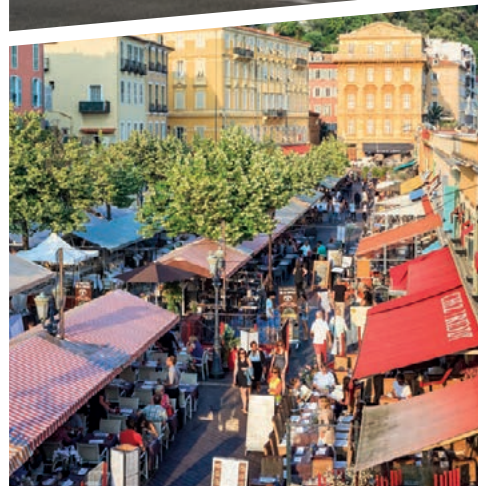
SUMMARY

As a city break destination, the Cote d'Azur is hard to beat given the combination of beach, city, nightlife, and the many attractions in the vicinity.

So, for the very best of times, and a great place to stay, then Nice is most definitely the word.

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ABOVE: THE PRINCE PALACE AND OLD TOWN,
BELOW: THE MARINA. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO

MONACO – PLAYGROUND OF THE RICH

There is more than racing cars in the second-smallest sovereign state in the world, says Amanda Eulenkamp.

I love Monaco. Quite simply, there is a vibe there that I've never quite felt elsewhere. It drips glamour. It has a style and confidence that was epitomised by the late Princess Grace of Monaco. Grab a coffee at the Café de Paris on the Place du Casino and indulge in a spot of people watching to see what I mean.

While there, you'll no doubt see a steady stream of Ferraris and Lamborghinis (other supercars are available) pull up at the Casino

or the Hotel de Paris, discharging their glamorous occupants to enjoy their glamorous lives.

It is, of course, well known for the Monaco Grand Prix, held in May. From a young age, I've watched Formula 1 races from around the world on television, but nowhere had the charm, the twists and turns, of Monaco.

For me, the moment the cars screech through the tunnel in what must be one of, if not the, most famous street circuits in the world, is exhilarating.

So it was no wonder that I chose to go to the Monaco Grand Prix to celebrate a significant birthday. And the following year, to celebrate 30 years since my 21st (you do the maths!), again to watch the Grand Prix.

Both times we arrived in Monaco on a cruise ship and there is no better place to see the majesty of the Principality than from the sea.

I've also visited by train from Nice, and once – courtesy of a wonderful tour operator from my travel agent days – I arrived by helicopter, straight from Nice airport). I've gone for a day; I've stayed for a few more at the

wonderful Fairmont Hotel, with its view (sadly not from my room) of that famous hairpin bend. The cost of that room for race day (if you can get it – it's usually booked up well in advance) had a lot of zeros, if my memory serves me correctly!

Monaco justifiably enjoys its moniker of playground of the rich. As they say, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. So even if it is only for a few hours or days, head over to the principality for some serious fun in the sun. You may get a taste for it.

WHAT TO SEE

There is a lot to see and do within Monaco's 1.95 square kilometre area. As well as shopping and café culture, there are numerous eating places to try. It's an easy place to walk around, with beautiful gardens to explore, and plentiful yachts to see serenely bobbing in the marinas.

The car collection of HSH The Prince of Monaco is a must for any classic car fan, and there is also a space dedicated to a selection of racing cars, with models that demonstrated their prowess in Formula 1, the Monte-Carlo Rally, or the Paris-Dakar Rally.





ABOVE: THE GRAND CASINO,
ABOVE RIGHT: PART OF THE OLD TOWN,
RIGHT: COLOURFUL HOUSES.
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And a tour of the Prince's Palace (seasonal opening times) with its guards is worth doing. Step back into history and admire the splendours of the palace, including the palace chapel, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, the Hercule Gallery, the Mirror Gallery, the Red Room, the York Room, the Yellow Room or Louis XV Bedroom, and the Throne Room, as well as numerous frescoes, tapestries and items of furniture.

HOW TO GET THERE

Onward flights from London Gatwick operate year-round to Nice airport.

The train is the fastest and most straightforward way to reach Monaco from Nice. Regional TER trains depart the central Nice Ville station every 30 minutes, arriving at Gare de Monaco-Monte Carlo in under 25 minutes.

Hire a car – open-top preferably – and enjoy the spectacular scenery from the twisting roads to Monaco.

Or why not treat yourself to a helicopter transfer? Live like the stars and take the seven-minute flight from Nice airport to Monaco, enjoying spectacular views of the French Riviera as you travel in style.



48 HOURS IN BRISTOL





LEFT: THE CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE, ABOVE: BRISTOL HARBOURSIDE, ABOVE RIGHT: ISAMBARD KINGDOM BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

On the hunt for your next 48 hour getaway? Look no further than the eclectic city of Bristol, says Jessamy Baldwin.

Prepare to be entranced by pretty cosmopolitan walks, intimate theatre performances, candlelit waterside restaurants and breath-taking gorge views.

Bristol has it all; boat trips, paddle boarding, pubs and coffee shops galore, leafy parks, famous landmarks, beautiful hotels, quaint cafes, world-class shopping, cosy pubs and food markets. Have I convinced you yet?

Accommodation: For style and central location, the Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel, the Bristol Harbour Hotel & Spa, Hotel du Vin, Avon Gorge Hotel and Number 38 Clifton stand out. However, there are plenty of cheaper options such as The Rodney Hotel, The Full Moon or the many AirBnb rentals.

Getting into the city: The Airport Flyer bus service runs up to every 20 mins (24 hours a day) between the airport and the city centre. Driving into the centre by hire car or taxi will take around 30 minutes.

DAY ONE:

Kick things off with the one hour circular harbourside walk. Start at the Cascade Steps and head towards the Prince Street Bridge and along to Princes Wharf and Baltic Wharf before crossing the Junction Swing Bridge and coming back along the other

side. Stop for refreshments as you go and take in the rainbow colourful houses, pretty sailboats and Brunel's SS Great Britain. Stop for G&Ts at the Pumphouse, beer at the Grain Barge or deli bites at Spoke and Stringer.

Alternatively, opt to sail around the harbour (one hour) or down the Avon Gorge (three to four hours) on 'The Matthew'. Bristol Packet Boat Trips and Bristol Ferry Boats offer harbour-based trips, while Sup Bristol offers paddle board rental. Bristol Aquarium is just off the water, too.

From here, head up Corn Street to St Nick's Market (Mon-Sat 9.30am - 5pm), in the heart of the old city. Then, make a beeline towards the Bristol Shopping Quarter (Cabot Circus, The Galleries, Broadmead and St. James' Arcade). Those looking for a more outdoorsy afternoon activity can head to The Wave, the UK's first inland surfing destination.

Fancy catching a show in the evening? Head to the Hippodrome for a theatre production or let your hair down at the O2 Academy or Bristol Beacon. Worthy nearby dinner spots include The Ox, Under the Stars, Stable, The Florist, Pasture or Tare.

DAY TWO:

Start with coffee and cake from Ah Toots, take pictures by the cathedral on College Green, before stopping in the quirky shops that line trendy Park Street. Explore Cabot Tower and the Birdcage Walk before perusing Clifton Village.

Meander through the two-storey Victorian Clifton Arcade before resting your feet for lunch at the Ivy Clifton Brasserie. Or, watch the world go by at the Primrose Café or Arch House Deli Café.

Walk along Royal York Crescent before heading to the Clifton Observatory to catch the perfect view of the Clifton Suspension Bridge – Bristol's most defining landmark. Continue your walk over the Clifton Downs or head to Ashton Court if you're up for it. Alternatively, start to wind down at the White Lion Bar at the Avon Gorge Hotel, which boasts breathtaking views of the bridge.

Finish with an early supper at Pasta Loco if you want to stay in the area or head back down to the harbourside to sample the buzzy nightlife once again. Stop in at Swoon for an ice cream on the way home – you can thank me later.

WHAT'S ON

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Wednesdays & Thursdays
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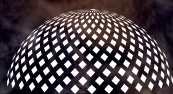
Bristol Christmas Market:

4 November – 23 December

HOW TO GET THERE

Aurigny operates regular flights between Guernsey and Bristol every day.

LEFT: BRISTOL CITY HALL, MILLENNIUM BRIDGE, BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE BULLRING, BIRMINGHAM; PRINCESSHAY PRECINCT, EXETER; COVENT GARDEN; THE TRAFFORD CENTRE; WEST QUAY, SOUTHAMPTON; CABOT CIRCUS, BRISTOL. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO

BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is the second largest city in the United Kingdom, after London, so it is no surprise that there is such a wide array of shopping opportunities in this city. In just one hour and 20 minutes, you can be in Birmingham ready to shop. Bullring, found in the very heart of Birmingham, is one of the UK's most visited shopping centres. Inside, there are more than 200 shops - including Selfridges department store - and 28 eateries. Connected to Bullring by Bullring's Link Street is Grand Central Birmingham, filled to the brim with art, retail, and premium stores. Both are just a 10-minute walk away from a few of the canals that Birmingham is famous for, so you will have the opportunity to take a break from the shopping for a scenic walk.

If you don't fancy a large shopping mall, head to Piccadilly Arcade, a

picturesque arcade housing some of the best independent retailers the city has to offer. The hand-painted ceilings alone are reason enough to pay it a visit. The former cinema opened its doors in 1910, being transformed into Piccadilly Arcade in 1925, meaning that there are more than 100 years of history for you to discover while shopping in this iconic building.

BRISTOL

With Aurigny, you can be in Bristol in approximately an hour. The Bristol Shopping Quarter spans four shopping areas and malls: The Galleries, The Arcade, Cabot Circus and Broadmead. Housing more than 400 stores, restaurants, cafes and attractions, it is in the very heart of Bristol.

You will definitely need more than one day to explore all that The Bristol Shopping Quarter has to offer, so why not make a long weekend out of it?

You'll also have time to head out of town to Cribbs Causeway. Situated just off the M5, this huge shopping centre is home to more than 150 stores in The Mall and the Retail Park. Buses run regularly from central Bristol to The Mall.

If you need a break from the hustle and bustle of shopping, Castle Park in the centre of Bristol offers green spaces, the remains of Bristol Castle's keep, walls and vaults and the St Peter's Church ruins.

It's the perfect place to get some peace and quiet. While there, tour around the ruins, take the Castle Park Tree Trail or stop in at The Vaulted Chambers Cafe.

EXETER

Exeter, on the River Exe, is just a 40-minute flight from Guernsey. This is an excellent location for a more relaxed, short weekend getaway. Princesshay Shopping Centre has a fabulous mixture of high street brands and more specialised, independent stores. With more than 60 stores to choose from, and John Lewis just across the road, everything you could want is right here.

Guildhall shopping centre is a smaller shopping mall, but still has an extensive variation of shops. With escape rooms to keep you entertained and the stunning Cathedral just outside, this is the ideal location for someone looking for great shopping somewhere more relaxed, with plenty of character and history.





LONDON GATWICK

Perfect for a busy city break, London has everything you need. Within the hour, you will land in London Gatwick, and with a half hour train journey you can be in the middle of Britain's capital. London is a huge city, with crowds coming from all over the world to visit. Shopping for high street brands is best on Oxford Street, with Regent Street having a similar feel but with some more upmarket designers. For independent stores and more upscale browsing, Covent Garden is for you. You can easily take The London Underground between these streets, but if you decide to walk you are more likely to find hidden gems and some of the nicest independent stores, restaurants and coffee shops that London has to offer.

If big and busy shopping streets aren't for you, there are countless markets all over London, with independent stall holders selling homemade gifts, clothes, food and more. Some of the most famous markets include Greenwich market, Borough market, Covent Garden market and Brixton market, just to name a few. And with an array of tourist attractions (such as the London eye and London Dungeons), over 170 museums and galleries, an abundance of parks and greenspaces and one of the worlds' best Theatre districts in the world with the West End, it is impossible to feel bored while exploring this city.

MANCHESTER

It takes around 90 minutes to fly you to Manchester, home of The Trafford Centre. The Trafford Centre is one of the UK's most famous shopping centres, located just five miles away from the city.

With a mixture of retail shopping, leisure activities and food available across the three vast floors, there are countless options for everyone. Inside the centre itself is a mini golf course, laser tag, a high ropes tree climbing course and more.

There are activities for everyone of all ages to enjoy, and you don't even have to leave the centre. Most activities are by pre-booked time slot only, since they are so popular, so make sure, when planning your trip away, you plan time for one of these other activities.

SOUTHAMPTON

The West Quay Shopping Centre in Southampton is one of the most popular shopping destinations for people living on Guernsey. This is due to the simplicity of the flight and the variety of shops that are available all in one place.

With a short flight time and a 10-minute train journey, you can be surrounded by exciting shopping opportunities in the heart of Southampton. From Primark, H and M and New Look to John Lewis, Levi's and Phase 8, there is something to suit all tastes and budgets. Four floors of fashion, makeup, food and gadgets await you, both inside

the shopping centre and on the busy and bustling streets outside.

There is also a Showcase Cinema de Lux within the shopping centre, so if you get tired of shopping you can rest your feet and enjoy a film.

If you have the time, take a 15-minute train to the small mediaeval town of Winchester, where you can continue shopping for well-known brands or wander around smaller, independent boutique stores. Once you've had your fill of shopping, you could walk along the river or visit the stunning Cathedral in the heart of the town.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we all want to find that perfect, unique gift for our loved ones. Bernice Saunders suggests some of the best markets to visit this year.

HYDE PARK WINTER WONDERLAND ©ISTOCKPHOTO



RIGHT TOP TO BOTTOM: CHRISTMAS MARKETS
IN LEEDS, WINCHESTER, MANCHESTER, HYDE PARK
AND BATH. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO



ABOVE L-R: THE FRANKFURT CHRISTMAS MARKET, BIRMINGHAM. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO

Christmas markets offer some of the most inventive homemade gifts, and Aurigny operates daily flights between Guernsey and various UK airports, so why not take the time to enjoy some festive shopping and a well-deserved getaway? Or, if you're a student in the UK, take a break from studying and take yourself on a shopping trip to your nearest Christmas market before you return home for the holidays. To find that perfect Christmas gift, or a festive treat for yourself, visit one of these eight popular Christmas markets and explore the unique and wonderful things on sale from some of the best independent sellers.

Bath Christmas Market

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Bath Christmas Market on Queen Square has over 150 chalets selling homeware, jewellery, gifts, food and more. This market is well regarded for its support of local charities, having raised more than £26,000 in 2019 for charity through the market's free charity chalet rentals. With local schools, colleges and dance troupes to entertain you as you shop, what more could you ask for?

The market runs from 24 November until 11 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Bristol. The Bath Bus Company operates a service between Bath and Bristol Airport, or trains run regularly from Bristol Temple Meads to Bath Spa, with the fastest journey time a mere 11 minutes.

The Frankfurt Christmas Market, Birmingham

This authentic German Christmas market, the largest outside Germany or Austria, is returning to Victoria Square and New Street. There is a range of traditional gifts and tempting German food and drinks, such as bratwurst and glühwein. With a live music programme to keep you entertained as you shop, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The market runs from 4 November until 23 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Birmingham. Birmingham International train station is linked to the airport, from where you can hop on the train to Birmingham New Street, in the heart of the city.

Bristol Christmas Market

Located in the heart of Bristol city centre, this market has more than 50 stalls offering a variety of unique items from across Europe, perfect for a Christmas gift. There are also stalls offering food and drinks, with the Jäger Barn Bar providing live music and shelter from the cold. Inside the Jäger Barn Bar, as well as an array of festive drinks, you will find private Igloos and ski gondolas, which are used during a bookable 90-minute après ski session.

The market runs from 4 November until 23 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Bristol. The Airport Flyer bus service operates between the airport and Bristol, and runs 24 hours daily, up to every 20 minutes.

Hyde Park Winter Wonderland, London

Probably the most famous Christmas market in Britain, Winter Wonderland truly lives up to its name. There is something for everyone, with a huge variety of attractions, activities, entertainment, food, drink and more. Starting out 15 years ago as an open-air Christmas market, it has grown into a Christmas extravaganza with ice skating, shows, roller coasters, street food stalls, ice bars, live music and Santa Land. You book your date and entry time ahead of time, but once inside you can stay as long as you choose. Make sure you book a lot of your activities beforehand to avoid missing out.

While in London, why not take the chance to visit some of the other incredible markets on offer? Leicester Square, Covent Garden, London Bridge, Kingston and Greenwich all play host to fabulous Christmas markets that, while smaller than Winter Wonderland, are all popular in their own right. Truly embrace the holiday spirit and visit the other markets scattered around Britain's capital.

Winter Wonderland runs from 18 November until 2 January 2023. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is London Gatwick. Further information can be found at hydeparkwinterwonderland.com.

Manchester Christmas Markets

Situated across six city centre squares, these festivities are not



ABOVE LEFT: SOUTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS MARKET
ABOVE: BROWSING IN EDINBURGH ©ISTOCKPHOTO

to be missed. Visit St Ann's Square and Exchange Square for delicious food and drinks, New Cathedral Street for fashion, skin care and jewellery, King Street for French-themed treats, Market Street for the perfect Christmas gift, Cathedral Gardens for ice skating and entertainment and Piccadilly Gardens for the family-friendly Winter Gardens attraction in the heart of the city. The famous 12-metre-high Giant Santa can also be found in St Peter's Square.

The market runs from 12 November - 22 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Manchester. It is easy to catch the train from the airport into the heart of Manchester; journey time is around 20 minutes.

Southampton Christmas Festival

Found on Above Bar Street and Bargate Street, just outside the very popular West Quay Shopping Centre, the Southampton Christmas Festival is a traditional German market offering upmarket arts and crafts and a few carefully selected food stalls, all in individually designed chalets. The twice daily Flying Santa Show is the main event at this Christmas market, with crowds from all over gathering to witness the only show of its kind in the UK. There is also daily entertainment provided by local musicians and school children.

The market runs from 17 November until 23 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Southampton.

The Victorian Christmas Market, Stratford-Upon-Avon

This limited time only, award-winning market stretches across Waterside, Bridge Street, Henley Street, High Street and Meer Street, with a traditional funfair and stallholders selling homemade products, food and drinks. It is Victorian Christmas themed, with stall holders dressed in their Victorian best. A stage in Henley Street will host performances, and there will be entertainment throughout the town.

The market runs from 8 until 11 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Birmingham.

Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

This is one of the most charming and popular Christmas markets in Europe, even getting mentioned in the New York Post. There are more than 100 stalls located in the historic grounds of the stunning Winchester cathedral and the handpicked stall holders guarantee quality with every purchase. With an ice rink and Cathedral tours to boot, you can't help but be infected with Christmas cheer here. It is no wonder this small medieval town is known as 'Europe's Christmas Capital'.

The market runs from 18 November until 22 December. From Guernsey, the nearest airport to travel to with Aurigny is Southampton.

2022 Christmas market dates

Bath Christmas Market

24 November - 11 December

The Frankfurt Christmas Market, Birmingham

4 November - 23 December

Bristol Christmas Market

4 November - 23 December

Edinburgh Christmas Market and Winter Festival

19 November - 3 January

Leeds Christmas Market

4 November - 17 December

Hyde Park Winter Wonderland London

18 November - 2 January 2023

Manchester Christmas Market

12 November - 22 December

Southampton Christmas Festival

17 November - 23 December

The Victorian Christmas Market Stratford-Upon-Avon

8 - 11 December

Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

18 November - 22 December

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PAR FOR THE COURSE

GOLF19 CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF ENTERTAINING FAMILIES

Five years ago, dreams became a reality for the team behind Golf19. Opening its doors on 29 July 2017, Golf19 became Guernsey's first family-friendly entertainment centre focusing on golf.

Qualified PGA professional Matt Groves and brothers John and Paul Nobes – who as owners of property development company Infinity were instrumental in the site's design and construction – were all keen golfers. They wanted to break down barriers and reinvent golf's reputation for being stuffy. They created a site that brought together serious golfers and families, which, in addition to a nine-hole golf course, offered an interactive adventure golf course (Pirate Bay), a high-tech driving range, junior golf programme and a popular restaurant.

Five years on, business is thriving. More than 1,000 children (some of whom are now approaching adulthood) have been introduced to golf, more than 16.8m. balls have been hit on the state-of-the-art driving range, and Nineteen has fed more than 375,000 people!

'We wanted to highlight the benefits of golf. The handicap system means that you can enjoy playing golf together as a family or group of friends, without playing ability being a barrier between you. We had the idea of a multi-purpose facility where families could all have something to do – but not necessarily the same activity – and then enjoy a drink or food afterwards at a good quality restaurant,' said Matt.

'Having a top-class food and beverage offering was a priority and getting executive chef Neil Maginnis on board was key. His experience as the former head chef at La Fregate spoke for itself, and over the last five years Neil and his team have consistently produced top quality food.'

A bustling, vibrant entertainment centre was the vision, but equally important was the future of the sport. Introducing a whole new generation to golf was fundamental.

'When you look at the stats it's quite humbling. Through our structured Junior Academy, sponsored initially by Butterfield and in recent years by Grant Thornton, it's amazing to see how many children have learnt new skills, met new friends, and discovered that the sport isn't just for retired men.

'Golf19 has played its part in increasing participation in the sport of golf in Guernsey over the last five years at all levels, and membership is at an all-time high with a wider range of ages enjoying memberships than when the team took on the St Pierre Park golf course.'

When the doors opened in 2017 the range was slightly more basic and the retail arm was modest. It is now one of the biggest online golf retailers, as well as having the Channel Islands' largest golf superstore on site.

'We've had various fit outs of the shop, and on the golf course itself we've put in new drainage, tee boxes, pathways and planting, as well as introducing golf buggies.

We've seen huge growth within the retail arm of the business – JamGolf. This has been made possible by the outsourcing of accounts, fulfilment roles, marketing and HR, to sustain staff levels rather than increasing them,' said Matt.

With demand as a party venue growing, the Premium Bays were installed in 2019, replacing a golf simulator which had become less popular once the Toptracer ball tracking system was rolled out on the range.

Premium Bays provide a private dining space with two driving range bays and table service from Nineteen – perfect for parties and corporate events. They're particularly popular when there's a big sporting event due to two large tv screens with Sky and BT Sports.

Never wanting to stand still, Matt added: 'We will continue to evolve the site and introduce new features to enhance what is here already. With space at a premium, the plans must be carefully considered to ensure they don't impact on car parking or enjoyment of existing facilities. There are plans for some big developments on site which we hope will be in place in 2023'.

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- More than 375,000 meals served in Nineteen

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OAK'S PEOPLE – OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET

BY JOE WOODWARD, MANAGING DIRECTOR – PRIVATE WEALTH, GUERNSEY OAK GROUP

When Oak's executive committee was devising its three-year strategy (known as 'Project Horizon') there was only one place to start: with our people.

As a global private wealth, corporate services and fund administration business, Oak provides a range of services to clients all over the world. However, it doesn't produce any 'thing' and 'owns' very few assets. Yes, we have a world class head office, plenty of desks, chairs and top of the range IT equipment to enable staff to work remotely from anywhere with a decent Wi-Fi signal. We also have an envious client book, which is how many financial services businesses are valued. However, when it boils down to it, all Oak really has is its people.

A former director and mentor of mine always used to say: 'look after your staff, your staff will look after your clients, and the business will look after itself'. These words have always stuck with me throughout my career and in a difficult recruitment market such as Guernsey's right now this becomes more important than ever.

So, in putting its people at the forefront of its strategic decision-making, what is Oak doing to make sure it attracts – and retains – the best talent?

Firstly, Oak has become a purpose-led business, with one of our core values being our people. They are at the centre of everything we do so we understand how important it is to build a culture in which our colleagues can thrive. We have developed a people strategy that will focus on four key areas: well-being, employee experience, development and enrichment and operational excellence. Our mission is to continually engage with our colleagues to understand their needs so that we know how to adapt, grow and deliver with our people function and get the Oak culture right.

I was fortunate enough to have recently spent 12 months with Oak Mauritius and this gave me

invaluable experience when it comes to managing different cultures. However, what really struck me is that – despite the obvious differences – the underlying culture and affinity with Oak was the same thousands of miles away as it is in Guernsey. Indeed, this is the overriding factor that made Oak an attractive business to join in the first place. We have always enjoyed very low staff turnover and several staff have been with the Guernsey business since its inception in 1999. This sense of loyalty cannot be underestimated and suggests we must be doing something right! However, in such a competitive market we cannot afford to be complacent.

Clearly Oak has to offer attractive salary and incentivisation packages and its strong financial performance allows it to do so. However, this alone will not set us apart from our competitors. We recently undertook an externally supported well-being survey across the whole group, which has reinforced our view that this is becoming increasingly important to staff. We are now focused on delivering a well-being strategy which will encompass mental, physical, social and financial health, driven by the voice of our people. We are getting our people to shape the continued evolution of the strategy by engaging well-being champions who will be the voice of their jurisdictional colleagues. Enhanced flexible working is the first step we are making which aids work-life balance, with many more initiatives on the way.

In order to attract and retain talented employees, and to help those individuals realise their potential, Oak is also investing heavily in staff training and professional development. This all forms part of our people values, people pledge and people strategy that will support us in building a market-leading workforce who feel cared for, respected and at their best. Which brings me back to the same mantra: if Oak looks after its people, the business will look after itself.



Sally Rochester

MOURANT CONSULTING, A LAW FIRM-LED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUSINESS, HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN GUERNSEY

It will be headed up by director Sally Rochester. A qualified chartered accountant and a sustainability champion for the Guernsey Branch of the Institute of Directors, she has more than 20 years of regulatory and risk management experience, including as executive director of supervision for the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

Working in collaboration with the firm's regulatory legal practice, Mourant Consulting will offer strong regulatory knowledge combined with expertise in helping financial services clients build long-term strategies to enhance their governance, risk and compliance culture and navigate the changing regulatory landscape.

'We're looking forward to welcoming Sally to the Mourant Consulting team,' said Mourant Consulting managing director Mike Jones. 'Her expertise in providing risk and regulatory advice and experience in supporting licensed businesses and regulator-led projects across the Channel Islands makes her the perfect fit to lead Mourant Consulting in Guernsey working with Mourant Consulting colleagues in our multiple jurisdictions.'



John Ayres

KROLL OPENS GUERNSEY OFFICE

Kroll, an independent provider of global risk and financial advisory solutions, has opened a new office in Lefebvre Street in St Peter Port.

Headquartered in New York, with more than 70 offices serving international clients, the new Guernsey office will strengthen Kroll's presence in the Channel Islands, and coincides with the 10-year anniversary of its Jersey office.

'Setting up the new Guernsey office and growing Kroll's local restructuring team are very exciting opportunities,' said John Ayres, who has been appointed managing director and will head the new office. 'Guernsey is a pivotal financial jurisdiction and I look forward to introducing our global capabilities to many leading practitioners in the Channel Islands.'



OAK GROUP REBRANDS

Oak Group has rebranded as part of its efforts to underline its commitment to sustainability and organisational values.

The rebranding is focused around the 'Oak ecosystem' and highlights the values of people, planet and value, as well as reflecting Oak's priorities as a people-first, purpose-led organisation with sustainability at its core. The Oak ecosystem is designed to reflect the importance of Oak's people and their position as members of a wider group, represented by the forest in the Oak logo.

'We are delighted to launch our much-anticipated brand refresh,' said CEO Graham McCormack. 'The new branding introduces the Oak ecosystem, which supports our core values, people, planet, and value, in addition to our sustainability mission.'

NEW CUSTOMER CONSULTANCY BUSINESS LAUNCHES



Charlotte Dunsterville

A new customer consultancy business, Customerise, has launched to help local businesses deliver excellent customer experience.

Charlotte Dunsterville, who recognised a gap in the market for senior level advisory on longer term customer strategy and the need to link customer experience to tangible business outcomes, heads up the new venture.

'I'm delighted to launch Customerise and offer tailored, expert support to local businesses,' she said. 'Customer experience is so important nowadays and can be a key differentiator for organisations when it's done right.'

Customerise will help organisations to see themselves from their customers' perspective, and offers a number of comprehensive programmes ranging from board advisory on customer strategy, to hands on practical help improving day to day customer experiences as well as advice on customer insight and people-led change for business transformation.

It is in partnership with local advisory firm Uni1ty, set up by Rollo de Sausmarez and Mike Ozanne, to offer trusted consultancy in marketing, sustainability and technology in the Channel Islands.

CREATE'S CO-FOUNDER TAKES FULL CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS

Create's co-founder, Ricky Mahy, has taken full control of the business with immediate effect, following the amicable departure of business partner James Barker, who has now left the practice to explore new opportunities.

The company was set up 18 years ago by the pair and has grown to become one of Guernsey's leading chartered architectural and chartered surveying practices.

'It's a new chapter and I wish James every success moving forward,' said Mr Mahy.

'Our partnership was very much an equal one, but I am excited about the next stage and the opportunities

that brings, driving Create forward at what is an important time for the business.

'Create will continue to look after its existing clients and work on the larger projects with our dedicated and friendly team.

'We will shortly be moving to new premises which will give us more space to do what we do best.'

Create's team uses the latest technology, embracing virtual reality and Building Information Modelling, not only in construction but also to help clients understand how a design will work in reality. Sustainability is also key.

'We are keen on optimising energy efficiency and minimising environmental impact, so this will always be at the forefront of our minds,' said Mr Mahy.

Create has been entrusted with a number of high profile community projects on the island, including

La Nouvelle Maraitaine, Le Grande Courtil, Cour du Parc, Parc Le Lacheur and Fontaine Vinery for the GHA, as well as a wide range of residential and commercial renovations and new builds.

The company operates primarily in Guernsey but has also designed for projects throughout the Channel Islands and in the UK.

It is a Guernsey Design Awards winner.



Ricky Mahy



Harry Williams, Catja Carrell, Richard Avery-Wright, Mark Smith, Daisy Avery-Wright, Louis Falla, Dawn Pybus and Ben Jame

EQUITY MANAGEMENT PLATFORM BACKED BY 1818 VENTURE CAPITAL SOLD TO CARTA

Capdesk, backed by Guernsey-based venture capital firm 1818 Venture Capital, has been acquired by US fintech unicorn Carta in a part cash, part equity transaction.

Co-founded by Christian Gabriel, Capdesk is headquartered in the UK and Denmark and provides a range of software solutions that help private companies simplify every aspect of managing equity, equity options, and secondary transactions

all in one platform. Carta was incorporated in San Francisco by Henry Ward in 2012.

The company was established with a bold mission to become the transfer agent, brokerage and clearing house for all private stock transactions in the world and will use Capdesk to expand its presence in Europe as part of its compliance push with the UK's HMRC and Companies House.

'The combination of Carta and Capdesk is hugely synergistic and hence this is an extremely exciting development,' said Richard Avery-Wright, founder of 1818 Venture Capital. 'Whilst this exit has come slightly sooner than we expected, we are absolutely delighted to be able to return capital to investors after only two or three years of investment. It reinforces the notion that despite the current macro-

economic backdrop, good deals will get done at attractive valuations.

We also believe it is another demonstration of 1818's ability to identify early-stage companies that deliver superior returns for our investors.

'We typically invest in Pre-Series A opportunities at 1818 Venture Capital. Investing at this early stage requires specific skills to identify talented and ambitious founders, who have an aptitude to succeed, coupled with high emotional intelligence to handle the ups, downs and challenges that inevitably present themselves.'

In July 2021, Carta completed a \$500m. Series G funding round, led by Silver Lake, at a valuation of US\$7.4bn. Following the acquisition, Capdesk users will gain access to Carta's products.

Demand remains strong for Guernsey property – with signs market stabilising



Whilst the Channel Islands has sweltered in record-breaking temperatures this summer, it's fair to say that a little of the heat has started to come out of the housing market in terms of activity.

That's perhaps not wholly unexpected. A lack of supply and strong buyer demand fuelled by the experience of the pandemic turbocharged people's desire to move over the last two years – and it would have been unrealistic for that same level to continue.

In many ways we are mirroring the housing market of the UK. Successive interest rate rises and a challenging economic backdrop have led to a slightly more cautious outlook, while the market of the last couple of months has been more seasonal.

That said, there are still a healthy number of motivated buyers who are committed to a move and it remains busier than it was pre pandemic – with early signs indicating this should continue into the autumn.

Strong Q2 performance

The latest States of Guernsey property bulletin shows just how busy the market has been. Price growth in the Local Market continues to be driven by an imbalance between supply and demand. The mix adjusted average purchase price for properties transacted during the

second quarter of 2022 was £598,963 – 4.5% higher than the previous quarter and 18.5% higher than the second quarter of 2021.

Interestingly, the three months to June was also one of the busiest in the last five years – with 236 Local Market transactions (37 more than the previous quarter, although 61 fewer than the same quarter of 2021).

The properties have been there – sales have just been happening incredibly quickly and buyers have had to act fast. That's where having a good relationship and registering with an agent can be a huge help because we can alert buyers to a property that might soon be available.

Properties in the Open Market meanwhile continue to attract significant interest with a good level of viewings – particularly if they are priced sensibly and in line with the market. Q2 witnessed slightly fewer transactions than the same time last year, but prices remained robust – with healthy year on year growth.

What's in store for the rest of 2022?

Despite the economic and wider global pressures the market should remain stable as we head into September and beyond.

The supply and demand imbalance looks set to underpin continued activity and – crucially – the lifestyle factors that attract people to Guernsey will not change. Our

beautiful coastline, wonderful sense of community, rich heritage and general quality of life remain a significant draw. Competition for 'best in class' homes will remain strong – but setting a realistic guide price will be key to maintaining momentum.

Supply demand imbalance fuels rental growth

Much like the residential sales market, rental prices continue to be supported by an imbalance between supply and demand. There are still not enough rental properties available to meet people's needs – and that's especially true for larger family homes.

So long as demand continues to outweigh supply there will continue to be growth – most landlords are aware of an increase in market rentals and are keeping a close eye on market trends.

Longer term it will be interesting to see how the cost of living and wider economic factors affect the market.

We may find that landlords keep any potential increases to a minimum because they value having a long term tenant who will look after their property. Many tenants in existing tenancies are also renewing with their current landlords rather than looking for a new home in an increasing rental market.

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GUERNSEY'S NEW CHARITIES LAW: WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

OGIER PARTNER CATHERINE MOORE AND ASSOCIATE DIANA RODRIGUEZ EXPLAIN



Guernsey has a thriving charities sector, with several hundred local charities providing support and services to the local community, as well as a significant number of internationally focused charitable trusts and foundations, many administered by trust and corporate service providers that are regulated and based in Guernsey.

Spurred on by the need to bring its regulation into line with international norms on anti-money laundering and counter terrorist-financing, Guernsey introduced new charities legislation on 29 April 2022 redefining charities and non-profit organisations under Guernsey law, setting out criteria to determine which of them are required to be registered on the Register of Charities and other Non Profit Organisations, and laying out the governance and risk mitigation measures that such organisations are required to implement.

WHAT IS A CHARITY AND WHAT IS A NON PROFIT ORGANISATION (NPO) UNDER THE NEW CHARITIES LAW?

Under the new charities legislation, NPOs are any organisations established solely or principally either for the non-financial benefit of their members or for the benefit of society, for example a private members club. All charities are NPOs, but not all NPOs are charities.

Charities are NPOs that pass the following two tests:

- the organisation is set up only for charitable purposes; and
- the organisation provides or intends to provide benefit for the public or a section of the public in Guernsey, to a reasonable degree, by fulfilling its purposes

The new legislation provides a long list of charitable purposes, such as the prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education, and the advancement of religion.

BENEFITS FOR NPOS AND CHARITIES

NPOs benefit from preferential income tax rates on profits. Charities enjoy an additional tax advantage, which is to receive tax rebates on the donations they receive, subject to certain limitations.

WHICH NPOS MUST REGISTER UNDER THE GUERNSEY CHARITIES LEGISLATION?

Guernsey has maintained a charities register since 2008. The new legislation has adjusted the scope of the registration requirements and so the mandatory requirement to register applies to a slightly different group of organisations than previously. NPOs may

choose to register voluntarily but they must be registered if they:

- have gross assets and funds of £100,000 or more, or a gross annual income of over £20,000, unless they do not solicit or accept donations, funds or contributions from the public; or
- raise or distribute assets abroad, subject to limited exceptions, such as, for example, if the international activity is to assist someone whose principal place of residence is in Guernsey

One notable change is that under the previous regime, so called "manumitted organisations" were exempt from the requirement to register, but this exemption has been removed. Manumitted organisations are those that are "administered, controlled or operated" by a person regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER REGISTRATION?

There are three main consequences of registration.

First, the NPO will be added to the Register of Charities and other Non Profit Organisations. Those that solicit or accept donations, funds and contributions from the public will be listed on the public section of the register.

Second, the NPO will have to comply with a number of governance requirements. On first reading these may appear daunting as they are fairly prescriptive in places, but the Guernsey Registry has provided helpful detailed guidance on how to comply with them, and many organisations will have these governance practices in place already. They include governance measures such as having a constitution that deals with how the decisions of the NPO will be taken and what its objectives are. They also include certain financial controls over how money is used and accounted for.

Third, the NPO will have to put in place measures to counter money-laundering and terrorist financing. These vary according to risk; if an NPO only raises and distributes money locally, then the requirements are less stringent than if the NPO raises money or distributes money overseas.

In short, while the new regulation has introduced, among other things, new definitions and new governance and mitigation requirements, it is a reflection of Guernsey's dedication to remaining in line with international standards and maintaining its well-respected position among other jurisdictions.

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SOLVENCY – A CRITICAL ISSUE FOR DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES



With difficult economic times looming, together with significant geopolitical uncertainty, directors and trustees alike must diligently and robustly assess the solvency of the structures which they manage, in order to properly discharge their respective duties and to protect against potential personal liabilities, says Todd McGuffin, Head of Disputes & Risk, Babbé.

ZONE OF INSOLVENCY

Guernsey's Companies Law provides a two-limb test for determining the solvency of a company:

- the 'cash-flow test' – can a company pay its debts as they fall due; and
- the 'balance sheet test' – is the value of a company's liabilities greater than that of its assets?

If a company is at risk of failing either or both of the above tests, the law determines that the company has entered the 'zone of insolvency'.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Whether executive or non-executive, company directors must exercise the following duties:

- act in the best interests of the company;
- act for proper purposes (and avoid improper or collateral purposes);
- exercise independent judgement;
- avoid conflicts of interest; and
- carry out their duties with reasonable care, skill and diligence.

However, when the company enters the zone of insolvency, the primary focus of the exercise of the duties of directors fundamentally alters, requiring them to act predominantly in the interests of the creditors of the company, not the company itself or its members.

To refer to a trust as insolvent is a misnomer. A trust is not a separate legal entity and therefore as a matter of law cannot be insolvent as its assets are held by the trustee. However, the courts, adopting aspects of the corporate insolvency regime, consider a trust to

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be insolvent if it fails the cash flow test – that is, the trustee is unable to meet its debts as trustee as they fall due.

Analogous with the shift in focus of duties toward corporate entities, if there is risk of the trust failing the test, the duty of the trustee is to act in the interests of creditors and not the beneficiaries, as it is the creditors who now have the economic interest in the trust assets.

POTENTIAL PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

In the corporate context, the law prescribes various actions that may be taken against directors who fail to properly exercise their duties where there is a risk of insolvency including actions for wrongful and fraudulent trading.

With respect to trustees, if their actions improperly caused the insolvency of the trust, it would be open to the beneficiaries to allege a breach of trust and seek compensation from the directors of the trustee.

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World Shaping Wealth

The impact of affluence on the next economy

Private wealth has always had a significant impact in shaping the world that we live in. As disruptive events continue to unfold on the world stage, there is hope in the form of a clear demonstration of the social conscience and sense of responsibility held by most of the world's ultra high net worth population to use their wealth as a force for good.

Taylor Wessing has conducted an international study examining the behaviours, motivations and goals of today's UHNW individuals. 81% of those individuals told us they believe they have a responsibility to use their wealth to solve global issues. Climate change, future pandemics, and addressing inequality and poverty are all in their sights – as now, no doubt, will be supporting those in the midst of conflict.

It is clear that the vast majority of the world's wealthy want to direct capital to affect positive change and address urgent societal challenges. But in an age of exponential change the impact of private capital could be the deciding factor in the future of the planet.

Tech-enabled globalisation has connected the world in a way we have never experienced, with disruptive technologies shaping the lives of UHNW individuals internationally. The older money has pivoted to transform and thrive, while the so called 'next gen' have rapidly built their wealth through the opportunities emerging technologies afford.

Now they want to take this innovative mindset and apply it to solving some of the world's biggest problems.

Ambitious goals are being set at local, national and international levels and without private wealth, governments will not have sufficient capital to make their plans a reality.

As the world seeks to recover from the pandemic while facing the daunting prospect of achieving net zero, a huge amount rests on the shoulders of UHNW individuals.



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They do however face their own challenges. Economic uncertainty, ever changing regulation and geopolitical disruption are on their minds. They're worried about protecting their family's financial future and securing their legacy – a legacy which an increasing number want to be philanthropic.

There is also a shift in their expectations of their advisors. Only 9% of those we surveyed said they prefer to leave the management of their wealth entirely to the experts. The world's wealthiest want more from their advisors. They want a holistic, proactive service, with advisors going beyond their brief to actively support them in all areas of their personal and professional lives.

This does not only apply to financial advisors and other intermediaries. It applies to the legal industry as well. We need to embrace change and be adaptable, offering our clients a global perspective. We need to give thoughtful, flexible advice within the context of the increasingly complex regulatory environments by which they are bound.

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ARE WE NEARLY THERE...?

TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN AFTER DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

BY COLLAS CRILL PARTNER ELIZABETH COUCH
AND ASSOCIATE JAZZMIN LE PREVOST

As Covid restrictions and quarantines continue to lift, holiday planning has bounced back and family holidays are thankfully back on the agenda.

While there is much to organise when travelling abroad with your family, if you are a separated parent or you have a different surname to that of your children there are some additional factors to consider when planning your trip. This article answers common questions from parents and carers when navigating travel bookings post-separation.

DO I NEED PERMISSION FROM MY EX-PARTNER TO TRAVEL ABROAD WITH OUR CHILD OR CHILDREN AFTER DIVORCE AND, IF SO, WHY?

In the majority of cases, yes you do. Any person who has parental responsibility for the child or children will need to give their permission for the child or children to travel abroad. The only exception to this is where the parent or carer who is travelling with the child or children has a residence order stating that the child or children lives with them and there is no other term within the order which means that permission must be sought. In this situation, the parent or carer may then take the child or children abroad for up to 28 days without permission, but it is often in the best interests of the children to confirm your plans in writing to your ex-partner in any event.

Failing to obtain permission, where necessary, is a criminal offence and may lead to criminal charges for child abduction.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY CHILDREN?

Parental responsibility is automatically given to mothers and is given to fathers who are either named on the birth certificate of the child or married to the mother when the child is born. Parental responsibility can also be granted via court order or by entering into a Parental Responsibility Agreement.

If you are the only parent with parental responsibility and there are no orders in place, permission is not needed from your ex-partner to travel abroad with your child. It is however recommended that you advise them of your plans.

IF I DO NEED PERMISSION, HOW DO I GET IT?

Permission can (and should) be obtained in writing. You can do this yourself, or through your advocate if more appropriate.



LEFT: ELIZABETH COUCH,
RIGHT: JAZZMIN LE PREVOST

WHAT DOCUMENTS MIGHT I NEED?

Preparation is key; we recommend travelling with some or all of the following where possible:

1. A copy of the written consent from the other parent regarding the travel abroad;
2. Proof of your own relationship with the child or children, such as their birth certificate;
3. Your final order of divorce, or your marriage certificate, if your surname is different from your child or children's;
4. Contact details of the other parent of the child/children; and
5. The specific details surrounding your trip.

WHAT LIMITS ARE THERE, OR MAY THERE BE, ON TRAVELLING ABROAD?

Save for anything agreed between you and the other parent or carer, there is arguably not much limitation to your trip, provided you have any relevant permission (if required) from any person with parental responsibility for your child/children. As already discussed, where permission is not required, the time limit for travelling abroad without permission is 28 days albeit we would recommend informing your ex-partner or other parent in any event.

WHAT CAN I DO IF MY EX WON'T AGREE TO THE TRIP?

If your ex-partner has parental responsibility for the child or children and refuses to provide consent for the trip, and you do not have a sole residence order, then you will likely need to make an application to the court for permission to temporarily remove the children from Guernsey and travel with them, in order to avoid any potential criminal proceedings.

In such a scenario the paramount consideration for the court is the welfare of the children and, in most cases, the court will likely require cogent reasons as to why it should not grant the permission sought provided that there are no concerns regarding the return of the child/children to the island or any other safety concerns in respect of the destination and travel plans.

If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you need your ex-partner's permission to travel abroad with your child or children, please do get in touch with Elizabeth Couch, Adrian Brown or Sarah Millar on 01481 734228.



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ARE CHEAP PREMIUMS REALLY WORTH IT?

BY OLIVER GOATER – MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Value is a highly subjective idea and one which has been lost in recent times.

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However, nowadays, insurance is seen as a 'grudge purchase', which has led to today's fiercely competitive quotes for car insurance on price comparison websites. From the outside, the value proposition that professional brokers such as Network offer consumers and society has become clouded.

Recent events, such as Brexit, Covid-19 and the Russia/Ukraine conflict have ultimately led to higher inflation and a resulting cost of living crisis. This, coupled with the advancements in technology, has compounded the difficulty in convincing the modern customer of the benefits independent brokers provide.

It is hard to see how the customer and the provider can ever agree fully on what value looks like in insurance. Maybe they will never agree; but I believe a key part of getting more people engaged and in control of their insurance is helping them feel confident about the value that they get from their broker and the product that they ultimately purchase.

It is important for a customer to have independent advice in relation to insurance, which can be complex. A professional broker is best suited to advise on the most appropriate insurance cover for a customer's particular needs.

SO HOW DO WE AS A BUSINESS AND A PROFESSION COMMUNICATE CLEARLY THE ADDED VALUE WE OFFER?

Value is not about cheap headline prices; it is about what lies beneath and the customer's perception of the content of the advice and product. Get that wrong and it impacts upon the trust and willingness of people to engage with a broker.

Our firm belief is the more interaction the better. Customers need, firstly, to have trust and confidence in their broker and not just be driven by the allure of finding the cheapest price. A good broker will already understand that price is a sensitive issue but will also understand that the before and after sales service, quality of product and financial security of the insurer is paramount, especially when the time comes to making a claim.

The Channel Islands are fortunate, in that both Guernsey and Jersey have a comparatively large range of insurance brokers to choose from. However, often, customers will move from one broker to another based on the price of the product even when they have received excellent service.

While many personal insurances such as motor, household and travel will have similar policy coverage; it does differ. Therefore, insurers can offer cheaper products by removing certain covers, applying onerous policy conditions or exclusions, or by applying higher policy excesses. When it is time to claim, all of these can have a significant impact on your claim experience.

If clients engage with one broker, they can understand the product they are purchasing, and also the broker can understand the client's requirements and provide a solution right for them. If this is price, let the broker know this is a primary concern, as they will have a route to market to use another insurer and/or product.

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BY TOBY BIRCH, SENIOR INVESTMENT MANAGER AT GOWER

THE EVOLUTION OF THE HUMAN SPECIES HAS BEEN MARKED BY AN ABILITY TO ADAPT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND LEARN LESSONS PASSED DOWN BY THE ANCESTORS.

Similarly, it is entirely understandable that modern-day investment folk look to previous patterns to enable them to cope with market turmoil, in the hope of navigating through it.

Psychologists often refer to 'anchoring', which is also described as cognitive bias. In times of fear, we are heavily influenced by the first convincing piece of data we encounter then cling to it with martyr-like devotion. Perhaps it would better be described as a buoy rather than an anchor. It is a trait that has been weaponised by tyrants and propagandists right up to the present day.

We are all products of our upbringing and attempt to bring wisdom based on our personal experiences of the past. Inevitably, the inflation surge and sweltering summer of 2022 brought back memories of 1976. For those who were around at the time it can evoke fond thoughts of ladybird swarms and a seemingly infinite variety of ice lollies. But there are other not so rose-tinted flashbacks of power outages and petrol queues, culminating in the Winter of Discontent that saw out a dismal decade.

Nowadays, travel is infinitely easier, as the reader will testify sitting on this flight. In my childhood, tourism was something of a luxury because exchange controls were still in place. As my parents drove through France, my siblings and I would gleefully wave at other English cars as they were such a rarity. Part of the era's chaos stemmed from a combination of oil crises and the break-up of the post-war fixed exchange rate mechanism in 1971. The system initially fostered prosperity as the gold-backed US\$ was an anchor of stability but then unravelled with the cost of the Vietnam War.

Another common saying is that 'history does not repeat, but it does rhyme'. Inevitably, past conflicts have been driven by greed, shortages and geography so similar inputs often resulted in the same outcome. Nevertheless, one should think of the future like a kaleidoscope. A few glass beads and crystals can create an infinite number of subtle patterns which can never be replicated. It is therefore better to be flexible when thinking about what is to come, rather than being too dogmatic.

Perhaps a more meaningful comparison from the past occurred after WW2. Given the vast levels of debt created for the conflict, a way had to be found to pay it off while concurrently reconstructing the ravaged continent of Europe. To do this, a system known as financial repression was introduced. Capital controls were imposed to limit currency crises while interest rates were capped. A blind eye was turned to inflation as it allowed debt levels to be devalued over time. Unfortunately, it also had the same effect on personal savings. One economic commentator (Russell Napier) described the process as 'stealing from old people, slowly'.

Where pensions are concerned it is imperative that their value not only keeps up with inflation but outpaces it. This has been an impossible predicament this year. As ever, crisis presents opportunity and stock market valuations have mean-reverted to sensible levels once more. One of the benefits of pension investing is that one can take a longer-term view. Should we see something similar to financial repression - which has already been touted in Washington circles - then equities and commodities will be prime beneficiaries, albeit bonds and cash deposits will steadily be devalued and diluted.

DID YOU HAVE AN EXCEPTIONAL TIME IN THE UK?

Over the last few years, we have become used to sudden, last minute changes to our travel plans; from countries locking down borders, cancelled flights, and illness preventing travel. Whilst this is frustrating, it could also result in significant and unintended tax exposure if your stay in an overseas jurisdiction is for a longer period than expected.

Guernsey tax residents are used to managing their time in the UK such that they do not become a UK tax resident. They are also aware that the return trip home is subject to the Island being fog free or the sea not too rough.

For some though their time in the UK is necessitated by a need for specialist medical care that may not be available in Guernsey.

For most, those extra few nights in the UK have little impact, other than inconvenience.

However, for those that are carefully counting their UK midnights for UK tax residence purposes, they could see their number of midnights unexpectedly exceed the maximum allowed and thus become UK tax resident in that year.

This can have a significant financial impact with exposure to UK income tax and capital gains tax.

HMRC will by statute allow up to 60 days to be disregarded from the UK residence day count where the reason for being in the UK is considered to be an “exceptional circumstance”. An exceptional day is, broadly a day spent in the UK when;

- There are exceptional circumstances,
- beyond the individual's control,
- that prevent the individual from leaving the UK (before midnight)

- were it not for these circumstances, the individual would not be in the UK (at midnight); and
- the individual intends to leave the UK as soon as the circumstances permit.

Despite these rules being widely drafted, HMRC have challenged many claims for exceptional circumstances, making it exceedingly difficult for an individual to claim relief under these provisions.

Earlier this year a UK first-tier tax tribunal determined on the first exceptional circumstances case taken to trial, resulting in much needed additional guidance on when a day may be considered as exceptional.

The case was found in favour of the taxpayer, with the key aspects of the determination being:

- It is not necessary for an individual to be present in the UK when the exceptional circumstance occurs;
- Foreseeable circumstances may qualify, as foreseeability does not necessarily mean within the individual's control; and
- A moral obligation or obligations of conscience (in this case, caring for a family member) may qualify as exceptional.

This case is likely good news for Guernsey residents travelling to the UK for medical treatment or accompanying those undergoing such treatment and those in the UK for other exceptional circumstances.

Prior to this case, to claim such trips as exceptional was likely to be challenged by HMRC. This judgement makes clear that travelling to the UK for medical treatment may qualify as an exceptional circumstance, provided that coming to the UK for treatment is beyond the individual's control.

The judgement suggests that exceptional circumstances are not limited to emergency treatment, even foreseeable procedures or treatments may qualify, if it is necessary that they are carried out in the UK. In addition, travelling to the UK with a loved one who receives treatment, may also be considered exceptional in certain circumstances.

Unfortunately, this tribunal decision is not binding and HMRC have been granted leave to appeal the case.

If you would like to discuss UK tax residence or exceptional circumstances with us, please get in touch.



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ARE YOU DOING THE RIGHT THING WHEN IT COMES TO CYBER SECURITY?

THE VALUE IN BEING CYBER SECURITY CERTIFIED

Channel Islands businesses of all sizes should appreciate the tremendous value in achieving cyber security certifications, particularly when it comes to cyber insurance, reputation, client trust and financial factors.

The government-backed Cyber Essentials certification is a recognised standard of cyber security that demonstrates the steps taken by an organisation to reduce the threat of an attack and to safeguard their data and operations.

Launched by the UK government and observed across the Channel Islands, Cyber Essentials is a cyber security scheme designed to protect businesses of every size against cyber attacks. In addition to identifying where your business is vulnerable, it can help you to take the necessary measures to reduce the risk, providing peace of mind that you are protected from potential attacks.

The basic Cyber Essentials certification is a self-verification process which covers five key areas:

Boundary firewall and internet gateways

Secure configuration

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Recommended for SMEs across every sector, the Cyber Essentials certification is increasingly acknowledged as the starting point for basic cyber security. For example, businesses in Guernsey and the Crown Dependencies with a Cyber Essentials certification are afforded cyber liability insurance with up to £25,000 worth of indemnity.

Beyond the financial practicalities, becoming Cyber Essentials certified can offer multiple reputational benefits, which is especially important in a captive market like ours, where news spreads like wildfire. Potential clients and key stakeholders are more aware than ever of the damage hackers can cause by stealing data, damaging computer systems and affecting business continuity. Adopting these security measures is vital for building trust.

But is self-verification enough? While Cyber Essentials is achieved through a self-certification process, the Cyber Essentials PLUS certification requires an audit by an external body, where a qualified assessor (like us) will attest that the company has met the standard through a rigorous and comprehensive audit process. This adds an extra layer to an organisation's policy which ensures all bases have been covered, so it's unsurprising that a Cyber Essentials PLUS certification is held in much higher regard by stakeholders, clients and insurance policies alike.

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A CHALICE CAN SIMPLY BE A CUP...

BY MARK BOUSFIELD, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR OF RAVENSCROFT



**THESE ARE THE DAYS OF THE ENDLESS SUMMER
THESE ARE THE DAYS, THE TIME IS NOW
THERE IS NO PAST, THERE'S ONLY FUTURE
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Avalon Sunset, Van Morrison, 1989

The origin of the phrase 'the first one hundred days' comes from the presidency of Franklin D Roosevelt, who took on the leadership of the US in 1933 at the height of the Great Depression.

The phrase has since been applied to almost every US president and UK prime minister in deciding whether their early tenure can be deemed a success or failure. Of course, the individual concerned usually has at least four years (and potentially five in the case of the UK) to get the job done, so all is not necessarily lost if they don't crush it within the first three months.

Unfortunately for our new prime minister, these are not normal times and – unlike her campaign, which failed Twitter 101 on day one – she is going to have to hit the ground [running] just to stand still. All this in the face of the most intense collective sadness the nation has known in modern times. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will have long-lasting and far-reaching effects on the psyche of both the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations. It will take a while for all of us to adjust to life without the only British sovereign ninety per cent of those alive today in the world have ever known.

I would list the challenges Liz Truss faces but wouldn't be able to fit them all in our allotted word count. Suffice to say it is likely that she will be judged solely by her decisions and actions in relation to one issue: the energy crisis. Harold Macmillan, UK prime minister in the late 1950s, is perhaps famous for two sayings: one, 'most of our people have never had it so good', was a reflection of the success Britain was finally enjoying in the late 1950s, post the release of economic restraints applied during the Second World War. The other was (potentially apocryphal) in answer to what he most feared about his job: 'events, my dear boy, events'.

Well, Liz can forget about the first one because none of her electorate is happy – on either side of the still-raging Brexit divide. It's become a religious war and no one cares about the facts either way. As for the second, she won't have to worry about what's round the corner because no prime minister since Winston Churchill (also, it should be remembered, Queen Elizabeth's first prime minister) has

had a greater crisis on their hands upon entering office. Can she do it? Well, it would certainly be true that she has no good options. What she does have, however, is a range of less good ones, particularly from a political perspective. As I write on the day after her entering office, there are innumerable media articles and interviews from her supporters and advisors setting out what are considered more 'Conservative' approaches to the crisis, most of which involve tax cuts in an attempt to stimulate the economy. What is potentially new for a post-Heath Tory government would be the imposition of energy price caps.

When combined with all the postulated tax cuts (the energy price cap initiative alone, being a reversion to levels prior to the latest increase, has been estimated by the Spectator to cost £100 billion over two years), we are talking serious money and government borrowing that would have to be financed over a much longer term. The issue, as always, is targeting, i.e. making sure the cash goes where it is needed as opposed to where it can be exploited by the less scrupulous. After all, part of Rishi Sunak's failure to become prime minister was precisely because Conservative Party voters were outraged by the waste that resulted from the Covid-19 furlough programme. Truss' instinct (at least what can be identified from her hustings articles) seems to be one of lowering personal and consumption taxes to put the money back in the public's pocket, so it remains to be seen whether she will pursue the notionally Labour-like price cap or, indeed, some supposedly judicious combination of the two.

Regardless, this is a treacherous moment to take office – only exaggerated by the two years remaining before the next general election. As so often, Shakespeare understood the nature of these things when he wrote, in Macbeth, of the poisoned chalice. Equally, and as Van the Man states with his customary eloquence, there's only here and there's only now! Who'd want to be Liz Truss?





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CALMER WATERS AHEAD FOR GUERNSEY'S HOUSING MARKETS

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The expression 'may you live in interesting times' can be interpreted as a blessing or a burden, and 'interesting' is one way of describing Guernsey's two housing markets over the last few years. Local Market house prices have been setting record after record, there have been bidding wars, offers placed within hours of a property going on the market, and asking prices exceeded.

The pandemic and the subsequent 'race for space' had a profound impact. People with means had more cash because they were not eating out or travelling as much. Rock-bottom interest rates made buying a home cheaper. Combine all those factors with a lack of supply, and the result was a red-hot market with some jaw-dropping price escalations.

Nowadays you can't open a UK national newspaper without someone predicting a price crash. The war in Ukraine, inflation and the rising cost of living, and higher interest rates are putting the brakes on in some areas.

The reality that we're seeing in Guernsey is that demand remains high. The number of transactions dropped off slightly during the height of summer, when many residents took the opportunity to go on holiday for the first time in three years. With the schools back we are anticipating a busy autumn - our team of experienced local market negotiators will be pleased to deal with your enquiry.

There are a multitude of factors that affect the housing markets here. Despite all the headwinds, Guernsey's economy is very strong with a remarkably resilient finance sector, and unemployment is extremely low.

Housing stock is in short supply and even in the long-term it is difficult to imagine that supply could ever outpace demand here. Put simply, there are more people who want houses than there are houses. It is this underlying demand that will keep prices high and prevent any cooling off turning into a slump. Activity might slow down, but that doesn't mean that sellers have to lower their expectations on price.



Property ownership carries a deep significance in Guernsey society and it remains a key aspiration for young people. For overseas buyers, the island is a dream destination because of its stability, independence, safety, low tax environment, and natural beauty. From our position on the sidelines, we are watching with interest the political developments in the UK.

Predictions can be tricky, but the data is suggesting a period of stability for Guernsey's housing markets. After the significant rises and frenetic activity, calmer waters may be ahead. This will be a relief for the buyers who were put off by the crazy days when homes were swept off the market within days. The Open Market has remained strong and Guernsey's stability and safety offers an oasis of calm in a turbulent world.

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The role that businesses play in partnering with the third sector is equally important, as organisations seek out the causes that matter to them and their people.

At BDO Guernsey, we like our charitable and community support to take the form of partnerships, which we feel allow us to make a meaningful impact and enrich the island.

We consider ourselves extremely lucky that the diary of events and initiatives is fit to bursting and there are so many ways for people and organisations to get involved in making Guernsey a better place to live.

A sight that has rapidly become a fixture of the annual charitable calendar is hundreds of runners taking to Guernsey's airport runway for a 5k fun run in the dark. The Runway Run gives islanders, and visiting runners, the unique chance to experience Guernsey Airport from a totally different perspective and access to an area that is normally out-of-bounds to the public.

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- The service was established in 1980

- Their aircraft, acquired in 2019, is named "Lions' Pride", in recognition of the generosity of the Lions Clubs of Guernsey and Jersey
- Lions' Pride is equipped with a forward-looking infrared camera, GPS, a marine radar, smoke floats, droppable floating strobe lights, radio homing and a loud hailer system
- When out on a search, Lions' Pride has a crew of five: a pilot, a search director and three observers
- There is no charge for the searches or for responding to calls for standby
- The service has annual costs of £225,000 and relies on fundraising throughout the Channel Islands to keep going

To find out more about Channel Islands Air Search, visit their Facebook page.

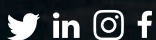


A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a dark jacket and leggings, is sitting on a large, moss-covered log in a lush green forest. A light-colored dog is sitting next to her, looking towards the right. The background is filled with tall trees and dense foliage.

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YOUR WEALTH MANAGER

PROTECTING YOUR PURCHASING POWER

BY CRAIG ALLEN, HEAD OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT,
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One of the things that makes each of us unique, and is of particular interest to economists, is our 'purchasing power'. To the average island resident, purchasing power may mean little as a concept, but we all have it, and it has a significant impact on the way we live.

Simply put, purchasing power reflects our ability to buy goods and services and is tied to several factors, some of which are outside of our control. Other aspects depend heavily on where you live, how you consume, and what kind of lifestyle you lead.

We all know that inflation is rising and the cost of everyday essentials, from food to fuel, continues to increase. We also need to consider the relative weakness of the pound. Compared to 20 years ago, the pound is down approximately 40% against the value of the US dollar and the impact on our purchasing power when we travel to the US is material.

However, Julius Baer predicts that within the next 12-18 months, inflation rates will fall in the US, initially back to 5% and then towards 3%. We saw first signs of this in the July data as inflation moderated slightly. While a 3% rate would still be above the targets set by central banks, Julius Baer currently assigns only a 15-25% chance of recession in the US, which is lower than many other industry experts estimate. Our view is that we are in an unprecedented post-pandemic cycle and we do not foresee inflation rates reaching the crisis levels of the 1970s when there was a deep recession.

WHAT DOES INFLATION MEAN FOR AN AVERAGE GUERNSEY RESIDENT'S PURCHASING POWER?

The vast majority of us feel the impact of inflation, with the poorest members of society feeling it most palpably. All of us will have noticed prices creeping steadily up over the past few months. To accommodate these rising costs, consumers often change their monetary habits, such as how much they invest, save, and spend.

To mitigate against the impacts of inflation and to protect your purchasing power, it's important to be aware of your own individual consumer basket and evaluate whether the costs of these goods and services are aligned with your planned expenditure and budgetary limits.



It is also important to understand and keep track of your own personal inflation rate. You can do this by simply calculating the increase in your year-on-year spending.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR HIGH NET WORTH INDIVIDUALS

For HNW individuals, while they remain incredibly well off, they face nearly double the inflation rates affecting the rest of the population. As inflation continues to chip away at purchasing power, HNW individuals may struggle to change their habits due to the scarcity of the goods and services that they wish to consume. As for their investments, they must keep focused and understand how to protect their wealth.

Fortunately, there are strategies for dealing with inflation. Taking calculated long-term positions in 'real assets' such as equities is an essential part of maintaining purchasing power, though you should always make certain that you are in a position to be able to take such exposure. Speaking to a financial adviser is important and can help you work out what kind of investments are most suitable for restoring your personal wealth and purchasing power during a period of high inflation.

The most important steps everyone can take to protect purchasing power are to become aware of the price of items in your shopping basket and to understand your own personal inflation rates.

Paired with this, saving more and making smarter, risk-conscious investments safely are the best ways to protect your purchasing power. A robust wealth management strategy can also help to stem this erosion of your wealth, which we are on hand to assist with.

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25 YEARS OF PCCS – A DIVERSE PRODUCT FOR A DIVERSE JURISDICTION

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Guernsey enhanced its Companies Law 25 years ago to create the Protected Cell Company (PCC) – not just a first for the island, but a first in the world. Midshore Consulting Managing Director and Guernsey Finance board member Christopher Jehan discusses how it evolved from a tool for the insurance sector into wider use for the financial services industry

When talking about Guernsey's success stories in the world of financial services, few can match the pioneering introduction of the PCC concept back in 1997. It is one of Guernsey's go-to examples for financial innovation. Other jurisdictions have changed the name in an attempt to differentiate, but effectively all PCC legislation globally has been based on that originally formulated in Guernsey.

Originally designed for use in the captive insurance sector, the protected cell company has established itself as a go-to solution for a wide range of fund structuring in the two decades since its creation.

A PCC consists of a core and one or more cells. The assets and liabilities of each cell are segregated from those of other cells and, similarly, the assets and liabilities of the core are segregated from those of each of the cells.

BEGINNINGS – THE INSURANCE SECTOR

The PCC was originally developed for use by Guernsey's insurance sector to enable Guernsey-licensed insurance managers to offer cells to third parties as 'rent-a-captives'. The PCC core is owned and capitalised by the insurance manager, while each cell can be offered to a client to write insurance contracts for that client's benefit. Shares in the cell are issued to that client in order that the client has an economic interest in the cell and can benefit from any profits accruing from the business written. The cell can reinsure its liabilities into the reinsurance market in the same way as any other captive.

The PCC is also often used in insurance transformer transactions whereby the cell writes a derivative contract such as a credit default swap and the liability of the cell under that derivative contract is insured by an insurance company. The transformer provides the insurance company with exposure to a more varied form of investment product (the derivative) but through its traditional business method, the writing of an insurance policy. PCCs are also often used in insurance linked securities transactions and catastrophe bond issues.

Another use of the PCC is in the life sector, whereby each policyholder has their portfolio of assets held by their own cell, segregated from all other cells and ensuring that any claim does not have call on the assets of other cells.

EARLY ADOPTION BY THE FUND SECTOR

Within a year of the introduction of the PCC, its use had spread from the insurance sector into the investment fund sector. Today the PCC remains in common usage for open-ended funds (over 50% of open-ended umbrella funds are constituted as PCCs) and is also used for a significant number of closed-ended umbrella funds.

For funds, the attraction of a PCC is the avoidance of any cross-class contagion if a class or portfolio within an umbrella fund becomes insolvent and if the creditors attempt to enforce judgments against assets within other classes.

As with the insurance sector, the fund sector now has many 'rent-a-cell' PCCs, whereby a fund manager or administrator owns the core shares and allows various investment managers (or promoters) to create a relatively inexpensive fund that they can manage and market.

WIDER USAGE THROUGHOUT THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY

The usage of PCCs, with their legal segregation of assets and liabilities, has spread throughout Guernsey's financial services industry.



ABOVE LEFT: CHRISTOPHER JEHAN.
ABOVE: SOUTH COAST CLIFFS ©VISITGUERNSEY,



Examples include:

Housing multiple general partners – where a number of limited partnerships are launched as funds, the general partner for each can be set up as a separate cell.

Wealth protection – the administrator operating the PCC owns a large number of shares in its core; each separate client has a small shareholding in their cell, which houses their assets. The clients own 100% of the assets in their cell by being the only shareholder of the cell, however there is little to no risk of the PCC becoming a controlled foreign company or any client being seen as a controlling shareholder.

Pension scheme asset holding – each individual's pension scheme owns one or more cells, which owns the underlying assets on the relevant pension holder's behalf.

'Deal-by-deal' investments – an alternative to a fully managed private equity or real estate investment fund. The investor has the option to invest in each investment as it is identified by the investment advisory team by investing in the relevant cell. This route gives greater transparency and gives investors more flexibility and control.

CONCLUSION

PCCs have been a competitive product over the past quarter century. Their uses are myriad and as Guernsey industries (finance and otherwise) continue to diversify, we can only guess what future uses they may be put to. This is true not only of PCCs, but the subsequently spawned Incorporated Cell Company.

As with all 'products', evolution over time is necessary. Guernsey's financial services industry has identified a number of improvements that can be made and plans to engage with government to make proposals that will protect their flexibility and versatility.

Watch this space!



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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR LEARNS ABOUT VALUE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR TO GUERNSEY

Guernsey's new Lieutenant Governor spent a morning at the offices of Guernsey Finance, the promotional agency for Guernsey's specialist financial services industry.

Lieutenant General Richard Cripwell CB CBE met Chief Executive Rupert Pleasant, Chairman Deputy Lyndon Trott and members of the senior leadership team. He was treated to a presentation outlining the opportunities and challenges that face the financial services industry, as well as hearing of the valuable contribution it makes to Guernsey's economy, and the innovation and expertise the island demonstrates as an international finance centre.

His Excellency, who took up his post in February, said he found the session extremely useful and was particularly interested to hear of Guernsey's contribution to sustainable finance.

'It was fascinating to discover that Guernsey, through its green fund regime, is a genuine world leader in sustainable finance, and that Guernsey practitioners are keen to continue innovating to make Guernsey a force for global good,' he said.

Mr Pleasant was honoured that His Excellency devoted so much time to learn about the agency's work, supporting the various pillars of the financial services sector.

'We were delighted to meet with His Excellency and show him the varied work that our team undertakes in promoting our key messages that Guernsey is a well-regulated jurisdiction providing security, stability and substance, continuing to build its reputation as a good global citizen,' he said.

The Lt-Governor also learned of Guernsey's specialist offerings in the fields of private wealth, investment funds, insurance, pensions and banking.

Deputy Lyndon Trott added his delight that His Excellency had taken the time to visit the team and learn more about the island's key economic driver at an early stage in his tenure.

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FORWARD PLANNING

BY JIM COUPE, MANAGING DIRECTOR,
SKIPTON INTERNATIONAL

Running an organisation in 2022 can often be challenging, with the future impossible to predict. However, Jim Coupe, Managing Director of Guernsey-licensed bank Skipton International, outlines that the savings and mortgage bank is continuing to grow and is always interested in hearing from exceptional people who might want to enjoy a fulfilling career.

‘Forward planning and having a robust business model is crucial,’ say Mr Coupe, as is ‘flexibility, with creative solutions to be considered to continue attracting the right people.’

Mr Coupe goes on to explain that a top employer can encompass many things, including good benefits, resources and management, but to uncover the roots of what truly makes an organisation a wonderful place to work, it is the foundation we have to look to: its people.

Skipton International has recently been awarded a prestigious Top Mortgage Employer 2022 award, which finds out which companies in the mortgage industry are getting it right with their employees. It is the only organisation based in the Channel Islands to win.

The process of identifying the best employers in the UK mortgage industry took place over two phases. First, the award’s founder, Mortgage Introducer, invited organisations to submit their details through a survey, where they were able to describe their offerings and business practices. Then, employees from the nominated companies were asked to fill out their own anonymous survey to rate their satisfaction with a number of key factors such as remuneration, employee development, culture, and work environment.

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Each company was required to meet a minimum number of employee responses based on overall size. Companies that achieved a satisfaction rating of 80% or greater were included in the Top Mortgage Employers list.

Mr Coupe is delighted with the accolade, saying: ‘We are extremely honoured and proud to have been recognised as a Top Mortgage Employer. We know our products are consistently rated highly and feedback from our global customer base indicates our customers are more than satisfied with our offering. However, to be recognised for an award based on colleague feedback is extremely humbling and we are looking forward to celebrating with other industry professionals at the awards ceremony in November.’

‘Employing the best talent that we can is essential and we will continue doing so.’

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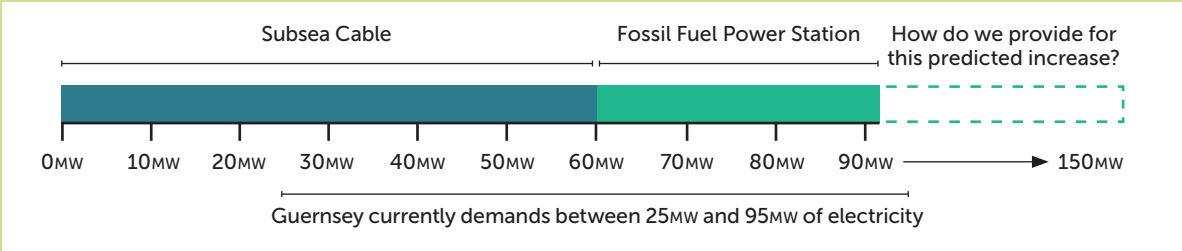
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HOW SHOULD WE POWER THE ELECTRIC FUTURE?

Where our energy comes from and how we use it will play a leading role in Guernsey reaching net zero by 2050.

We have made great progress, but to maintain the momentum towards net zero, we need to act fast to provide the best solutions to suit our island’s evolving needs. While our unique island provides opportunities, it also presents unique challenges.

We used to rely on our fossil-fuelled power station for ALL our electricity but since 2000, the 60MW (megawatts) subsea cable connecting us to Europe has been our primary source of electricity, which has dramatically reduced our carbon emissions. However, when our demand exceeds 60MW, we must make up the difference by using the fossil fuelled power station, which comes with both environmental and financial costs.








THE ELECTRIC FUTURE

Demand for electricity is predicted to increase. Phasing out petrol vehicles and fossil fuel heating means the phasing in of electric-powered alternatives. At the moment, as we have no other option, this would mean using the power station more. Guernsey currently demands between 25MW and 95MW of electricity and we predict this will increase

to a peak demand of 150 MW by 2050. So, to ensure that we can always keep our WiFi on, and our homes warm in a sustainable way, a decision needs to be made on how we provide this additional electricity. Without a decision on how to power our island as demand increases, we will need to invest in replacing and upgrading the fossil-fuel power station.

WHAT ARE THE OTHER OPTIONS?

Technology	Technology cost (per MW installed)	Energy cost (per MWh)	Availability	Carbon intensity***
 Thermal Power Plant	£1m	10-14P/kWh	>95%	600-700 GCO2E/kWh (direct)
 Solar Photovoltaic	£1m	6-10P/kWh	12-14%**	40 GCO2E/kWh (lifecycle)
 Offshore Wind	£2-3m	6-9P/kWh	30-40%**	5 GCO2E/kWh (lifecycle)
 Tidal Power	£8-10m	20-25P/kWh	20-25%**	Unknown
 Additional Subsea Cable Interconnection	£0.85m	6-8p/kWh	>95%	4-40 gCO2e/kWh (lifecycle)

HAVE YOUR SAY

The government’s Electricity Strategy is developing plans to meet our future electricity demands. Later this year the States will be making decisions, at which point we would encourage you to express your views.

Read more about the options
electricity.gg/electricfuture

* These are indicative figures based on Guernsey Electricity’s market research relevant in the Guernsey context.
** This is the amount of energy we could expect the technology to deliver as a percentage of its theoretical continuous maximum output- referred to as ‘capacity factor’.
*** Direct refers to the emissions related only to the creation of the energy. Lifecycle refers to the energy creation emissions as well as the emissions of all stages of production including construction and decommission.



OCORIAN ANNOUNCES SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Michael Betley has been promoted to global head of private clients at Ocorian, as it builds to strengthen its focus on growth. Mr Betley joined Ocorian in November last year when it acquired Trust Corporation International, which he founded in 2003.

He succeeds Nick Cawley, who is moving to a newly created role in the business setting up and chairing a global private client advisory board which will monitor industry trends and advise on strategic priorities for Ocorian's rapidly growing private clients service line. Mr Cawley will become a non-executive director of Ocorian as well as being an ambassador for the private clients business.

'Michael is a well-known and respected leader in the private clients market and therefore a natural successor for the business. We have a global ambition for our private clients service line and will continue to focus on growing it,' said Mike Hughes, global head of service lines at Ocorian.

'The Private Clients service line is a major contributor to the Ocorian growth story and

I look forward to working with colleagues around the world to continue to deliver excellent service and thoughtful solutions for our clients,' said Mr Betley.



Michael Betley

PROMOTIONS IN WALKERS' GUERNSEY OFFICE

Walkers has promoted Advocate Chris Hutley-Hurst to the partnership in its Guernsey office in the firm's annual promotions round, which saw a record 26 new partners internationally.

Advocate Hutley-Hurst spent 15 years working with firms in London and New York before moving offshore. He qualified as a Guernsey advocate in 2020 and is a partner in Walkers' Guernsey investment funds and corporate group. He is recognised by Legal 500 for both investment funds and corporate and M&A.

'Chris has made a real impact on our practice since joining us 18 months ago and we are all delighted to see his hard work recognised with promotion to the partnership,' said Matt Sanders, managing partner of Walkers' Guernsey office. 'This news and the arrival of Craig Cordle as a lateral hire means that our funds and corporate group has gone from two partners to four in the space of a few months and it is exciting to see how the team will continue to grow and develop.'

In addition, advocates Helena Lavin and Laurent Thibeault (insolvency and dispute resolution) and Jessica Robinson (investment funds and corporate) have been promoted to senior counsel, and Nitirisha Doorasamy (private capital and trusts) has been promoted to senior associate.

Fraser Hern, the head of Walkers' Channel Islands business, said: 'I am delighted to welcome Chris to the Walkers partnership – in his short time with us so far he has demonstrated excellent standards not just in technical expertise but also in client care and in his commercial approach.'

'I am also delighted to see the significant contributions that Helena, Laurent, Jessica and Nitirisha have made to their practice groups recognised with promotions to senior counsel and senior associate.'



L-R: Chris Hutley-Hurst, Jessica Robinson, Laurent Thibeault, Helena Lavin



Paul Sloman and Chris Ash

HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION AT C5 ALLIANCE GUERNSEY

C5 Alliance, which forms part of the BDO Group in Jersey, has appointed Paul Sloman as the head of transformation and change in Guernsey.

In his new role, he will lead the transformation and change team within C5 in Guernsey and will be responsible for project delivery, business development and ensuring that C5 has the right blend of people and skills to support client needs.

The appointment reflects the BDO Group's continued growth and its commitment to expand delivery of integrated and transformative business and professional services to firms across the island.

Mr Sloman has more than 20 years' experience in delivering change across a range of sectors, most recently at Guernsey Electricity, where he was involved in leading the finance function within the company. Previously, he played an integral part in supporting the entry and growth of British Gas in the electricity market, as well as holding various roles at Specsavers, where he was involved with the implementation of an e-invoicing solution and various SaaS (Software as a Service) solutions to support the long-term framework of the business.

Chris Ash, managing director of C5 Alliance in Guernsey, said: 'We are delighted to welcome Paul to the firm. Paul has a broad experience in a range of businesses, from small franchises to large multinationals, private and public sector alike. He will be central to helping our clients succeed by partnering, understanding, and translating their needs into solutions. Supported by our multi-disciplinary team, Paul will work across our client base to ensure that our services and advice support their needs today and in the future.'



Alasdair McLaren

REGIONAL HEAD OF PRIVATE WEALTH APPOINTED AT IQ-EQ

Guernsey-based Alasdair McLaren has been promoted to the newly created position of regional head of private wealth for the UK, Ireland and Crown Dependencies.

The regional head of private wealth role comes as one of a number of new regional leadership positions being created across IQ-EQ as the group seeks to strengthen each of its key clusters and ensure the right people are in place to own and drive regional strategy.

Mr McLaren is a well-known and respected member of the Guernsey fiduciary community, having served as chair of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP)'s Guernsey branch, a member of the global STEP Council and a committee member of the Guernsey Association of Trustees. He has also sat on advisory committees for both the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC) and Guernsey Finance, and continues to work closely with the latter to help promote the island as a leading international financial centre. Previously IQ-EQ's head of private wealth for Guernsey, he joined the business in 2014. He was promoted from client services director to segment head in 2019.

John Legrand, regional CEO of the UK, Ireland and Crown Dependencies, said: 'IQ-EQ's operations in the UK, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man collectively form our largest private wealth servicing cluster – by revenue, employees and clients. It is vital that we have a single person overseeing and leading the segment at a regional level to ensure consistency, collaboration and continued growth. Alasdair stood out as the clear choice for this important remit.'



Alison Rimington

LAW AT WORK APPOINTS EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS EXPERT

Employment relations expert Alison Rimington has joined employment, employee relations and health and safety specialist Law at Work as it expands its Guernsey team.

She will support Law as it increases its services in Guernsey, joining group executive director Lorna Pestana in steering the business through a period of growth.

'With a strong client base in Guernsey, we are looking to further expand our services in the Bailiwick,' said Ms Pestana. 'Employment relations professionals are in greater demand as companies are realising that the old model of human resources has changed. These days, workplaces are no longer confined to a single office. They are in people's homes and sometimes in different jurisdictions. Our expectations of what employers should be providing their people has undergone a revolution and to cope with that requires new skills. I am delighted that Alison has joined us at an exciting time when we are experiencing such a high demand for our services in the Channel Islands.'

TWO CONSULTANTS PROMOTED AT CBO

Two consultants at CBO have been promoted to new roles, following notable successes in client delivery work and achievement of significant professional development targets.

David Palzeaird is now the firm's principal consultant for CBO's business analysis arm, while Kate Harbour has been promoted to senior consultant.

'David is a highly-qualified, respected and extremely capable expert within our team at CBO and is the perfect person to take on the role of principal consultant for our business analysis capabilities, building on his extensive experience and knowledge,' said director Ed Mason-Smith.

'In his new role, David will not only be CBO's subject matter expert for our business analysis capabilities, but will also be further developing our approach and ability to deliver these capabilities for our clients.'

Ms Harbour joined the firm in March 2021 with a diverse professional background and a wealth of experience in organisational behaviour and change, stakeholder engagement, business analysis and project management.

'Kate has done a fantastic job successfully delivering a number of key projects across both the private and public sector. Feedback on Kate's work is invariably positive, with clients asking for Kate's support in helping them to deliver their most challenging projects,' said director Dominic Ash.

'We're delighted to have promoted Kate to a senior consultant role, where we know she'll continue to excel as an ambassador for CBO, enriching our change management offering and working collaboratively alongside our clients in transforming their organisations.'



Kate Harbour



David Palzeaird



Georgia Archer



Joe Le Roux



Mattias Carre

PROMOTIONS AT HFL

HFL, a Guernsey-based fiduciary and fund administration business, has promoted three relatively new employees across their fund administration, business support and compliance teams.

Georgia Archer has been promoted to senior business analyst. She has been with the company for only six months and will remain within the business support team, conducting risk assessments and working closely with the fund administration team to ensure new investors are onboarded swiftly.

She brings considerable experience to her new role, having worked in the finance industry for more than eight years.

Joe Le Roux has been promoted to assistant manager after 14 months at HFL. He is involved with investment administration and relationship management with a key client based in London.

He has worked in fund administration in the island since 2015 and his previous experience has enabled him to assist with the day-to-day administration of numerous investments held by HFL-administered fund structures.

In his new role, he will engage in and oversee the completion of multiple venture capital-based investments within various fund structures.

Mattias Carre, who has been at HFL for 10 months, has been promoted to assistant manager in the compliance team. In his previous role, he provided day-to-day compliance administration support and monitored services primarily to licensed investment and fiduciary businesses.

He will now take on more responsibility for all functions of the compliance team, working closely with HFL's senior team.

Managing director Matt Westgarth-Smith said: 'We are extremely proud of Matt, Joe and Georgia and have been impressed with their strong work ethic, capability and knowledge.'

'They have all added a huge amount of value to the business in a short period of time and I am excited to see what the future has in store for them all.'

NEW SENIOR ASSOCIATE AT COLLAS CRILL



Ben Le Page

Collas Crill has promoted Ben Le Page to senior associate in its corporate, finance and funds team.

Mr Le Page, who joined the firm as a paralegal, advises on all aspects of commercial law

with a particular focus on banking and finance (including real estate finance, Islamic finance and fund finance), mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters. He regularly works with the firm's BVI, Cayman and Jersey corporate and trust teams on cross-jurisdictional finance, corporate and trust matters.

He also assists the corporate, finance and funds team in their other core areas including funds, data protection and risk and regulatory.

'I joined Collas Crill as a paralegal upon finishing university and have had a great career to date, having trained with the firm, been placed on secondment and had fantastic opportunities to network and build strong client relationships,' he said. 'I am absolutely delighted to be promoted to senior associate. I am looking forward to this next stage of my career and the challenges and opportunities that will come with the new role.'

Head of the corporate, finance and funds team in Guernsey, partner Wayne Atkinson, said: 'Ben joined the firm as a trainee and has gone on to become an impressive and highly-regarded member of our team. Long pegged as one of our rising stars, Ben regularly receives outstanding client feedback and was recently recognised by eprivateclient in their top 35 under 35. Congratulations Ben.'



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INTERVIEWING THE INTERVIEWER

Broadcaster and journalist Eamonn Holmes visited Guernsey as guest speaker at a book launch by author Raymond Ashton. Young Guernsey Press journalist Lucy Rouget caught up with him and it was his turn to answer a few questions.

How are you finding your time in Guernsey, have you been here before?

Guernsey is absolutely delightful, it's beautiful and so lovely to have been invited here. My only previous experience of Guernsey was in about 1987 when BBC One made a programme called Cudmore's Call. Harold Cudmore was a National Cup captain and it was myself, musician Peter Skellern and tennis player Annabel Croft and we went through some training before we were entered into a boat race. We came into St Peter Port to take shelter from a storm and I was the colour green. I'll never forget the sea was so black, I've never seen water that colour before. My own experience of Guernsey was being green, the weather wasn't good and so now I'm here at Raymond's behest and it's been absolutely lovely.

Guernsey reminds me of Northern Ireland. When you come from Northern Ireland you have an affinity with the sea. The sea is only maximum half an hour away and the architecture is similar as well, so it reminds me a lot of home. I know many people from home who go on holiday here, including my children. They came with their mum when they were young, so that's a big connection for me.

You mentioned previously that you are involved in charity work. Why when you're not working do you spend your time with charities?

I genuinely believe that I am very lucky. Do I have any special gifts? No, but I do believe in giving back. I don't think that I have any

qualities or skills to give back, but I've realised that in terms of my profile, I can change someone's day through a selfie, or put my name to their charity or turn up to an event that they're doing.

I sit on the board of the Manchester United Foundation and have done for 15 years. I love football and it's an amazing insight and a way of re-establishing the connection between the club and the fantasy of football with the community around it.

My wife and I also do a fair bit of work with Alzheimer's charities as it has affected both her family and my family.

And 12 years ago we became massive animal lovers. I wasn't a huge animal person but we rescued our dog Maggie and I now genuinely cannot imagine my life without her. She taught me what unconditional love is. Animals love you, and you can only hope to become the person they think you are, so we work with abandoned dogs.

I think that in years to come we will look back and say that there was a connection waiting to happen between animals and us and we never treated animals right.

In your event this morning you mentioned that younger generations have a huge lack of attention span. Why do you think this is the case?

I'm not sure I qualify for the younger generations any more, so maybe I'm the wrong person to ask! But we don't really understand. The statistics show that for podcasts or online videos everyone watches for 15 seconds, or 20 seconds, or 30 seconds or two minutes and then they click off. If you get a book you could read it from start to finish, or watch a film from start to finish, but with technology it seems that it's just clicking from one thing to another. TV and radio programmes are obsessed with this at the moment, because they just don't know how to hold the audience any more. This is why terrestrial TV, for instance, is doomed. It's just not what younger generations want.



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RAYMOND ASHTON
AND EAMONN HOLMES
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EAMONN HOLMES
WITH LUCY ROUGET
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So how does this compare to when you started out your career?

Now I've been very lucky. It's very hard to get on the conveyor belt of broadcasting. 42 years ago, I managed to do that when I was 19. Luckily I'm still there, but the harder you work the luckier you get.

I've done farming, sports, news, current affairs, quiz shows, lotteries – you name it and I've probably done it. I'm a broadcaster, that's what I love and that's what I understand. What can I say? It beats working for a living. Yes it can be hard at times and it can be demanding, but it's not real work.

Let's talk highlights of your career. What moments really stand out to you looking back?

When I was a kid, I idolised George Best the footballer, he was from Belfast and he was one of ours. I got a phone call one day and it was from his family when he died and they asked me to conduct his funeral. They told me that they didn't want it to be a religious affair, they wanted it to be for everybody, and George knew me and liked me so they knew I would do a good job.

The streets were lined with thousands of people, it was incredible. The heavens opened up and it was like God was weeping. I think that was a very special thing for my childhood hero, stepping back and realising you are the man who is laying him to rest.

And the other big thing was in 1995, and President Bill Clinton and Hilary came to Northern Ireland to basically say the war was over. I had to introduce him but oddly enough I don't have a single photograph, no one took a single photograph of me and the president.

He walked up to me and said 'Wow, you're doing a mighty fine job,' and the only thing I could think of saying was 'No Mr President, it's you who's doing a

mighty fine job.' That was in front of 100,000 people and it was the most amazing thing to realise that all the troubles that had been going on in Ireland were extinct.

For young journalists, or anyone that is starting off their career, what is your advice?

My main advice would be: if you're not interested, don't do it. Enthusiasm counts for a lot. If you're enthusiastic it'll be so much easier for you and you'll work hard.

At 19 I became a reporter, at 21 I'm hosting the tea time news and at 22 I'm hosting the general election programme for Northern Ireland. I'm still the youngest anchor that has ever been on network television anywhere in the world, and when I got my OBE it was for the work that I did in my early 20s.

If you're interested in animals, be a vet or work in a zoo, if you're good at figures, be an accountant. If you like words, if you like stories and if you're nosey then be a journalist. It's a great honour to speak to different people and share their stories and experiences, and to me, it's the greatest job in the world.



MY BOOK LAUNCH

BY DR R.K.ASHTON

"I was inspired to write the book as throughout my professional life I have always had a strong interest in these areas particularly from a corporate finance and tax perspective. This also applies to the role and accountability of directors in this context which has become increasingly important in recent years. My book combines these two aspects."



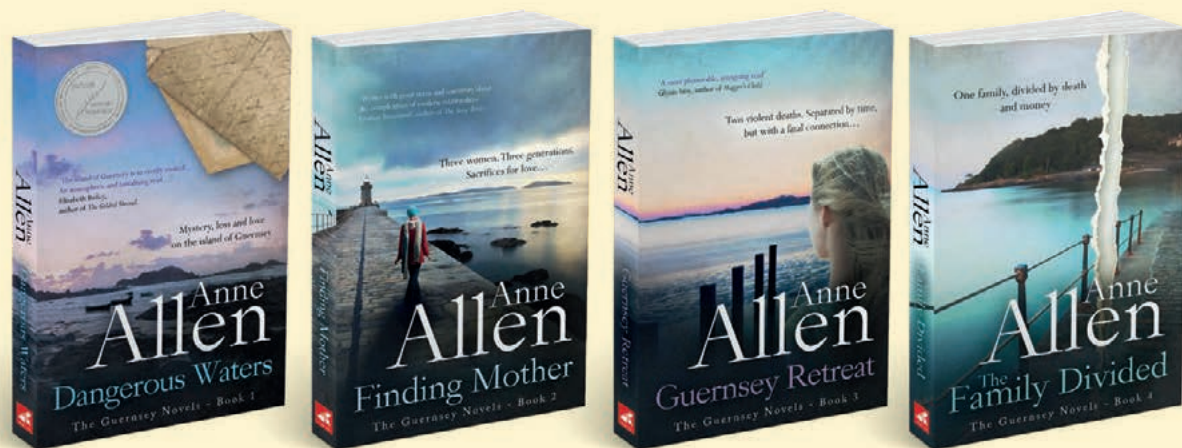
DR R.K.ASHTON



I recommend this book to all professionals working either in Guernsey or elsewhere who may come into contact with Guernsey Insolvency Law particularly from the perspective of being a director of a company in Guernsey which is either insolvent or about to enter into insolvency.

Sir Geoffrey Rowland, QC
Bailiff 2005 - 2012





THE GUERNSEY NOVELS

ANNE ALLEN HAS WRITTEN EIGHT BOOKS SET IN GUERNSEY, ALL INSPIRED BY HER LOVE OF THE ISLAND. AMANDA EULENKAMP CAUGHT UP WITH HER.

There is a warmth in Anne's voice that only intensifies as she talks about Guernsey, where she lived for 14 years. She now lives in Devon, still by the sea, but a move away from Guernsey hasn't stopped the island being the backdrop and main character for her eight novels.

Her first one, 'Dangerous Waters', was almost complete when Anne's mother spotted a story-writing competition in Prima magazine.

'It was supposed to be a true life story, rather than fiction,' says Anne. Having suddenly lost her husband to suicide, she had personal and traumatic feelings to draw upon. She entered the competition and won, which was 'a real boost' to her as a writer. 'Something struck a chord with the judges,' she says.

Once 'Dangerous Waters' had been written, she was immediately on to the next novel.

'I didn't plan to write a series, but I wrote the second one before the first one was published,' she says. 'It made sense to write about characters who were inter-connected.' The inter-connection is one of many nods to Guernsey life, where people tend to know each other (or know someone who knows them).

The books subsequently flowed from one to the next, each one featuring a 'strong female' lead.

Anne says that often the women didn't start off as being particularly strong, but the effect of events in the novels made them strong. It's a description that could equally apply to herself as, finding herself a single mother following her husband's death, she had to bring up three children, while also providing for them.

A psychotherapist by day when she lived in Guernsey, she says that the majority of her clients were female, and she learnt a lot from them. 'Men were, simply, less inclined to seek help then,' she explains, adding that because she felt more comfortable with women and what they were feeling, her lead characters naturally were female.

'The women are strong and independent and come out feeling good about themselves,' she says.

She also leans not only on her background as a psychotherapist and hypnotherapist, but has loosely based one of her characters, Molly – 'who pops up in various novels' – on a friend of hers. 'My job meant I picked up a lot about the human psyche,' she says, admitting she

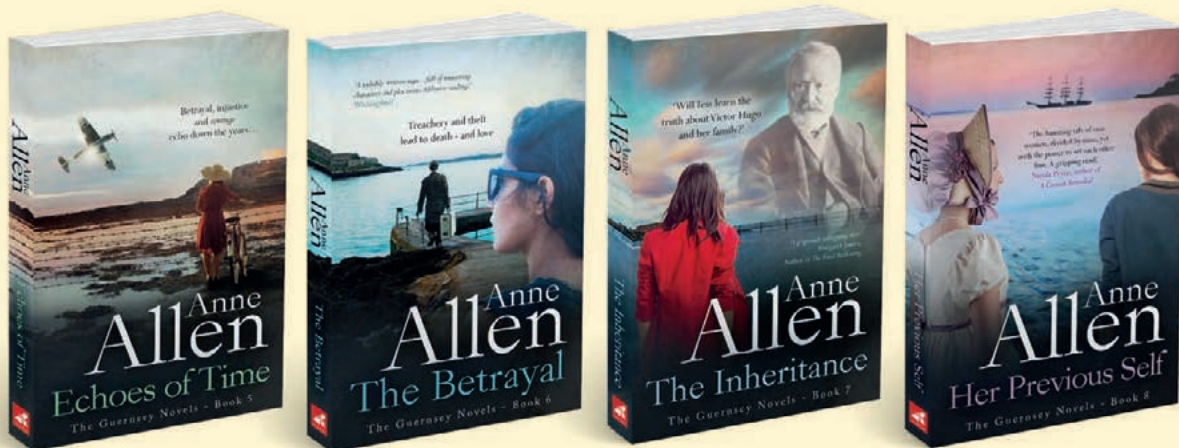
has 'a soft spot' for Molly, who is a psychotherapist in the novels.

Initially, she says that her books were more romance than mystery, although all had a good dose of both. Her style is to set the novels in the present as well as the past, with the Occupation of the Channel Islands featuring heavily. The stories can be read individually or in order, although they are linked.

After her first book was published, Anne decided to self-publish, setting up Sarnia (the Latin name for Guernsey) Publishing. She has a good, professional team supporting her, including an editor and proofreader, whom she has 'Guernseyfied'. 'She recognises that Town – with a capital T – refers to St Peter Port, just as the locals call it,' she says.

There are references to Guernsey littered throughout the books, and in 'The Retreat', she even has someone visit from Sarnia County in Canada. 'I have emails from people who live overseas but know Guernsey and they love reading about it,' she says, admitting that she has a strong attachment to the island, which is evident in her writing.

By her fifth book, 'Echoes of Time' – which won the Diamond



Book Award in 2017 – she was writing in ‘full dual-time mode’, with the mystery side coming out more. Her books are primarily about love and loss and family secrets and have won a number of awards. Her latest novel, ‘Her Previous Self’, was published in 2021 and is described as ‘a moving, atmospheric time-slip story’.

The dual-time/time-slip genre is one that novelist Barbara Erskine has perfected and Anne admits that she is a ‘big influence’. ‘I think she wrote the ultimate time-slip novel with ‘Lady of Hay’,’ she says. Other novelists that Anne enjoys, and have influenced her, include Maeve Binchy and Robert Goddard.

Anne loves reading and tends to load up her Kindle with plenty of books so that she always has a good choice. ‘I wouldn’t be without my Kindle for travelling,’ she says.

I agree with her – I’ve uploaded her first six novels (bought as two bundles of three) for my holiday and intend to read them in order. And if I finish them before I come back, I’ve also got one of my all-time favourites, ‘Lady of Hay’, to indulge in again.

After all, who doesn’t love a good mystery with a bit of romance thrown in?

Further information about Anne’s books, *The Guernsey Novels*, can be found at anneallen.co.uk/the-guernsey-novels





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: FILM RECEPTION AT BEAU SEJOUR;
CAMERON ASHPANT; ROBYN QUICK INTERVIEWING MURRAY MCARTHUR;
SOME OF THE YOUNG, LOCAL CAST AND CREW; ROGER AND FRANCES LE TISSIER.
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MAROONED AWAKENING

AMANDA EULENKAMP AND ROBYN QUICK WERE AMONG GUESTS AT THE WORLD PREMIERE

More than 400 people attended the red-carpet world premiere of locally produced and filmed 'Marooned Awakening' at Beau Sejour.

Before the film showing, guests, including Lt-Governor Lt General Richard Cripwell and the Bailiff, Richard McMahon, mingled with the stars of the show, including co-writer, co-producer and lead actor Cameron Ashplant, who grew up on the island. Also attending the premiere was actor Murray McArthur, who played Ashplant's father in the film.



'We started production during lockdown in Guernsey, which meant that there was a lot of young people from various film schools or backgrounds who were stuck on the island,' said Mr McArthur, whose previous work includes *Outlander* and *Game of Thrones*. 'I have worked on film sets around the world and this crew has been even more focused and professional than most. Guernsey can be justifiably proud of all of them. There is a fantastic wealth of talented young filmmakers in this community. Hopefully, this film will open the doors for more filmmakers to want to make a film here.'

'There is a boat scene near the end of the film that was particularly exciting to film. I had never filmed on a boat before and many of the crew had not been on one before. It was also a night shoot, which presented its own set of challenges. We were walking in the dark with camera equipment on a moving boat. The final product shows that everyone's hard work paid off, however.'

The film was co-produced by Ivy Gate Films and supported by Guernsey Arts.

Directors of Ivy Gate Films Frances and Roger Le Tissier attended the premiere. 'It's important to have the premiere in Guernsey because it was filmed entirely here and the crew are local, too,' said Roger.

The couple said they were pleased to have provided resources and experience to an ambitious full-length feature film.

'We are also pleased to see that this project has successfully attracted Murray McArthur, Tilly Keeper and Tim McInnery,' they said.

Filmed entirely in Guernsey, 'Marooned Awakening' used different locations in all 10 parishes. Local product placement was evident with sightings of the Guernsey Press and Guernsey milk, to name just two.

It is the first local film to be certified by the British Film Institute this millennium and Mr Ashplant said after the film that it was amazing to have premiered it in Guernsey.

'It was an enjoyable celebration and a good end to this chapter of the film's journey,' he said. 'I'm looking forward to now seeing how people will receive it at international festivals and sharing the film with more audiences.'



REVIEW BY ROBYN QUICK

Marooned Awakening has broken through the challenges of filming in Guernsey and produced a dark psychological thriller where all of the island's idyllic beauty and its rarely seen menacing undercurrents are on full display.

Throughout the film, we follow Alex, played by Ashplant, who is grieving the loss of his mother and is desperate to escape the island where he has spent his whole life. When he is offered a job as junior reporter in the UK by the National Press, Alex jumps at the chance to leave. But his fisherman father and his girlfriend Emily cannot understand why he would want to leave his home where he has everything he needs.

Before setting off for the mainland, Alex embarks on one final investigation to report a local boat accident. As he is forced to question his own perception of reality, Alex finds it increasingly impossible to escape the island.

The film utilises Guernsey's landscapes to an extraordinary degree, jumping from Pembroke's sprawling stretch of road to the sunset-lit scenery of Grandes Rocques. It is refreshing as a viewer to see landscapes from the island used in such a gorgeous way, making the mundane appear mystical.

As well as displaying the natural beauty of the island, and a cameo by some Guernsey cows, cinematographer Matthew Stockreiter also captures a darker side of its landscapes in a variety of dream sequences. The colour palette shifts from being rich with greens and blues to being in harsh black-and-white. Through this clever change in colour, we lose the connection between the protagonist and the audience.

The viewer is left unsure what is truly real, perfectly reflecting the feelings of Alex as he struggles to grasp the truth of his father and his investigation. The lighting choices from Anthony Ford-Marsland were particularly bold. One shot of a hospital tap dripping was a visual feast, with red and blue light bursting from the frame, once again finding beauty in the mundane.

Marooned Awakening's climax revolves around a boat scene at night, where the claustrophobia of trying to leave the island is at its peak. Ashplant brings his experience growing up in such a small community to the forefront of the film.

Alex becomes maddened by the sameness that his girlfriend and peers seem so content with, and the lack of ambition that they possess.

The film's crew and cast for the most part was made up of young local talent, allowing it to feel fresh. Its release marks an exciting point in film-making in Guernsey.

Perhaps more producers will see the unbridled beauty and atmosphere of the island and explore the endless possibilities that its setting has to offer.



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PLAYING IN THE PARK

Sporting opportunities for young and old were showcased at this year's Utmost Community Sport Fun Day.

Twenty one different sports from boxing and badminton to skateboarding and sailing took over Saumarez Park, providing a unique opportunity for the whole family to come along and give them a try.

It's the second time this free community event has been held in partnership with the Guernsey Sports Commission and Utmost International.

'It was an absolutely fantastic day,' said Nicky Will from the commission.

'We know that engaging in sport has a positive impact on our physical and mental health.

'To be able to have so many different sports all in the same place at the same time sends such a powerful message that Guernsey is a great place to get involved in all these activities, whether playing, officiating, coaching or volunteering.

'Part of our philosophy for the day was also to promote the message that sport is for all. Age and ability shouldn't be a barrier to anyone wanting to participate. It was great to see so many families coming along and trying out some of our sports together, recognising that the benefits of taking part can be felt by all generations.'

One of the highlights of the day was the first ever Mascot Challenge with GFC's Roary the Lion, Guernsey Rugby's Rocky the Raider, Owlzat from Guernsey Cricket, Darcy the Donkey representing the Guernsey Island Games Association and Vern the Wyvern from Butterfield Bank completing a fun obstacle course to see who would be crowned top mascot!

After a quick warm up, the larger-than-life characters went head-to-head over the hurdles and around the cones, doing star jumps and sprinting to the finish. Despite some slightly underhand tactics and a couple of false starts, the final saw Roary just pip his rival Rocky to the post to be crowned the first ever mascot champion.

Leon Steyn, Chief Executive Officer, Utmost International Guernsey, said: 'The mascot challenge was a great addition, bringing even more joy and excitement to the annual Utmost Community Sports Funday. The afternoon was a huge success and the event was enjoyed by many people in the local community.'

The event also provided the opportunity for the public to hear from some of the stars of Team Guernsey following their inspirational performances at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Silver medallist and bowls star Lucy Beere was joined on stage by boxer Billy Le Poullain and sprinter Abi Galpin as they shared some insights into what it means to represent Guernsey on the global sporting stage.

'Our fun day is all about encouraging the whole community to give sport a try and what better way to feel inspired than listening to how some of our top performing sports men and women started their sporting journeys and what motivates them to be successful?' said Nicky.

Many of the stars of Birmingham 2022 are now looking forward to Guernsey hosting the Natwest International Island Games in July 2023.

Lucy Beere has been helping to encourage islanders to sign up as volunteers for the event.

'If it's a fraction of what it was like up in Birmingham, it will really lift the whole island, and let's just hope that everybody gets involved because it's going to be great,' said Lucy.

Anyone interested in signing up can find out more at www.guernsey2023.gg

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MEDAL TIME!



BOWLER LUCY BEERE AND HURDLER ALASTAIR CHALMERS BROKE RECORDS WHEN THEY SCOOPED A SILVER AND BRONZE MEDAL RESPECTIVELY FOR TEAM GUERNSEY AT THE 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Lucy's silver was first, bringing the island's 28-year medal drought to an end in spectacular style.

Four years ago she had headed off to the Gold Coast Games off the back of a World Cup win in Australia, but her Commonwealth performance suffered as a result, going out in the group stage.

This time, in Birmingham, and with the benefit of that experience and with personal circumstances demanding she take her bowls easier in the build-up, it was so different.

Five days later it was 22-year old athlete Alastair Chalmers' turn to make history when he powered to a brilliant bronze at Birmingham's roaring Alexander Stadium.

The 400m hurdles ace became Guernsey's first track and field athlete ever to land a Commonwealth Games medal and he wore his island background on his sleeve when that achievement was highlighted on live TV afterwards.

In an iconic video clip, family and other supporters had flocked to embrace an emotional Chalmers by the stands. He later gave a heartfelt thanks for the support.

'It was so beautiful having my family and team here,' he added.

'It's something even more special than just being around the world somewhere.

'When I came here, I knew I could make history for the little island,' he said.

'I'm so proud to come from Guernsey and to put them on the map now is my dream.'

Putting Guernsey on the map was something that Ala (as he is known) did rather well. Sprint legend Michael Johnson had asked his fellow pundits,

'Where is Guernsey?' before being enlightened about the Channel Islands. He later shared a selfie with Chalmers in the social media frenzy that followed.

THE RACE

Ala has a track record of delivering and had publicly backed his medal chances months out. However, he suffered from untimely Covid in the immediate build-up to the Commonwealth Games and merely scraped through a heat as a non-automatic qualifier.

Seven athletes started the final following an indefensible false start from Canada's Malik Metivier, whose personal best sat one-hundredth outside that of Chalmers.

Running from lane two, Chalmers always looked good for at least fourth, despite a minor hiccup in stride pattern on the top bend.

The crowd noise soared going into the home straight, at which point the British Virgin Islands' Kyrone McMaster, Jamaica's Jaheel Hyde and Kenya's Wiseman Were Mukhobe appeared almost unreachable.

But the Kenyan soon slowed markedly – a knocked barrier foreshadowing his fade – and Chalmers strode strongly off the final hurdle to snatch third in 49.97sec.

His 48.88 PB would have been enough to win the race, with McMaster defending his title in 48.93 and Hyde following in 49.78. But a bronze medal was a job very well done.

'Honestly, I still can't really believe it,' he told the Guernsey Press afterwards. 'It's just a dream come true.'

ISLAND GAMES 2023

Fresh from securing the island's first Commonwealth Games track and field medal, the 22-year-old told the Guernsey Press Sport Podcast how much striking gold at Footes Lane would mean to him.



LEFT: LUCY BEERE ©GUERNSEY PRESS,
ABOVE: ALASTAIR CHALMERS (CENTRE) ©TONY CURR.

'I've always said Guernsey Island Games, I need the gold medal from that,' he said.

'That would be so special to me. Again, I've been born and raised here, so it's kind of like a need thing in my life and I'd love to have that.'

He went a step further in saying: 'I don't think I could forgive myself if I missed it.'

Chalmers would undoubtedly be a huge crowd-puller and if he performs anywhere near his potential, he would shatter the 400m hurdles Games record of 50.41sec., set by the Isle of Wight's James Forman at his own home event in 2011.

Although next year Chalmers will be keeping his gaze on the all-important British and World Championships, the Island Games have long held a special place in his heart.

He was in his early teens when he made his Games bow at Jersey 2015 and shared gold in the 4x100m relay. Individually, he has progressed massively since Jersey, where he placed fourth in the 400m hurdles and eighth over 100m.

'It's a big event, really, and it really transitioned me well into the world of athletics,' he said.

'It's all the kit and all the staying in a nice group environment. It really gives a lot of younger athletes a lot of experience and knowledge for what it could be in the future, so it did me very well.'

You can listen to Alastair Chalmers revisiting his brilliant Commonwealth Games outing on the Guernsey Press Sport Podcast, which is out now.

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THE NATWEST INTERNATIONAL ISLAND GAMES

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THE SKIPTON CUP 2022

Following a one-year hiatus last year due to the pandemic, Guernsey FC headed north to contest this annual match.

The Sipton Cup 2022, held between Guernsey Football Club and FC Isle of Man, proved a massive success.

FC Isle of Man's football fans turned out in force to the Saturday evening match, and, combined with a number of visiting Guernsey supporters, gave the players a rousing reception.

The victors were FC Isle of Man, winning 2-0 against a young Guernsey FC side, who more than held their own against the more experienced players of the Manx side.

The elated captain received the Sipton Cup trophy from Sipton International's Business Development Director Nigel Pascoe.

'It was a pleasure to hand over the Sipton Cup following a hard-fought match. There was a fantastic atmosphere in the ground and I am certain the excitement will grow over the years as the Sipton Cup becomes a regular annual fixture,' said Nigel.

FC Isle of Man Director of Sport Paul Jones said: 'Irrespective of the result, this was a truly great occasion and huge congratulations go out to Guernsey FC and Sipton International for supporting such an excellent event at a time when a positive story seems more welcome than ever. Two island communities coming together to enjoy each other's company and cultures through the prism of sport is exactly that and exactly what these projects are all about.'

Guernsey FC Commercial Director Nic Legg said the power of sport bringing two island communities together could not be underestimated.

'With direct flights from Aurigny between the islands, we found it so easy, and I am grateful to the whole of the FC Isle of Man team for their hospitality.'

'The cup match has been fantastic and we can't wait to meet again when we compete for the Sipton Cup next year on Guernsey.'

The Sipton Cup is contested annually between both islands in a deal agreed with Guernsey-registered bank Sipton International. The date for the 2023 Sipton Cup match will be announced soon.



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GIVING SOMETHING BACK WITH THE GUERNSEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

En Voyage spoke to the Guernsey Community Foundation about how it helps local philanthropists support causes close to their hearts and about the recent expansion of its Grants Programme.

'The foundation was established back in 2011,' says Chief Executive Jim Roberts. 'It's a charitable organisation which seeks to improve the quality of life in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, especially for those most in need.'

'We work with the charitable sector, business, local philanthropists and the States of Guernsey to find ways to improve people's lives. We give grants – sometimes very substantial grants – organise training for charities, find skilled volunteers, conduct research and propose changes to social policy, among many other things.'

Earlier this year, the foundation received new funding from a major donor which has nearly doubled the size of its long-running grants programme.

'Thanks to the Leonard Acott Foundation, we can now give local charities and community projects £430,000 a year,' says Mr Roberts.

'And our connections with various private charitable trusts mean we can access additional funds,

enabling us to direct millions of pounds into the charitable sector.'

Mr Roberts says that the donation from the Leonard Acott Foundation shows how the Foundation can assist local philanthropists.

'In 2021, the Leonard and Acott families decided to create a foundation to support the local community throughout the Bailiwick, but they were unsure where to start. There are hundreds of charities over here, and it can be difficult to know who needs help, or how that help might best be offered.'

Ken Acott, one of the co-founders of the Leonard Acott Foundation, agrees that deciding which charities and projects should get help can be difficult without extensive background knowledge.

'We were determined to do something,' says Mr Acott, 'but deciding precisely how to achieve our objectives was a real challenge. We were aware of the great work undertaken by the Guernsey Community Foundation, and after several meetings with Jim we agreed that working with them was the ideal solution.'

'The Guernsey Community Foundation is at the heart of the third sector and knows it inside and out,' adds Mike Leonard, who approached the foundation along with Mr Acott. 'It has its ear to the ground and knows who is

looking for funding and how that funding will make a difference. We anticipate this arrangement becoming a long-term relationship.'

The foundation's grants programme provides substantial grants to local charities and community projects, to help them deliver essential services and meet significant needs.

'For many years, funds distributed via our grants programme have come from a single annual donation, for which we are very grateful,' says Jim. 'The new donation from the Leonard Acott Foundation allows us to award larger grants over longer periods and to assist a wider range of charities. We can fund projects and services that promote social welfare, but also the arts and the environment. And all this comes at a time when more people than ever are reliant on the work of the third sector.'

Mr Roberts is keen to speak to other potential donors. 'We rely on donations to run the foundation and to fund the grants programme. All funds are fully accounted for and spent wisely in support of a more effective charitable sector and a happier, healthier Bailiwick.'

If you would like to find out more about becoming a donor, please contact the foundation's Chief Executive, Jim Roberts, at jim@foundation.gg.



SURE SPONSORS GUERNSEY VELO CLUB'S ACADEMY

Telecommunications company Sure has announced its sponsorship of the Guernsey Velo Club's Academy for 2022/23.

The Sure Academy, alongside Ian Brown's Cycle Shop, enables 20 aspiring teen cyclists to race off-island in road and mountain biking competitions. Sure will

be providing technology, kit and funding so the club can compete inter-island and in the UK.

Many Academy riders go on to compete at national level to represent their island in the Island Games, and some young riders have gone on to have professional careers. The Guernsey Velo Club,

established in 1968, gives young and experienced riders the opportunity to meet and race weekly.

'We are grateful to have Sure on board in funding the next generation of competitive cyclists,' said president of the club, Alex Margison.

'We recently celebrated the success of our youth cyclists in the Southern Mountain Biking Cross-Country series. Kylie Vaudin in the Junior Girls category, Charlie Tourtel in the Juvenile Boys category and Zach Smith in the under 12's Boys category each won their groups. With sponsorships such as Sure's, this generation can aim for the Commonwealth Games and beyond.'

The sponsorship is part of Sure's ongoing commitment to support local sport. The company is also the 2023 NatWest International Island Games Technology Partner, which will involve it providing the digital infrastructure needed to enhance the experience for spectators and competitors.

Sure also supports the Sure Guernsey Marathon as well as local sports teams the Sure Colombians, Sure Puffins, Sure Spikers and Sure Scorpions.



BOATWORKS SUPPORTS GUERNSEY SPORTS COMMISSION

A new all-terrain vehicle to support the Guernsey Sports Commission's outdoor and adventure initiative has been donated by Boatworks.

The ATV will enable the commission to transport equipment around the island, which will make the sessions more efficient and ultimately increase the number of people able to benefit from the new initiative.

Outdoor and adventure sports development officer Alan Jenner said outdoor and adventure sports were a growth area for the commission.

'The island's fantastic coastline provides a great resource for a range of sports and activities and anything that makes it easier for the whole community to safely experience what is on offer, is a huge bonus,' he said.

'The ATV will support all aspects of the outdoor and adventure sports initiative and we are extremely grateful to Boatworks for their sponsorship.'

Boatworks executive director Dale Acton said that it had been working with the commission to find the best way to help them provide islanders with better access to outdoor activities.

'The outdoor and adventure initiative is brilliant and we're very pleased to be able to donate the ATV to them,' he said.

'We encourage everyone to give sea-based sports a try and hope that many continue to benefit from the sports commission's activities.'



EY INTERNS SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

Summer interns at EY wrapped up their time at the company with volunteering days to support local charity The Accidental Zoo.

They helped by doing a number of tasks, including feeding and mucking out the farm animals, gardening and general maintenance around the site. The volunteering days came on the penultimate day of EY's four-week paid internship programme, which takes place annually throughout July.

'Supporting local charities and giving back to our local community is so important to us at EY, so it's been fantastic to see the interns work together to support our local communities, whilst contributing to our global corporate responsibility goals,' said Andrea Gallienne, talent manager at EY in the Channel Islands.

'It's been a pleasure to welcome the interns into our offices this summer and watch them grow in confidence, fully immerse themselves into EY's culture and learn new skills that will no doubt be invaluable to them in their future careers. We wish them every success for the rest of their studies.'

The internship is open to all students studying at university and is designed to give students a taste of what a career at EY could look like. If you would like to find out more about EY's CI Summer Internship programme, or apply for the 2023 programme, please contact Anoushka Horgan eycistudenthire@uk.ey.com



HSBC RAISES £35,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES IN THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

A team of 27 people from HSBC's operations in Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man has raised £35,000 for local charities by climbing the three highest mountains in the UK within 24 hours.

The National Three Peaks Challenge covers a distance of 23 miles with an ascent of more than 10,000ft, climbing Snowdon in Wales, Scafell Pike in England, and Ben Nevis in Scotland in just one day.

'The Three Peaks Challenge is as much a mental test as it is physical, but the opportunity to raise funds for local charities and give something back to our communities motivated the team in both their training and during the climbs,' said Daniel Dowdall, chief compliance officer for HSBC in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man, who thought of the idea.

'I'm very proud of everyone who took part and pushed themselves in order to support such good causes and I am extremely grateful to everyone who donated and helped us to raise such a significant amount.'

Guernsey's share of the money will be divided between Autism Guernsey, the St Peter Port Lifeboat Station and The Accidental Zoo.

GREAT START TO INITIATIVE



Left to right: Jo Boyd MBE of Les Bourgs Hospice with Andrew Searle of Jacksons.

Jacksons Group, incorporating Motor Mall, has raised almost £10,000 within a month of launching its fundraising campaign to help support the Channel Islands hospices.

The company makes a donation for each vehicle sold to provide ongoing support to Les Bourgs Hospice and Jersey Hospice Care.

Customers are also invited to match it with their own donation, with all the money going directly towards the provision of specialist support for those with life-limiting illnesses in the islands.

The donations are expected to exceed £60,000 per annum, a figure which roughly equates to

the annual cost of a specialist nurse on the in-patient units.

'We have had a great response to our campaign so far with customers donating almost £1,300 in July and the rest coming from our car sales donations. Every penny will go directly towards supporting islanders and their families,' said general manager of Jacksons Channel Islands Andrew Searle.

Jo Boyd, director of Les Bourgs Hospice, said: 'We are delighted to be the recipients of the wonderful initiative by the team at Jacksons and humbled by the enthusiasm of the staff there to make this as successful as they can.'

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